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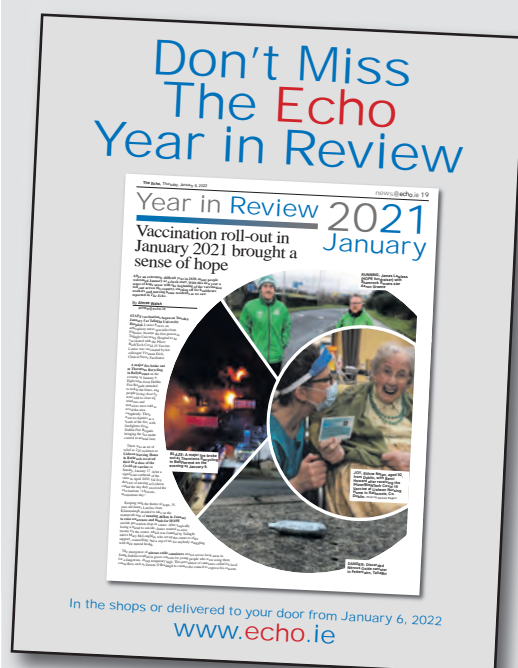
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## Pupils from Citywest & Saggart Community National School deliver cards to nursing homes



**GREETINGS:** Azita, Lorraine, Tess, Tara, Ashley and Iseult presenting letters and cards for residents of TLC Centre

By **Mary Dennehy**  
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THREE box-loads of letters and personalised Christmas cards were delivered to local nursing homes by the pupils of Citywest & Saggart Community National School.

In a special festive outreach project, the pupils each received the first name of a resident, to whom they penned a Christmas letter or card for.

This is the second year the pupils have

connected with the nursing homes in their local area, TLC Citywest, Millbrook Manor in Saggart village and Lisheen Nursing Home in Rathcoole.

Last Friday, pupils in Ms O'Donovan's fourth class delivered a box full of greetings to their neighbours in the TLC nursing home and staged a five-song concert in the courtyard.

Many of the residents listened from inside the building, waving out to the pupils and clapping as they sang Christmas carols and numbers from *The Greatest Showman*.

Lorraine Byrne is a member of the school's

Parents' Association.

She said: "The kids loved writing the letters and cards . . . and it's nice for those living in the nursing home to know there's somebody else in the community thinking of them, especially during lockdown."

"It's something really simple that has a special impact on the kids and residents."

She added: "We have to say a big 'thank you' to school principal Mike Byrne and all the teachers on behalf of the Parents' Association."

"Thanks to the kids as well, they made this special, they did all of the work."





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# Christmas festive concert celebrates world traditions

St Mary's Priory was the venue for a variety of choirs and dancers

By Aimee Walsh  
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A CHRISTMAS concert celebrating festive traditions from around the world, and featuring a variety of choirs and dancers, was held in St Mary's Priory in Tallaght last Friday night.

Attendees were treated to performances by The Anima Choiste Filipino Choir from Springfield, the Syro Malaba Choir, dancers from Fettercairn, and the event organisers, The Vine Group.

The Vine Group is a musical and charitable group made up of parishioners from the Church of the Incarnation in Fettercairn, St Thomas the Apostle in Jobstown and St Mary's Priory.

Speaking about the concert, Joe Geoghegan from The Vine Group told *The Echo*: "The concert went very well, and it's still available on The Vine Group's Facebook page for anyone who wants to watch it."

"It was very joyful. The performance by the Anima Choiste Filipino Choir was like something out of Broadway or the West End, we also had a couple of Irish performers who sang, and the Syro Malaba Choir were awesome."

"People got really caught up in it and carried away."

There was also a special guest on the evening who made a surprise appearance,



much to the delight of the younger concert attendees.

"The man in red showed up and the kids at the concert were very happy,"

added Joe. "We also gave out a lot of spot prizes and hampers on the night."

Joe added that The Vine Group is looking forward to staging another

Christmas concert again next year, and he wanted to thank all of the businesses who donated the spot prizes for the raffle at this year's concert. See photos on page 70

## Volunteers needed for Covid-19 test centre

SOUTH Dublin County Volunteer Centre is looking for volunteers for the Covid-19 Testing and Vaccination Centre in Citywest Convention Centre.

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## Stepping Stone Forest project

THE Stepping Stone Forest project continued with soil preparation in Coláiste Bríde in Clondalkin on December 16.

Layers of leaves, paper, cardboard and mulch have been laid out in preparation for planting an estimated 900 trees early next year. The Coláiste Bríde staff granted permission for the work to be done at the site. With helpers from a wide range of age groups, the day went by smoothly and everyone's hard work was appreciated.



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# Family delighted that brave Dylan will never be forgotten

## Memorial GAA match will be held by Thomas Davis on New Year's Day

By Aideen O'Flaherty  
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THE family of a young man with a rare genetic condition who passed away in 2019 said a memorial match that's being held in his honour on New Year's Day "is a testament to the person he was".

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MLD typically has a slow progression and can present as progressive dementia, and Dylan passed away after undergoing a bone marrow transplant in a bid to slow the progression of the disease.

Dylan, who was from Ellensborough and was a past pupil of Coláiste de hÍde, was an avid sports fan and played for Thomas Davis GAA Club – and left a lasting impact on the club.

The club now holds an annual mixed hurling and football match in his memory every New Year's Day, which this year will see a team of over 30s competing against an under 30s team.

Dylan's father, Noel, told *The Echo*: "The memorial match is fantastic, and it's a testament to the person that Dylan was that

they do this.

"Thomas Davis have been really good to us as a family, and Dylan's sister Natasha and my wife Sandra still play for the club.

"It's a fantastic thing to have him remembered. It's a mixed hurling and football match, and Dylan played both, but hurling was what he really liked.

"It's great for his legacy to live on, and we're delighted that he'll never be forgotten."

The members of Thomas Davis came up with the idea for the match as the popular young man had a lasting impact on his friends both in and outside of the club.

Ciara McGuigan from Thomas Davis, who was also a friend of Dylan's, told *The Echo*: "A lot of Dylan's friends still play for the club so we thought the match would be a good idea.

"Hurling would've been Dylan's favourite sport...and New Year's Day is tough for a lot of people who've lost loved ones."

Thomas Davis previously fundraised for the O'Neills, including Dylan's 27-year-old sister Serena who also has MLD, however her condition has stabilised at present.

The club has offered continuous support to the O'Neills since Serena and Dylan were diagnosed with MLD.

When asked what Dylan would think about a memorial match being held for him, Noel said: "Dylan would love the attention, he was very popular.

"He would love the fact that there was something being held in his memory – he'd be delighted looking down on it and laughing."

The New Year's Day GAA Under 30s v Over 30s mixed hurling and football match in memory of Dylan O'Neill will take place in Thomas Davis at 2pm, followed by live music at 5pm.



MEMORIAL MATCH: Dylan pictured with his sister Serena in 2019

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## Gardai arrest man investigating shooting incident

A MAN was arrested by gardai investigating the shooting of a well-known criminal in Ballyfermot last month.

The victim was lucky to survive when a gunman fired multiple shots at the car was sitting in outside a house on Ballyfermot Crescent, around 7.30pm on Wednesday, November 17.

The Sunday World reported convicted drug dealer Gary Carey (40), from Islandbridge Court, as the victim of the attack.

Carey, known as 'The Canary', was hit twice in the attack and was rushed to hospital for his injuries but survived.

Gardai investigating the shooting, said they arrested a man in his 40s, on Friday, December 17.

He was taken to Clondalkin Garda Station and detained under Section 50 of The Criminal Justice Act 2007.

## Football gear makes its way from Tallaght for people in disadvantage areas in Uganda

By Aimee Walsh  
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THREE large boxes of football club gear made its way from Tallaght to Uganda from Kilnamanagh Football Club for those living in a disadvantaged area to wear while playing football matches.

The idea for the appeal came when former coach Gerry McGovern and his wife visited the town of Bicowa in Uganda during the summer while on holidays.

"We went to one remote village, it was very poor and they didn't have a lot," said Gerry. "There was a football match on and they didn't have any gear and they were wearing t-shirts with the numbers written in marker on the back."

Gerry said he approached Kilnamanagh AFC who generously gathered together three large boxes of football gear to send over to the people in Uganda, which they received on Tuesday, December 21. The cost of the delivery was kindly covered by An Post and the Irish Embassy in Uganda also helped to co-ordinate the delivery of the goods.

A lot of the gear that was sent over by Kilnamanagh AFC was brand new and in a variety of sizes to make sure that there was one to suit everyone who was in need.

"They put on the jerseys and played a friendly against another town yesterday just purposely to wear the gear, they were delighted," said Gerry.



NEW GEAR: Players from Uganda wearing gear from Kilnamanagh Football Club



# Masterplan process starts for €5.6m Corkagh plans

Council have lodged plans for 'hub zone' which will include new cafe

By Hayden Moore

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THE PUBLIC consultation process has opened for the 'masterplan' to enhance the visitor experience at Corkagh Park, which includes a new café and enhancement of the fairy woodland trail.

It was reported that when the initial masterplan was proposed in 2019, South Dublin County Council estimated that the works will cost in the region of €5.6million.

Plans were first presented to the council two-years-ago and since then BDP Design Consultants have been appointed to progress the development to Part 8 stage.

The Part 8 planning process has begun with statutory public consultation and the final decision will be made in early 2022.

Now, the local planning authority has lodged a planning application seeking to construct a new 'hub zone' which will include a new cafe.

This 'hub zone' will include 10 public toilets, kitchen, storage, a serving area and internal seating with it having the multi-use events space with a stage and hard standing area.

There is also provision for soft-landscaping with formal seating areas, picnic areas, an amenity lawn, mounds,



**MASTERPLAN:** The public consultation process has opened for Corkagh Park

incidental play area and planting at this 'hub zone'.

Enhancements of the fairy woodland trail are also in the plans.

This aspect of the proposals include new play features, seating, pedestrian link from the lakes, additional native ornamental shrubs and grasses and the protection of existing mature trees.

Proposals include the provision of wayfinding and signage installations, as

well as the enhancement of the primary and secondary routes around the Clondalkin park.

St John's Wood Car Park is set to be resurfaced and reorganised with the Green Isle Car Park entrance to be relocated and widened and a new link path from Outer Ring Road car park will be developed.

All the aforementioned car parks will include "future proofing for EV charging

points" and an "11m high arrival beacon" should the plans get the green-light.

A new pedestrian link entrance between both the Kilcarbery Grange development and Camac Valley Camping Park to Corkagh Park are among the plans.

With the planning application filed on December 20, submissions and observations are being encouraged to be submitted through [consult.sdblincoco.ie](http://consult.sdblincoco.ie) by February 9, 2022.

## Review to be carried out on Main Road traffic

FOLLOWING long queues of traffic on the Main Road in Tallaght, South Dublin County Council have confirmed that they will examine the location and bring a report to the next Traffic Management Meeting.

Tallaght councillor Mick Duff tabled the question at a recent council meeting regarding the heavy traffic, which he says is particularly bad in the afternoon and evening on the Main Road heading in the direction of the new Greenhills Road Intersection.

Cllr Duff asked for a review to be carried out to determine if an alternative traffic management system could be devised which would separate traffic heading straight onto the Village or turning left towards the N81 from the traffic seeking to turn right onto the Greenhills Road.

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## No discussions to remove DFB as provider of ambulance service

By Aimee Walsh

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ONE local TD has welcomed the comments of the Dublin Fire Brigade Chief Fire Officer Dennis Keeley that there are no discussions underway to remove Dublin Fire Brigade as a provider of ambulance services for Dublin city.

Sinn Féin TD for Dublin South West Seán Crowe said that he is "glad to hear" that there are no discussions underway, after it has been feared for some years now that plans were in motion to do so.

Teachta Crowe commented: "It has been a growing concern for some time that Dublin Fire Brigade would no longer provide ambulance cover in Dublin and would be replaced by the National Ambulance Service.

"I believe the joint medical model of fire and medical emergency response is one that works well in Dublin and should be held up as an example to how emergency response should look state-wide."

As reported in last week's *Echo*, Teachta Crowe criticised the Government for lack of action on staff shortages in Dublin Fire Brigade, which he claimed were "directly impacting" the firefighters on their response time and capacity to respond to major incidents, ultimately putting them at a greater risk.

Following this, he stated that additional support from Government to get more people trained up and graduated into Dublin Fire Brigade is necessary.

**"I welcome the Chief Fire Officer's statement on the current medical model, but the gaps in supports and services need to be addressed with urgency"**



**GLAD TO HEAR: Seán Crowe, TD**

"It also needs a massive investment to replace the aging vehicle fleet of the service. Dublin is a city that grows larger every year," he said. "We cannot afford to scrimp and save when it comes to emergency response. It only puts the lives of citizens and fire crews at risk."

"I welcome the Chief Fire Officer's statement on the current medical model, but the gaps in supports and services need to be addressed with urgency."



## New primary school plans are shelved – councillors furious

PLANS for the construction of a new primary school as part of the Kilcarbery development were shelved as “the requirement to establish it has not yet materialised”, according to the Department of Education.

As reported in *The Echo* last week, Clondalkin councillors Francis Timmons (Ind) and William Carey (SF) voiced their anger at the Department’s decision not to proceed with the school development.

CLlr Timmons said that residents were “not going to be happy” about it, while CLlr Carey said he would be writing to the Minister of Education, Norma Foley TD, to seek an explanation for the decision.

A spokesperson for the Department of Education told *The Echo*: “The Department is aware of the need to make educational provision for the future residents of Kilcarbery.

“In this regard, a new primary school was announced in 2018 for the Clondalkin area as a result principally of the Kilcarbery development.

“Originally, it had been planned that this school would open in 2021, but that opening has been deferred as the requirement to establish it has not yet materialised.

“The Department confirmed in its submission to the South County Dublin Draft Development Plan 2022-2028 that it is planned to locate this school on a Department-owned site at Deansrath Community College, which is very close to the Kilcarbery development.

“A decision on the timing of the establishment of the school will be made based on demographic requirements as the residential development progresses.

“The matter will be kept under continuing review.”

Kilcarbery is a joint venture development of 1,034 homes on 29 acres of council lands, being carried out by Adwood Ltd, a consortium of established Dublin builders Adroit and Maplewood, and South Dublin County Council.

Adwood will pay the council €38m and deliver 310 social housing units at competitive rates over four years, according to the council.

The development was approved by South Dublin County councillors in December 2019.

# Call for cap to be put on high energy prices

‘People face steep energy bills unless something is done’



**PROTEST ON PRICES:** Paul Murphy, TD, with protestors calling on the government to take action on energy prices

By Aimee Walsh

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A PROTEST took place outside the Commission for Regulation of Utilities in Tallaght calling for a cap on energy prices last weekend.

The protest, which was organised by People Before Profit TD Paul Murphy, took place on Saturday, December 18, as part of People

Before Profit’s Day of action. The protest called on the government to take immediate action and cap energy prices by Ministerial Order.

Discussing the issue in the Dáil back in October, Deputy Murphy said that it is “time to tackle the profiteering and the power of the private energy companies”.

He continued: “The Government likes to pretend there is basically nothing that they can do in the face of market forces driving energy prices up, but actually they can do something

extremely simple, and they could literally do it today.

“Literally at the stroke of a ministerial pen they can declare an emergency in the supply of electricity, in the supply of energy and then another stroke of a pen to set a maximum price to protect people from these rises.”

According to Deputy Murphy, energy bills have gone up 29 per cent in the last 12 months, and “people face very steep bills in January unless something is done.”

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# Man told gardai he was forced to hold onto drugs to pay debt

## Suspended sentence for man after pleading guilty to possession of cannabis

A DUBLIN man who told gardai he was forced to hold a large quantity of drugs to pay off a drug bill has been given a three-and-a-half-year suspended sentence, reports Claire Henry.

Jonathan Kearns (24), of Russell Crescent, Tallaght, pleaded guilty at Dublin Circuit Criminal Court to possession of cannabis for sale or supply at his home on March 13, 2020.

Detective Garda David Jennings told Michael Hourigan BL, prosecuting, that on March 13, 2020, he obtained a search warrant for Russell Crescent.

He said when gardai went to the house to execute the warrant the partner of the defendant let them in. During the search gardai found cannabis in a Tesco shopping bag in the hot-press of the home. A weighing scales was also

seized.

The garda said when the drugs were shown to the partner of the accused she was shocked. The accused was not present in the home at the time of the search but two months later he presented himself to Tallaght garda station.

He was arrested and he told gardai that the drugs found were his, but said he was forced to hold them to pay off his drug debt. The court heard that a total of 437 grams of cannabis with a value of €754 were found at the house and Kearns was shocked to hear of the high value of the drugs.

The court heard that he has not come to the attention of the gardai since his arrest and that he is also the father of two young children, one of which has a serious illness.

Sarah Jane O'Callaghan BL for Kearns outlined to the court that her client was easy to deal with throughout the process. She said her client had a difficult childhood with both parents being addicted to heroin and told the court that his mother gave him methadone as a baby.

The court heard that the accused had been involved with child services since he was born and has lived in many care homes and foster homes.

He was cared for by his aunt for many years, and when he was 16 years of age, she passed away. It was at this time that Kearns began to misuse cocaine, counsel said. Kearns has now been drug-free for several years and undergoes regular urine analysis.

He is a very talented footballer and trains

twice weekly and goes to the gym, both of which help with his mental health.

Judge Pauline Codd outlined that the value of the drugs was in the mid to upper range of the offence with a headline sentence of four years.

Judge Codd considered the mitigating factors such as the accused's addictions, his difficult background, and that he was addressing his addiction with evidence of clear urine analysis reports.

She imposed a three-and-a-half-year sentence which she suspended in full for three years on condition that Kearns remains under the supervision of the probation services for two years and remains drug-free while providing urine analysis if directed by the probation services.

# 'Copycat offences' against two women three years apart

## Man (35) jailed for over 17 years for falsely imprisoning and sexually abusing women

By Brion Hoban  
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A MAN who carried out "copycat offences" three years apart against two women whom he falsely imprisoned and sexually abused has been jailed for 17-and-a-half years.

Ioan Lingurar (35) raped the first victim after she woke up in his car. The woman tried to get out, but the car was locked and she only managed to escape some time after the attack.

The Central Criminal Court heard that three years later, Lingurar sexually assaulted another woman in a car. This woman managed to escape after grabbing the wheel and punching him.

The court heard that Lingurar was arrested after DNA taken after both incidents was matched with a pre-existing DNA profile in Austria that identified him as the attacker.

Following a trial in October 2021, Lingurar was convicted by a jury of rape and false imprisonment of a woman at or near Old Bawn Road, Tallaght, Dublin, on February 14, 2016. He had denied the charges.

Lingurar, with an address at Clarinda Park East, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin, pleaded guilty to the sexual assault and false imprisonment of a second woman at locations within Co Dublin on February 24, 2019.

He has five previous convictions, including a conviction for sexual assault in France in 2011. He also has convictions in Ireland for attempted theft and road traffic offences.

Passing sentence on Monday, Ms Justice Tara Burns said these were "chilling and unsettling cases" in which "copycat offences" were committed against two women of similar age and appearance, after he picked them up in a similar area at a similar time of year.

Justice Burns said the fact that neither victim can remember several hours of the night of the offences is "particularly troubling". She said while both had consumed alcohol, this was not given as an explanation.

The judge said the offences were aggravated by the serious nature of the offending, the



circumstances of both victims being locked in a car with their phones taken from them and the length of time they were both detained.

She said the offences were further aggravated by the women being "preyed on" when they were by themselves late at night and Lingurar having a previous conviction for sexual assault.

Justice Burns said in light of the fact that the offences were committed three years apart against two different women, consecutive sentences were appropriate.

Justice Burns sentenced Lingurar to ten years imprisonment and seven-and-a-half years imprisonment respectively for the offences in 2016 and 2019. She ordered that these sentences run consecutively for an effective operative sentence

of 17-and-a-half-years imprisonment.

The judge commented that as both victims are completely unrelated to Lingurar, his identification will have no consequences for their anonymity.

In her victim impact statement, which was read out in court, the victim of the offences in 2016 said that while the physical injuries did not have a long-standing effect, the psychological effects "will last a lifetime".

The woman said it was impossible to put into words "the pain and heartache" of having your "freedom and dignity stripped away". She said after the offences she was scared of strangers and terrified to come into contact with family and friends.

She said she felt as though she was "ostracised"

by her rapist's actions. She said she wanted to make sure any other woman who would have been affected by him is not.

In her victim-impact statement, which she read out in court, the victim of the offences in 2019 said that on the outside it might seem like she is coping, but that is "a front" and she is masking how she feels.

The woman said she is "still living this nightmare" that she cannot wake up from. She said it was something she thinks she will never forget and she just has to live with that.

She said it does not matter how many showers she has, she still feels dirty. She said she will keep going and "never let him win" because her child needs her.



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# Salvation Army: 'respect, structure and security'

Charity bridges gaps in people's lives and helps them move forward

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BATTLING depression, alcohol abuse and homelessness for 20 years, Eddie Brennan is one of many people who have been saved by the Salvation Army.

Originally from Ballyfermot, Eddie (54) now calls the York House Lifehouse in Longford Street his home – along with 80 other men recovering from mental health issues or addiction.

"I have my own key, my own place, a desk and shelves. I have privacy when I need it, but I also know that someone is keeping an eye out for me. As I see it, we're all brothers and sisters in here," said Eddie.

"Respect and structure and security – if you have those things, you can move forward with your life."

As a younger man, Eddie was a volunteer driver for youth clubs and senior citizens before depression took hold of his life at 30, pushing him into a spiral of homeless shelters and psychiatric hospitals.

"I was just going in circles. When you are homeless you are afraid to settle yourself. You're afraid to get to know anyone because you are always moving on," he said.

"In the hostels, there was nothing permanent. Every six months or so I'd have to pack up and move onto the next hostel so I could never really settle anywhere."

**SECURE:** Eddie Brennan, 54, says the Salvation Army helped him to move on with his life through a combination of respect, structure and security, having battled mental health and addiction issues for two decades. He now calls York House, one of the organisation's adult and emergency hubs in Dublin, his home

Photo by Marc O'Sullivan



Eddie now has the comfort of a safe home in the York House residential centre – one of six such centres operated by the Salvation Army.

According to the Salvation

Army's 2020 annual report, they provided over 400 people in Dublin with safe beds every night.

A total of 133 families, along with 386 men, women and under-18s, were supported through homelessness by the organisation in the capital in 2020.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the Christian church and charity, working with Dublin City Council, opened a new family hub in Harold's Cross.

"A family hub is only designed and suitable as short-term accommodation for families. In their time with us, we are always helping them explore options to secure their own accommodation and make their situation as comfortable as possible," said the Salvation Army's Regional Manager, Neil McKittrick.

"That includes skills to support them for when they are back in the community."

In 2020, more than 28,000 meals for adults and children

were served and hundreds of food parcels distributed by its three family hubs, which also provide cookery classes, tips on healthy eating, sport and physical activities, quiz nights and religious/spiritual support.

The religious and charitable organisation supports vulnerable people in over 100 countries worldwide.

It is asking residents to support their work at [donate.salvationarmy.ie/christmas\\_21/~my-donation](https://donate.salvationarmy.ie/christmas_21/~my-donation) or dial 0818 600 101.

## Security scheme for elderly goes ahead

A LIST of 375 applicants who applied for the Home Security scheme in 2019/2020 was forwarded to Crothers on December 1 this year.

According to South Dublin County Council, Crothers also have an outstanding list of approximately 70 Home Security locks to instal from a previous list which was given to them in 2019.

Installation is ongoing and it hoped that these applicants will receive their locks in early 2022.

The scheme is to support older, vulnerable residents living alone by replacing their existing external door European Profile Locks with high security anti-snap locks.

Due to Covid restrictions, the council say there has been significant delays with installations.

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# Shoeboxes donated are passed on to New Hope families fighting addiction

HUNDREDS of shoeboxes were generously donated by a charity in Northern Ireland to New Hope Residential Centre that will be given to families and people in addiction in Tallaght and across Dublin.

The shoeboxes were donated by Northern Ireland charity Serve Youth, who in collaboration with New Hope Residential Centre will distribute them to people in need this Christmas as part of an annual appeal.

New Hope Residential Centre, based in Kiltalown, is a Christian charity for men who are trying to overcome a life of addiction.

"Serve Youth run an appeal and

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encourage young people to give to charity and run a campaign in Northern Ireland to do the shoeboxes," said Kirsteen from New Hope.

"They are filled with gifts, toiletries and maybe some sweets, and they do it for different ages from children to adults and this year they received hundreds."

"We will give them out to different families and people through services in Tallaght. Because we do the food hampers,

we would have quite a lot of connections in the Tallaght community and will distribute the boxes to families who may be disadvantaged or struggling."

In their post online, New Hope thanked Serve Youth as well as the people of Northern Ireland who contributed to the appeal.

"We are absolutely blown away by the kindness and generosity of the people in Northern Ireland," they said.

"Thank you to Phil and the amazing team at Serve Youth who have organised this again. We are honoured and blessed to partner with you again this year."



**DONATED:** Layton Kelly (New Hope Manager) with Jason Tyrrell (New Hope support worker) and Phil Hartin (Serve Youth) with the shoeboxes



# New surgery centre cuts time for day procedures

## Almost 2,000 extra day-surgery procedures went ahead

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SOME 2,000 extra day surgery procedures went ahead at Tallaght University Hospital in 2021 following to the opening of its new Reeves Day Surgery Centre.

Opened a year this month, the 3,460sqm day surgery facility is located across the road from the hospital and is kitted out with four theatres, three of which are open.

Speaking with *The Echo*, the CEO of Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) Lucy Nugent said that some 2,000 day surgeries would not have gone ahead if the centre was not open.

In her interview that looked back at 2021, Ms Nugent noted a number of positives among the challenges faced in the past 12 months.

"We had the cyber-attack and a power outage, but there have been some positives," Ms Nugent said.

"TUH entered into a new energy-efficiency contract to reduce our carbon footprint.

"We planted trees on campus and have three beehives on-site, which just produced the most amazing pure, unfiltered honey.

"[The honey] is being sold in the canteen and the proceeds are going to Bugs, Bees and Native Trees.

"Five Sláinte Care projects piloted in the community have received permanent funding and TUH was also designated as one of two [dedicated] Women's Health units in the country [in 2021]."

Ms Nugent also confirmed that 2,000 extra day surgeries were carried out in 2021 due to the opening of the new Reeves centre, a community-based surgical day-procedure facility, with 24 recovery beds.

"We are on target to have no patient waiting longer than three months for any day surgery procedure by June 2022," Ms Nugent said.

"Unfortunately, in-patient surgical activity has been impacted as we escalate

Covid-related activity and critical care.

"We are in the middle of a fourth wave.

"We have a tried and tested plan in place but that's not to say it doesn't put us under pressure – staff are exhausted.

"We're trying to manage non-Covid activity as well."

While acknowledging some of the projects progressed in 2021, Ms Nugent recognised the difficult year it has been for many of its patients and their families, hospital staff and the wider community.

"I do acknowledge that both our staff and community have made huge personal sacrifices this year and endured personal loss," Ms Nugent said.

Among the challenges faced is rising Emergency Department (ED) attendances, which are currently at a six-year high.

The former Children's Hospital A&E, which is vacant after re-locating to the new paediatric urgent care centre, will be reconfigured as part of the adult's acute floor.

This will give TUH additional space to assist with streamlining as people enter ED, helping patients to access senior decision-makers quicker.

The TUH Foundation has also funded a new CT scanner for the ED floor which has AI software that, for example, guides a radiologist and stroke doctor to the part of a brain where there has been a bleed.

The AI software helps the team to identify the bleed quicker.

While speaking with *The Echo*, close to 40 patients with Covid were being cared for by the team at Tallaght, with rising cases this Christmas due to the Omicron variant a concern for staff.

Speaking to the community, Ms Nugent said: "Continue doing what you are doing.

"Observe social distancing, get a booster if you can and if sick, stay home and get tested as early as possible.

"The community really has been a valuable support to the hospital, and we apologise if there are delays, we're trying to manage things as fast as we can."

Keep up to date with your local hospital over the Christmas and New Year by visiting [www.tuh.ie](http://www.tuh.ie) or follow TUH on Facebook.



**CUTTING EDGE:** At the official opening of the new day surgery centre earlier this year were (from left) Laura Magahy (Executive Director Sláintecare), the Minister of Health Stephen Donnelly TD, Prof Paul Ridgway (Consultant Surgeon & Perioperative Director) and Lucy Nugent (Chief Executive of TUH)

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# Concerns with over 50 data centres in county

23 data centres already exist in Grange Castle and Profile Park



**FACILITIES:** Grange Castle Business Park has a large number of operational data centres

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SHIVERS were sent down spines when Minister Eamon Ryan warned the Irish public to be prepared for “tight” electricity supplies for the next three to four years.

The Green Party leader said data centres, which use enormous amounts of power, would not be exempt from national requirements to conserve energy, but the pressure on our national grid is a major concern.

Ireland has approximately 70 data centres, with over 90 per cent located in the greater Dublin region.

Closer to home, if you include existing data centres and plans for new data centres - South Dublin County could have over 50 such facilities in the next few years.

According to Bitpower Energy Solutions report in May 2021, South Dublin County has 34 operational data centres, the majority of which (23) are located in Grange Castle and Profile Park.

A further 11 are operational within Citywest/Parkwest/Tallaght.

**“While levels of employment are significantly lower than others such as office, R&D hubs etc, data centre generate. . .**

The report listed another three under construction, 12 approved for planning, and another four were in the planning stage.

The latest weekly planning lists for the county show Equinix are seeking permission for a fifth data centre in Dublin – and a third in Profile Park – this one a massive part four storey facility.

Huge companies like Apple, Google, Microsoft, Facebook, and Amazon, have invested in substantial data centre infrastructure in Dublin.

Amazon’s data centre at the former Jacobs site on Belgard Road is expected to provide much of the heat in the roll out of Tallaght’s pilot District Heating Scheme next year, but the general public remain skeptical as to the impact data centres will have on our national energy capacity.

TD Gino Kenny (PBP) has said the expansion of data centres would “further lock Ireland into reliance on fossil fuels for other sectors because of the amount of renewable energy capacity that the data centres demand.”

Along with the risk of missing climate targets, Kenny warned the additional burden on the energy system is “completely unsustainable” and presents “massive problems in terms of blackouts for ordinary people and businesses.”

This week, Eirgrid, the national grid operator, shocked the data centre industry after it told them it will not be able to provide them with new connection agreements

for facilities in the region until 2028 at the earliest.

The move will not apply to planned centres that have yet to be developed but already have connection agreements.

News of the move arrived despite a recent policy paper from the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) recommended that data centres which build their own power supply on-site could be awarded a grid connection.

According to SDCC, the majority of data centres in the county are located in clusters on ‘EE’ (Employment and Enterprise) zoned lands in Grange Castle and Citywest, with two located on ‘REGEN’ (Regeneration) zoned lands in the Tallaght / Greenhills area.

The council said data centres in the county have an average floor area of 20,000 sq. m and an average site area of approximately 11 hectares.

An SDCC Planning Department study on data centres in 2019, said there “appears” to be approximately 100 people employed “ongoing, during the operational stage, per 20,000 sq. m.”

“While levels of employment are significantly lower than other uses such as office, R&D hubs etc, data centres generate a significantly higher level of revenue in terms of rates.”

A recent report by BloombergNEF said Irish data centres will account for about 15 per cent of the country’s total electricity consumption in 2021.

Driven by growth, the challenge will be to balance the above with an already tight capacity on the electricity grid.

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### Have a safe and Happy Christmas

CHRISTMAS Is here. We’ve heard the phrase “the light at the end of the tunnel” countless times since March 2020 but still, here we are, having another Christmas under restrictions.

This is our second Christmas in the COVID-19 pandemic and we hope that everybody has a safe and merry few days.

Christmas is special because of the people you surround yourself with.

But, if you can’t spend it with somebody you love over the holiday period, just remember that we have endured a remarkable amount over the last few years and those coping measures that have been developed are still there to be called upon.

Reframing the Christmas experience to do things you enjoy could be a good tactic to ply.

It has been a very tough year for many, with a lot of us constantly needing to adapt and re-adapt to fluctuating restrictions.

There is no denying the immense impact that the pandemic has had on communities and society at large.

Over the next few days, try take some time out to reset and unpack the year we have just experienced.

Christmas can be a very emotional and vulnerable time for people.

Please try remember that everybody is doing the best with what they have and most importantly, be kind to each other and go easy on yourself.

Supports are available for anybody who may be struggling with their mental health, even over the Christmas period.

If you have a problem, don’t belittle it. Reach out and ask for help from somebody you trust or a helpline, no matter the scale of the issue.

We will see you all in 2022. Sláinte.

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## Council meets estate management on monthly basis

SOUTH Dublin County Council confirm that they will continue to meet with the Fettercairn Estate Management Committee on a monthly basis regarding ongoing issues in the area.

The meetings between the council’s Housing Department and members of the committee have been taking place remotely, with the most recent one being on Wednesday, December 15.

The council stated that the staff are committed to supporting residents on issues regarding their estate and have actioned a number of clean-ups and improvement works in recent months.

These include removing all bonfire materials from the green spaces at Kilmartin and Drumcain and an agreement to provide 18 trees at the boundary of Drumcain Parade and Butler Park. There are also plans to close off the gate at the rear of Kilmartin beside the Luas tracks as the area was being used by individuals in stolen cars to access wasteland at the rear of Kilmartin.

Repair works have also been carried out to the CCTV cameras at Drumcain which are now fully operational.

## Let’s Get Digital free programme

SOUTH Dublin County Partnership have launched a new free programme to help adults from Clondalkin and Tallaght improve their digital skills. ‘Let’s Get Digital’ is a free programme from SDCCP that invites adults who

are considering a career in tech or just keen to improve their tech skills. The programme offers support for Microsoft’s new Step In 2 Tech Programme, their own tech taster workshops and signposts to other services. Those who are

interested can complete an expression of interest form and someone from the programme will be in touch. For more information or to complete the expression of interest form you can go to the website at <https://getdigital.ie/>





HO-HO-HO: Santa with his helper Lucy in Kingswood Heights

# You better watch out!

## Santa Claus and his band of elves put on a magical display for Kingswood Heights

By Aideen O'Flaherty

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THE streets of Kingswood Heights were thronged with people on Saturday afternoon as Santa weaved through the estate in his sleigh – with his band of elves – in a magical display for the residents.

The Kingswood Heights Santa Sleigh Ride was organised by local residents Natasha Doyle and Sharlene Kennedy, in a bid to lift the spirits of the people in the estate after the difficulties posed by the pandemic.

The event was warmly received by residents, with younger attendees being particularly taken by the glittering display.

Organiser Natasha Doyle told *The Echo*: “The streets were lined with

people, young and old.

“There were people with camping chairs and blankets, and kids running after the sleigh, cheering.

“We had a whole gaggle of children following the sleigh through the estate. It went on for two-and-a-half hours. It was phenomenal.

“We just wanted to lift the spirits of the community, and we got lots of amazing feedback and so many thank yous.”

A total of €1,684 was raised for the parents’ association of St Kilian’s Junior National School during the course of the event, as their usual means of fundraising, such as bake sales and markets, couldn’t be held because of the pandemic.

“It was absolutely incredible to raise that much,” said Natasha.

“Especially because this year has been so tough for the parents’ association. They haven’t been able to fundraise like they normally would.

“They said it was one of the highest-earning events of the year for them, and it’ll go to the school.”

Looking ahead, Natasha said this year’s Kingswood Heights Sleigh Ride was such a success that there are plans to hold an even larger Christmas event again next year, involving surrounding areas like Kilnarnagh and Belgard.

Reflecting on how the sleigh ride went, Natasha said: “The turnout was incredible. It was an incredibly joyous evening and it brought so many heartfelt smiles, laughs and giggles.” See photos page 116



JOY TO KINGSWOOD: The organising committee in all their finery

## Top singer Janet really delighted with her ‘Last Singer Standing’ experience

SINGER Janet Grogan, who made it to the final of RTE’s music-based game show ‘Last Singer Standing’ last weekend described her experience on the show as a positive one, and added that she is looking forward to continuing to develop her music career, reports Aideen O’Flaherty.

Kingswood woman Janet, 33, performed four times over the course of the series, and in the final last Saturday she gave a stirring rendition of Whitney Houston’s ‘I Wanna Dance With Somebody’.

While Cork singer Patrick O’Sullivan ultimately won the competition and netted the €25,000 prize money, Janet, who also competed on ‘The X Factor’ in 2016, still enjoyed the experience overall.

“Everybody on the show got on really well and it was so much fun,” she told *The Echo*. “We weren’t that competitive.

“With two years of Covid, we had all stopped gigging, but on ‘Last Singer

Standing’ it was like we were gigging again, just in an unusual format.”

Reflecting on her performance in the final, where she performed in front of the show’s ‘pop panel’ consisting of Samantha Mumba, Nadine Coyle and NSYNC’s Joey Fatone, Janet said that she felt ‘I Wanna Dance With Somebody’ might not have been the right choice, but she enjoyed it nonetheless.

“I think I probably sang the wrong song in the final,” said Janet. “But whenever I gig, I do that song and people love it.

“I was thinking of the people at home and wanting them to have a good time, instead of thinking of the €25,000.”

Janet praised Patrick O’Sullivan’s performance at the final and said he deservedly won the show. She added that she’s excited to continue performing and developing her music career going forward.

“After the final, I left the studio knowing that I’d done four performances on the show that I was delighted with, and I got to show off a bit of my personality.

“There was a bit of a come-down after the show was recorded, but it was offset by the fact that I knew it would be on TV in the coming weeks.

“But it’s all about adapting. If I didn’t adapt, I wouldn’t be a very good musician, because in the music industry the ups and downs are very severe.”

Janet added: “I’m in the middle of the Christmas rush now, and I’ll just keep writing music.

“I love writing for other people, giving them the songs and seeing the life that they put into it. I’m a session singer and a vocal coach as well, so I’ll keep doing that too.”

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# Community Centre lodges appeal against football club development

Concerns arose when car-parking spaces appeared to be located in centre's grounds

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THE Kilnamanagh Family Recreation Centre is seeking permission to appeal South Dublin County Council's decision to grant permission to Kilnamanagh AFC for a new clubhouse on Treepark Road.

The centre management wants to specifically appeal the car-parking aspect of the permitted development, as the proposed car park for the clubhouse falls into the grounds of the community centre's lands.

An Bord Pleanála received the community centre's application for leave to appeal this month, which was lodged by the chairman of the Kilnamanagh Family Recreation Centre, Martin O'Brien.

Mr O'Brien stated that the leave to appeal centred only on "a single aspect of the development, i.e. the 67 car-parking spaces the applicant was subsequently requested to provide".

The 67 car-parking spaces were not in the football club's initial application for planning permission, but were added to the application at a later stage via additional information that was requested by the council.

The car-parking spaces "are not within the land of the proposed development but are located in our community centre grounds," according to Mr O'Brien.

"These 67 car parking spaces are already part of the 99 car parking spaces that we ourselves had to submit to the planning authority when we were seeking approval for an extension to our building.

"This gives rise to serious liability insurance concerns as it would now seem that there would be a conflict of responsibilities between us and the Kilnamanagh AFC."

However, Mr O'Brien added that the community centre is "extremely open" to working with the football club to come up with "a viable alternative" for the location of the car-parking spaces.

He suggested the development of a grassed area that is not currently in use as a potential location for the parking spaces.

A decision on the community centre's application for leave to appeal is due from An Bord Pleanála by January 14.

The state-of-the-art clubhouse on Treepark Road is to be developed at a cost of approximately €500,000, which the club has fundraised for over recent months.

The proposed facilities in the clubhouse include dressing rooms, toilets, a referee room, a club shop, a treatment room and an external strength and conditioning area.

South Dublin County Council granted planning permission for the clubhouse on November 11.



**APPEAL:** (above) An artist's impression of Kilnamanagh Football Club plans and (below) Kilnamanagh Community Centre which lodged an appeal against the council's decision



“These 67 car parking spaces are already part of the 99 car parking spaces that we ourselves had to submit to the planning authority when we were seeking approval for an extension to our building

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## ROADS ACT 1993, SECTION 75

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In order to facilitate replacement of existing ESNB High Voltage Lines, South Dublin County Council has made an order to temporarily close the East-Bound Lane through Templeogue, from its junction with Cypress Grove to its junction with Templeville Road through Templeogue, from Monday 10th January 2022 to Monday 4th April 2022 inclusive (24hrs).

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# Doubts arise of feasibility of SDCC housing targets

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COUNCILLORS have expressed doubts over South Dublin County Council's housing targets in their Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026.

The plan was discussed at Monday's monthly meeting of South Dublin County Council, where the local authority outlined targets for the delivery of 3,707 housing units from 2022 to 2026.

Of these units, 1,869 are to be located on council land, 852 are to be maintained by Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs), and 696 are to come on stream as a result of the Part V planning legislation that requires a percentage of large residential developments to contain social housing.

The remaining 290 units are to be provided by leasing, according to the council.

The majority of the projected units are to be located in the Clondalkin LEA, totalling 1,224, followed by Lucan with 740, Palmerstown-Fonthill with 535, Tallaght South with 485, Tallaght Central with 316, and Firhouse-Bohernabreena with 219, with the lowest amount, totalling 188, in Rathfarnham-Templeogue. A priority-needs analysis in the plan found that 49.5 per cent of people on the priority-needs housing list required one-bed housing, while 33.2 per cent required two-bed units, 15.2 per

cent required three-bed housing, and 2.1 per cent required four-bed properties.

When discussing the priority-needs analysis at the meeting of South Dublin County Council on Monday afternoon, a number of councillors expressed reservations about the local authority's ability to address the priority housing needs.

Fine Gael councillor David McManus said: "If the priority-needs analysis shows 49.5 per cent one-beds, does that mean we'll see that reflected in what we're building and what AHBs are building?"

Social Democrats councillor Carly Bailey said: "In terms of one-bed and four-bed needs and priority needs, it's not a significant number by any stretch, but we seem to be falling substantially behind."

Sinn Féin councillor Cathal King said he welcomed the plan, but highlighted the increasing need for one-bed housing units in the county.

"One-beds are a huge issue, and we're in need of one-beds," he said. "In this four-year plan, are 50 per cent of the [planned] units going to be one-beds?"

In response to the councillors, the council's director of housing, Colm Ward, said that the units in the plan are "separate from what might come on-stream in private developments" and he added that the council is open to discussions with AHBs and local communities.



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ENJOYING THE SHOW: Denise and Cian

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CHILDREN with complex additional needs, and their families, were treated to a dazzling display at a sensory-friendly performance by Duffy's Circus in Tallaght Stadium last Thursday, December 16.

One hundred families who are part of Sensory Fun with Friends, a parent-led group that holds events for children with sensory needs and who have conditions like autism, ADHD, partial blindness or deafness, attended the event.

Sensory Fun with Friends worked closely with Duffy's Circus to ensure the performance would be sensory-friendly for the children.

Measures such as reducing the volume of the microphones, adapting the music, not using sudden bangs or flashes, and also employing the use of a visual story, were implemented.

Lynn Byrne, who co-founded Sensory Fun with Friends alongside Eileen Birchall in 2017, told *The Echo*: "We

worked with service so the performance could be adapted and be suitable so children with additional needs could cope with it.

"The atmosphere was lovely. It was very relaxed – there were plenty of smiles and laughter in the air and the performance was really well received.

"We enjoyed the inclusivity of it and it was a great opportunity to offer a festive night that the whole family could enjoy, because things like pantos can be really overwhelming for the children.

"We'd definitely consider running it again next year."

Sensory Fun with Friends was founded by local parents Lynn Byrne and Eileen Birchall in response to a lack of activities that all siblings within a family – including children with sensory issues – could do together, and is supported by a team of volunteers.

See photos on page 48 and 49

## Raising the Young Scientist flag at Lucan College



QUALITY: School Principal Diane Birnie congratulates the students

STUDENTS from Lucan Community College helped raise the BT Young Scientist flag at their school to celebrate their achievements within the competition.

Fifth year students Clodagh McDonnell, Jessica Power and Keelah Sisk raised the flag at the school last

week. The students are currently working on a project called 'How the pandemic has positively affected the air quality in Lucan and what we can do to sustain these levels.' The project was supported by teachers Ms Healy and Ms Walsh and was chosen from over 1,400 project entries to be displayed virtually this year.



## The people of Hacketstown have given

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A MASSIVE Tallaght thanks has been sent to the community of Hacketstown for its continuing generosity at Christmas.

Last week, the Community Garda van pulled into Tallaght packed full of toys and gifts for families in need of extra help this Christmas.

For nearly 25 years, the residents of Hacketstown in Carlow have staged a toy-drive for Tallaght families following an appeal from their parish priest, Father Jim McCormack.

After transferring from Tallaght to Hacketstown, Father McCormack made an appeal on behalf of Tallaght families to his new parishioners and the annual toy-drive became a tradition over the past two decades.

This year's bumper haul was in recent days distributed by local gardai to families, charities, groups and schools in the area.

Speaking with *The Echo* this week, Community Garda Pat McCourtney said: "It was fantastic again this year, it's unbelievable really, and it's going on year after year.

"These toys will make Christmas for families in need."

Garda Courtney also noted how the community of Hacketstown continued on the annual tradition after Father McCormack retired, with new parish priest Father Terence McGovern now leading the toy-drive with resident Edel Byrne, who is a nurse in Tallaght University Hospital.

Garda Courtney once again thanked everyone in Hacketstown for thinking of families in need this Christmas and for continuing to build on the connection and friendship between the two communities.



HEARTFELT THANKS: Gardai Jennifer Burns, Leora





WONDERFUL: Some of the presents which will be distributed to families by Tallaght Gardai

en generously again this year



Carrick and Liam O'Meara helped with the toy donations from Hacketstown

# Planting an oak for prosperity and shelter



PLANTING THE FUTURE: Cllr Peter Kavanagh, Mayor of South Dublin, with SDCC Parks staff along with TD Emer Higgins and councillors Brian Lawlor, Shirley O'Hara, Liam Sinclair and Eoin O'Broin at the newly planted oak tree in Clondalkin's Corkagh Park as part of SDCC "Tree Management Policy 2021-2026"  
Photo by Ben Ryan

THE MAYOR of South Dublin County Council planted an oak tree in Corkagh Park, last Monday (December 20) to highlight the importance of our native trees.

Quercus petraea – the Dair ghaelach or the traditional Irish Oak – is the sessile native oak and at the launch Mayor Peter Kavanagh said: "Trees provide great benefits in so many ways – economic, social, environmental, ecological and aesthetic benefits, as well as enhancing biodiversity and mitigating Climate Change. They contribute to the character, appearance, and wellbeing of the county. This Tree Management Policy, 'Living with Trees' 2021-26, represents our ongoing commitment to look after and enhance one of our most valuable natural resources.

"Planting this oak tree marks the launch of the county's second Tree Management Policy.

This oak will grow, prosper and provide shelter and beauty for visitors to Corkagh Park for hundreds of years."

'Living with Trees' 2021-2026 – the Tree Management Policy for the next five years, will continue to highlight the importance of trees in the county.

The main objectives of the Policy are:

- 1.To continue to implement a proactive tree management programme.
- 2.To expand the tree canopy in the county.
- 3.To implement a public awareness and education programme.

This policy allows for a pro-active and systematic approach to tree management, resulting in a healthier tree population and creating a greener, more sustainable environment for residents and visitors to the county.

# School recognised for being a leader and a 'beacon of creativity'

TALLAGHT Community School has been recognised for their ongoing work in creating a college-going culture at the school by being awarded a School of Distinction: Community Award from the Trinity Access Programme, Trinity College Dublin.

The Schools of Distinction Award from Trinity College Dublin recognises and showcases the efforts of schools nationwide to transform their school culture and to develop innovative approaches to teaching and learning.

The scheme recognises the hard work being successfully undertaken by schools in challenging conditions and with limited resources and encourages participants to draw on their own school and community resources and the resources of the Trinity Access project in Trinity College Dublin to support educational innovation and change.

Speaking about the acknowledgement, Principal of Tallaght Community School, Aidan Lynch said: "We are delighted to be part of a nationwide movement to promote the importance of post-secondary education. Winning the School of Distinction: Innovation Award recognises the ongoing work of our

staff and students."

The award focuses on the specific achievements of schools who have joined the programme's community of practice and engaged in identifying the needs of the students and teachers. The award-winners set targets to meet these needs and set in motion student-centred programmes aimed to create this college-going culture and encouragement in their school.

The schools participating in the programme focus on the process of engaging their students in the three core practices of Pathways to College, Mentoring and Leadership in Learning and have plans to expand these innovative programmes in the future.

Cliona Hannon, Director of Trinity Access commented: "We are delighted to recognise the innovative, leadership and community-focused work that these schools have achieved in an extraordinary year.

"We hope to share the learning from these beacons of creativity with all our other school partners. A warm congratulations from all in Trinity Access for your courageous and creative leadership."



# Bridge to be named after local historian

Research of Joe Williams form invaluable records of Clondalkin



IN MEMORY: The Blue Bridge on the Naas Road

THE PROMINENT Blue Bridge linking the N7 and Monastery Road is to be named after the late historian Joe Williams.

Following much support for the initiative in the community, South Dublin County Council agreed to name it the Joe Williams Bridge/Droichead Joe Williams.

Mr Williams, who died in 2016, catalogued much of Clondalkin's history, and was heavily involved in the preservation and restoration of many historical sites, including

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Mount St Joseph and the Round Tower.

A Floraville resident, he was a founding member of the Clondalkin History Society and author of *The Monastery of Mount St Joseph and St Mochua and The Round Tower*.

Cllr Francis Timmons (Ind) said: "I am delighted that South Dublin County Council has

accepted my proposal that Clondalkin's Blue Bridge be named after local historian Joe Williams.

"We as a community are indebted to Joe Williams, whose research and meticulous records form invaluable records of Clondalkin and the surrounding area's rich history. Because of Joe, we have this information for current and future generations. Along with the naming of the bridge, the council has also agreed to the hanging of a picture of Joe

in Brú Chrónáin.

"Joe dedicated himself to uncovering Clondalkin's local history, and beyond, for many years before his untimely death in 2016. He became so knowledgeable in this area, he was acknowledged as a local 'info hub' by his peers, by other experts and the ordinary person. Someone said recently that without Joe, we wouldn't be as aware as we are today of the important part that Clondalkin has had in the history of our district and our nation."

# Repairs to leisure centre swimming pool boom to take place in January

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REPAIRS to the boom in the swimming pool in Clondalkin Leisure Centre are due to take place in January 2022. The boom has been broken since August this year.

In response to Clondalkin councillor Eoin Ó Broin's question about the repairs at a recent council meeting, South Dublin County Council has confirmed that repairs to fix the boom in Clondalkin Leisure Centre are booked for the week of January 24, 2022.

The council added that a specialist maintenance team will arrive with the parts required, however, it must be noted that this maintenance plan is based on travel restrictions remaining open between the UK and Ireland.

As previously reported by *The Echo* at the beginning of August this year, the boom at the leisure centre was broken and was estimated to take ten weeks to repair, much to the frustration of visitors of the centre.

Despite the repairs needed, Clondalkin Leisure Centre and the swimming pool have



REPAIRS: Clondalkin Leisure Centre will repair the boom in the swimming pool

remained open throughout.

Since opening in 2008, Clondalkin Leisure Centre has experienced a range of different technical difficulties, and in 2019 it was reported that €238,000 has been spent on repairs to the Centre since its opening, including €10,000 on swimming pool repairs.

In 2020, oil leaked into the pool tank, requiring replacement of four small hoses containing hydraulic fluid. Getting the four hoses replaced turned out to be a complex

issue, as a specialist contractor was required to travel over from the UK to carry out the work but was unable to do so until a later date because of the pandemic.

Similarly, there have been issues with the boom in the pool at Tallaght Leisure Centre, which is estimated to cost more than €500,000 to fix, as recently reported by *The Echo*.

For years, the boom has been stuck in a permanently upright position, and has prevented 25m-length swims at the centre.

## Mast 'falls within direct line of sight' from front windows of resident

A TYMON North resident has lodged an appeal against South Dublin County Council's decision to grant permission for a 15-metre-high telecommunications mast and associated cabinet at the edge of an open space in the area, reports Aileen O'Flaherty.

The structures were installed in Tymon North Park by Cignal Infrastructure Ltd last February, after they had received planning permission from the council the previous September.

However, residents voiced concerns when the structures were installed and criticised the planning process used for the installation of masts.

Applicants no longer need to apply for planning permission to erect overground electronic communications infrastructure, which are exempted developments that can be carried out under licence.

This amendment to legislation has resulted in members of the community and elected representatives being unaware of the installation of masts in their areas.

This month, Tymon North Park resident Audrey Clarke submitted an appeal to An Bord Pleanála against the council's decision to grant permission for the structures.

In the appeal, lodged by Armstrong Planning on behalf of Ms Clarke, the appellant states that the "tower and associated operator cabinet will fall within the direct line of sight from Ms Clarke's front windows".

In their grounds for appeal, the appellant said that Cignal's rationale for the location of the structures "relies heavily on unevidenced technical reasons" and "fails to provide sufficient planning justification".

Instead, the appellant suggested that the Greenhills Business Park or the local retail centre would be "far more locationally preferable" places for the structures, while the "undue proliferation of street objects" at the Tymon North Park location combined with the structures "results in an overbearing impact".

A decision on the appeal is due on April 13.

## Council questioned over alleged 'hand-holding' of housing bodies

A COUNCILLOR has questioned how much "hand-holding" South Dublin County Council is providing to Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) by supplying them with council land for housing developments, reports Aileen O'Flaherty.

Independent Clondalkin councillor Eoin Ó Broin made the remark as part of a wider discussion about the council's Housing Action Plan 2022-2026 at Monday's monthly council meeting.

The Housing Action Plan details social and affordable housing delivery in the county, and also outlines locations and the number of units for housing to be built.

According to the plan, the council expects the delivery of 3,707 housing units by 2026, 1,869 of which are to be on council-owned land with 852 units being provided by AHBs.

Speaking at the council meeting, Cllr Ó Broin asked whether AHBs will get "their own land" for their housing developments "and do it themselves that way".

He added: "How much are we holding their hands by giving them the [council] lands?"

In an interview after the meeting, Cllr Ó Broin said he felt that there needs to be "less AHBs and more council" managed developments, as it's his view that there's a duplication in the work done by the AHBs and the council, in terms of the management and maintenance of developments.

"You've got so many teams doing the same thing, when in my opinion if there was one council team doing it, it would be more efficient," he added.

A spokesperson for South Dublin County Council was contacted for comment, but a response wasn't received at the time of going to print.

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## Rebecca and Springfield Litter Mugs delighted with certificate



**INITIATIVE:** Rebecca Morrin from Springfield Litter Mugs

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A LOCAL woman who started a voluntary clean up group has been recognised for her initiative and dedication to cleaning up the Springfield area by being awarded a certificate of appreciation from Tallaght Community Council (TCC).

Rebecca Morrin started the Springfield Litter Mugs, a small but seriously self-motivated and committed crew of litter pickers, who move a significant amount of rubbish from the area each week.

Rebecca and the litter pickers were acknowledged for the positive impact they have had on the community in Springfield when they were awarded a certificate of appreciation from TCC last week.

The certificate is being awarded as part of TCC's 'Our Heroes Your Choice' initiative, which is being held this year instead of the annual in-person Tallaght Person of the Year Awards.

"We were absolutely delighted to receive it, of course," Rebecca told *The Echo*. "I didn't think anyone was really paying that much attention to what we were doing, so it was quite a surprise to be honest."

Rebecca set up the Springfield Litter Mugs in March this year after

she discovered a lot of rubbish in the area while out walking.

"It was during lockdown, and I had been going out on walks with my friend every morning before work and as we were both walking around, we were both saying, 'god it's so dirty'."

"We were saying it every single day and then I got sick of listening to myself saying it, so I actually got in touch with the Tallaght Litter Mugs and asked if they of knew any groups in my area doing litter picks and there wasn't."

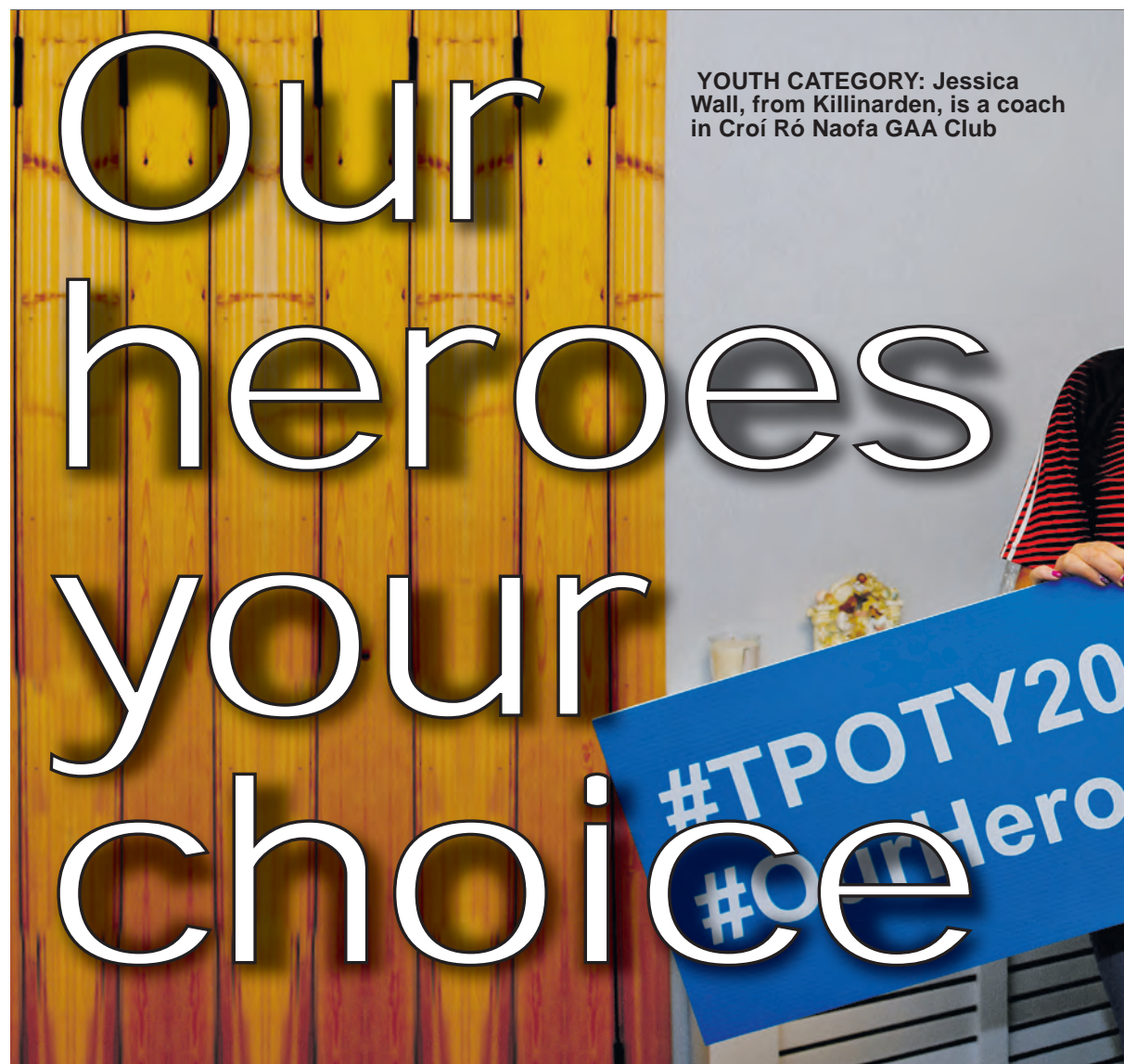
Rebecca says that she was hesitant at the beginning to go out, but after the Tallaght Litter Mugs set her up with a picker and bags she went out on her own and began cleaning up the area.

"It just got started from there and as people saw me on a Sunday morning, they started joining me and now we have around 12 people every week coming out," said Rebecca.

"I just want to thank the volunteers and TCC for recognising us and for people supporting us. When we are out in the mornings the residents nine times out of ten will say thank you or well done to us."

The Springfield Litter Mugs meet every Sunday morning at 8am around the corner from Centra in Springfield and are open to anyone who wishes to join. If you would like to get in touch or find out more information you can get in contact with Rebecca through the Facebook page.

**"It's really nice to get that recognition, but I wouldn't have thought people would've even known who I was or that I would've been nominated – there's loads of people in other clubs who deserve it too. I started playing football at seven, and I'm coaching kids who are that age now and I want them to grow up to love the sport as much as I do"**



**YOUTH CATEGORY:** Jessica Wall, from Killinarden, is a coach in Croí Ró Naofa GAA Club

## Tallaght Community Council continue to recognise and celebrate local heroes

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FOUR local people received certificates from Tallaght Community Council (TCC) this week recognising their work in the community in their respective categories in this year's Tallaght Person of the Year Awards.

The winners included Jessica Wall who won the youth category, Robert Mockler who won in the innovation and learning category, Katherine McKenna from the Rays of Sunshine Playschool won in the special needs and carers category, while Stephen Martin won in the sports category.

Youth category winner Jessica Wall, from Killinarden, is a coach in Croí Ró Naofa GAA Club and recently appeared on TG4's 'Underdogs' where she trained with some of the country's best GAA players.

Jessica was nominated by Tara De Buítléar from TCC, who praised the 28-year-old's "motivation, determination and commitment".

Speaking to *The Echo* about winning the award, Jessica said: "I was delighted when I found out that I had won."

"It's really nice to get that recognition, but I wouldn't have thought people would've even known who I was or that I would've been nominated – there's loads of people in other clubs who deserve it too."

She added: "I started playing football at seven, and I'm coaching kids who are that age now and I want them to grow up to love the sport as much as I do."

Over in Citywest, 13-year-old Robert Mockler said he was

surprised but happy to have won in the innovation and learning category of the awards.

Robert, who attends Kingswood Community College, has Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) and he has shared his story of living with the disorder to raise awareness.

When he was told that he had won the award, Robert told *The Echo*: "I'm happy, I was not expecting this whatsoever."

Robert first shared his experience of living with DLD, which affects speech and language comprehension, in October 2020 and has continued to raise awareness of the condition locally and nationally ever since.

When asked if he ever felt any trepidation about sharing his experiences, Robert said: "It didn't make me nervous. I did it because someone had to raise awareness of DLD."

"I didn't expect such a big response, because it's not a very well-known disorder, but the last two years have been mad."

Robert's proud mother Brenda Mockler, who is *The Echo's* deputy editor, added: "Robert put himself out there, and obviously it's not easy for a kid to do that, so it's great for him to get this recognition at a local level."

For Katherine McKenna, who runs the Rays of Sunshine Playschool in Firhouse which caters to children with autism, winning in the special needs and carers category had a particular resonance for her as she was nominated by Sinead Tighe.

Sinead's son, Daniel, has a rare condition called Sotos Syndrome and the mother-of-two has worked hard to make Tallaght an inclusive

place for people of all abilities. She is also TCC's inclusion officer.

Katherine told *The Echo*: "I was bawling crying when I found out I'd won, and especially because Sinead nominated me, and she does amazing work in Tallaght to make sure the community is very inclusive for everyone with special needs. So, to get the nomination from her meant a lot to me."

A total of 12 children with autism attend the Rays of Sunshine Playschool, which has seven staff members, and Katherine set it up to provide a tailored learning experience for the children.

"I trained as a primary school teacher, but I wanted to help children who'd slipped through the net or couldn't do mainstream education," Katherine, who is from Aylesbury, explained.

"We look at the individual needs of the children, there shouldn't be a 'one size fits all' system in education."

In Jobstown, runner Stephen Martin's running club has been going from strength to strength – and this hasn't gone unnoticed by TCC, who named him this year's winner in the sports category.

Stephen was nominated by Evelyn Riordan from TCC, who said Stephen had set up "a community-led, free running club, who use local parks as their running tracks."

"Open to all ages and abilities, they meet three to four times a week, helping members to develop a love of walking and running, as well as creating a strong sense of ownership in their local parks."

A total of nine local people won awards in this year's Tallaght Person of the Year Awards, with their achievements being covered in *The Echo* over the past four weeks.





SPORTS CATEGORY: Catlin and Stephen Martin from Jobstown Running Club



SPECIAL NEEDS AND CARERS CATEGORY: Katherine McKenna from the Rays of Sunshine Playschool



## Fundraiser tops €33k in walks for Wesley



**HEARTBROKEN:** Serena with her two children Faith and Coby Kelly, Santa Claus (uncle Phil Coleman), Thomas Keating (dad), and Brian Kelly, Serena's partner

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A FUNDRAISER established two years ago by a grieving sister has raised €33,000 for Our Lady's Hospice.

Serena Keating started the initiative in 2019, in memory of her brother Wesley Keating (27), who passed away from a brain tumour in December 10, 2018, at the hospice.

Clondalkin resident Wesley had been living with a brain tumour from the age of 16, and underwent surgeries, but a benign tumour resurfaced after he married.

His death left behind a two-year-old daughter Poppy, and his heartbroken wife Ashlee.

"Wes lived every day to the full and was the most positive person you could meet," said Serena, a Lucan resident.

"How he lived has inspired me and many others on how to live life. As part of the fundraiser, I ask people to take a sponsor card and join us in a 5km walk in the Phoenix Park while carrying a picture of someone who they loved and lost.

"This has brought huge comfort to people and turned a really sad and difficult time of the year into a happy event.

Serena said she was "overwhelmed by support" and thanked "all family, friends and local businesses", for their help in ensuring the event was a resounding success.

"We raised an amazing amount €12,400 this year, and there are still funds being added," said Serena.

"There was also €2,000 from a Santa's grotto event. Weso is deeply missed everyday by all his family and friends. My mam Breda Keating is also missed, she will be nine years gone in March."

## 'Regrettable' Cycle Scheme delays

THE Grange Road Cycle Scheme is set to be completed in April 2022 following delays due to a significant amount of "existing and historical services" which have impacted the contractor's progress.

South Dublin County Council confirmed the expected completion date of the scheme at a recent council meeting when councillor Lynn McCrave tabled the question following the long delay.

The scheme was initially approved by councillors in 2015, but progress on the project was slowed due to funding constraints. It was then recommenced in 2019, and a contractor was appointed in late 2020 and was halted due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The council said that it is "regrettable" that significant delays have been encountered, but confirmed that the contractor, Wills Bros Ltd., has carried out works "expeditiously" as possible while ensuring the safety of the site.

They added: "The council appreciates your patience in this matter, and we look forward to a completed project which will improve the safety of all road users."

The scheme, when complete, will consist of 675m of re-configured road, inclusive of on- and off-road cycle-tracks, new pavement works, new footways, modern public lighting, relocated bus stops, landscaping and shared accesses.

Within the scheme, there will be dedicated school zones and junction improvements at Nutgrove Avenue, Loreto Terrace, Convent Lane, Dispensary Lane, Stonepark Abbey and St. Enda's Drive.



## Over €1,000 raised in annual Ciarán Carr Christmas

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OVER 100 people gathered on Main Street in Clondalkin village for the eighth annual Ciarán Carr Christmas Busk on Friday evening, where an assortment of local musicians gave lively performances and over €1,000 was raised for the Ciarán Carr Foundation.

The Christmas busk was organised by Clondalkin musician Colm Gavin, and featured performances by musicians including Emily 7, Fin Furey, Jordan O'Neill and Robert Collins.

Two Covid officers were in attendance at the event and all of the performers took antigen tests 48 hours before the busk, while attendees were encouraged to stay in 'bubbles' with each

other.

Colm Gavin told *The Echo*: "The atmosphere at the busk was electric, we had a full crowd. It's reached a point now where people anticipate the busk every year."

For many of the performers, the busk marked a high point in a difficult year where many performances were cancelled or rescheduled as a result of the pandemic.



**REMEMBERING CIARÁN:** Aaron, Emma, Yazmin and Oisín at the annual busking session





# mas Busk in Clondalkin village

“There was a liberating quality to the busk,” explained Colm. “My sole intention was to do it as safely as possible and to show that we could do it.”

Just shy of €1,400 was raised for the Ciarán Carr Foundation, a charity which was set up in memory of Ciarán after he passed away in 2012 at the age of 20 from Sudden Adult Death Syndrome while training with Round Tower GAA Club.

The foundation was set up by Ciarán’s parents, Gemma and Philip Carr, with the aim of educating people about CPR and the use of defibrillators, and also installing

defibrillators at key locations in the community.

“It’s brilliant, because what Gemma and Philip do is primarily having defibrillators put in community centres and shopping centres, and it’s great to think that the money can be used to save some lives,” added Colm.

“Ciarán was a friend of mine, and I always preface the busk by saying that we’re here to remember Ciarán.

“We sing a couple of songs, we toast his memory, and at the end of the night if there’s any money in the kitty, we give it to his parents for the foundation.”



COLLECTING: Mayor Peter Kavanagh and Cllr Eoin O Broin

# The true meaning of the Christmas spirit . . .



YULETIDE JOY: Students from Tallaght Community School

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STAFF and students at Tallaght Community School burst into the Christmas spirit with a day of Christmas carols, jumpers and a Christmas dinner.

On Tuesday, December 14, students and staff at the school came together to bring to life the preparations for Christmas as part of the advent season as well as expressing the message of the importance of giving to others.

School principal Aidan Lynch opened the celebration with words of welcome as students and teachers individually sang renditions of Christmas carols and Fr Ben from the parish shared some touching words with the students about the meaning of Christmas.

Mr. Mullaly, the school chaplain, and Ms

Martin, the School Wellbeing coordinator, spoke to the school community about light in the darkness and the true meaning of Christmas. Students shared their wishes and staff shared what Christmas means to them.

The theme for the carol celebration was ‘light in the darkness’, and in addition to lighting an advent wreath, the students also placed a Christmas candle in the window as a sign of welcomeness.

A central part of the school’s preparation and celebrations was giving to a local charity, with the school having a donations appeal for the local St Vincent De Paul Society.

In the weeks leading up to the carol celebrations, the school community contributed non-perishable foods to the initiative and collected boxes of food that would go to people in need.

# Key dates revealed for completion of Kiltipper Park Phase Two works

PHASE TWO of the works at Kiltipper Park is currently underway, with a projected completion date of the end of 2022, reports Aimee Walsh.

South Dublin County Council outlined the plans and revealed key dates of the works in a presentation to local representatives at a recent council meeting.

In May 2020, South Dublin County Council submitted a Part 8 Planning Application for proposed works at Kiltipper Park.

The proposed development of the park include construction of 30 additional parking spaces, a GAA pitch with vertical ball-stop netting, two soccer pitches, a children’s playground area, integrated landscape features including a woodland area, and a new shared surface entrance and pathway.

The proposals for the park are being delivered on a phased basis, and the tender for the construction of Phase Two is currently underway. This phase includes completion of access points, footpaths, hedgerow improvements and viewing areas.

Approval for the Part 8 planning application for the proposed works at Kiltipper Park was granted at a council meeting in July 2020, however amendments and a reorientation of the soccer and GAA pitches were required due to concerns surrounding the distance from the pitches to the houses on Ellensborough Grange.

Construction is expected to commence on site in the second quarter of 2022, with the completion of works due at the end of the year.



# Dance troupe show off their moves in 'Winter Surprise'

Michael Chanda and Freshly Ground theatre group brought fun and excitement



**PERFORMING:** Michael Chanda showing off the sheer enjoyment of dance Photos Jonathan Stokes

RESIDENTS of the MacUilliam estate in Tallaght were treated to outdoor performances by dancer Michael Chanda and theatre group Freshly Ground Theatre on Saturday afternoon, reports Aideen O'Flaherty.

Over 20 young people also took part in a dance workshop in the estate's basketball court led by Michael Chanda, and children placed illuminated Christmas trees around the estate.

The socially distanced event, called 'Winter Surprise', was organised by Creative Places MacUilliam – an 18-month programme funded by the Arts

Council which centres on bringing the arts to the estate.

Jennifer Webster from Tallaght Community Arts, which is delivering the programme, told *The Echo*: "We had great fun on Saturday.

"There was a great coming together of the community, where we used the estate differently – having a dance workshop in the basketball court probably hasn't happened before.

"The atmosphere was very exciting and fun. The feedback was that the community had a great time."

The event was funded by South Dublin County Council's Local Live Performance Support Scheme, and is

one of many events that Creative Places MacUilliam plans to hold over the next 14 months.

"There are going to be many events throughout the next year with Creative Places MacUilliam," explained Jennifer.

"What we're doing is a research project to see what arts initiatives the community in MacUilliam would like to have, and to give them a taster of different projects.

"It's community-led and hugely collaborative."

For further information, visit the Creative Places MacUilliam Facebook page.



**GREAT FUN:** Children with their community Christmas tree in MacUilliam Estate



**OUT FRONT:** Michael Chanda leading his dance workshop

## Calls to reverse parking charges decision

THERE are calls to reverse the decision to apply "unnecessary" parking charges on Saturdays at a metered car park on Old Bawn Road.

Local councillor Charlie O'Connor, along with other members of the Tallaght Area Committee, requested the reversal of the decision at a recent council meeting, stating that it is a "blow to the traders".

The parking charges, which are at the metered car park on Oldbawn Road at its junction with Mountain Park, are at a cost of €1 per hour Monday to Saturday.

The charges were implemented by South Dublin County Council under their new Bye Laws contract in May this year, after a public consultation period. In their response to the request, the council stated that one location or element of the Bye Laws cannot be changed in isolation, and any proposed changes would require a full review of the Bye Law's in its entirety.

# Caoimhe loved her experience with *The Echo* and picked up some skills

MY NAME is Caoimhe Nic Aoidh, I'm a Transition Year student in Coláiste De hÍde and I recently did work experience in *The Echo* through an Inspiring the Future programme.

I was so scared to do my work experience in November at first. I was scared to leave school for two weeks and work in an area with people I didn't know who were much older than me and doing things I didn't know how to do.

Working in *The Echo* in Tallaght really taught me a lot of lessons. I got to learn a lot of helpful skills I can use later on in life in different work environments.

Unfortunately, on my third day in the office my family got Covid so I couldn't finish my work experience in person, but doing it online was still fun and a great experience.

Here's how my few days in the office went.

On my first day Emma gave me a tour of their office space and told me all about marketing and what they do and how they do it. I learned that they keep a list of all the local businesses that pay a weekly or yearly fee to have an advert for their business published in *The Echo*.

I got a chance to see all of the businesses that advertise in *The Echo* and I was given the task of going through old business lists and update them with new phone numbers and emails for local businesses in Tallaght, Lucan and Ballyfermot.

I got to answer the phone at the main desk and speak to people and help them with any problems they had, or transfer them over to anyone they needed to speak to. I got to interact with people both over the phone and in person. I think I picked up a lot of skills from answering the phone and speaking to people.

Now I know how to answer a phone politely and calmly when speaking to customers or business partners in any business I work in, in the future.

My dad used to work remotely during the start of the pandemic and I know that it was hard. Not being able to just take two steps and ask your colleague a question and instead having to pick up the phone and call them or email them.

So, when I found out I had Covid and had to work from home I was so nervous. I thought I wasn't going to be able to do the work and was probably going to do the tasks wrong.

The first day I was working from home wasn't bad at all. I was just continuing with the same task I had done the day before in the office. I actually found it more relaxing. I was able to sit at my own desk with my own laptop doing the work I was given – emailing my colleagues was really easy and I always got a fast reply.

I really enjoyed the two weeks I spent with Emma and Aisling in *The Echo* and hope to see them again one day.



**ENJOYED:** Work experience was very positive for Caoimhe



# Kebab skewer lodged in puppy's stomach

## Eight-month-old puppy saved by emergency surgery

IT WAS a lucky escape for an eight-month-old puppy who had to be saved by emergency surgery after a kebab skewer became wedged in her stomach and penetrated her liver.

Luna, a young Belgian shepherd puppy, was rushed to My Vet in Firhouse after her owner Aoife Kelly found a raw swelling on her stomach which turned out to be a sharp kebab skewer penetrating through her abdomen and was piercing her liver.

Luna had began vomiting two days prior to Aoife discovering the swelling, which had initially alarmed her. When Luna was brought into the vet in Firhouse, the swelling was quickly investigated and an ultrasound scan confirmed the horrific injury.

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Speaking about the discovery, vet Sarah Martin, who took charge of the case with vet nurse Sarah O'Malley, said: "Luna's owner said she may have sneakily eaten a chicken kebab on a stick a few days before."

"She'd been vomiting for a couple of days but then her owner noticed the swelling around the left side of her body and brought her into My Vet."

"We performed an exploratory laparotomy to try to locate the skewer and discovered the sharp end had penetrated through the stomach wall, through part of her liver and then pinned her stomach to her body wall."

The vets proceeded to remove

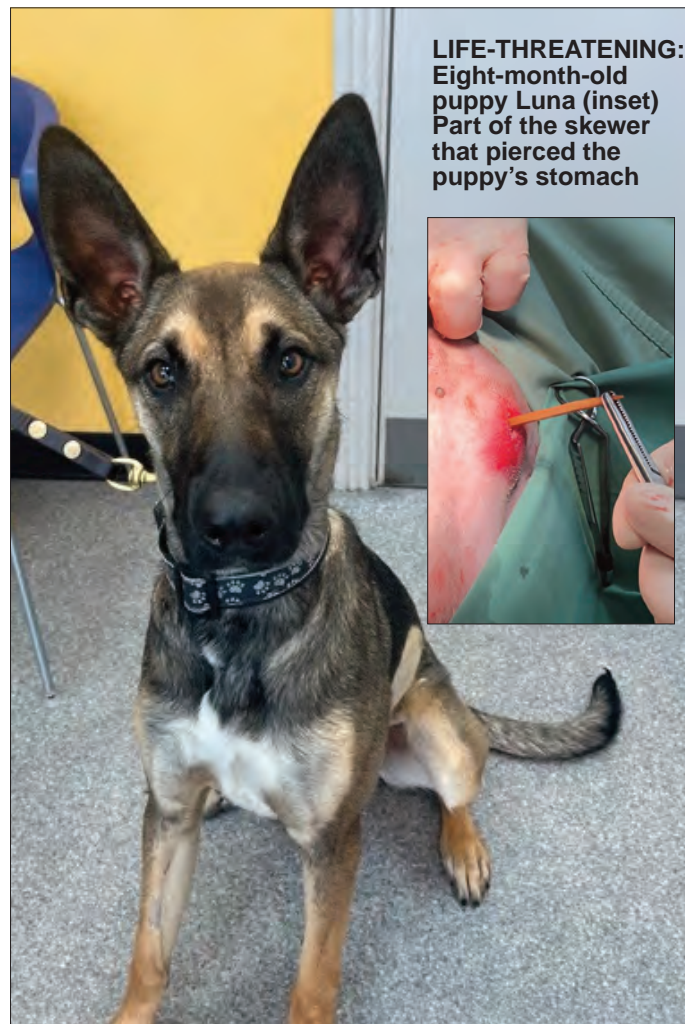
the skewer, which was a complex task that required them cutting it in the centre to free up each end and pulling the pointed end through the skin externally and opening the stomach itself to remove the other end of the skewer.

According to Sarah, injuries like Luna's can often lead to infection around the abdominal organs, however fortunately for the pup, Luna's body had formed a seal around the openings preventing any major infection from spreading.

"These types of incidents can be dangerous, even life-threatening, as a skewer can penetrate through any part of intestines or in some extreme cases, can enter the chest cavity," she warned.

Much to Luna's owner Aoife's relief, little Luna has made an incredible recovery since her surgery and fully recovered just ten days later and back to "causing mischief" according to Aoife.

She said: "Luna recovered brilliantly from her surgery at My Vet, having bounced back after two weeks and is now well and truly back to herself."



**LIFE-THREATENING:** Eight-month-old puppy Luna (inset) Part of the skewer that pierced the puppy's stomach

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## Town Twinning gets boost of €20k

A SUM of €20,000 for Town Twinning was included in South Dublin County Council's Draft Annual Budget for 2022 to create a fund that would see the council collaborate with a council in Northern Ireland.

The funding was included in the estimates by the Chief Executive that would see the council collaborate with a council in Northern Ireland to facilitate a series of conversations on their "shared future" at the budget meeting in November this year.

The council currently has formal twinning arrangements in place with the London Borough of Brent and Kreis Segeberg in Germany. It also has a 'sister cities agreement' with Tampa, Florida.

# Concert raises over €1,000 for Sharing is Caring cause

## Artists United Against Homelessness entertained the crowds

By Aileen O'Flaherty  
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A CHRISTMAS concert held in the Scientology Centre in Firhouse last Friday night raised over €1,000 for a local community group that helps the homeless, called Sharing is Caring Dublin 24.

The Artists United Against Homelessness concert featured performances by Stephen Leeson, the Dublin City Ramblers, Davie Furey, Aoife Duignan, Nathan Byrne, The Feekers and Xquisite Dance.

The performance by Xquisite Dance, who were finalists in 'Ireland's Got Talent' in 2018, also had a particular resonance as the founder of Sharing is Caring, Linda Maritza, was previously in the group with her daughter.

Xquisite Dance's performance was choreographed by dance teacher and 'Dancing with the Stars Ireland' professional dancer John Nolan.

"I am really delighted that Linda invited us here tonight to be able to perform," said John.

"Linda was part of Xquisite Dance with her daughter Chloe. She was with us for a number of years."

"Linda was a huge part of Xquisite Dance when she was part of it. And as you can see when she is part of anything, she does everything 100 per cent."

"She is able to rally the troops, which she has shown us tonight as well."

Linda leads a team of volunteers who provide meals, food packages, toiletries

and clothing to people in need under the banner of Sharing is Caring Dublin 24.

The group holds a twice-weekly food table at the walkway beside the McDonald's Drive-Thru in Tallaght, where they provide 50 to 70 meals a night, and they have also held a large Christmas dinner on Wednesday evening.

A total of €1,371 was raised for the group on the night, which will be used to provide hot meals, as well as packaged foods, toiletries and clothing for people in need.

The group receives support from many local businesses and groups in the community, including Sacred Heart FC in Killinarden which has provided them with much-needed storage space for donations.

Sharing is Caring also received a €2,000 donation from AIC Paints to keep their van running for the next two years, members of the community have donated, and Carrolls Butchers in Aylesbury added a donation of €250 to the group's meat account.

Talking about the work of her team over the past year, Linda said: "The saddest thing, I think, what we've all noticed this year was that we didn't just have homeless people, we had people who just couldn't afford to eat anymore."

"We try to provide for anyone in need. We give takeaway dinners. And if someone cannot come to the table, we send meals for them with the lads who come by or go down and get them meals."

The event also saw the release of a single, 'It's Christmas Time', by performer and producer Kenneth O'Regan in aid of Sharing is Caring.



**CARING:** Sean McGuinness, Santa, Sharing Is Caring Founder Linda Shortt Maritza and volunteer Nicola Fennell



**HELPING OUT:** Dancing With The Stars professional dancer John Nolan with Stephen Leeson and Finbar Coady

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# Citywest operating walk-in booster clinics over the coming weeks

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CITYWEST Vaccination Centre are operating various walk-in booster vaccination clinics which will be published on the HSE's website and Twitter page as the booster programme ramps up.

The walk-in clinic is operating at different hours over the coming weeks and available days and times for those eligible to receive their booster jab will be published and updated on the HSE's website and the HSE Twitter page daily.

Since last Sunday, walk-in boosters are now available for the first time for everyone over 40 in vaccination centres, GPs and pharmacies. Initially the date for the over 40's cohort to receive their booster jab was December 27 but has been brought forward amid growing concerns over the Omicron

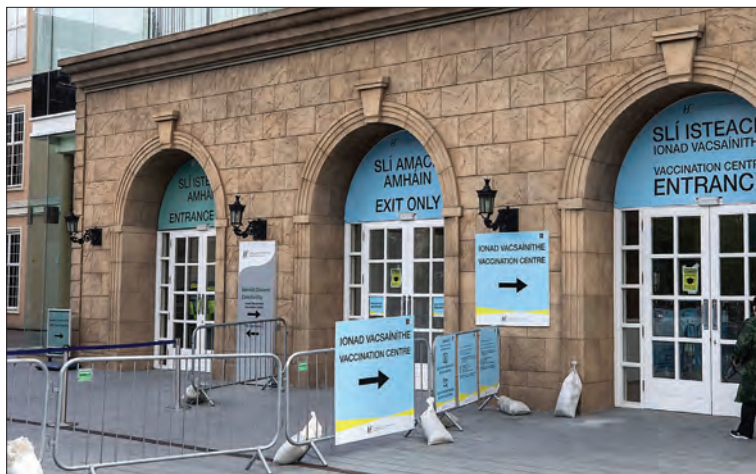
variant.

The walk-in booster clinics are currently open for people aged 40 years and older, pregnant women and healthcare workers at certain vaccination centres. The booster is available for those who had their last dose more than 90 days ago.

Citywest Vaccination Centre are currently doing dose 1 and dose 2 walk-in clinics but you can register online to get an appointment on the HSE's website.

Walk-in testing for Covid-19 is not available at the moment, but you can book a free PCR test online or through your GP. There is a list of test centres available to choose from when you book online through the HSE website.

Up to date queue times for all vaccination clinics including Citywest are available on the HSE's Twitter page and will be updated regularly which people are encouraged to check it before arriving at the centre.



CLINICS: The vaccination centre in Citywest

# 'We were in a pandemic before this pandemic'

## Mother Sinead helps launch the Family Carer Scorecard outside the Dail

By Hayden Moore

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WITH the launch of the Family Carer Scorecard, a metric for reviewing the Programme for Government's commitment to family carers, a mother described how families are "suffering".

Family Carers Ireland got together with family carers from across the country to examine the Government's progress in implementing commitments made in the Programme for Government.

This Family Carer Scorecard scored 18 commitments which are clear, measurable and have the potential to significantly improve the quality of life of family carers and those they care for.

Of those 18 commitments, five were given a score of 'regressive', seven a score of 'no progress', four received a score of 'limited progress', two received a score of 'good progress' with zero 'commitment achieved' scores.

Sinead Tighe is the full-time carer for her son Daniel, who is one of around 40 children in Ireland born with a rare genetic disorder called Sotos Syndrome.

The Tallaght woman became a key figure within the community in 2017 when their family went public with their struggles to provide a better quality of life for Daniel.

"When you look at it, the excuse used for the loss of services is Covid-19," Sinead explains.

"But Covid is just the latest excuse in a long line of excuses.

"It was that there was no funding, then it was there was nobody in place, the recruitment wasn't there, now it's Covid.

"We were in a pandemic before

this pandemic, that's the best way I could explain it.

"The services just aren't good enough, we've had no respite, there's no assessment of needs, no interventions and carers from all walks of life are seriously struggling.

"The point of the Family Carer Scorecard is to highlight that we're a year and half into this Government's lifecycle and nothing has improved, in a lot of circumstances things have regressed.

"We need to keep that focus on the Government to let them know that they made these commitments but families are still suffering so bad with the inadequate services.

"The services need to be looked at, and I mean seriously looked at so that they can be fixed."

A reduction in waiting times for assessment of needs, work to develop a pension solution for family carers that recognises their important work, increasing the income and capital disregard for Carer's Allowance and the piloting of a statutory home care scheme were viewed as improvements with the scorecard.

However, it was found through the scorecard that there were several shortcomings in the commitments made in the Programme for Government.

Among the shortcomings were the lack of review of the National Carers' Strategy and extending the remit of the National Treatment Purchase Fund to ensure timely assessment for children and adult psychological services.

Shortcomings were also found in the provision of additional residential places, respite, day



LAUNCH: Former Tallaght Person of the Year Sinead Tighe outside government buildings at the launch of the Family Carer Scorecard

services and supports for adults with physical, sensory, and intellectual disability and autism throughout the country.

Family carers face immense challenges every day and with the Covid-19 pandemic stymying the

Government's efforts, Family Carers Ireland believe now is the time to re-up on their commitments.

"With the Government having now completed the first quarter of its term in office, it is imperative

that we refocus and redouble our efforts towards ensuring that the ambitions of the Programme for Government are realised," said Catherine Cox, Head of Communications and Policy, Family Carers Ireland.

## Ukulele group raise funds for charity

A LOCAL ukulele group released a remotely recorded song this week to raise funds for charity, after they had to cancel a number of busking events as a result of the pandemic.

Twenty-five members of the 100-strong Rathfarnham Ukulele Group (RUGS) took part in the remote recording of 'The Christmas Song', which also includes a saxophone player and a drummer.

The video was posted on YouTube on Tuesday, and included links to donation pages for Vincent De Paul, The Peter McVerry Trust, Special Olympics Ireland and Stewarts Care.

Audrey Caulfield from RUGS told *The Echo*: "We did all of our parts individually, then Caoilinn and Derek Handley put the video together.

"Derek suggested that we should do the video, because we had loads of gigs where we were planning to busk for Christmas but because of Covid we couldn't do them, so we put out the video instead."

Less than 24 hours after it was posted, the video had already been viewed more than 400 times and Audrey hopes people will enjoy the video – and perhaps donate to the group's chosen charities.

"The charities [linked in the video] are the ones we fundraise for every year," she explained.

"We're delighted with how many times the video has been viewed. I hope everybody likes it and shares it so people can see it, and maybe donate to the charities."

Audrey added: "Recording the video was great fun, it was a bit of craic.

"I hope the video brings a bit of cheer to people and makes them think they could do something like that – grab an aul ukulele and join the group when we're up and running again."

'RUGS do The Christmas Song' is on YouTube now. To find out more, follow RUGS Ukulele on Facebook.



# Commuters ‘disconnected’ after BusConnect Phase 2 launched

The replacement of the 25 route with X30 leaves many with a sense of frustration

By **Maurice Garvey**

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PHASE 2 of BusConnects, which launched at the end of November, has led to improvements but also “disconnected” many commuters in Lucan and Chapelizod.

Residents in Dodsboro/Hillcrest have lost a direct bus to the city centre and a vital bus stop at SuperValu – after the culling of the 25 route and its replacement the X30 which only operates at peak times.

TD Gino Kenny (PBP) said: “We made numerous submissions to BusConnects consultations raising the issue of the removal of the 25 bus. I was very disappointed to see the NTA going ahead with this decision. It leaves many people having to get two separate buses to get to the city centre. I’m calling on the NTA to consider increasing the services on the new X30 bus and to look at re-instating the bus stop at SuperValu.”

Cllr Madeleine Johansson (PBP) said the Shackleton/Dodsboro area is “completely left out apart from the local buses”.

“I have been told by South Dublin County Council that they are very keen to see buses going down the new Adamstown Boulevard, which is due to open in late January 2022.”

Cllr Liona O’Toole (Ind) said these older routes “served a purpose” and were taken away without consultation with on-the-ground bus drivers and commuters.

“During a presentation to the council back in 2016, the talk was all about enhancement, but at no stage did they talk about taking away routes.”



**ANGER:** Lucan residents at an outdoor public meeting hosted by TD Gino Kenny last November

Cllr O’Toole said Phase 2 does not include residents living in new Adamstown estates, and the overall plan still lacks a route from Lucan to Tallaght.

“It is an awful shame, and is bypassing them at the moment. They should not have launched this in November, and instead waited until after Christmas,” she said.

Councillor Derren

Ó Brádaigh said the new feeder L51 and L52 buses are “welcome routes” but do not address the absence of a bus to service for Shackleton or Hallwell.

“There is a very palpable sense of frustration from folks that their earlier concerns were totally ignored, amongst the 72,000 submissions as part of the public consultation,” he said.

“The need for the opening of Adamstown Boulevard and a suitable location for a turning circle must be urgently addressed in order to bring a bus service right into Shackleton. This is a ‘here and now’ issue that needs immediate thinking by South Dublin County Council, Dublin Bus and

importantly the developer in question.”

Under the BusConnects C Spine plan, Chapelizod will see one bus service replacing six – meaning the loss of a direct bus connection to Lucan, Loxlip and Maynooth, according to TD Bríd Smith.

Meanwhile, the L54 bus route, which connects the Red Cow Luas Platform to Fonthill and Lucan Village, has been hailed as a positive.

Cllr Eoin Ó Broin (Ind) said: “With 90-minute ticketing if you take the L54 to the Luas or train, you do not have to pay again as it will be within the time your ticket is valid for. There will be further new routes coming next year as well.”

**“We made numerous submissions to BusConnects consultations raising the issue of the removal of the 25 bus . . . It leaves many people having to get two separate buses to get to the city centre.”**

## Report request denied on laneway network because ‘council does not have sufficient resources’ to gather information

A REQUEST for a comprehensive report on the laneway network in Palmerstown was denied by South Dublin County Council, on the basis that it does not have the resources, *reports Maurice Garvey.*

The main issues surrounding the large network of laneways in the area, concern littering, neglect, anti-social activity, and private ownership of various sections of lanes, which muddy the waters.

Cllr Guss O’Connell (Ind) submitted the request on behalf of residents at this week’s local area meeting, but was appalled by the response from a local authority, who are committed to spending over €750m on its capital programme 2022-24.

“If I had a gast, it would be flabbergasted,” said Cllr O’Connell.

“The people living in houses backing onto the laneways, are paying property tax, and they feel neglected. To be told the council can’t be bothered, I couldn’t believe the response.

“They expect me, a part-time volunteer and others, to check it out.”

O’Connell requested a report on the laneway network in Palmerstown to include which lanes are under the control of the council, which portions

are owned by third parties privately, and the deterioration of sections deemed to be hazardous for pedestrians and cyclists.

In response, South Dublin County Council said: “The volume of work requested by this motion would require the services of a full-time referencer to gather this information. The council does not have sufficient resources available to undertake this.

“If there is a specific laneway that is of particular interest then we can endeavour to gather this information.”

Cllr O’Connell, a long-serving representative, believes the “terrible” response forms part of a worrying trend for local politics.

“Throughout the years, and this is no reflection on any one individual, I have found it is getting more difficult to get things done,” he said.

“We have a number of functions, the Budget and the County Development Plan, but they are not our only concerns. We represent residents, and laneways are a big issue in Palmerstown. Successive councils over the last 20/25 years have not done the work, and now it requires a concerted effort. I will be going back to them.”



**PROBLEMS:** Aerial view of Palmerstown laneways



Green Eye

# Nature on our doorsteps

Rosaleen Dwyer is the County Heritage Officer at South Dublin County Council – every week she gives us an insight into the natural heritage around us and the beautiful biodiversity of the plants and creatures



# The rhythms of nature



WINTER COAT: Autumn's shortening days trigger a horse's coat to grow thicker before winter arrives

THE winter solstice on Tuesday 21st December was the shortest day of the year, with the least number of daylight hours. This day marks the turning of the year when Nature's annual cycle begins again. From now on, the hours of daylight are slowly increasing again, heading towards springtime and new growth.

The solstice marks the Celtic New Year when the natural rhythm of the change in daylength and the start of a new season is a time for celebration and hope.

These seasonal rhythms affect plants and animals. In autumn, mammals automatically respond to the shortening days by growing thicker winter fur. Other animals gain weight in preparation for hibernation.

Migratory birds instinctively fly south where days are longer and warmer. Some plants like the Christmas Cactus will only flower when daylight is less than 12 hours long – just right for our mid-winter light levels.

Humans also experience natural rhythms. Our bodies have an internal 24-hour body clock which governs our patterns of sleep and wakefulness. These 'circadian rhythms' affect our hormone levels and our core body temperature. We are most aware of them when we act against them, such as when we need to work night shifts or when we suffer jetlag after flying outside our natural time zones.

Keeping step with Nature's rhythms certainly suits our bodies and our minds better.



SEASONAL RHYTHM: The Christmas Cactus is programmed to only flower when day length is less than 12 hours long



# Tallaght – Are you Coming out to Play?

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TALLAGHT – Are you Coming out to Play? is the name of a locally made video that captures the energy and team spirit of a community always on the ball.

Produced by Tallaght Community Council (TCC), the video is the second in a series of Love Tallaght Outdoor productions, which aim to celebrate Tallaght in the absence of Tallafest.

In August, TCC released its first video, which wove 4,000 years of Tallaght's history into an epic poem, written by local historian and TCC member Albert Perris.

Growing up in Seskin View, Albert has crafted another story that this time takes us on a journey through Tallaght today, stopping off to visit residents, groups and clubs along the way.

The 10-minute video is nostalgic and relatable and will connect with anyone who has ever knocked on a friend's door on a long, warm, summer's day and asked – 'Are you coming out to play?'

All corners of Tallaght feature in the video, showcasing the many recreational opportunities from parks to trails, pitches to ponds and historical landmarks to coffee spots.

Alongside familiar streets, waterways, fields, and hills are the people who live, work, and play here, including members of Killinarden Angling Initiative, St Mark's GAA, St Mark's Taekwondo, Bohernabreena Pitch and Putt, Tallaght RFC, Friends of Tymon Park, Tallaght FC, Thomas Davis GAA, and Friarstown Allotments.

According to Tara De Buitlear, voluntary TCC PRO, the two videos

were made possible by the work of the TCC committee, videographer Fernanda Areis, support of local business and an enormous volunteer effort across the community.

The videos feature over 200 Tallaght people, showcasing "our environment and embodying much we are proud of in Tallaght," Tara said.

She added: "TCC are proud of the videos and urge everyone to watch them – young and old.

"They illustrate a Tallaght not mentioned in mainstream media enough, the lesser spotted Tallaght."

Tallaght – Are you Coming out to Play? was launched online following a private screening in the Civic Theatre on Thursday, December 16.

In the first three days of it being

launched, the video was viewed more than 2,000 times.

"If you are sending digital Christmas wishes to friends and family, why not send them the videos by email, messenger, Tweet or text message," Tara said.

TCC wished to thank AWS in Communities for partnering with them on the project and the Civic Theatre for hosting the private screening.

"A final thanks also to everyone who took part, gave of their time and talent to create these videos and our Christmas wish is that it will now travel the world flying the flag for Tallaght," Tara said.

The videos are live to view and share on the TCC YouTube.com channel and TCC's social media platforms.



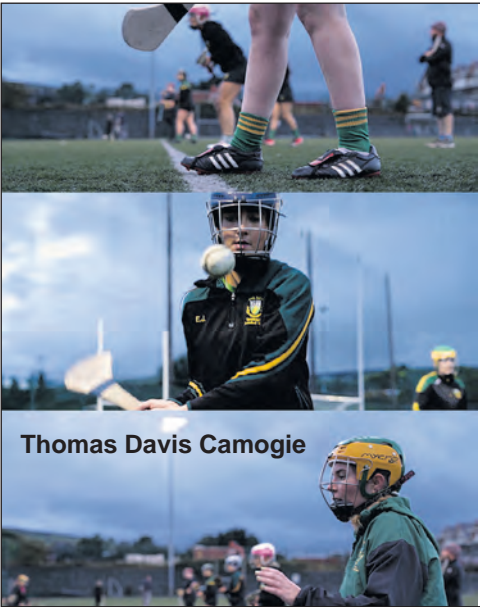
THE FRIEND: Rose O'Keeffe plays the part of the friend



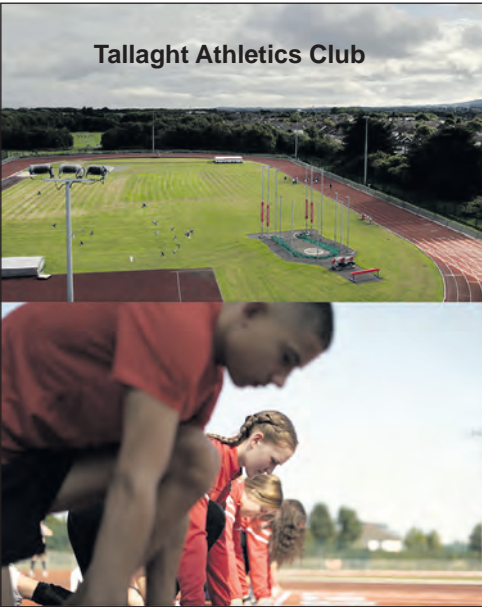


THE KID: Oisín Crenier who plays the kid in the TCC video 'Are You Coming Out to Play'

was launched online following a private screening in the Civic Theatre



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# Santa gets on his bike to add to festive cheer

Local residents invited up to the BMX club at Le Fanu skate park



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A SANTA cycle added to the Christmas atmosphere in Ballyfermot over the weekend.

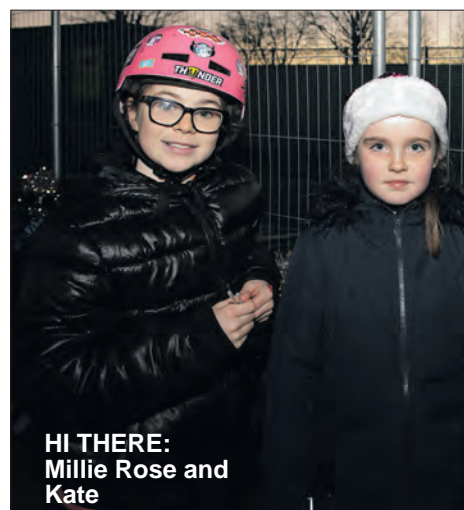
Luke Costello, from Ballyfermot Youth Service, donned the outfit after deciding to add a bit of festive cheer to the community in the lead-up to Christmas.

Residents were invited to the BMX club at Le Fanu Park on Saturday, prior to Luke setting out on a Santa cycle.

Youngsters wore Christmas attire and Santa hats, enjoying the festive lights at the club.

Luke took off on his cycle, taking in Cherry Orchard, Ballyfermot, and stopping at a few strategic points along the way, to sing Christmas carols at some local houses.

The BMX club manage the skate park in the park, and its members, including Luke, volunteer to maintain the facility, via organised clean-ups each and every morning and evening.



## Good Morning Tallaght

A TALLAGHT-based community group will be launching a new service next month, where a team of volunteers will assist people in the area with errands like shopping, grass-cutting and changing lightbulbs.

The service, called Good Morning Tallaght, will be run by A Helping Hand, which is well-known for providing food hampers to people in need in the community.

However, Good Morning Tallaght will be open to all who need support and help with various tasks and a team of 15 volunteers have already signed up to assist.

Dermot Richardson from A Helping Hand, who is also a Tallaght South Sinn Féin councillor, told *The Echo*: "We're setting up Good Morning Tallaght to support the community."

"And it's not just for the elderly, it's for anyone who feels isolated. We have a team of volunteers who will assist people with things like shopping, cutting grass and changing lightbulbs."

Cllr Richardson said that when A Helping Hand was delivering over 3,500 meals to people in need in the community last summer, he became aware of a need for a service like Good Morning Tallaght.

"We felt that there was a need for a service like this," he explained. "There were people whose parents didn't want them coming to the house because of Covid."

This meant that a lot of people were limited in the practical support they could offer their parents, said Cllr Richardson, and this service aims to plug that gap.

"We just want to provide support to people in the community who feel vulnerable or isolated," he added.

Good Morning Tallaght will be launched in mid-January, while people who are interested in volunteering for the service can contact Cllr Richardson on 087 203 6468.

# Weightwatchers Ireland is ending all workshops from end of December

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WW IRELAND, formerly known as Weightwatchers Ireland, have announced that they are ceasing all workshops and other business operations on December 31, 2021 as WW International, Inc. say that they will "evaluate future potential WW offerings in Ireland".

In a statement released by WW on their website, they said that there is "no timeline" as to when any WW offerings will resume in Ireland, but members are welcome to continue to engage with WW GBR Limited, which is an affiliate of WW International, to access digital tools.

The statement read: "WW International, Inc. is acquiring WW Ireland. In connection with this acquisition, WW Ireland is ceasing all Workshops (In-Person and Virtual) and other business operations (At

Home) in Ireland as of 31st December 2021. Your WW Ireland Workshop membership will end on 31st December 2021."

The statement added that members who already have an active digital account with WW GBR, that account will automatically be extended free of charge until March 1, 2022 and will also provide all members with a free digital pass to access the web-based tools until March 1, 2023.

The news comes as a massive blow for Weightwatchers coaches and leaders, with many posting online since the announcement speaking about their sadness and devastation at the news of the closure.

Weightwatchers has been running in Ireland in different communities for decades, with weekly meetings taking place in places such as Firhouse Community Leisure Centre, Brookfield Youth and Community Centre, Rua Red and have been holding virtual workshops throughout the pandemic.



DEVASTATION: Venues such as Rua Red will be effected

**“The news comes as a massive blow for Weightwatchers coaches and leaders, with many posting online since the announcement speaking about their sadness and devastation at the news of the closure**



# ‘Putting on the style’ every day for Special Day of Flying for children

Mad gear is the order of the day for Claudia who loves to make people laugh

By Aimee Walsh  
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A LUCAN mum is dressing up in full festive gear every day in the lead-up to Christmas to raise money for a charity that is close to her heart.

Claudia Gelling has gotten used to the funny looks from people by now, as she has been dressing up since the start of November with fairy lights, crazy Christmas jumpers, reindeer antlers, in a penguin costume, and even as a full Christmas dinner.

While the costumes are sure to get a laugh from onlookers as Claudia pops to the shops or does the school run, it's all for a good cause as she is raising money for the charity 'Special Day of Flying', which organises a day of aircraft flights for children with disabilities and life-limiting conditions.

'The Special Day of Flying' is one that is close to Claudia's heart as she has four children with autism who have all got to experience the day of flying with the charity.

"Every year I do something mad – I did a 5km walk dressed as Mrs Brown and had my long hair chopped off, so this year I was thinking what else can I do," Claudia told *The Echo*.

"This year has been crappy, so I

wanted to be able to make people laugh the whole time."

Donning a new outfit everyday since the beginning of November, Claudia explains that she has gotten so used to wearing the festive get-ups that sometimes she forgets and is confused by people's reactions.

"I just go about my daily business getting the kids from school or doing my shopping or whatever it is," she explained. "I was in Boots the other



DRESSED UP: Claudia Gelling

day and this man came up to me and asked me where Santa's Grotto was and I just replied, 'the North Pole'? – I completely forgot that I was dressed up."

Speaking about the charity she is raising money for, Claudia says that the day is one to look forward to for the children that allows them and their families to experience a once-in-a-lifetime day away from any struggles they may be facing.

"I have four children with special needs, and we don't go stay in hotels or go away, shopping to Liffey Valley is even a big struggle for us – we don't get to do many things as a family," she explained.

"This day is a day where they get an experience where they go up on a light aircraft or a helicopter and they have a little flight, and the children just love it. The gardai come down and bring their horses and so many pilots from all over Ireland volunteer – it is just an amazing day.

"From the tip-top of the sky it is a day full of acceptance and nothing else matters and nobody bats an eye – we are all in the same boat."

To follow Claudia's Journey or to donate to her fundraiser you can check out her GoFundMe at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-special-day-of-flying-charity>



FUN COSTUMES: Claudia dresses up for a great cause

## Echo reception is working remotely

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Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> CLOSED

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> CLOSED

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> CLOSED (New Year's Eve)

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## Tributes paid to Clondalkin Animal Clinic veterinarian

By Maurice Garvey  
maurice@echo.ie

TRIBUTES have poured in for popular veterinarian Garrett Freyne, who died on December 19.

Mr Freyne was a well-known and much-liked vet, who built many a relationship with the community via his work at Clondalkin Animal Clinic.

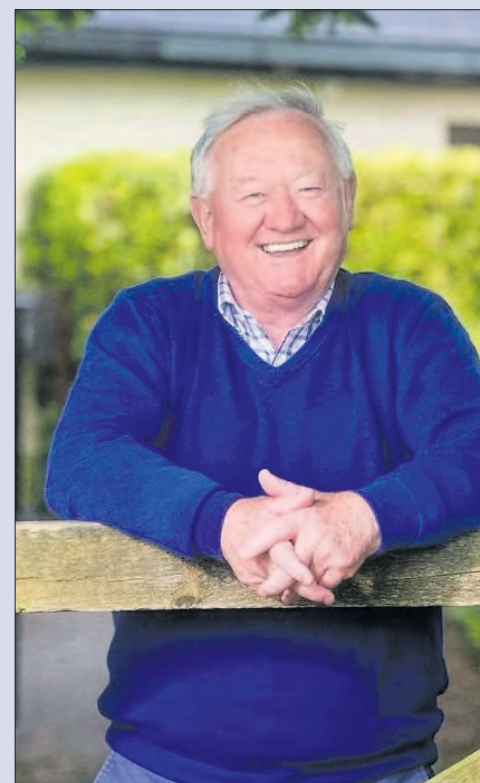
Many residents expressed their admiration for Mr Freyne on social media, who was described as a "great man", a "fantastic vet" who "always had time for a chat" and someone who looked after their pets with great care and expertise.

A message on RIP.ie said Mr Freyne, of Ardclough, Straffan and formerly of Clondalkin, died peacefully after a short illness.

"Beloved husband of Anna and much loved father of Sallyann, Jeannie, John, Tom, Aoife, Áine, and Caoimhe in heaven. Garrett will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his heartbroken wife, sons, daughters, his adored eight grandchildren and extended family and friends."

The repose of his remains took place on Tuesday at Massey Brothers funeral home, Clondalkin village.

Garrett's funeral took place on Wednesday in St Anne's Church, Ardclough, followed by burial in Straffan Cemetery.



DEEPLY MISSED: Garrett Freyne

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## Seasonal safety tips for our readers . . .

Dear Editor,  
I WOULD Like to mention some safety tips which may help over Christmas.

My son's dog left his Christmas tree in a very bad state while he was out shopping.

Should you have pets and young children, the following tips will help you have a happy Christmas –

1. When your tree is completed and ready to go on show, tie a

piece of string to a small hook on the ceiling. Then attach it to the top branch of your tree with a piece of string. The tackhole will be very small and barely visible. This should secure your tree from toppling over should your pet or children bump into it.

2. Turn lights off going to bed. Do not leave pet in the same room should you have to leave the house, and close door of room with tree.

Remember, we cannot be too careful at this time of year.

Be safe, be happy this Christmas.

Happy Christmas to all.

Yours sincerely,

M. Morrissey,

Killinarden, Tallaght.

P.S. *The Echo* is a joy to read. I've been a fervent reader since moving to Tallaght 40 years ago.

## Will we be able to travel without risk at Christmas?

Dear Editor,  
GIVEN The limited window for Christmas travel to see family, it raises the prospect of gridlocked roads and packed Luas trams, risking further spreading of the virus. Planned railway upgrade works over the period could compound any problems.

Although it will not be a normal Christmas, people need to make a careful judgment about visiting elderly relatives, because this virus is obviously not going to grant a Christmas truce. Omicron virus doesn't know it's Christmas.

Dublin Airport Authority (DAA), which runs Dublin Airport, expects 850,000 travellers over the 12 days of Christmas. That's up 235,000 passengers who travelled last year, when air traffic was curtailed by Covid-19, but down 42 per cent on 2019, when 1.5m came and returned.

Between now and Tuesday, January 4, 45,000 people will use the airport daily with the busiest two 24-hour periods on Sunday, December 19, and Thursday, December 23.

To cope with potential festive surge, passengers are obliged to complete a passenger locator form online before touching down in Ireland.

Does the negative result have to be from a PCR test? What about antigen tests? If passengers are not vaccinated they must furnish a negative PCR result. They must also furnish a negative PCR result if they are travelling from any "scheduled state" – currently seven African countries – regardless of their vaccination status.

The clock starts ticking the moment they undergo the test and halts the moment they arrive, not the moment they are scheduled to arrive or the moment they are scheduled to leave their country of departure.

Yours sincerely,

Gerry Coughlan, Kilnamanagh.



**CROWDED:** The Luas will be packed out with people travelling this Christmas

## Thanks for helping the poor of the world!

Dear Editor,  
DESPITE all the difficulties we have faced close to home over the past year, it has been inspiring that so many of your readers remain steadfast in their commitment to helping those living in poverty around the world – through their support for Christian Aid Ireland.

The arrival on our shores of the Omicron variant is another reminder of the need to vaccinate the whole world. However, for millions around the globe, coronavirus is not the only – or even the worst – crisis they face. Conflict and climate change are powerful drivers of poverty, and millions in countries such as Afghanistan and South Sudan have been caught between the effects of both.

Political instability in Afghanistan, combined with the worst drought in 27 years, have worsened the country's hunger crisis. We have all been moved by the heart-breaking scenes as starving Afghan families do all they can to try to feed their families. We have even seen the most desperate contemplate selling their own children to buy food.

Christian Aid has worked in Afghanistan for around 30 years and we are responding still, by providing food packages to some of the most vulnerable. We are working hard to press governments to allow more humanitarian aid.

I want to thank your readers for the sacrifices they make to share what they have with those who have so little. Their exceptional generosity is bringing hope to communities struggling.

Yours sincerely,

Rosamond Bennett,

Chief Executive, Christian Aid Ireland.

## Does anyone know Ann McCluskey?

Dear Editor,  
I AM TRYING to identify the address of one Ann McCluskey who lives in Old Bawn.

For the second year in a row a Christmas card addressed to her (incorrectly) has been redirected to my address.

Last year I placed it back in the post marked 'return to sender' but this year a new card arrived at my address again.

This time I opened it in the hope of identifying the correct address and found a personal message to Ann from her friend Rita and I would love to be able to pass this on to Ann.

So, if anyone knows an Ann(e) McCluskey who has a friend named Rita could they please phone *The Echo* at 01 4685350 and I will have it delivered.

Yours sincerely,

(Name and address with the Editor.)



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**THANK YOU:** Emma Kennedy, managing director, *The Echo*

# Merry Christmas from *The Echo Newspaper*



**SPECIAL YEAR:** Echo staff gather in person to mark Christmas 2021 after a year of working remotely

Firstly, thank you to all our local *Echo* readers, print and online and to all the local businesses for your continued support.

Here we are again in our second Christmas navigating through a global pandemic! It has been an extremely tough two years for everyone both personally and in business, with lots of heartache and uncertainty for the entire community.

However the spirit of our communities has shone brighter than ever over these last two years and even more so these last few weeks with the added spirit of Christmas.

*The Echo* is a small family run business and from a personal perspective I am so very proud of what *The Echo* represents to our community, a voice that they can use to share their stories of bravery, courage and happiness and I am so very thankful that the community trust us and share their news with us. From amazing fundraising support, the heartache of the loss of a loved one, community protests, the need for community change or a fantastic new local business start-up, these are the stories that matter

most to you and may not get the coverage they deserve without their local *Echo*.

As a local business we are sincerely grateful to all the retail and commercial businesses in our county that continue to support *The Echo* with continued advertising, without this and our Newspaper buyers *The Echo* could not continue to exist, the business and local community play the biggest role in supporting local journalism and recording the history of our wonderful areas of Tallaght, Clondalkin, Ballyfermot, Lucan and beyond.

We are also very proud to be a local employer, we have an amazing team of journalists, admin staff and production designers, all of whom we would be lost without, to our wonderful loyal and resilient colleagues thank you so much for all you have done for *The Echo* and your communities throughout 2021.

I would like to take this opportunity, from our family to yours, to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful, safe New Year. We look forward to bringing you the real local news that matters in 2022.

**Emma Kennedy, Managing Director**

## Cllr Mick Duff

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*Wishing the people of Tallaght a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and healthy New Year*



**Mick DUFF**  
From the Community and For the Community

## A message of peace and plenty from Mayor Peter Kavanagh

I would like to wish you and yours Season's Greetings and a pleasant and peaceful Christmas. At times when we gather together with family and friends, we ought to take the time to remember those who cannot be with us, and all those who have kept us safe throughout a very difficult period. We owe a massive debt of gratitude to all frontline workers; our doctors, nurses, paramedics, carers, healthcare workers, firefighters and Gardai.

While we endured lockdown after lockdown, the work of South Dublin County Council did not cease, and I am grateful for all the efforts of council staff in making our county a better place to live and work.

To each and every one of you, I want to tell you that I am humbled and honoured to be your Mayor, and I hope you all enjoy Christmas and the New Year. Wishing you peace and plenty in 2022.



**Peter Kavanagh, Mayor of South Dublin County Council**





# GOAL Virtual Mile



## GET YOUR CHRISTMAS OFF TO A CHARITABLE START

by Aileen O'Flaherty / aileen@echo.ie

Players from Shamrock Rovers will take part in this year's GOAL Mile Run in Tallaght on Christmas morning, and participants will also have the opportunity to get their photo taken with the League of Ireland trophy.

The Tallaght event is one of a number of GOAL Mile runs taking place around the county on Christmas Day and St Stephen's Day.

As in previous years, proceeds from the events will go to humanitarian aid charity GOAL to support their fight against poverty around the world.

On Christmas Day, GOAL Mile runs will be held in Eamonn Ceannt Park in Crumlin from 10.30am to 12 noon, and at Tallaght Athletic Club's running track on the Greenhills Road from 9.30am to 12 noon.

John Cullen from Tallaght

AC said: "Every cent raised at the event will help GOAL in their fight against poverty."

"At the moment GOAL have teams working in 13 countries including Ethiopia, Syria and Sierra Leone."

"We have received tremendous support over the years from the people of Tallaght and surrounding areas, who since 2003 have donated over €115,000 to the charity."

"This year GOAL is delighted that our local team, the League of Ireland champions Shamrock Rovers, have come on board to support their local GOAL Mile."

"The league trophy will be present on the track on Christmas morning, as will some of the players."

"This is a great opportunity to come along with your family, run or walk a mile, donate whatever you wish to



At the launch of the Goal Mile are Irish Rugby International Jenny Murphy, Shamrock Rovers' Captain Ronan Finn, award-winning writer Paul Howard, Irish Paralympic athlete Greta Streimikyte and Senior Dublin ladies' footballer Sinead Ahearn

GOAL, and get your photos taken with the trophy.

"There is no need to register – just turn up between 9.30am and 12 noon."

On St Stephen's Day, GOAL Mile runs will be held in Marlay Park in Rathfarnham from 11am to 1pm, and there will also be one

beginning at the Corkagh Park car park in Clondalkin at 12 noon.

The GOAL Mile run is open to everyone to take part in, including people who aren't affiliated with local athletics clubs.

For further information, visit [www.goalglobal.org/goal-mile/](http://www.goalglobal.org/goal-mile/)

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Answer A:..... Answer B:.....

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T&C's Apply. All entrants must be over 18 and a local resident in our catchment areas.

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24th	7am - 6pm
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27th	8:30am - 8pm
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# Interview with Santa

by Aileen O'Flaherty / news@echo.ie



## AS HE PREPARES FOR HIS BUSIEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

**A**head of his round-the-world trip on Christmas Eve, Santa Claus took some time out from his busy schedule for his annual interview with *The Echo*.

Speaking to *The Echo* from his bustling workshop in Lapland, Santa sounded jolly and relaxed as he polished his boots in preparation for his overnight global present drop.

In this exclusive interview, Santa said he is really looking forward to visiting all of the children living in South Dublin County who have been very good this year.

He also reminisced about a time when his reindeers went to visit all of their deer friends who live in the Dublin Mountains.

The Big Man in Red also revealed that he is pleased that the Tanáiste, Leo Varadkar, has confirmed that he is exempt from all travel restrictions as he is fully vaccinated, and that the Department of Trade, Enterprise and Tourism "will leave no stone unturned" to ensure he can carry out his essential work.

While Santa's workshop was very noisy, with elves singing Christmas carols as they worked very hard to finish their toys, *The Echo* had a charming chat with Santa – who sounded very excited about visiting all of the children living in our local communities.

**How has the past year been for you?**

It's been very busy. Christmas may only come once a year but my workshop has a great deal to do from February until December. We have so many toys to make for boys and girls all over the world. The elves have been working hard while wearing masks and social distancing,

and we're all very excited to bring some Christmas cheer to all of the boys and girls.

**This Christmas will be a little different as a result of the pandemic, what advice do you have for the boys and girls to help you bring their gifts safely this year?**

It's very important that the children go to bed early on Christmas Eve, and that there's a two-metre distance between us. While the elves have been working hard to ensure every child will get a present this Christmas, they might not get everything that they asked for in their letters to me this year. But the children in South Dublin County have been so good this year, and myself and the elves have made sure the boys and girls will get presents they'll enjoy!

**Some children are wondering how Santa gets into apartments as there's no chimney?**

Children need to remember that Santa and his reindeers are magic so they can get into any home, even if it doesn't have a chimney. And even if the children can't maintain a two-metre distance from the Christmas tree where I leave the presents, once they're asleep I'll be able to deliver their gifts.

**What preparations do you do the day before the big night?**

I do everything I can to ensure my trip around the world goes smoothly. The elves make sure all the presents are packed into the sleigh and double-check the Christmas lists to make sure no presents have been forgotten. I make sure the reindeer – Prancer, Dancer, Donner, Blitzen,

Dasher, Vixen, Comet and Rudolph – are all fed, happy, healthy and ready to go.

**With all your journeys you have to make on Christmas Eve, would you need more than one Santa suit?**

Since I'm travelling all over the world on Christmas Eve, I have different suits to suit different weather. All my suits look the same but some of them have more white fluff on them for the colder countries. Sometimes I also need a change of suit when I eat too many mince pies and my buttons pop off, or if I get stuck in a chimney and get covered in soot.

**Have you ever got stuck up a chimney?**

I got stuck in a chimney once in Tallaght and I was very lucky the fire wasn't lit. I had eaten a lot of Christmas pudding in a lot of houses and I couldn't fit my full belly down the chimney! The reindeers had to hold Rudolph's back legs and lower him down the chimney so that he could try and push me through. It was a very funny sight and eventually Rudolph managed to push me through and I was able to continue delivering all of my presents.

**How many treats do you eat on Christmas Eve?**

I don't eat all of the treats on Christmas Eve, I bring a lot of them home to Lapland and use Christmas magic to keep them fresh all year round. That way everyone back in the workshop in Lapland can share some of my favourite treats like cookies, mince pies and milk.

**What treats do you like being left out by children?**

Definitely Christmas pudding or a mince pie, and the reindeers love a carrot. I used to like the odd glass of Guinness, but I don't like to drink and fly so, if kids want to leave me out a glass of milk that would be lovely. I have to watch what I eat or I'll get stuck in a chimney again. Last Christmas, I ate too many goodies and all the buttons on my red suit jacket popped off. I actually lost one of my buttons in a house in Clondalkin and I couldn't find it. Maybe it's still there?

**How do you spend your Christmas Day?**

I love spending time with Mrs Claus, the elves and the reindeer on Christmas Day. Our friends the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy usually come over for Christmas dinner as well. As you know I love my treats, but I really look forward to my turkey and vegetables for Christmas dinner, putting my feet up in front of the fire and watching television after a very busy Christmas Eve.

**Any final message for the children?**

Of course, to enjoy their new toys but what I really hope is that all of the children will try and make their parents' Christmas very special. It's not just Santa looking after Christmas you know, all of the mummies, daddies, nannies and grandads really help Santa in making Christmas a special time, so children should give their parents a big Christmas hug and say thank you.

I wish all of the children reading *The Echo* and their families a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2022 . . . and remember to go to bed early on Christmas Eve. Ho, Ho, Ho!



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# Safe home this Christmas



## CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER SGT. CIARAN MCLOUGHLIN'S ADVICE

by Aileen O'Flaherty / aileen@echo.ie

Every winter, the number of burglaries increases as the darker evenings draw in, but there are a number of measures people can take to protect their homes and belongings from would-be thieves.

Crime prevention officer Sergeant Ciaran McLoughlin, who is based in Rathfarnham Garda Station, offered some advice and tips for *Echo* readers to deter burglars this festive season.

"The message this year is to lock up and light up," he said. "Make sure windows and doors are locked and alarms are set.

"If you're not going to be home after dark then leave a light on in the house, so if someone's passing by the house it looks lived in."

According to statistics released by An Garda Síochána, nearly half of burglaries occur between 5pm and 11pm.

Jewellery and cash remain the most common objects stolen, with €600 being the average value of goods taken.

"People shouldn't keep large sums of cash or expensive jewellery in their home, it should be put into safe storage," said Sgt McLoughlin.

"If you're storing these items at home, keep them in a good quality safe bolted to the floor or an internal wall."

Sgt McLoughlin also said that houses with old plastic house alarms with beacons at the bottom are also being targeted as it's often assumed that they no longer work, or they're

not as effective as newer models.

He advised people to invest in newer models of home security, and said that doorbells with CCTV cameras and the use of sensor lights around properties can deter burglars.

If anyone sees anything suspicious, they should contact their local garda station.

For further information visit [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie) or contact Sgt McLoughlin on 01 666 6564. He is available to meet with residents, community groups and businesses in Tallaght, Rathfarnham, Terenure and Crumlin to advise them on crime prevention.

"I want to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas, from all of us in An Garda Síochána," added Sgt McLoughlin.



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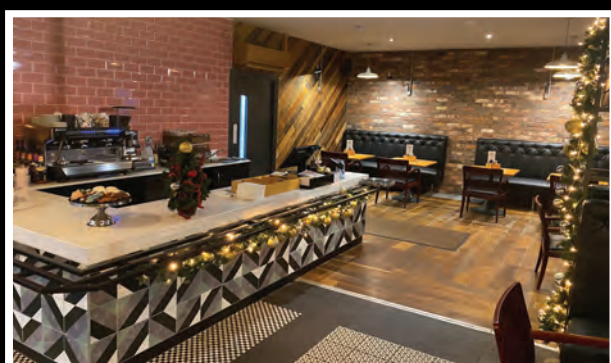


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# 10 Things you can do this Christmas

With the Christmas holidays just around the corner, it's time to get in the festive spirit. Whether it is taking the whole family to see the wild lights at Dublin Zoo, paying a visit to Santa Claus, a trip to Tayto Park for an adrenaline rush or grabbing some hot chocolate and seeing the lights in Dublin City Centre, there's plenty of options for a fun day out and something for everyone to enjoy! Here are our top 10 things to do over this Christmas period: **(All of the activities and events mentioned have strict Covid-19 health and safety protocols and measures in place and adhere to current government guidelines.)**

## 1. Ice Skating at Blanchardstown

It's time to get your skates on as some ice rinks are back for the first time since the pandemic. Located next to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, Dublin's largest ice-skating rink returns for its seventh year running right through to January 30, 2022. The 1,000 sqm ice rink caters for all levels of experience from beginners to advanced skaters.

## 2. Wild Lights at Dublin Zoo

Back in all its spectacular glory, Wild Lights at Dublin Zoo is the perfect night out for all members of the family. Running every night of the week until January 9, Wild Lights will take you on a magical adventure, where you will witness some of the most famous landmarks and iconic symbols from around the world with over one thousand illuminated lanterns.

## 3. Retro drive in Movies

After a sell out experience in 2020, retro drive-in movies are back this year at Leopardstown Racecourse and Tayto Park. Showing a variety of Christmas classics such as Elf and the Polar Express, you can enjoy a movie from the comfort of your own car. With more movie dates announced soon, tickets are available to book at <https://www.retrodrivein.ie/>

## 4. The Square Ferris Wheel

Offering unparalleled views and the skyline of South Dublin, the Ferris wheel, also known locally as our very own 'Tallaght Eye' at The Square Shopping Centre in Tallaght is open from 12 noon to 9pm daily until January 9. A Perfect way to end a day of Christmas shopping at The Square!

## 5. Check out a pantomime

Christmas time is the perfect time to go see a pantomime ....ohhh yes it is!. Theatres such as The Gaiety Theatre and the 3Olympia have a selection of fantastic pantos to check out over the Christmas season such as The Little Mermaid and Olly Polly and The Beanstalk, which are running into January all taking place at 50% capacity to adhere to government guidelines.

## 6. Take a trip to Tayto Park

If you are more of a thrill-seeker, why not have an exhilarating day out in Tayto Park in Ashbourne, Co Meath over the Christmas holidays. Home to Europe's largest wooden rollercoaster, Cú Chulainn, playgrounds, a petting farm and rides like The Grand Carousel and Power Surge, there are plenty of attractions suitable for everyone to enjoy.

## 7. House of Lights/ Light

Christmas is all about giving back, so what better way to do so than by visiting either the House of Lights in Lucan or the Light House in Kilnamanagh, Tallaght. 'The Christmas House of Lights' is located at Weston Crescent, Weston Park in Lucan and has been kitted out with over 80 sets of lights all in aid of mental health charity Jigsaw. In Kilnamanagh, for over 25 years, Stephen Stroughair has been decorating his house at Christmas time for local charities. Both houses are definitely worth a visit this Christmas.

## 8. Grafton Street

What better way to get in the Christmas spirit then a spot of shopping on Grafton Street in Dublin's City Centre, grab a hot chocolate from Bewley's Café and enjoy the buskers. It's a known fact that there's always a few famous faces spotted busking on Christmas Eve who join together for a special Christmas carol singing session.

## 9. The Moving Crib

The Moving Crib is back this year in Parnell Square, running from November 23 to January 9. A key feature in Dublin for 65 years, the crib will be open daily from 11am to 6pm, except for Christmas Day, St. Stephen's Day and New Year's Day. This Dublin experience is still as captivating today as it was when it first opened its doors back 1956 and admission is completely free.

## 10. Watch a special showing at

For the whole month of December, The Lighthouse Cinema in Smithfield are dedicated to spreading Christmas cheer and giving audiences a fun & festive space to celebrate with their friends and family by putting on special showings of Christmas classics such as 'It's a Wonderful Life, Love Actually, Home Alone and The Muppet's Christmas Carol.





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**Andy Rogers, Trevor Walsh, Derek Riordan, Aaron McCarthy, Robert Dunne and Ger Kavanagh from Dublin Fire Brigade in Tallaght**

The Firefighter/Paramedics of Tallaght and Dolphin's Barn Fire Stations want to wish you and yours a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous 2022. Christmas time brings extra fire

risks into your home so it is vitally important to have a working smoke alarm and that you test it regularly. Close your doors at night to help stop the spread of smoke and fire should a fire break out, unplug

your Christmas tree lights and never ever leave a lit candle unattended. Please remember that if a fire does break out – Get Out – Get the Fire Brigade Out and Stay Out.

## Christmas wish from An Cosán

Wishing all my family and friends a Very Happy and peaceful Christmas and Best Wishes for 2022. Also Happy Christmas to all the members of U3A group and colleagues in An Cosán Tallaght.



**Imelda Hanratty, An Cosán**

## Looking forward to continuing to help parents in 2022

2021 has continued to be a challenging year for many, but I'm delighted that my team have continued to provide uninterrupted services to many vulnerable children and families. A big success this year for us has been being able to reach some very isolated families who wouldn't otherwise link with much needed services. In 2022 we look forward to continuing to help parents and children reach their potential and achieve better outcomes. Wishing all our current and former service users and the wider community a very Happy Christmas!

**Mark Brennan, project leader at Barnardos in Millbrook, Tallaght**



## On behalf of all the staff and management thank you for your ongoing support

**Lucy Nugent, CEO of Tallaght University Hospital**



This time last year we hoped the worst was behind us but unfortunately we have experienced surges of Covid-19, a cyber-attack on our health service, a power outage impacting some of the most critical parts of the hospital and some of the highest attendance numbers to our Emergency Department in six years. Despite this, the TUH team has pulled together and dealt with the challenges and still managed to roll out new innovative services to benefit our patients and their care. I know this Christmas is again not the one we would have planned for ourselves. With continuing restrictions, high rates of Covid in our community and a new variant to contend with, it is more important than ever that we continue to support one another and follow the guidelines that are in place. On behalf of all the staff and management at the hospital a special thank you to the Tallaght community for your ongoing support, with every best wish for a restful and peaceful Christmas with your family and loved ones.







**Tallaght  
and District  
would like  
to wish all  
our members  
a happy and healthy  
Christmas and look  
forward to looking after  
any loan requirements you  
may have for the new year.**

**CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS**

**23rd December – normal hours**

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# Your Gardai will keep you safe . . .



**O**n behalf of everyone at Tallaght Garda Station I would like to say a big thank you to the community for their support to us during the year and to wish everyone a very happy and above all a safe Christmas.

2021 has been a very challenging year for us all but we have had many successes. Gardai in Tallaght and Rathfarnham will be on duty and out on patrol over the Christmas period to keep you safe.

**Tallaght district  
Superintendent  
Ian Lackey**



# Committed to making a safe and peaceful festive season for all

**A**s we enter the festive period of Christmas our focus will turn to relaxation and enjoyment of family and friends. The challenge of Covid is again a priority for residents and business communities alike. Our responsibility is to ensure that your enjoyment and safety during this festive time is not encroached upon.

An Garda Síochána ask you to help in this endeavour by watching out for each other and particularly for those living alone or in isolation. We ask that you continue to be our eyes and ears and to report any unusual activity in your area.

Road safety is particularly important at this time and we remind motorists of the hazards of driving when under the influence of alcohol and drugs. We will continue to provide a visible presence through proactive patrolling and activity focused checkpoints. Be assured we are committed to making it a safe and peaceful festive season for communities we serve. Nollaig shona daoibh go léir.



**Supt Anthony Twomey,  
Clondalkin Garda Station**

May the attention we give to the new-born Jesus lift our hearts and lives to the God who never gives up on us

**A**t Christmas God comes face to face with us in the natural excitement of a new-born baby. God and humanity embrace and bring warmth to a manger where poor shepherds and rich kings befriend one another, because, whenever Jesus is the focus of our attention, we are changed. During this difficult time of a prolonged pandemic, may the attention we give to the new-born Jesus lift our hearts and lives to the God who never gives up on us.



**Fr Michael  
Murtagh,  
Church of the  
Most Holy  
Sacrament,  
Cherry  
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"Only Cannabis"- Calling all parents to learn the facts and risks associated with young people's occasional and prolonged use of Cannabis.

# Let's Be BLUNT

## LEARN THE FACTS ABOUT MARIJUANA

"Let's Be Blunt" presents young people and their parents with clear and engaging information that outlines the facts about cannabis, addresses many of the myths and highlights the risks of cannabis use. Produced by young people, the video is the result of a superb collaboration process between young people and youth workers

in Foróige in Tallaght & Cross Care in Ronanstown. This video offers parents an opportunity to be clear in their own minds on the facts about the drug cannabis and to be aware of the risks associated with occasional and prolonged use."

*Andy Leeson, Dublin South Area Manager, Foróige*

Scan the QR code to check out this video





# Season's Greetings from



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# Christmas Busk

## ANNUAL BUSKING EVENT RAISES €1K FOR CIARÁN CARR FOUNDATION

by **Paddy Barrett** / news@echo.ie

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Sadie, Tilly and Lilly



The Buskers enjoying the performance in Clondalkin on Friday



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# O Christmas Tree

## O CHRISTMAS TREE, RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

by Aileen O'Flaherty / aileen@echo.ie

**S**outh Dublin County Council are providing 21 locations across the county for Christmas tree recycling in January 2022.

The free service will be available from Tuesday, January 4 to Monday, January 17, and offers the opportunity for households to dispose of their Christmas trees responsibly.

This service is for domestic household trees only, and one tree per household/vehicle will be accepted.

Signage will be placed at the various drop-off locations indicating that they are official recycling points. For a list of locations near you visit [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie)

The Christmas tree recycling locations for January 2022 are:

### Lucan

- Beechpark open space
- Sarsfield Park open space
- Hayden's Lane Car Park in Griffeen Valley Park
- Foxborough open space

### Palmerstown

- Glenaulin Park
- Woodfarm Acres

### Clondalkin

- Corkagh Park (St John's Road car park)
- Corkagh Park (Green Isle car park at caravan park entrance)
- Collinstown Park
- Quarryvale Park
- Foxdene open space
- Grand Canal open space (junction of Bawnogue and Lockview roads)

### Tallaght

- Raheen open space (opposite Raheen Shopping Centre)

### Greenhills

- Tymon Park – Limekiln car park
- Tymon Park – Tymon North Road car park

### Old Bawn

- Church car park (beside the shopping centre)

### Firhouse

- Car park at Cherryfield (off the link road between Firhouse Road and Spawell Roundabout)
- Car park at Dodder Valley Park, Firhouse Road opposite Woodlawn Estate

### Rathfarnham

- Rathfarnham Castle Park car park

### Saggart

- Parks depot on Mill Lane

## Echo reception is working remotely

To continue the fight against Covid-19 our offices remain closed to the public, but, as an essential service to the community our reception is still open Monday to Friday from 9am-5pm by phone or email.

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Stay in touch and...Be Part of the Story!

## Our Christmas opening hours are as follows:

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Closing at 1pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> CLOSED (Christmas Eve)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> CLOSED (Bank-holiday for Christmas Day)

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> CLOSED (Bank-holiday for St Stephen's Day)

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> CLOSED

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> CLOSED

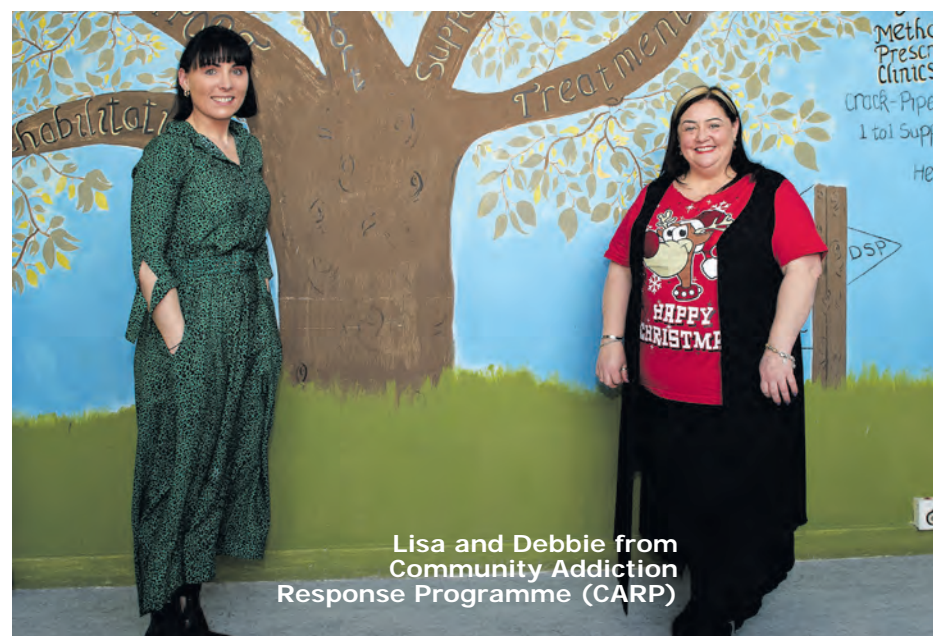
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> CLOSED (New Year's Eve)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> CLOSED (Bank-holiday)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> REOPEN 9am - 5pm

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## Wishing you good health for 2022



Lisa and Debbie from Community Addiction Response Programme (CARP)

2021 has been a challenging year for everyone, but particularly for those families and individuals working hard to address addiction issues. Throughout the year Community Addiction Response Programme (CARP) facilitated more than 7,500 attendances by members of our community facing up to the challenges of addiction.

We could not have done this

without the community's support, the dedication of our staff and volunteers, and the support of our statutory partners.

As we approach the beginning of a new year and a time of renewal, we look forward to working with all those in our community reaching out for support and assistance and wish everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas and good health for 2022.



## Advertorial

# Super Staff at SuperValu

Meet Sarah O'Reilly, the Manager of Jordan's SuperValu in Fortunestown.

Working with Jordan's for more than 20 years, Sarah grew up in Springfield and is a past student of St Mark's Community School.

More than two decades ago, Sarah started working on the deli and now 20 years later, manages the busy local store.

"I love working with people, love training people and love seeing people progress," Sarah told *The Echo*.

"I also love the Tallaght customers, and the craic you have with them."

She added: "So many people really rely on us in the community."

"For some customers we may be the only ones they speak with every day, especially since Covid.

"We'd do anything for our customers... and our customers recognise that we're there for them."

"We were here during the massive snow, during lockdown, and they thank us for coming into work... they're just deadly."

During Lockdown, SuperValu

Fortunestown created a WhatsApp service for customers who were unable to get to the shop, a free-delivery service that the Tallaght store plans to continue into the future. Alongside supporting customers, SuperValu Fortunestown supports the creation of local jobs, with 40 people employed at the store.

With over 20 years in the business, Sarah believes that local shops are an important part of local life, providing not only a reliable service but a familiar and welcoming place where friendships and community connections are made.

When asked what working in the community means to her, Sarah said: "I'm very proud of it, very proud of the team that we've built and very proud to be part of Jordan's overall."

"I'm very proud of the role we play in the community and our customers make everything easier."

"I'd like to wish all of our customers a happy and safe Christmas and see you in the shop in the coming days..."



**Sarah O'Reilly, the Manager of Jordan's SuperValu in Fortunestown**

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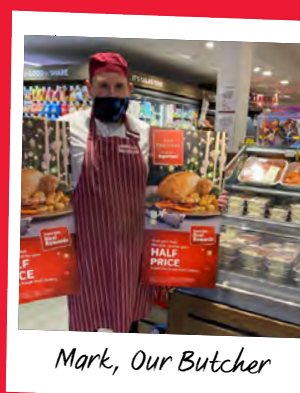


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# Poets Page

FOUR POEMS THIS WEEK FROM TWO OF OUR REGULAR WRITERS



Charlie celebrated his 80th birthday on July 18. Through the pandemic he has written a few poems that have featured in the paper. Here are his final two of the year.



## THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

by Charlie Fox

The season of Christmas brings joy and hope to countless people trying to cope.  
A chance to do something for those in need a simple gesture perhaps a good deed.  
To people around you without family or friends at this time of year your kindness extend.  
The church is a haven for those who have faith in the message of Christmas we all can relate.  
Sailors at sea and workers down the mines thinking of home and past Christmas times.  
What differences do we see at this festive time a great deal of giving and a lot less crime.

Thoughts you may have this cold Christmas Eve are they of presents you would like to receive.  
Gold ribbon tied boxes filled with delights tall Christmas trees with bright coloured lights.  
Christmas full of happiness and overwhelming joy teenagers exchanging presents ever so coy.  
Families gather at this special time of year celebrate together while some shed a tear.  
Listening to Christmas Carols sung on the lawn ceremonies in every church on this festive morn.  
Children the world over playing with new toys parents showing patience coping with the noise.

## CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS

by Charlie Fox

Across the street some children are writing a letter to Santa this is what they are saying.  
Dear Santa, these toys are what we would like - for me: a model plane and for Tom a red bike.  
A group of children their health not too good down in the hospital hoping they could ask Santa for something to play with in bed and a soft cuddly toy to hold close to their head.  
Many excited children find it hard to sleep going to the window just to have a peep.  
Thinking of a Reindeer landing on the roof nothing to be seen but sure he heard a hoof.  
Climbing back into bed, eyes shut once more

hoping to go asleep before Santa is at the door.  
Wonder what I'll get this year. Will it be a bike  
Maybe a Hornby train set whatever it is I'll like.  
Father Christmas of mystery and unknown dimensions conversing with Elves needing their suggestions.  
Closely guarded secrets known only to Santa a workshop filled with toys and a cuddly Panda.  
Up at the North Pole a clear sky is the forecast a sleigh pulled by reindeer takes off with a blast.  
A gaggle of geese honking noisily with delight wondering why a sleigh is out so late at night.



Gerard moved to Tallaght 35 years ago and quickly came to love it. He has been writing poetry for almost 50 years. He's now retired and has five grandchildren who mean the world to him.

## CRIB

by Gerard O'Keeffe

Homeless and hungry  
This city is my crib  
The streets are my rooms  
In its alleyways I live  
No shelter from the rain  
No roof to keep me dry  
I'm young now and healthy  
But fearful that I'll die  
I drink to forget  
And get me through the day  
I hate the way it is  
Don't want to live this way  
All I need is a chance  
To prove I can do good  
Contribute to society  
Have my own place in the hood

## THOUGHTS

by Gerard O'Keeffe

Terrible thoughts  
Inside his head  
He struggles everyday  
Depressed and anxious  
Fear and panic  
He wished they go away  
No self esteem  
Feeling worthless  
Nothing to see him through  
He's starting to think  
If he ends it all  
Its the best thing he could do  
The despair he feels

We can't understand  
Because our lives  
They are ok  
But thank God we are blessed  
Cos you never know  
It could easily go that way  
My poem's a story  
But we all know  
A person that ended it all  
So look out for your friends  
If they seem depressed  
Be there if they should fall





# Whatever you do this Christmas be kind



Christmas is a joyous time of year for many with family, food, and festive fun a plenty. However for some, Christmas is a lonely and difficult time. It is a time where people feel loss and poverty more pronounced, where loneliness and isolation are more acute for those living alone. Whatever you do this Christmas please be kind to each other and even be kind to strangers, for we never know what kind of Christmas others are having. Merry Christmas to you all from all at Beacon of Light Counselling Centre.

**Geoffrey McCarthy, General Manager, Beacon of Light Counselling Centre, Neilstown.**

## Access to local health care has never been so important

With a tsunami of Omnicron threatening to overwhelm hospital services in the coming weeks, access to local health care has never been so important. The Lucan Health Alliance wishes everyone in Lucan a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**Dr David Lombard, Lucan Health Alliance**

## Huge thanks to the fans from Shamrock Rovers

Just a short note to wish all our supporters and everyone who came out to push us on this season a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We have unbelievable fans, amazing actually! This period has been so difficult for everyone, but despite Covid and all the pain it has brought, our supporters continue to go above and beyond to support the club and the team.

We thank you so sincerely.

**Stephen Bradley Shamrock Rovers FC manager**



## Sound money advice from the society of St Vincent de Paul

It's been an extremely busy year for us in St Vincent de Paul. Calls are up by 40 per cent, and it's been a tough year for a lot of people, with utility bills going up and people being out of work. Demand for our foodbank has increased, but we're grateful to the companies that have donated all kinds of food to us for it. I think it's important for people to know that Christmas doesn't have to be about spending money. Don't go wild on anything, just watch your money – for one or two days, it's not worth spending huge amounts of money.



**Marie Cronin, East Regional President of St Vincent de Paul**

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Wishing you and your family a safe and Happy Christmas

**Barry Andrews MEP**

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# Chocolate biscuit pudding

A LITTLE BREAK FROM TRADITION WITH THIS CHOCOLATE PUD

## Ingredients – Pudding

375g biscuits, all digestive or a mixture of a few types  
225g milk chocolate  
225g dark chocolate  
150g butter  
225g golden syrup  
100g marshmallows, raisins, Maltesers or whatever you like



## Ingredients – Decoration

Ready-to-roll icing in white (250g), green and red. Icing sugar or cornflour to dust, edible glue, water or clear alcohol (vodka)

## Method

Grease the pudding bowl well with butter. (This really helps the pudding to come out of the bowl easily when set).

Break half the biscuits into small pieces. Make the other half into fine crumbs using a blender or put them in a sandwich bag and bash with a rolling pin.

Melt the chocolate, butter and golden syrup together.

If you want your pudding to have a nice shiny appearance, spread a little of this mixture around the inside of the pudding bowl. You can also



reserve a little of it to make the top of the pudding smooth (which will be the bottom).

Mix the melted mixture with all the biscuits and your chosen extra ingredient.

Pour the mixture into the greased pudding bowl and push down well with a spoon. Bang the bowl on the counter to ensure there are no holes in the sides of the pudding. If you reserved any of the chocolate/butter/syrup mix, pour it on the top now.

Put it in the fridge to set overnight. If the pudding will not come out easily, pour some warm water over the outside of the bowl.

## Decoration

Dust your work surface with icing sugar or cornflour and roll out the white icing to the desired thickness.

There are two ways to do the white icing – flat or on the bowl.

For the flat method, you can make a template from a piece of card to help. Put the template on top of the icing and cut around it using a roller cutter or sharp knife. Lay the cut icing on top of your pudding and smooth it down using your hands. Make your holly cake toppers.

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## In the volunteer centre we've seen the best of people this year



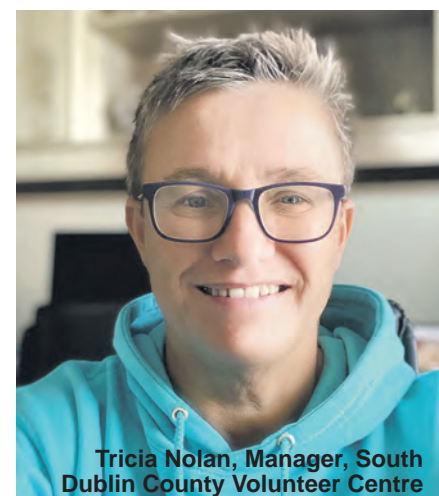
It's been another really difficult year for all citizens in South Dublin County as Covid-19 continues to dominate our lives.

But at the same time – we in the volunteer centre have seen the best of people this year.

We want to thank all of those who registered with us to volunteer this year and have helped out in local community roles. We acknowledge in a special way those who have come forward to volunteer on the Frontline – especially those who have stepped forward to help in Testing and Vaccination Sites.

Happy Christmas also to all of the charities and groups that we work with – who have continued to provide services to the South Dublin Communities in the most difficult of circumstances.

May 2022 bring us all health and



**Tricia Nolan, Manager, South Dublin County Volunteer Centre**

happiness (and a continued spirit of giving to our communities).

We will forever be in your debt. Happy Christmas from all in South Dublin County Volunteer Centre.





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## Nominate your someone special...

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“The smells of Christmas are the smells of childhood.

Richard Paul Evans



# Christmas Food...



## HEALTHY LEFT OVERS CHICKEN / TURKEY SOUP

by **john paul kennedy** / jpkcooking@gmail.com  
twitter: @Jpkcooking instagram: jpkennedy.kennedy

With the new year approaching most of us after the over indulgence at christmas try to be more health conscious and eat well. these two recipes are the perfect kick start to get you eating healthily again. the leftover soup uses leftover roast chicken or turkey whichever you prefer along with some staple vegetables we all tend to have in the veggie press of the fridge. i made this along with my health loaf brown bread a few days after christmas as i had tired of the heavy over indulgent food of the previous few days and believe me with every spoon full i could feel the goodness! it will also help with any head colds you may be battling with during the winter season. the soup you can make in a big batch and freeze while the health load makes two delicious loaves so plenty to go around and keep you on the straight and narrow post-christmas and into the new year. i am also bringing you a delicious light starter or christmas party food recipe which is perfect when entertaining this festive season, crab and avocado crostini! light, zesty and delicious and so easy to make.

**john paul kennedy** is a self-taught cook and an avid fan of collecting cookery books with a passion for good old-fashioned home cooking. his passion for proper family cooking stems from his two grandmothers who were both excellent cooks, one of whom was a trained chef. **jp** is also a christmas fanatic, so he has pulled together a selection of some of his family's favourite christmas recipes to share with you in the lead-up to christmas

### Leftovers Chicken / Turkey Soup

300g leftover roast chicken or turkey  
3 carrots peeled and chopped into chunks  
2 parsnips peeled and chopped into chunks  
2 celery sticks washed and chopped  
4 spring onions finely chopped  
tablespoon chopped parsley  
tablespoon chopped thyme  
800ml hot chicken stock  
2 tablespoons of chicken gravy granules (to thicken if preferred)  
sea salt and ground black pepper for seasoning  
teaspoon of olive oil

### Method

1. in a large casserole dish add the olive oil and on a medium heat cook all of the vegetables, herbs until tender – approx. 8- 10 minutes and stir frequently.
2. add the hot chick stock and mix well then season with salt and pepper and allow to simmer for 20 minutes with the lid on.
3. at the very end add the roast chicken / turkey leftovers to heat through and chicken gravy granules if you prefer a thicker consistency. if you prefer a more smooth soup you can blend with a hand-held blender to your preferred consistency.
4. serve immediately in large bowls with my delicious brown bread health loaf.







# ...with JP passion

## HEALTH LOAF BROWN BREAD AND CRAB & AVOCADO CROSTINI



I started making this recipe last Christmas as I wanted to introduce a new starter for Christmas that was light and the perfect bite size that could be whipped up and served to your guests while you're busy tinkering away in the kitchen putting the final flourishes to your Christmas feast. These crostinis are perfect for Christmas parties and are really quick and easy to prepare and simply delicious.

### Ingredients – (Serves 6 people)

1 French baguette  
200g pre-cooked crab meat  
2 teaspoons of fresh lime juice  
1 tablespoon of freshly chopped mint  
2 avocados  
Pinch of cayenne pepper  
2 tablespoons of olive or rapeseed oil  
Sea salt & ground black pepper to season

### Method

1. Preheat your oven to 180 degrees / gas mark 6.
2. Thinly slice your baguette and lightly brush each slice with oil.
3. Pop onto a baking tray and cook in the oven for 3 -4 minutes until lightly golden brown.
4. In a mixing bowl mix together the crab, mint and season with salt and pepper.
5. In a smaller bowl mash up the avocado, lime juice and cayenne pepper and add a pinch of sea salt.
6. Spread the mashed avocado mix over each slice of bread and top with the crab meat and adorn with a sprig of mint – serve and enjoy.



Believe me this starter / party food will not long last. A good tip always is to buy your avocado a few days beforehand to ensure it's really soft and ripe. The bite sizes crostinis looks so appetizing and pretty on your serving platter and your guests will, I guarantee, be asking you for the recipe which you can see is super quick and easy to make.

*I would like to wish all The Echo readers a very happy Christmas. Thank you for all your support throughout 2021 and I truly hope you have enjoyed my recipes this year. I have no doubt I will be receiving more new cookbooks this Christmas as gifts which will inspire plenty of new recipes to share with you all in 2022.*



## Brown Bread Health loaf (Recipe makes two loaves)

### Ingredients

450g wholemeal flour  
65g wheat germ (extra for dusting)  
65g wheat bran  
65g plain flour  
225g pinhead oatmeal  
2 teaspoons of soft light-brown sugar  
2 teaspoons of bicarb/bread soda  
1 litre of buttermilk

### Topping:

2 teaspoons of wheat germ  
2 teaspoons of sesame seeds

### Method

1. Preheat your oven to 230° Celsius / 450F / Gas mark 8.
2. Put all the dry ingredients into a large mixing bowl.
3. Stir in the buttermilk and combine – this will make a very moist dough.
4. Grease two loaf tins and dust with some wheat germ and divide the dough between the two tins – this will prevent them from sticking to your tins.
5. Sprinkle some wheat germ and sesame seeds on top of both loaves and pop into the oven.
6. Bake for 10 minutes and then reduce the temperature to 130° / 250f / ½ gas mark and bake for an hour.
7. When the loaves are baked remove from the oven and allow to cool in their tins before turning them out to cool completely.
8. Slice and lather with real Irish butter and serve with my leftover Turkey soup for a delicious and nutritious lunch or supper.





# Remembering Our Legends

## MUSIC VIDEO RECORDED IN CLONDALKIN

by **London Brazal** / aideen@echo.ie

**O**n December 11 at Rowlagh Church in Clondalkin, members of the community joined to celebrate the legends that they have lost throughout the years. Community members gathered together with balloons, pictures, and candles to participate in the filming of the music video for 'Legends'. In aid of the Beacon of Light in Neilstown where all

funds will be donated. Clondalkin natives Tall-Order and Jennifer McCabe released the song late in December. The turnout was estimated to have around 200 people who came to celebrate their loved ones. The music video uses visual captures of the event with videography done by Twitch with BT Films.

Tall-Order commented: "I came up with the idea and I asked Michael Byrne to post in his Clondalkin Legends page about doing a music video and donating funds to charity. I asked him to put a post together asking if anyone would be interested in singing on

the chorus and Jennifer said she'd love to. I wrote the song specifically for the people we've lost in the area."

Jennifer's feelings about the event were bittersweet: "There were a lot of tears. It was tough reliving the sadness but at the same time it was comforting knowing the community would be coming together for this. The people of Clondalkin are the most supportive, generous and kind people. I think it's because we have experienced so much loss in the area, it's something we can all relate to so we help each other."

Jennifer is now in the works of writing an album, something that could not be possible without this event which reignited her passion for music. "I can't thank Paul enough for allowing me to be part of it," she added.

The music was written and sung by Paul 'Tall Order' Ritchie featuring Jennifer McCabe, produced by Tall Order, directed by A Film By BT and director of photography was A Film By BT and Bernard M. The music video is available on the Hour Hearts Production's Youtube channel and the song is available on iTunes and Amazon Music where all proceeds will go to the Beacon of Light.



## Greetings from our family to yours

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## Have we time now for each other?

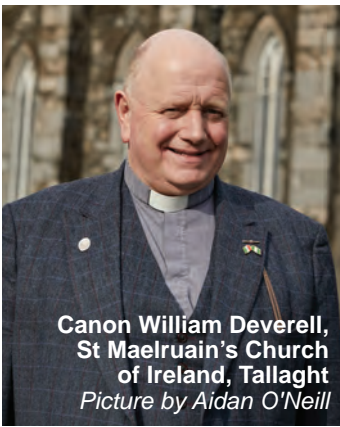
**H**ave we time nowadays for each other let alone to practice the real Spirit of Christmas?

While I am sure that the Mrs Higgins in the Woodie's Christmas Add has been a stalwart of her community, for me the young fella is the Unlikely Hero of the add.

While Mick next door putting up his Christmas Lights, Sally shepherding her children or the "Loves" carrying their Christmas tree home don't have the time to stop and help Mrs Higgins, it is one of young lads hanging about that not only spots that Mrs Higgins's gate is broken but actually does something about it, by fitting a new hinge anonymously proving "We are all homemakers!"

Jesus told the parable of The Good Samaritan to define a Good Neighbour and not just a next door neighbour. The Priest and the Levite passed by on the other side because like Mick and Sally they were too busy. It was someone that was as unlikely as the young man demonstrating The Spirit of Christmas in the add that we still hold up as an example, two thousand years later, The Good Samaritan.

May we not be too busy in this Season of Goodwill to have time to put The Spirit of Christmas into action.



**Canon William Deverell,  
St Maelruain's Church  
of Ireland, Tallaght**  
Picture by Aidan O'Neill

## Consult the author of life from time to time

**Ausiliary Bishop  
Emeritus Eamonn Walsh**



**W**e celebrate at Christmas the birth of Jesus who came to live among us so that we may have life, life to the full.

As the author of life God sees the full picture showing us the way in the person of Jesus who speaks to the quiet of our hearts in prayer, leading us gently that our joy may be complete and everlasting.

We live in a world where leaders tend to lead by "Vox Pop"; give people what they ask for rather than lose favour.

Henry Ford when challenged about not asking the people what

they wanted before producing his car, replied "They would only have asked for a faster horse".

Not a bad idea for Christmas and 2022 to consult the author of all life from time to time.

Christmas and New Year greetings to all *Echo* readers.





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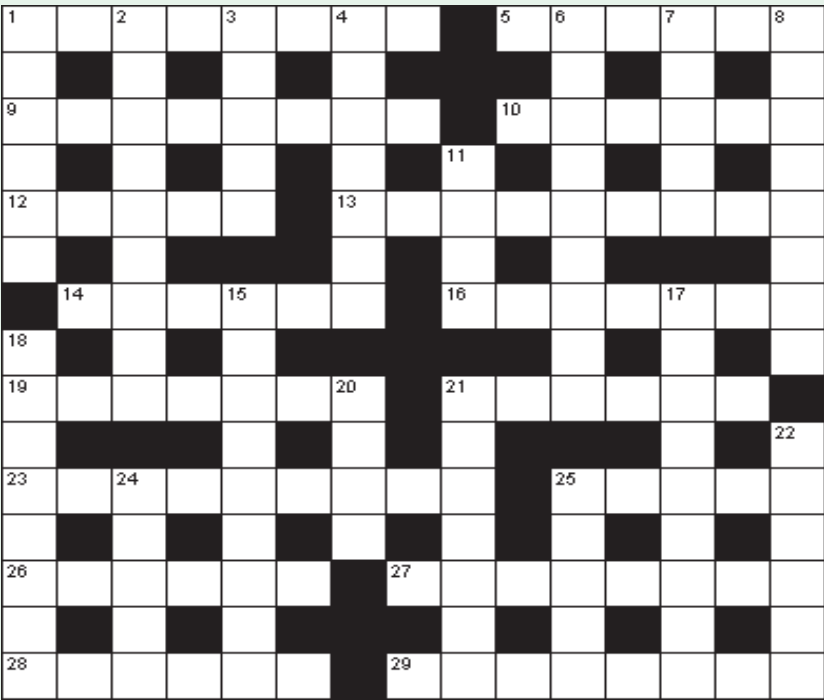
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  - 10. One of the Gorgons (Greek mythology) (6)
  - 12. Slant (5)
  - 13. Tautness (9)
  - 14. A long hooded cloak (6)
  - 16. Active (7)
  - 19. One who massages (7)
  - 21. A dough of water, flour and shortening (6)
  - 23. Frightens intensely (9)
  - 25. Robber (5)
  - 26. Land surrounded by water (6)
  - 27. Lemon \_\_\_\_\_ pie (8)
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  - 29. Commingle (8)
- DOWN**

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  - 6. Salutations (9)
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  - 15. Submissive behavior (9)
  - 17. Weddings (9)
  - 18. Leaving out (8)
  - 20. A sudden short attack (4)
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# Reduce, re-use, recycle

## I'M DREAMING OF A GREEN CHRISTMAS

by **Hayden Moore** / [news@echo.ie](mailto:news@echo.ie)

Christmas can be a difficult time for the environment because it produces an enormous amount of excess waste, and with the recent disconcerting release of the Climate Change Performance Index rankings, it's time for a call to action.

Over the Christmas period, as everyone is unwrapping their new presents, the council has urged people to think about the environment as we produce a whopping 54kgs in extra packaging per household.

Ireland has built up a bad reputation for its attitude towards climate change, and the recent revelations that the state is ranked last in the European rankings has inspired us to make a list on how you can cut down on waste over the holidays, save energy and some money in the process.

1. A great stocking filler this Christmas could be a reusable water bottle or coffee cup, as it is estimated that in Ireland alone, 200 million takeaway cups end up in landfill. Also most coffee shops offer discounts if you bring your own cup.
2. Of course, simple things such as turning your lights off when you walk in and out of rooms are basics – just make sure you turn those Christmas lights off when you're not at home too. Or if you're feeling really ambitious, get someone you love a solar panel for Christmas.

3. Yummy Christmas dinner! Enjoy your ham and turkey – or your asparagus, if you're vegan on the big day – but do cut down on red meat. Studies show that a cow can emit about the same amount of greenhouse gas as a car in a year.

4. The EU made plans at the start of 2018 to have all plastics be recyclable in order to tackle the pollution problem, and some supermarkets are already taking charge with the introduction of non-plastic packaging. Look out for these products and reduce the use of single-use plastic.

5. Avoid products with Palm Oil – Palm Oil is a major environmental problem. It is the world's most popular vegetable oil and is used in a lot of consumer goods. The industry plays a large role in human-induced climate change as palm oil plantations have wiped out some of the world's most expansive forests and decreased the orangutan population in Sumatra and Borneo by over 20,000. Iceland released an advertisement all about how palm oil is affecting the environment – check it out – it's haunting.

With the council encouraging everyone to reduce and recycle their festive packaging, SDCC has 62 bring-banks around the county. See [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie) for their locations.



## Fr Ben Moran, St Aengus Parish on loss and joy



The Covid pandemic has shown us how much of what we have taken for granted can so easily pass away. Many people's employment has passed away. Sadly, many have experienced illness and the passing away of a loved one from the pandemic.

The Tallaght Community School book "Resilience & Me" recounts many of the losses that young people have experienced.

At such a time of major loss and change we long for some stability, for something of value that will remain and endure.

Our celebration of Christmas assures us that when all else passes away the Lord comes near



**Fr Ben Moran OP, PP (St Aengus Parish)**

with hope and a new beginning...."I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." (Lk 2: 11).

Wishing all the readers of the ECHO... "a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year".

## Throughout the Christmas period Saoirse helpline services will be fully staffed



Saoirse Domestic Violence Services (SDVS) would like to say a very big Thank You to everyone who has supported us during 2021.

Your kind donations and generosity has made Christmas a very special time for a great number of families being supported through our Refuge, Outreach and Children's services.

Throughout the Christmas period our helpline services will remain fully staffed and you can contact our 24hr helpline on 01-4630000 or email us at [helpline@sdvs.ie](mailto:helpline@sdvs.ie)

If you or someone you know needs our support, we are here.

Seasons Greetings to all and we wish you a peaceful and prosperous New Year.



**Allison Graham CEO Saoirse**



“ I just like to smile. Smiling’s my favorite

Buddy the Elf



# eBeauty

## RELAX AND RECHARGE

by **Aine Pollock** / @ainepollockmakeup @ainepollock@gmail.com



Christmas is the time for enjoying quality time with loved ones, relaxing and eating. On the other hand, some people might describe it as being the season of stressing, panic buying, worrying about Covid, and fighting over whose house is hosting Christmas dinner.

We all need a reminder around the busy holiday season to sit down and take a minute to recharge. Here are some of the must have essentials to have around the house over the next few weeks in case an emergency pamper session is called for. So even if we have nowhere to go for the rest of the year, at least we will feel great.



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“The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.

*Buddy the Elf*

Rose Gold Foil Notebook€9.95



# eFashion

NEW YEAR, NEW ME

Liza@echo.ie

It's never too early to start thinking of post-christmas catch-ups, here are a few pieces from Peachylean to make the transition to next year that little bit more supported. Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year to all!



Dusty Pink Oversized Hoodie €99.00



Progress Not Perfection White-T €35.00



Leopard Print Sports Bra €34.99

Be Kind To Yer Mind Black-T €35.00



Mint Green High Waisted Full Length Leggings with Pockets €65.00



Olive Sports Bra €34.99



Rust High Waisted Full Length Leggings with Pockets €65.00





# Lee is looking forward, in hope, for joy and happiness in 2022

I would like to wish all in Tallaght a very happy Christmas and happy new year.  
It's been a tough year for everyone, but the community and the people of Tallaght have pulled through yet again. I am hopeful that 2022 will bring more joy, and happiness to our community next year.

Lee Moroney, Tallaght Person of the Year 2020 and 2021



# Star-topped Lemon Pastry Mince Pies

You can make these with grated orange zest if you prefer and always chill your pastry cases in the fridge before you bake them, they will be more crumbly and buttery as a result!

- Ingredients (Makes 16–20)**
- 200g plain flour
  - The zest of one lemon
  - 1 tablespoon of icing sugar
  - 100g chilled unsalted butter
  - 1 egg, beaten, plus a little extra for brushing
  - 700g Christmas mincemeat (Homemade or good-quality shop brand)
  - A little melted butter for greasing your baking tins

- Method**
1. Preheat your oven to 220° Celsius and lightly grease your muffin/fairy cake tins.
  2. Pop the flour, lemon zest, icing sugar and butter into a food processor and whizz briefly.
  3. Add half the beaten egg and blend together – you might need to add a little more egg, but not too much as the pastry shouldn't be too moist, you just want it to come together.
  4. Bring the pastry together, shape into a disc, wrap in clingfilm and pop into the fridge for 30 minutes to 1 hour.
  5. On a lightly floured surface roll out the pastry to



- 3mm in thickness. Use a pastry cutter to cut out between 16–20 circles and use a star-shape cutter to cut out the same amount of stars for the top of the pies. You can re-roll the trimmings if needed to get enough tops.
6. Line your baking tray with the pastry rounds and fill each one with a generous teaspoon of mincemeat, place a pastry star on top, brush with the beaten egg and bake for 15–20 minutes until golden brown. Once cooled dust with icing sugar. Serve and enjoy.

You can make these up to a week before you serve them and store in an airtight container lined with greaseproof paper. Serve with a dollop of whipped double cream and you've Christmas on a plate!  
**See more of JPK's amazing recipes on pages 60 and 61.**

# Happy Christmas, mind yourselves and stay safe



Sunniva Finlay, CEO Ballyfermot STAR

Christmas is meant to be a happy time and for most people it is, but not for everyone! It has been a very difficult year for all of us. This could be the first Christmas to be without a loved one, very difficult for families.  
Try to mind yourselves, be kind to yourself, be kind to your family members. Take care of each other as best you can. It is not the presents we remember. The time we spend together is where our memories come from.  
As best you can is enough. The little things matter. Mind yourself and stay Safe!







# Minding the Mind at Christmas

## THE COVID PANDEMIC AND THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

by Professor Brendan Kelly

The Covid-19 pandemic makes the Christmas break both more complicated and more necessary than ever.

How can we navigate the holiday, the festivities and family gatherings, so that we connect with each other, enjoy the break, and stay as safe as possible? We need Christmas, so it is important to plan it well.

The first thing to remember is that people are in very different places with their experiences, beliefs and anxieties about Covid.

With this in mind, try to make it easy for people who want to hold back a little, people who prefer smaller gatherings, and people who are a little embarrassed by their anxiety. We need to give each other a lot of leeway this year.

If you are hosting a gathering, be sure to invite everyone whom you are comfortable to have but offer face-saving ways for people to say no if they wish.

Many people will cut back to just a few key gatherings this Christmas, and we should respect that. Different people have different levels of anxiety.

Following public health guidance will reassure many people: limiting numbers and pointing out that anyone with symptoms should not attend any gatherings.

Planning is everything. Many people treated Christmas like a military operation prior to the pandemic, and this approach has finally come into its own.

For example, if you are hosting, try to leave some chairs outside if you can, so that people who are anxious can sit outside without needing to attract attention by asking.

If you are not happy when you arrive at a gathering, just go home. As host, if someone suddenly says that they want to go home early, invite them to stay, but do not pressure them: just accept that they might be acting out of



Professor Brendan Kelly  
Photo by Ruth Medjber

anxiety or grief that you do not understand. They might be more comfortable at home. We need to respect that.

We cannot avoid talking about Covid. So, rather than banning the topic from the dinner-table from the get-go (which is tempting), maybe discuss it for a while and then forbid any Covid-focussed

discussions for an hour.

If people engage you in long one-to-one conversations about Covid, the best strategy is to listen without necessarily agreeing or disagreeing.

Many such conversations are fuelled by anxiety and grief, more than logic. Listening is the best possible gift.

Many people want to tell their story from the last few months in great detail. You do not need to agree with their position or decisions, but listening is a powerful form of validation.

Plan activities. A physical activity like walking is the best way to interrupt negative thoughts, anxieties or conversations that stubbornly refuse to move on from Covid. Focusing on children, gifts, and pets also helps.

Alcohol fuels both doom-laden conversations and breaches of Covid regulations. This will make many people anxious and will increase the risk for everyone.

That is not to say that this has to be an alcohol-free Christmas, but maybe an alcohol-aware Christmas, in the interests of everyone.

Finally, devote time to an activity that absorbs you over the Christmas break, be it gardening, music, running, swimming, knitting, jigsaws, meditation or yoga. Sometimes, becoming lost in the moment is precisely what we need.

In the words of philosopher Henry David Thoreau: "Happiness is like a butterfly; the more you chase it, the more it will elude you, but if you turn your attention to other things, it will come and sit softly on your shoulders".

Happy Christmas!

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# Christmas Concert

HELD BY THE VINE GROUP IN THE PRIORY TALLAGHT ON FRIDAY

by **Paddy Barrett** / [news@echo.ie](mailto:news@echo.ie)

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The Giertl Family



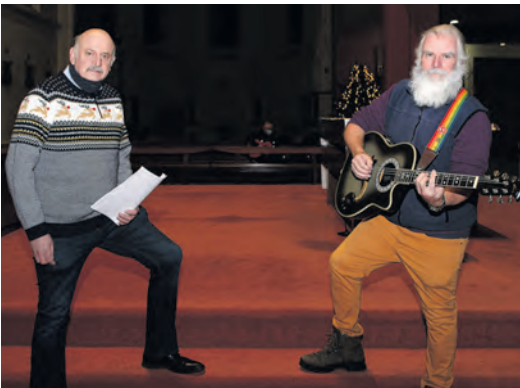
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Reiltin Geoghegan



Pony, Anona and Angelta



Don Harper and Mick Langan



The Vine Group



Gabriel Sheridan, Pauline Cafrey and Rita Keogh



Michael Finglas and Pamela Duffy





# Ho!Ho!Ho!

## SANTA CLAUS VISITS AN COSÁN IN TALLAGHT

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Santa with Brody and Shauna



Santa with Kia and Ciara



Santa with Sharmin and Awin



Santa with Aaron and Ashling



Santa with Lorraine



Santa with Natasha and Tracey



Santa with Sharon and Luke





# Christmas Party Fun

## IN JAMES CONNOLLY PARK IN CLONDALKIN

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Pippa and Hazel



Trish, Olivia, Jane, Robert and Damo



Katie, Adam and Ryan



Christine and Phyllis



Hannah, Angela, Mabh, Eddie, Kay, Mick, Maria and Kathleen



Alanah, Ava, Indi and Pippa



Pricilla, Valerie and Vera



Jean, Olivia and Tracey



Theresa and Jane



Olie, Olivia and Dara



Rachel, Gráinne and Sharon





# Shopping in The Mill Centre

## PEOPLE GETTING THEIR LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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Miyah-Jai and Carmel



Sandra, Eva and Frankie



Eabha and Pat



Anna and Tadhg



Bridget and Frances



Paul and Robyn

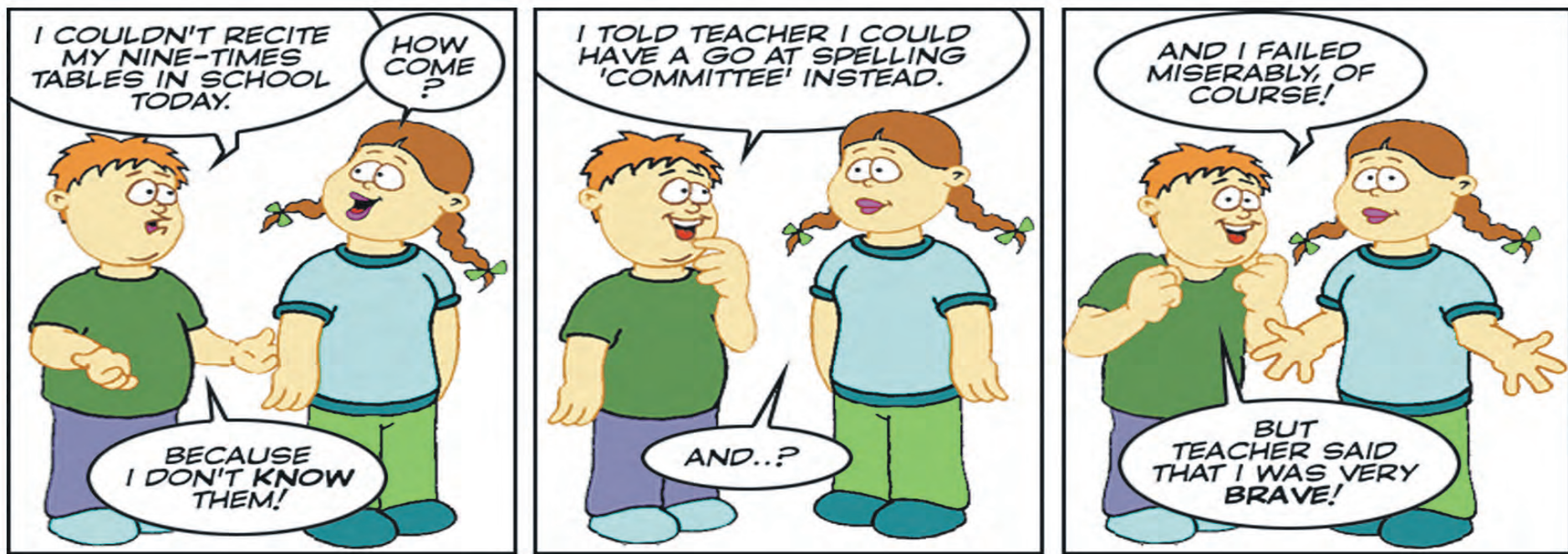


Virginia, Angela, Victa and Aura



Linda and Bob





Try to find the mitten that has no pair!



# Colouring Competition

To be in with a chance to win a prize in January colour in this Christmas drawing, take a picture of it and email it to [reception@echo.ie](mailto:reception@echo.ie) Make sure you include your contact details. Closing date is January 4, at 5pm.

A Word with Echo So...

## Santa Claus

CLUBBERS, HOW MANY WORDS (TWO LETTERS OR MORE) CAN YOU MAKE FROM THE ABOVE WORDS?

5-20 pretty good! 21-35 excellent! 36 and over - you do realise these have to be real words, don't you!

1	14	27
2	15	28
3	16	29
4	17	30
5	18	31
6	19	32
7	20	33
8	21	34
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# COLORiNG BOOK





## Christmas wish from Tallaght Community Council



Tallaght Community Council had to face the harsh reality, again in 2021, that our two flagship events, Tallafest and The Tallaght Person of The Year could not take place this year.

We would like to thank Lee Moroney for holding the office of Tallaght Person of the Year in 2020 and we look forward to hosting the event in November 2022.

Again this year we decided to recognise our unsung heroes with a very successful campaign #OurHeroesYourChoice.

We would like to thank everybody who took part, presenting many individuals and groups with certificates of appreciation.



**Liz Kennedy,  
TCC Voluntary Chair**

We would like to thank everybody who supported us throughout the year and we would especially like to thank all our local sponsors, without whose generosity we would not survive.

Our Christmas wish is to go into 2022 with a renewed commitment to the future development of our town.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful new year.

## The way we came together reaffirms our faith in human nature



I hope as much as is possible everyone will be having a break from their work and will find the time to enjoy Christmas. When we look back at this year we may be reminded of the challenges, sadness and difficulties that Covid-19 brought to our workplaces and homes. I do hope you also remember how well we all did in coming together as a community to stay safe and help each other. We saw so many people give so much that it reaffirms our faith in human nature. I wish you and your family a safe, healthy and prosperous Christmas and new year.

**Peter Byrne, CEO South  
Dublin Chamber**



# Drinkaware to stay safe on the roads this Christmas season



by **Aimee Walsh** / aimee@echo.ie

The public are reminded to stay safe on the roads this Christmas and to be mindful of driving the morning after drinking and to never ever drink and drive.

Drinkaware have issued a reminder to the public ahead of the Christmas holidays this year to practice caution and safety when driving. People are encouraged to fully understand and acknowledge processing times for alcohol.

According to Drinkaware, 1 in 10 DUI arrests are made between 8am and 2pm, with a peak on Sundays. This Christmas, Drinkaware's simple road safety message is to understand exactly what a standard drink is, and how long it typically takes the body to process one.

CEO of Drinkaware, Sheena Horgan, commented: "RSA figures are that 1 in 4 people admitted to getting behind the wheel the morning after while over the limit.

"These are avoidable risks that all drivers need to be more aware of to keep our roads safe this festive season. It is vital that people know how long it typically takes the body to process a standard measure of alcohol, when it is safe to drive, and what a standard drink actually is."

According to Drinkaware guidelines, it takes at least one hour to process one standard drink, which is either a half pint of beer, 100ml glass of wine or a standard



pub measure (35ml) of spirits.

This time begins from when the last drink is finished. For example, if a person finished three pints of beer at 1am, they will have consumed 6 standard drinks and this means they need six hours from midnight when they stopped drinking before their body will have processed the alcohol and they

should not get behind the wheel of a car until 7am at the earliest.

These are just guidelines, and many things such as your weight, age, gender, metabolism, mood and whether you've eaten can further delay the processing time.

"Good intentions are not enough. Without the right information, people may be making unsafe

choices," Sheena Horgan added.

"Knowing when it is safe to drive the morning after a drink protects us all. Drinkaware is therefore urging the public to stay safe and informed this holiday season. Listen to the advice of the RSA and an Garda Síochána and let's be proactive about keeping our roads safe."



**Mary, Did You Know?**

c. 1991 Word Music (a division of Word, Inc.) and  
Rufus Music (admin. by Keeling & Company, Inc,  
Nashville, TN) Words: Mark Lowry Music: Buddy  
Greene

Mary, did you know  
That your baby boy will one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know  
That your baby boy will save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know  
That your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This child that you've delivered  
Will soon deliver you

Mary, did you know  
That your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary, did you know  
That your baby boy will calm a storm with His hand?  
Did you know  
That your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
And when you kiss your little baby  
You've kissed the face of God

**Away In a Manger**

Away in a manger, No crib for His bed,  
The little Lord Jesus  
laid down His sweet head;  
The stars in the heavens  
looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me I pray!  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for Heaven to live with Thee there.

**Let It Snow!**

Sammy Cahn, Jule Styne (c) 1945

Oh, the weather outside is frightful,  
But the fire is so delightful,  
And since we've no place to go,  
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

It doesn't show signs of stopping,  
And I brought some corn for popping;  
The lights are turned way down low,  
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

When we finally say good night,  
How I'll hate going out in the storm;  
But if you really hold me tight,  
All the way home I'll be warm.  
The fire is slowly dying,  
And, my dear, we're still good-bye-ing,  
But as long as you love me so,  
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

# Christmas

# Sing-Along

**Silent Night**

Joseph Mohr(1792-1848), 1818

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, All is bright  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so Tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar;  
Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!  
Christ the Saviour is born!  
Christ the Saviour is born!

Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light!  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King!  
Christ the Saviour is here,  
Jesus the Saviour is here!

Silent night, Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord at thy birth;  
Jesus Lord at thy birth.

Winter Wonderland  
Dick Smith, Felix Bernard 1934

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening,  
in the lane, snow is glistening  
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight,  
walking in a winter wonderland.

Gone away is the bluebird,  
here to stay is a new bird  
He sings a love song, as we go along,  
walking in a winter wonderland.

In the meadow we can build a snowman,  
Then pretend that he is Parson Brown  
He'll say: Are you married? we'll say: No man,  
But you can do the job when you're in town.

Later on, we'll conspire,  
as we dream by the fire To face unafraid,  
the plans that we've made,  
walking in a winter wonderland.

In the meadow we can build a snowman,  
and pretend that he's a circus clown  
We'll have lots of fun with mister snowman,  
until the other kids knock him down.

When it snows, ain't it thrilling,  
Though your nose gets a chilling  
We'll frolic and play, the Eskimo way,  
walking in a winter wonderland.

Walking in a winter wonderland,  
walking in a winter wonderland.



**Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer**  
 Words by Robert L. May (c) 1947  
 Music by Johnny Marks

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer (reindeer)  
 Had a very shiny nose (like a light bulb)  
 And if you ever saw it (saw it)  
 You would even say it glows (like a flash light)  
 All of the other reindeer (reindeer)  
 Used to laugh and call him names (like Pinocchio)  
 They never let poor Rudolph (Rudolph)  
 Join in any reindeer games (like Monopoly)

Then one foggy Christmas Eve  
 Santa came to say (Ho Ho Ho)  
 Rudolph with your nose so bright  
 Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?

Then all the reindeer loved him (loved him)  
 And they shouted out with glee (yippee)  
 "Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer (reindeer)  
 You'll go down in history!" (like Columbus)

**The Christmas Song (Piano)**  
 Mel Torme (c) 1946

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire  
 Jack Frost nipping at your nose  
 Yule-tide carols being sung by a choir  
 And folks dressed up like Eskimos.

Everybody knows a turkey  
 and some mistletoe  
 Help to make the season bright  
 Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow  
 Will find it hard to sleep tonight.

They know that Santa's on his way  
 He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh  
 And every mother's child is gonna spy  
 To see if reindeer really know how to fly.

And so I'm offering this simple phrase  
 To kids from one to ninety-two  
 Although it's been said many times, many ways  
 Merry Christmas to you.

**Deck The Halls**

Deck the halls with boughs of holly  
 Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
 'Tis the season to be jolly Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
 Don we now our gay apparel  
 Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la.  
 Troll the ancient Yule-tide carol  
 Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.  
 See the blazing Yule before us.  
 Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
 Strike the harp and join the chorus.  
 Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
 Follow me in merry measure.  
 Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
 While I tell of Yule-tide treasure. Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
 Fast away the old year passes. Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
 Hail the new year, lads and lasses  
 Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
 Sing we joyous, all together. Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
 heedless of the wind and weather.  
 Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

# Christmas Sing-Along

**Santa Claus Is Coming To Town**  
 J. Fred Coots, Henry Gillespie (c) 1934

You better watch out  
 You better not cry  
 Better not pout  
 I'm telling you why  
 Santa Claus is coming to town

He's making a list,  
 And checking it twice;  
 Gonna find out Who's naughty and nice.  
 Santa Claus is coming to town

He sees you when you're sleeping  
 He knows when you're awake  
 He knows if you've been bad or good  
 So be good for goodness sake!

O! You better watch out!  
 You better not cry.  
 Better not pout, I'm telling you why.  
 Santa Claus is coming to town.  
 Santa Claus is coming to town.

**Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas (Piano)**  
 from the film Meet Me In St. Louis  
 Hugh Martin, Ralph Blane 1943

Have yourself a merry little Christmas,  
 Let your heart be light  
 From now on,  
 our troubles will be out of sight  
 Have yourself a merry little Christmas,  
 Make the Yule-tide gay,  
 From now on,  
 our troubles will be miles away.

Here we are as in olden days,  
 happy golden days of yore.  
 Faithful friends who are dear to us  
 gather near to us once more.

Through the years we all will be together  
 If the Fates allow  
 Hang a shining star upon the highest bough.  
 And have yourself a merry little Christmas now



**White Christmas (Piano)**  
**Irving Berlin 1942**

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
Just like the ones I used to know  
Where the treetops glisten and children listen  
To hear sleigh bells in the snow

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
With every Christmas card I write  
May your days be merry and bright  
And may all your Christmases be white

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,  
Just like the ones I used to know  
May your days be merry and bright  
And may all your Christmases be white

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,  
With every Christmas card I write  
May your days be merry and bright  
And may all your Christmases be white

**I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus**  
**T. Connor (c) 1952**

I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus  
Underneath the mistletoe last night.  
She didn't see me creep  
down the stairs to have a peep;  
She thought that I was tucked  
up in my bedroom fast asleep.

Then, I saw Mommy tickle Santa Claus  
Underneath his beard so snowy white;  
Oh, what a laugh it would have been  
If Daddy had only seen  
Mommy kissing Santa Claus last night.

**Here comes Santa Claus!**  
**Here comes Santa Claus!**  
**Right down Santa Claus Lane!**

Vixen and Blitzen and all his reindeer  
are pulling on the reins.  
Bells are ringing, children singing;  
All is merry and bright.

Hang your stockings and say your prayers,  
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.

Here comes Santa Claus!  
Here comes Santa Claus!  
Right down Santa Claus Lane!  
He's got a bag that is filled with toys  
for the boys and girls again.  
Hear those sleigh bells jingle jangle,  
What a beautiful sight.  
Jump in bed, cover up your head,  
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus,  
Right down Santa Claus Lane.  
He doesn't care if you're a rich or poor boy,  
He loves you just the same.  
Santa knows that we're God's children,  
That makes everything right.  
So fill your hearts with Christmas cheer,  
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.  
Well, here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa  
Claus,

Right down Santa Claus Lane.  
He'll come around when the chimes ring out  
It's Christmas morn again.  
Peace on Earth will come to all  
If we just follow the light  
Let's give thanks to the Lord above,  
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.  
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.

**Do You Hear What I Hear (Piano)**

Said the night wind to the little lamb,  
do you see what I see  
Way up in the sky, little lamb,  
do you see what I see  
A star, a star, dancing in the night  
With a tail as big as a kite  
With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,  
do you hear what I hear  
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,  
do you hear what I hear  
A song, a song, high above the trees  
With a voice as big as the sea  
With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,  
do you know what I know  
In your palace warm, mighty king,  
do you know what I know  
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold  
Let us bring Him silver and gold  
Let us bring Him silver and gold

Said the king to the people everywhere,  
listen to what I say  
Pray for peace, people everywhere!  
listen to what I say  
The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night  
He will bring us goodness and light  
He will bring us goodness and light



Thanks to everyone who entered the Christmas Tree competition. Here's just a few of the entries we received.



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Celine Gorman



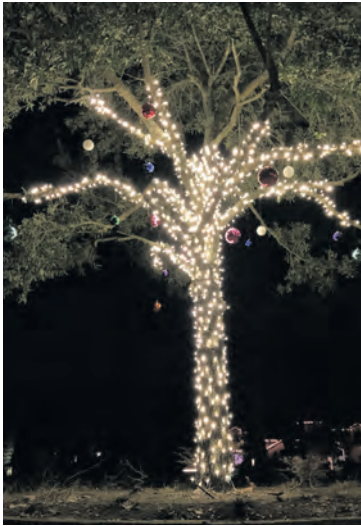
Jason Ledwidge



Elaine Whelan



Lynda Ryder



Pierce Parker



Amanda Doyle



Deborah Power



Dolores Shields



Imelda Kearns



Jennifer Slaughter



Jennifer Wickham



Linda McGlynn



Linda Tierney



Lisa Mc Grath



Louise Reilly



Noleen Kearney



Órla Ní Bhroin

And the winner is, Imelda Kearns



# Emma and Imelda add something new to their tree every year and they never take anything away

Imelda Kearns and her ten-year-old daughter Emma spent a day decorating their tree in their home in St Maelruan's Park in Tallaght last month, to coincide with The Late Late Toy Show.

Explaining the method that she applies with her daughter when decorating the tree, Imelda told *The Echo*: "We just kind of throw everything on, and when it's nearly full we keep going."

"We have decorations there from when we first moved in, and we always get new decorations every year and keep adding to it, we never take anything away."

Imelda said that she was delighted when she received a call from *The Echo* on Monday, informing her that she'd won the Christmas tree competition and a €100 voucher for The Square.

"I was delighted and I was very surprised, and Emma was delighted when I told her," she said. "I think myself and Emma will go off on a little shopping spree with the voucher."



Emma and Imelda at their winning Christmas tree

# Inspirational Christmas trees created by staff at Tallaght Hospital

by Mary Dennehy / mary@echo.ie

The staff at Tallaght University Hospital have injected some festive cheer onto the wards through their annual Christmas tree tradition.

Each year staff across the different wards and departments design Christmas trees to create a festive atmosphere for patients.

The trees are also for colleagues, many of whom are working away from home and may not be with their own loved ones at this time of year.

A spokesperson for TUH said: "All the staff and patients really appreciate the effort everyone goes to in creating the trees, in recent years."

The hospital has also produced a short video to bring the trees and creativity of the staff to a wider audience, and which allows many families of patients and staff to see the trees.

This year, the Vartry Renal Unit Christmas on the Orient tree was chosen as the overall winner.



WINNER Vartry Renal Unit Christmas on the Orient



SECOND Social Work It's Gonna Be a Cracker



THIRD Radiology Department CTree Scanner



Cellular Pathology Laboratory The Winter Wonder Lab featuring the Abominable Snow Scientist



Diagnostic Cardiology Our Deer Christmas Tree



Endoscopy GI Laboratory – Caps-Yule Endoscotree



Occupational Therapy Helping Hands Tree



Ormsby Ward Once Upon a Time



# Christmas Church Services

## TALLAGHT AND DISTRICT

### Knocklyon Parish

Christmas Eve

5.30pm, 7:00 p.m. 8.30 p.m., 10 p.m.

Christmas Day

9:00am, 10:00am, 12 noon

### St. Mary's Priory, Tallaght Village

Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass: 6.00pm, 8.00pm

Night Mass: 10.00pm

Night Mass in Polish: 12.00 Midnight

Christmas Day

Dawn Mass: 7.00am

Day Mass: 8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00 Noon

Polish Mass: 4.30pm

### Firhouse parish

Christmas masses will also be live streamed

There may be restricted access to these Masses, please check the parish website for details closer to the time.

Christmas Eve

Family Mass 6:00pm

Night mass 9:00pm

Christmas Day

Morning Mass 9:30am and 11.30am

### St Aengus

Because of restrictions imposed by COVID19, numbers at the Christmas Masses will be restricted. For this reason, there will be four Masses celebrated on Christmas Eve and the usual two on Christmas Day.

Christmas Eve

Masses at 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm and 9:00pm.

Christmas Day

Masses at 10:00am and 12:00noon

### Holy Spirit, Greenhills Parish

Christmas Eve 6.30pm & 9pm

Christmas Day is 9.00; 10.30am & 12 noon.

### Springfield, Jobstown Brookfield and Fettercairn Parish

#### St Marks Springfield

Christmas Eve

6:00pm Vigil Mass

9:00pm Mass of the Lord's Nativity

Christmas Day

12:30pm



#### St Thomas' Jobstown

Christmas Eve

vigil mass 4:00pm, Mass of the Lord's Nativity 8:00pm

Christmas Day

11:30am Mass

#### St Aidan's Brookfield

Christmas Eve

5:30pm Vigil Mass

9:00pm Mass of the Lord's Nativity

Christmas Day

Mass 10:30am

#### Fettercairn

Christmas Eve

7:10pm Carols

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Nativity

Christmas Day

10am Mass

### Parish of Kilnamanagh- Castlevew

Booking is necessary and can be done through the website for family Christmas prayer services.

To book online for one of the Masses or one of the Family Prayer Service go to <http://kilnamanaghcastlevew>

### St Kilian's

Christmas Eve

Family Christmas Prayer Service 3pm,

Vigil mass 6pm

Christmas day

Mass 12 noon



### St Kevin's

Christmas Eve Family Christmas Prayer Service

Vigil mass 9pm

Christmas day

Mass 10am



### St Maelruain's

All Christmas Arrangements are subject to revision if health guidelines are changed Christmas Eve

11.30pm - Christmas Eve Midnight Holy Communion in the main hall (for sanitisation to keep Church for Christmas Day).

Christmas Day

8.30am - Christmas Morning Holy Communion Service in the Small Hall (to keep church for 11am)

### Saggart, Rathcoole & Newcastle

#### Saggart

Christmas Eve 5pm & 9pm

Christmas Day 9am & 11am

#### Rathcoole

Christmas Eve 6pm & 8pm

Christmas Day 12 noon

#### Newcastle

Christmas Eve 5:30pm & 8pm

Christmas Day 10am





# Christmas Church Services

## TEMPLEOGUE

### St Jude's, Templeogue

Christmas Eve Christmas Vigil Masses  
6:00pm & 8:00pm  
Christmas Day Masses at 10:00am  
(Organ & Cantor) and 12:00pm  
There will be no evening Mass

## WALKINSTOWN

### Assumption Church, Walkinstown Parish

Christmas Eve there is no morning Mass,  
vigil Mass 7:00pm  
Christmas Day mass 11:30am (no evening  
vigil Mass)

## CRUMLIN

### St Agnes Church Crumlin

Christmas Eve 5:00pm, 6:30pm and  
8:00pm  
Christmas Day 9:30am, 11:00am and  
12:30pm

## CLONDALKIN

### Bawnogue Parish

Christmas Eve Masses at 6.00pm and  
9.00 p.m.  
Christmas Day Masses at 10.30am and  
12.00 noon.

## LUCAN

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Christmas Eve 5 pm: Away in a Manger A Nativity Service

Christmas Eve: Children's Mass at 6.30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 9pm

Christmas Day Masses: 9.00am, 10.30am and 12 noon

There will be NO Vigil Evening Mass on Christmas Day .

## BALLYFERMOT

### Cherry Orchard Parish

Christmas Eve mass at 7:00pm  
5:00pm Outdoor Prayer Service and blessing of crib

Christmas Day mass at 11:00am  
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## O Holy Night

O holy night the stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks  
A new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees  
O hear the angel voices  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born  
Truly He taught us to love one another  
His law is love and His gospel is peace

Chains He shall break  
For the slave is our brother  
And in His Name  
All oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy  
In grateful chorus raise we  
Let all within us praise His holy Name

Fall on your knees  
O hear the angel voices  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born  
O night divine  
O night divine

Christ is the Lord  
O praise His Name forever  
His power and glory  
Evermore proclaim  
His power and glory  
Evermore proclaim

CHORUS 3  
Fall on your knees  
O hear the angel voices  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born  
O night divine  
O night divine





# Don't Miss The Echo Year in Review

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## Year in Review 2021

### Vaccination roll-out in January 2021 brought a sense of hope

After an extremely difficult year in 2020, many people welcomed January as a fresh start. With this new year a sense of hope arose with the beginning of the vaccination roll-out across the country, starting off for healthcare workers and nursing home residents as we saw reported in *The Echo*.

By Aimee Walsh  
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STAFF vaccinations began on Tuesday, January 5 at Tallaght University Hospital. Louise Power, an arthroplasty nurse specialist from Firhouse, became the first person in Tallaght University Hospital to be vaccinated with the Pfizer BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine. Louise was vaccinated by her colleague Vivienne Dick, Clinical Nurse Facilitator.

A major fire broke out at Thorntons Recycling in Ballyfermot on the evening of January 9. Eight units from Dublin Fire Brigade attended to tackle the blaze, and people living close by were told to close all windows and motorists were told to avoid the area completely. There were no injuries as a result of the fire, with firefighters from Dublin Fire Brigade bringing the fire under control at around 2am.

There was an air of relief as 225 residents at Lisheen Nursing Home in Rathcoole received their first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine on Sunday, January 17. After a significant outbreak of the virus in April 2020, Val Joy, director of nursing at Lisheen called the day they received the vaccinations "a historic, momentous day."

Keeping with the theme of hope, 35-year-old James Lawless from Kilmacanogue decided to take on the mammoth task of running 465km in January to raise awareness and funds for HOPE suicide prevention drop-in centre. After tragically losing a friend to suicide, James wanted to raise money for the centre, which was founded by Tallaght native Mary McLoughlin, who set up the centre to offer support, counselling, and a cup of tea for anybody struggling with their mental health.

The emergence of nitrous oxide cannisters strewn across local areas in South Dublin resulted in grave concern for young people who were using them for a dangerous, cheap temporary high. This prevalence of cannisters called for local councillors such as Derren Ó Brádaigh to contact the council to express his concern.

RUNNING: James Lawless (HOPE fundraiser) with Shamrock Rovers star Aaron Greene

BLAZE: A major fire broke out at Thorntons Recycling in Ballyfermot on the evening of January 9.

JOY: Eithne Nolan, aged 92, from Dublin, with Berni Howard after receiving the Pfizer/BioNTech Covid 19 Vaccine at Lisheen Nursing Home in Rathcoole, Co. Dublin. Photo by Damien Eagers

DANGER: Discarded Nitrous Oxide canister in Fettercairn, Tallaght

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# Christmas Movie REVIEWS

by Aimee Walsh / aimee@echo.ie

## E.T. The Extra- Terrestrial

**RTE1 Christmas Eve**

The most successful out of all Steven Spielberg's films, E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial tells the story of Elliot, a lonely 10-year-old boy who befriends a gentle extra-terrestrial, dubbed 'E.T.', who has been left stranded on Earth after being separated from his spaceship and fellow aliens.

The pair form a special bond and develop a psychic connection, and Elliot helps E.T. to contact his own people and call out for rescue and we learn that E.T.'s objective is to "phone home" to go back to his own planet. Elliott introduces E.T. to his brother and his little sister, Gertie (Drew Barrymore), and the children decide to keep its existence a secret.

Unfortunately for E.T., being on Earth starts to have a devastating effect on his health and the Government are determined to capture him for scientific studies, creating a dire situation for both Elliot and E.T.

Spielberg's sci-fi fairy-tale is a family friendly classic that will bring you on a rollercoaster and is sure to have you laughing and crying the whole way through.



## Home Alone 2: Lost in

## New York

**RTÉ2 Christmas Day**

Just like the first movie, this sequel to its predecessor has lots of colour and Christmas warmth to it. Home Alone 2: Alone in New York brings back its slapstick antics and offers many brilliant scenes that are sure to have you in fits of giggles.

Bratty and bold youngster Kevin (Macaulay Culkin) returns for the sequel and finds himself once again all alone in the big apple when he manages to catch the wrong plane while his family jets off to sunny Florida. Getting his hands on his father's credit card, Kevin decides to treat himself to the good life staying in a luxury hotel and gorges himself on room service.

All seems to be going swimmingly for Kevin, until he happens to bump into two familiar burglars (Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern) and once again must use elaborate booby traps to fool them and foil their plans to rob a toy store. We get to follow Kevin as he navigates Manhattan once again as the self-reliant kid alone. A perfect movie for the whole family to watch on Christmas day which is equally as enjoyable as the first.



## 14-Day Christmas TV Guide

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## Beauty and the Beast

**BBC1 Stephens' Day**

A tale as old as time, this modern take on the much-loved Disney animated fairytale, Beauty and the Beast, tells the story of village girl Belle (Emma Watson), a bright, beautiful and independent young woman who is taken prisoner by a beast (Dan Stevens) who has been transformed from a

handsome prince as a punishment for his selfishness. Despite her initial fears of the monster, an unlikely romance blossoms between the pair and Belle realises the kind heart and soul of the beast.

A familiar and loved classic story is taken to a new level with the use of modern CGI which brings new life to the old fairytale. For fans young and old, there's a sense of enchantment and magic to be experienced when watching this movie. Fans of the original Disney movie most definitely will not be disappointed.



**14 pages of unmissable classic Christmas TV →**

*'Tis the  
Season*





6.00 EuroNews. 6.10 Teleshopping. 6.40 Teleshopping. 7.10 Teleshopping. 7.45 Lark Rise to Candleford. 8.50 The Christmas Contract. Drama, starring Danneel Ackles; Weather. 10.30 MasterChef: The Finals. 11.45 Doctors; Weather. 12.15 Neven's Christmas Menu. 12.45 Telly Bingo. 1.00 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather. 1.15 Today Show Christmas Special. 1.45 Donal's Family Food at Christmas. 2.15 Keys to My Life. 2.45 The Great House Revival. 3.45 Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby. 4.45 Dermot Bannon's Incredible Homes. 5.45 Naucht Followed by RTÉ News with Signing. 6.00 The Angelus. 6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather. 6.30 Killinaskully Christmas Special Part one of two. The entire village must work together at Christmas. 7.00 Ear to the Ground Magazine show for farmers and rural residents. 7.30 EastEnders Whitney continues in her mission to prove what Gray has done. 8.00 Fair City A desperate Carol is forced to help Lucy. 8.30 It's a Park's Life The Park Singers rehearse for their Christmas concert. Last in the series. 9.00 RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock and Weather. 9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special Agnes is keen to enter Father Damian's Christmas decoration contest. 10.10 Steps of Freedom: The Story of Irish Dance Documentary charting how Irish dancing developed over the centuries. 11.10 The Busk - A Decade of Christmas on Grafton Street Followed by Weather. 12.15 Smother Val increases her efforts to find out the truth about Denis's death. Last in the series. 1.20 Silent Witness. 2.25 Telly Bingo. 2.35 Dr Phil. 3.20 Dr Phil. 4.05 Doctors. 4.35 EuroNews.



6.00 EuroNews. 7.00 TRTÉ. 7.00 Storytime. 7.05 Storytime. 7.10 Sir Mouse. 7.20 Shaun the Sheep. 7.30 news2day. 7.40 Deadly Mission Madagascar. 8.15 Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. 8.40 Dorg Van Dango. 8.50 Charlie and Lola. 9.05 Grace's Amazing Machines. 9.20 Ollie. 9.25 Ollie. 9.30 Let's Find Out. 9.45 Peppa Pig. 9.50 Go Jetters. 10.00 Go Jetters. 10.15 The Cow That Almost Missed Christmas. 10.45



Everything's Rosie. 10.55 Everything's Rosie. 11.10 Andy's Safari Adventures. 11.25 Waffle the Wonder Dog. 11.50 Scooby-Doo, Where Are You! 12.15 Mustangs FC. 12.45 Alpha and Omega: A Howl-Iday Adventure. 1.30 The Jungle Bunch. 3.20 Shorts Yule Love. 3.25 Donncha's Two Talented. 3.55 FILM: Stuart Little Comedy adventure, with the voice of Michael J Fox. (1999) 5.25 Ace My Space Christmas Special 2. 6.00 The Zoo Lumara and Kitabu welcome a new okapi calf, the first of its kind to be born at Dublin Zoo, and Cahaya the siamang gibbon is in need of an emergency blood transfusion. 6.30 Young Sheldon The prodigy studies his family for a psychology project. 7.00 Whale Wisdom The surprising cognitive skills of these ocean giants. 8.00 Grand Designs: The Street A husband building a hi-tech home for his disabled wife. 9.00 FILM: Office Christmas Party When a CEO threatens drastic action to improve a branch of her company, the affected manager throws a party to impress a client. Comedy, starring Jason Bateman and Jennifer Aniston. (2016) 11.00 Alicia Keys Live in LA The singer-songwriter performs in Los Angeles. 12.05 Grey's Anatomy. 12.55 Vikings. 1.45 EuroNews.



7.00 Cúla 4. 7.00 Cúla 4. 7.02 Alvinnn agus na Chipmunks (ALVINNN!!! and the Chipmunks). 7.13 ToonMarty. 7.24 Pat an Madra. 7.30 Cúla 4 na nóg: Cúla 4 na nóg. 7.32 Cúla 4 na nóg: Seí Luna. 9.35 Cúla 4 na nóg: SpongeBob SquarePants. 9.46 Cúla 4 na nóg: SpongeBob SquarePants. 10.00 FILM: Mr Hobbs Takes a Vacation Comedy, starring James Stewart and Maureen O'Hara. (1962) 12.10 Siar sna 00s. 12.40 Éire ag Athrú. 1.15 FILM: The Nutcracker Adaptation of Tchaikovsky's ballet, starring Jessica Lynn Cohen. (1993) 2.55 Cúla 4. 2.55 Cúla 42.57 Saol Faoi Shráid. 3.20 Olívia. 3.30 Dive Olly Dive agus Taisce na bhFoghlaith. 5.02 Pat an Madra. 5.27 An Aimsir Láithreach. 5.30 FILM: The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie Children's animated comedy, with the voice of Tom Kenny. (2004) 6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach National and international weather. 7.00 Nuacht TG4. 7.30 Seal le Dáith' Author, former teacher and former president of the Irish Athletic Boxing Association (IABA), Breandán ó Conaire is this week's guest. 8.00 Ceol na Talún Documentary capturing the rhythm and pace of a year for a community in Cork. The bleak midwinter brings a ray of hope as children prepare to celebrate Christmas. Last in the series. 8.30 Ros na Rún Berni decides to bite the bullet and take the pregnancy test. olm, now knowing that Caitr'ona will not report Mo to the Garda' thinks it's time Mo returned to Ros na Rún. 9.00 The Foster & Allen Show. 9.30 Turas i mBaol: An tSibeir Dermot Somers travels with nomads in Siberia. 10.30 Amazing Grace - Aretha Franklin. 12.10 Ros na Rún Berni decides to bite the bullet and take the pregnancy test. 12.40 An Aimsir Láithreach. 12.42 FILM: Saturday Night and Sunday Morning Drama, starring Albert Finney. (1960) 2.20 France 24. 5.30 France 24.



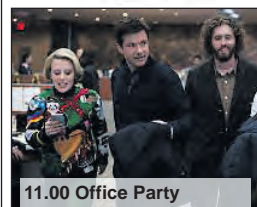
6.10 The Six O'Clock Show. 7.00 Ireland AM. 10.00 FILM: Oliver Twist Charles Dickens' drama, starring Alec Guinness. (1948) 12.00 Ireland's Crazy Christmas Lights. 12.30 News at 12:30. 1.00 The Chase. 2.00 The Chase. 3.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special. 4.00 Treyvaud Travels. 4.30 Judge Judy. 5.00 Judge Judy. 5.30 News at 5.30. 6.05 The Six O'Clock Show Chat show, featuring celebrity interviews, food from leading chefs and guidance on a wide range of topics. 7.00 Emmerdale Manpreet is suspicious. Will let's his jealousy show. Sam puts his plan into action. 7.30 Battle of the Christmas Lights Pitting two families together in a battle to make the best Christmas displays, culminating in a contest to pull of the best outdoor lights display on their homes. 8.00 News at 8 Claire Brock presents the latest national and international headlines from the Virgin Media News Hub. 8.30 Don't Look Back in Anger Archive news documentary looking back at the headline stories of the past 21 years, focusing this week on 2018. 9.00 Gordon, Gino & Fred: Desperately Seeking Santa Gordon Ramsay, Gino D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix head to Lapland to experience a treasure trove of festive fare and hopefully meet Santa in person. 10.15 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Celebrity Special. 11.15 Fanning at Whelan's. 12.15 The Street A domestic violence victim tries to hide her secret. 1.45 Endeavour Morse hunts a multiple murderer who is strangling married women. 3.40 Close.



7.30 The Chase Australia. 8.30 The Chase Australia. 9.30 Tipping Point. 10.30 Cash Trapped. 11.30 Cash Trapped. 12.30 Judge Rinder. 1.30 Ireland AM. 2.30 Emmerdale Meena is blindsided, and Liam is ensnared by her trap. 3.00 Coronation Street. 3.30 Coronation Street. 4.00 Tipping Point. 5.00 Tipping Point. 6.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as Chris, Chloe, Ekow and Jo answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on quiz genius the Chaser and secure a cash prize. 7.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as Sian, Caroline, Mike and Darren answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on quiz genius the Chaser and secure a cash prize. 8.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special With Colin Jackson, Anne Diamond, Josie Long and Nicky Campbell. 9.00 FILM: Dirty Dancing A dance instructor at a 1960s resort teaches a naive teenager about self-expression as they perform in an important show. Romantic drama, with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. (1987) 11.00 Emmerdale Sam puts his plan into action. 11.30 The Graham Norton Show Guests include Debra Messing and Eric McCormack. 12.35 The Graham Norton Show Highlights of the show in which Graham brings together groups of celebrity guests for a mix of light-hearted chat and music. 2.40 Close.



6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Animal Park Christmas Special. 10.00 Animal Park Christmas Special. 10.45 A Countryside Christmas. 11.15 Homes Under the Hammer. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News at One; Weather; Weather. 1.45 Penguins: Meet the Family. 2.45 Revolting Rhymes. 3.15 FILM: Cinderella Romantic fantasy, starring Lily James. (2015) 4.50 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out. 5.15 Superman & Lois. 6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather. 6.20 BBC Newsline; Weather. 6.30 The Weakest Link Christmas Special Romesh Ranganathan hosts a star-studded charity edition. 7.15 The Wall v Celebrities: EastEnders Christmas Special Stars of EastEnders compete in a special festive edition of the game show. 8.05 EastEnders Whitney continues in her mission to prove what Gray has done. 8.30 Ghosts Kitty becomes convinced that Santa has made an early stop at Button House. 9.00 Celebrity MasterChef Christmas Cook-Off With former contestants Gemma Collins, Joe Swash, Les Dennis, Mica Paris and the Rev Richard Coles. 10.00 Not Going Out Lee is not happy that Lucy has booked tickets to the pantomime. 10.40 BBC News at Ten. 11.10 BBC Newsline; Weather. 11.20 Gavin & Stacey The Wests join the Shipmans on Christmas Eve for one of Mick's famous turkey dinners, but Gavin and Stacey's announcement dampens the mood. From 2008. 12.20 FILM: Late Night Comedy drama, starring Emma Thompson and John Lithgow. (2019) 1.55 Weather for the Week Ahead. 2.00 BBC News.



6.15 The King of Queens. 6.40 The King of Queens. 7.05 The Big Bang Theory. 7.30 The Big Bang Theory. 7.50 The Simpsons. 8.20 The Simpsons. 8.50 The Simpsons. 9.20 Frasier. 9.50 Frasier. 10.20 FILM: Christmas in Love Romantic drama, starring Brooke D'Orsay. (2018) 12.05 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.10 Couples Come Dine with Me. 1.10 Jamie: Together at Christmas. 2.10 Countdown. 3.00 A Place in the Sun. 4.00 Chateau DIY at Christmas. 5.00 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas. 6.00 The Simpsons Bart destroys the family's Christmas presents. 6.30 Hollyoaks It's Christmas day but a big decision casts a dark cloud over the celebrations at Nancy's. 7.00 Channel 4 News Including sport and weather. 8.00 Christmas at Holkham Hall The festive transformation of the East Anglian Palladian pile. 9.00 One Night in the Natural History Museum Aisling Bea joins Alex Brooker and Josh Widdicombe for a night at the museum. 10.00 I Literally Just Told You Game show, hosted by Jimmy Carr. 11.00 FILM: Office Christmas Party When a CEO threatens drastic action to improve a branch of her company, the affected manager throws a party to impress a client. Comedy, starring Jason Bateman and Jennifer Aniston. (2016) 1.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. 1.50 Couples Come Dine with Me. 2.45 Deck the Halls: The Luxury Christmas Decorators. 3.40 Child Genius vs Celebrities Christmas Special. 4.35 Food Unwrapped. 5.05 Countdown. 5.40 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas. 5.55 The Simpsons.



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**FRIDAY**  
**December 24**

**TV**

**RTE ONE HD**



1.40 E.T. Xtra Terrestrial

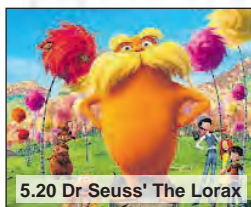
6.00 EuroNews. 7.10 Teleshopping. 7.40 Teleshopping. 8.10 Teleshopping. 8.45 Fair City. 9.15 EastEnders. 9.45 Casablanca. Romantic drama, with Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman; Weather. 11.45 Have Yourself a Mary Little Christmas. 12.45 Telly Bingo 1.00 RTE News: One O'Clock and Weather 1.10 The Christmas Letter 1.40 **FILM: E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial** Sci-fi fantasy, starring Henry Thomas. (1982) 3.45 **FILM: The Man Who Invented Christmas** Comedy drama, starring Dan Stevens. (2017) 5.35 Adam Saves Christmas 5.45 Nuacht Followed by RTE News with Signing. 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 RTE News: Six One and Weather The latest national and international headlines. 6.15 All Creatures Great and Small James and Helen leave a Christmas party to attend a dog in labour. 7.20 Killinaskully Christmas Special Part two of two. The village runs out of alcohol at Christmas. 7.50 EastEnders Whitney is in shock as she uncovers the truth. 8.15 Christmas Carols: Christmas in St Patrick's With Andrea Corr, Tol'Y Makay, Declan O'Rourke and Lisa O'Neill. 9.15 RTE News: Nine O'Clock and Weather 9.25 The Way We Were at Christmas A look at the themes of an Irish Christmas. 10.25 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special A flasher terrorises the neighbourhood in the first of two festive specials. 11.00 Midnight Mass From the Church of St James in Grange, Co. Louth. Followed by Weather. 12.05 **FILM: La La Land** Musical, starring Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling. (2016) 2.20 **FILM: Tootsie** Comedy, starring Dustin Hoffman. (1982) 4.15 Telly Bingo Lottery game show, presented by Declan Buckley. 4.25 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.

**RTE 2**



9.45 Father Ted Christmas

6.00 EuroNews. 7.00 TRTÉ. 7.00 Shane the Chef. 7.10 Shane the Chef. 7.25 Once Upon a Time at Christmas. 8.25 My World Kitchen. 8.35 Go Jetties Christmas Special: The North Pole. 9.00 Shorts Yule Love. 9.05 Donncha's Two Talented. 9.55 Peppa Pig. 10.00 Ballybraddan. 10.10 Shorts Yule Love: Little. 10.15 Mousehunt. 12.00 The Flight Before Christmas. 1.25 Shaun the Sheep: The Flight Before Christmas. 2.00 Kung Fu Panda. 3.35 A Kid's Country Christmas. 4.05 Shorts Yule Love: Naughty vs Nice. 4.10 **FILM: Despicable Me** Animated comedy, with the voice of Steve Carell. (2010) 5.50 The Simpsons 6.15 **FILM: Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom** While trying to protect genetically engineered dinosaurs, Owen Grady and Claire Dearing uncover a conspiracy. Action sequel, starring Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas Howard. (2018) 8.30 Gavin & Stacey The Shipmans travel to Wales to spend Christmas with the Wests. 9.45 Father Ted Christmas Special Fathers Ted and Dougal endure their worst Christmas ever when they get lost in a lingerie department, leaving them in a highly embarrassing predicament. Festive edition from 1996. 10.50 The Young Offenders First episode of the comedy, starring Alex Murphy and Chris Walley. 11.30 **FILM: Die Hard 2** A lone cop battles terrorists who have taken over an airport to force the release of a convicted drug baron. Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis and Bonnie Bedelia. (1990) 1.45 **FILM: The Big Sleep** Thriller, starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. (1946) 3.50 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.



5.20 Dr Seuss' The Lorax

7.00 Cúla 4. 7.00 Cúla 4. 7.02 Alvinnnn agus na Chipmunks (ALVINNN!!! and the Chipmunks). 7.24 Pat an Madra. 7.30 Cúla 4 na nóg: Cúla 4 na nóg. 7.32 Cúla 4 na nóg: Seí Luna. 9.05 Cúla 4 na nóg: Cat Cliste. 10.00 **FILM: For Me and My Gal** Romantic musical, starring Judy Garland. (1942) 11.55 Siar sna 00s. 12.25 Éire ag Athrú Poverty in rural Ireland between 1956 and 1964. 1.00 **FILM: High Society** Musical romantic comedy, with Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly. (1956) 3.00 Scéalta Grá na hÉireann 3.40 **FILM: Dear Secret Santa** Drama, starring Tatyana Ali. (2013) 5.18 An Aimsir Láithreach 5.20 **FILM: Dr Seuss' The Lorax** Animated fantasy, with the voice of Danny DeVito. (2012) 6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach National and international weather. 7.00 Nuacht TG4 The day's main news stories from a regional, national and international perspective. 7.15 Anúna: On a Cold Winter's Night A performance by choral ensemble Anúna, who sang on the original Riverdance, filmed in St Bartholomew's Church in Dublin. 8.15 CU Dublin na Nollag Charlie and Vince experience a busy Christmas period, and when a local publican dies, they decide to Óborrow' his body. 9.18 An Aimsir Láithreach National and international weather. 9.20 **FILM: Notting Hill** A London bookshop owner falls for a glamorous Hollywood film star, but intrusive media interest makes for a tricky relationship. Romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant and Julia Roberts. (1999) 11.30 Bryan Adams: Live in Sydney A 2011 performance by the singer at Sydney Opera House. 1.30 France 24 International news. 5.30 France 24 International news



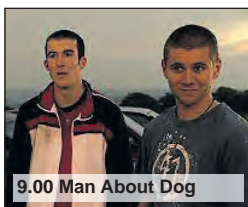
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9.00 Alan Carr's Epic Gameshow

6.00 The Six O'Clock Show. 6.50 Ireland's Crazy Christmas Lights. 7.25 Ireland's Crazy Christmas Lights 2. 7.55 The Best of Ireland AM. 9.25 **FILM: Secret Santa** Family drama, starring Jennie Garth. (2003) 11.15 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas. 12.15 In for a Christmas Penny 1.00 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. 2.00 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. 3.05 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special 4.05 **FILM: Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Ben Stiller. (2008) 6.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special Kate Silverton, Ruthie Henshall, Iain Stirling and the Rev Richard Coles answer questions and work as a team to take on all of the ruthless Chasers in this Christmas special. 7.00 Emmerdale Manpreet is floored by her discovery. Bernice gives Will an ultimatum. Al is pressured by Gavin. 7.30 The Cube Celebrity Special Jordan Banjo, Perri Kiely, Lorraine Kelly and Rosie Smith try to complete a series of increasingly difficult tasks, hoping to win a charity jackpot. Hosted by Phillip Schofield. 8.30 Coronation Street Daisy chooses Ashley's flashy party over Daniel's offer of a drink. Kevin goes to great lengths to give Abi the best present ever. 9.00 Alan Carr's Epic Gameshow Christmas Special The comedian hosts an updated version of classic game show The Price Is Right, which has been updated with a new final round. 10.00 **FILM: Central Intelligence** A rogue CIA agent turns to an old classmate for help when he is targeted by his own organisation. Action comedy, starring Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart. (2016) 12.10 Tommy Fleming - Live at Galway Cathedral 1.10 The Abba Christmas Party Music and TV stars sing their favourite Abba hits. 2.20 Endeavour A boy from a broken home is reported missing. 4.20 Close

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9.00 Man About Dog

7.30 The Chase Australia. 8.30 Judge Rinder. 9.30 Tipping Point. 10.35 **FILM: Daughter of the Bride** Romantic drama, starring Joanna Garcia and Luke Perry. (2008) 12.30 Judge Rinder 1.30 Alan Carr's Epic Gameshow: Christmas Special 2.30 Emmerdale 3.00 Alan Carr's Epic Gameshow: Christmas Special 4.00 Tipping Point 5.00 Tipping Point 6.00 Battle of the Christmas Lights Pitting two families together in a battle to make the best Christmas displays. 6.30 Battle of the Christmas Lights Pitting two families together in a battle to make the best Christmas displays. 7.00 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. 8.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special With Tim Lovejoy, Kay Burley, Eni Aluko and Richard Herring. 9.00 **FILM: Man About Dog** Three men sell their greyhound, thinking it will never win a race Ñ but soon change their minds and plan to steal it back. Comedy, starring Allen Leech, Tom Murphy and Ciaran Nolan. (2004) 10.50 **FILM: Dirty Dancing** A dance instructor at a 1960s resort teaches a naive teenager about self-expression as they perform in an important show. Romantic drama, with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. (1987) 12.50 Coronation Street Nina declines Asha's invitation to spend Christmas with the Alahans. 1.20 Emmerdale Manpreet is floored by her discovery. 1.50 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. 2.45 Close



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1.30 Frozen

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 CBeebies Presents: The Night Before Christmas. 9.50 The Farmer's Llamas. 10.20 Room on the Broom. 10.50 The Gruffalo. 11.15 The Gruffalo's Child. 11.40 **FILM: Brave** Animated fantasy, with the voice of Kelly Macdonald. (2012) 1.05 BBC News at One; Weather; Weather 1.25 Weather 1.30 **FILM: Frozen** Disney animated fantasy adventure, with the voice of Kristen Bell. (2013) 3.00 **FILM: Abominable** Premiere. Animated adventure, featuring the voice of Chloe Bennet. (2019) 4.30 **FILM: Dolittle** Premiere. Fantasy adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr. (2020) 6.00 Shaun the Sheep: The Flight Before Christmas A farmhouse raid leads to Timmy going missing. 6.30 BBC News at Six; Weather 6.55 BBC Newsline; Weather; Weather 7.00 The Repair Shop at Christmas Festive items include a mechanical doll, an ageing harmonium and a train set. 8.00 EastEnders Whitney is in shock as she realises the truth about Chantelle's death. Phil invites Sharon to Christmas at the Slaters and Doty is determined to ruin Rocky's Christmas plans. 8.30 Top Gear: Chris, Paddy and Freddie set off on a yuletide trek across Britain. 9.30 I Can See Your Voice Christmas Special Paddy McGuinness hosts the mystery singing game show. 10.30 The Vicar of Dibley Geraldine attends three Christmas lunches. 11.15 BBC News 11.45 Midnight Mass from St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham The first mass of Christmas. 1.00 **FILM: Lost at Christmas** Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Natalie Clark and Kenny Boyle. (2020) 2.35 The NFL Show Dan Walker is joined by former players Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to present highlights of Tennessee Titans v San Francisco 49ers and preview forthcoming fixtures. 3.10 Weather for the Week Ahead 3.15 BBC News



6.00 Home Alone

6.20 The Little Penguin Pororo's Racing Adventure. Animated adventure, with the voice of Zhan Jia. 7.30 **FILM: The Rugrats Movie** Animated comedy, with the voice of Elizabeth Daily. (1998) 9.05 Quentin Blake's Clown. 9.30 **FILM: Christmas Encore** Romantic drama, starring Maggie Lawson and Brennan Elliott. (2017) 11.20 Channel 4 News Summary. 11.25 The Bear. 11.55 We're Going on a Bear Hunt. 12.30 Father Christmas 1.00 A Baby Reindeer's First Christmas 2.00 **FILM: It's a Wonderful Life** Fantasy drama, starring James Stewart. (1946) 4.40 Channel 4 News 5.00 The Snowman 5.35 The Snowman and the Snowdog 6.00 **FILM: Home Alone A** boy is left to defend his home from burglars when his family jets off to Paris and accidentally leaves him behind. Comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern. (1990) 8.00 The Greatest Snowman Sue Perkins follows celebs Johnny Vegas, Laurence Llewellyn-Bowen, Dani Dyer, Liam Charles and Cherry Healey as they compete in an epic snowman-building competition. 9.30 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special Jon Richardson and Sarah Millican take on Lee Mack and Jason Manford. 10.30 The Last Leg Christmas Eve Special A merriment-packed Christmas edition, with guests Joanna Lumley and Big Zuu. 11.30 Friday Night Dinner: 10 Years and a Lovely Bit of Squirrel A celebration of sitcom Friday Night Dinner. 1.00 Friday Night Dinner 1.25 Friday Night Dinner 1.55 Friday Night Dinner 2.20 The Secret World of Toys at Christmas 3.15 Hollyoaks Omnibus 5.15 Countdown 5.55 **FILM: Rugrats in Paris: The Movie** Animated adventure, with the voice of Christine Cavanaugh. (2000)



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# SATURDAY Christmas Day

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6.00 EuroNews. 6.30 Stick Man Animated adaptation of Julia Donaldson's children's book. 7.00 EastEnders. **7.30 FILM: Buttons: A Christmas Tale** Children's fantasy, starring Angela Lansbury. (2018) 8.55 Give Up Yer Aul Sins The Christmas story. 9.00 Christmas Carols: Christmas in St Patrick's. 9.55 The Cork Nativity. 10.00 Mass for Christmas Day. 11.00 Service for Christmas Day. 1 1.45 Urbi et Orbi. 12.10 The Archbishops' Christmas Message 12.20 Shorts Yule Love: Missletoe and Stubbs 12.25 Adam Saves Christmas **12.35 FILM: The Secret Life of Pets 2** Animated sequel, featuring the voice of Patton Oswalt. (2019) **1.55 FILM: Back to the Future** starring Michael J Fox. (1985) 3.45 Piney: The Lonesome Pine **4.10 FILM: Paddington 2** Comedy adventure, with the voice of Ben Whishaw. (2017) 5.50 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather **6.00 FILM: The Grinch** A cantankerous green loner hatches a scheme to ruin the festive season. Animated Dr Seuss adaptation, with the voice of Benedict Cumberbatch. (2018) **7.25 FILM: Angela's Christmas Wish** Animated tale of a determined little girl who sets out on an adventure to reunite her family in time for Christmas. With the voices of Lucy O'Connell and Ruth Negga. (2020) 8.10 RTÉ News 8.20 Killinaskully Christmas Special 8.50 Fair City 9.35 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special **10.10 FILM: Bohemian Rhapsody** Queen biopic, starring Rami Malek. (2018) Followed by Weather. **12.20 FILM: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** Comedy drama, starring Judi Dench and Bill Nighy. (2011) **2.15 FILM: Four Weddings and a Funeral** with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell. (1994) 4.10 EuroNews

RTÉ 2 HD



2.10 Despicable Me 2 6.00 EuroNews. 7.15 TRTÉ. 7.15 Shorts Yule Love. 7.20 Peppa Pig. 7.25 Peppa Pig. 7.30 My Pet and Me: Arctic Animals. 7.45 We're Going on a Bear Hunt. **8.10 FILM: Shrek** Animated comedy, with the voice of Mike Myers. (2001) **9.30 FILM: Ice Age: Collision Course** Animated sequel, with the voice of Ray Romano. (2016) 10.55 Shorts Yule Love: Bear with Me. **11.00 FILM: Abominable** Animated adventure, featuring the voice of Chloe Bennet. (2019) **12.25 FILM: Singin' in the Rain** Musical comedy, starring Gene Kelly. (1952) **2.10 FILM: Despicable Me 2** Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Steve Carell. (2013) **3.40 FILM: The Lego Batman Movie** Animated comedy, featuring the voice of Will Arnett. (2017) 5.15 Nuacht Cinnlín 5.20 Shorts Yule Love: Gunter Falls in Love 5.25 Home School Hub: A Christmas Cracker! 6.15 Angela's Christmas **6.45 FILM: Home Alone 2: Lost in New York** A boy ends up stranded in the Big Apple - where he bumps into two familiar burglars with an axe to grind. Comedy sequel, starring Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern. (1992) Followed by Lotto. 8.45 The Toy Shop Documentary about the role of toys in people's lives. 9.35 EastEnders Whitney is ready to go through with her plan of exposing Gray. **10.20 FILM: Daddy's Home 2** Having settled their differences, Brad and Dusty must now deal with their intrusive fathers during the holidays. Comedy, starring Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg. (2017) **11.55 FILM: What Lies Beneath** A doctor's wife is troubled by visions of a ghostly girl who appears to be asking her for help. Supernatural thriller, starring Michelle Pfeiffer, Harrison Ford and Diana Scarwid. (2000) **1.55 FILM: Fargo** Comedy thriller, starring Frances McDormand. (1996) 3.25 EuroNews

TG4



6.45 Into the West 7.00 Cúla 4. 7.00 Cúla 4. 7.02 Alvinnn agus na Chipmunks (ALVINNN!!! and the Chipmunks). 7.13 ToonMarty. 7.25 Cúla 4 na nóg: Cúla 4 na nóg. 9.34 Cúla 4 na nóg: SpongeBob SquarePants. 9.46 Cúla 4 na nóg: SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.00 FILM: Cleo** Animated family adventure, with the voice of Sandra Oh. (2016) 11.25 The Irish RM. 12.20 Ar Thir na Crown Jewels **1.05 FILM: Funny Face** Romantic musical, with Fred Astaire and Audrey Hepburn. (1957) **2.50 FILM: Sherlock Gnomes** Animated comedy, featuring the voice of James McAvoy. (2018) 4.07 An Aimsir Láithreach 4.10 Bibeanna na Nollag 4.40 Ceol na Talún 5.10 GAA - Cúil na Bliana 2021 5.37 An Aimsir Láithreach 5.40 Nuacht TG4 5.50 Opry le Daniel **6.45 FILM: Into the West** Two boys living in a Dublin tower block leave their drab lives behind and embark on an epic journey with a magical horse. Fantasy adventure, starring Gabriel Byrne and Ellen Barkin. (1992) 8.25 Geantra - The Chieftains Recorded in 2011, this festive traditional music programme, celebrated 50 years of the Chieftains and was recorded in Matt Molloy's pub in Westport. **9.25 Peter O'Toole - Réalta & Rígaire** The story of the acclaimed Irish actor, told by those who knew him best - his friends, family and fans. 10.20 Joe Burke - Ceiliúradh A celebration of the Galway giant of the accordion. **11.15 FILM: Sing Street** A teenage musician forms a band as an escape route from his troubled life at home and in a tough Dublin school. Comedy drama, starring Ferdia Walsh-Peelo and Aidan Gillen. (2016) 1.00 Amy Winehouse - Live in London A 2007 performance at London's Shepherd's Bush Empire. 1.57 An Aimsir Láithreach National and international weather. 2.00 France 24 5.30 France 24 International news.

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8.00 Coronation Street at Christmas 6.40 The Royal. 7.40 The Best of Ireland AM. 9.00 The Cube. 10.00 This Morning. **12.00 FILM: A Dog Named Christmas** Drama, starring Noel Fisher. (2009) 1.55 Coronation Street: Soapy Slip-Ups 2.30 The Celebrity Chase 3.30 The Celebrity Chase Christmas Special 4.30 Alan Carr's Epic Gameshow - Celebrity Special 5.30 Don't Look Back in Anger 6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase Christmas Special Jordan Banjo, Helen George and Harry Redknapp try to guess the familiar phrases depicted by festive-themed animated clues to win cash for charity. Stephen Mulhern hosts. **7.00 Emmerdale** The villagers enjoy Christmas day. Al gets a threatening message. Manpreet searches for information. **8.00 Coronation Street** The Barlow-Platt family Christmas proves to be the ultimate test of peace and goodwill. Fizz delights Tyrone by cancelling her holiday and bringing the girls home. **8.30 Coronation Street** The Barlow-Platt family Christmas proves to be the ultimate test of peace and goodwill. Fizz delights Tyrone by cancelling her holiday and bringing the girls home. **9.00 FILM: Dirty Dancing** A dance instructor at a 1960s resort teaches a naive teenager about self-expression as they perform in an important show. Romantic drama, with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. (1987) 11.00 Gogglebox Ireland's Christmas Cracker 12.00 Living with Lucy Showband veteran Dickie Rock hosts Lucy Kennedy. **1.00 Endeavour** A GP is found dead in a public lavatory. 3.00 Close 5.35 The Royal Samantha makes a big decision.

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6.00 Madagascar Escape 2 Africa 7.30 Tipping Point. 8.30 Alan Carr's Epic Gameshow: Christmas Special. 9.30 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars Christmas Special. 10.30 WWE SmackDown. 11.30 John and Lisa's Christmas Kitchen. 12.30 John and Lisa's Christmas Kitchen 1.30 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special 2.30 Family Fortunes: Celebrity Christmas Special 3.30 The Cube: Celebrity Special 4.30 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special 5.30 Coronation Street: Memorable Moments **6.00 FILM: Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** The escaped zoo animals meet their wild counterparts after their plane crashes in Africa. Animated comedy sequel, with the voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock and David Schwimmer. (2008)



8.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special Colin Jackson, Anne Diamond, Josie Long and Nicky Campbell answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on all five of the ruthless Chasers. **9.00 FILM: John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum** The seemingly invincible assassin returns, this time hunted by armies of bounty hunters. Action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves and Halle Berry. (2019) 11.30 Fanning at Whelan's Showcasing the best of Irish music talent at the Dublin venue. 12.30 Coronation Street 1.00 Coronation Street 1.30 Emmerdale 2.00 Emmerdale The villagers enjoy Christmas day. Al gets a threatening message. 2.30 WWE SmackDown 3.30 Close



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5.10 Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special 6.00 Breakfast. 9.05 Zog. 9.35 Zog and the Flying Doctors. 10.00 Christmas Day Service from Coventry Cathedral. 11.00 Stick Man. 11.25 Shaun the Sheep: The Flight Before Christmas. 12.00 Top of the Pops Christmas Special 1.00 BBC News; Weather **1.10 FILM: The Secret Life of Pets 2** Premiere. Animated sequel, featuring the voice of Patton Oswalt. (2019) 2.30 Superworm 3.00 The Queen's Christmas Broadcast **3.10 FILM: Mary Poppins Returns** Premiere. Musical fantasy, starring Emily Blunt. (2018) 5.10 Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special 6.25 Michael McIntyre's Christmas Wheel Danny Dyer, Zoe Ball and David Walliams compete for charity. 7.25 Blankety Blank Christmas Special 2021 Bradley Walsh hosts a festive edition of the game show. Last in the series. 8.00 Call the Midwife New series. Lucille and Cyril prepare for their upcoming winter wedding in December 1966. 9.35 EastEnders Whitney is ready to go through with her plan of exposing Gray. 10.20 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special Agnes is recruited to the church choir - but is ordered not to sing. **10.55 The Vicar of Dibley** Part one of two. The vicar is swept off her feet by a handsome new arrival to the village. Christmas special from 2006, guest starring Richard Armitage and Keeley Hawes. 11.50 BBC News; Weather 12.00 On Christmas Night **12.05 FILM: Last Christmas** Romantic comedy, starring Emilia Clarke. (2019) 1.45 Would I Lie to You? at Christmas 2.15 I Can See Your Voice Christmas Special 3.15 Weather for the Week Ahead 3.20 BBC News



7.15 The Simpsons. 7.40 The Simpsons. 8.05 The Simpsons. 8.30 The Simpsons. 9.00 The Simpsons. 9.30 The Simpsons. 10.00 We're Going on a Bear Hunt. 10.30 The Tiger Who Came to Tea. **11.00 FILM: How to Train Your Dragon** Animated fantasy, with the voice of Jay Baruchel. (2010) **12.55 FILM: White Christmas** Musical, starring Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye. (1954) 3.20 Father Christmas 3.55 The Snowman 4.30 The Snowman and the Snowdog 5.00 The Alternative Christmas Message 5.05 Channel 4 News **5.15 FILM: Home Alone 2: Lost in New York** Comedy sequel, starring Macaulay Culkin. (1992) 7.30 Terry Pratchett's the Abominable Snow Baby Animated adaptation of the short story about a grandmother who adopts a 14-foot tall monster at Christmas. Narrated by David Harewood, with the voice of Julie Walters. **8.00 The Great Christmas Bake Off 2021** Paul Hollywood, Prue Leith, Matt Lucas and Noel Fielding invite the stars from the award-winning hit drama It's a Sin to join them in the famous white tent to celebrate Christmas. **9.15 Gogglebox 2021** Highlights of the past year's episodes, featuring appearances by the Siddiquis, Giles and Mary, Jenny and Lee, Ellie and Izzi, Marcus and Mica, and Amira and Iqra. 11.15 First Dates at Christmas Fred Sirieix and his team try to make sure that Christmas 2021 is one to remember. **12.20 FILM: Slumdog Millionaire** Oscar-winning drama, starring Dev Patel. (2008) 2.20 One Night in the Natural History Museum 3.15 Come Dine with Me Christmas 5.25 Countdown



# Don't Miss The Echo Year in Review - Jan 6



**SUNDAY**  
**December 26**

**TV**

RTÉ ONE HD

RTÉ 2 HD



9.35 Rocketman

6.00 EuroNews. 6.55 Fair City Omnibus. 8.55 EastEnders. 9.55 RTÉ NSO Elmore Noone Special 2021; Weather. 11.00 Service. 11.50 Home School Hub: A Christmas Cracker! Farming Weather. 12.45 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather 12.55 **FILM: Kung Fu Panda 2** Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Jack Black. (2011) 2.25 **FILM: Peter Rabbit** Family comedy, with the voice of James Corden. (2018) 4.00 **FILM: Coco** Animated fantasy, with the voice of Anthony Gonzalez. (2017) 5.45 Nuacht The latest news headlines. Followed by RTÉ News with Signing and ISL Weekly Weather. 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather The latest national and international headlines. 6.25 **FILM: The Greatest Showman** A former bank clerk attempts to create and develop his New York circus in the mid-1800s. Musical drama, starring Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron and Michelle Williams. (2017) 8.15 Fair City Carol realises her troubles are just beginning. 8.45 EastEnders Janine tries to get Mick to herself by telling Zack that Nancy still likes him and he should ask her out. Sonia approaches Stuart and encourages him to tell Rainie the truth. 9.15 RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock and Weather The latest national and international news. 9.35 **FILM: Rocketman** Elton John enters an addiction rehabilitation session, and recounts his extraordinary life in a flashback. Biopic, starring Taron Egerton and Jamie Bell. (2019) 11.45 The Way We Were at Christmas A look at the themes of an Irish Christmas. 12.45 **FILM: The Devil Wears Prada** Comedy drama, starring Meryl Streep. (2006) 2.40 **FILM: A Bronx Tale** Crime drama, directed by and starring Robert De Niro. (1993) 4.30 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.



3.20 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

6.00 EuroNews. 7.00 TRTÉ. 7.00 Old Jack's Boat. 7.15 Mr Bloom's Nursery: Hoe! Hoe! Hoe! 7.40 Sir Mouse Christmas Special. 8.05 Go Jetters Christmas Special: The North Pole. 8.30 My Pet and Me: Winter Special. 8.45 Zog and the Flying Doctors. 9.15 **FILM: The Nut Job 2: Nutty By Nature** Animated sequel, with the voice of Will Arnett. (2017) 10.50 A Kid's Country Christmas. 11.20 **FILM: How to Train Your Dragon** Animated fantasy, with the voice of Jay Baruchel. (2010) 1.00 Racing from Leopardstown Day one of the Leopardstown Christmas Festival. 3.20 **FILM: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang** Children's musical adventure, starring Dick Van Dyke. (1968) 6.00 Snow Chick: A Penguin's Tale Kate Winslet narrates as cameras follow the first few months in the life of an emperor penguin, watching as he learns to survive in the extreme landscape of his Antarctic home. 7.00 URC Live Munster v Leinster (Kick-off 7.35pm). All the action from the clash between the rivals in the eighth round of fixtures, held at Thomond Park. These teams also met in the final of last season's PRO14, with Leinster prevailing 16-6 thanks to a try by Jack Conan and 11 points from the boot of Ross Byrne, and it is Leo Cullen's men who have also set the pace in the early stages of this season. 9.50 **FILM: Braveheart** Medieval Scottish hero William Wallace fights to drive the English from his country. Historical epic, directed by and starring Mel Gibson. With Patrick McGeehan and Sophie Marceau. (1995) 1.05 **FILM: The Graduate** Comedy drama, starring Dustin Hoffman. (1967) 3.00 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.



1.00 Sherlock Gnomes

7.00 Cúla 4. 7.00 Cúla 4. 7.02 Alvinnnn agus na Chipmunks (ALVINNN!!! and the Chipmunks). 7.13 ToonMarty. 7.24 Pat an Madra. 7.30 Cúla 4 na nóg: Cúla 4 na nóg. 9.34 Cúla 4 na nóg: SpongeBob SquarePants. 9.46 Cúla 4 na nóg: SpongeBob SquarePants. 10.00 **FILM: The Country Girl** Drama, starring Bing Crosby. (1954) 12.00 Siar sna 00s 12.30 Éire ag Athrú 1.00 **FILM: Sherlock Gnomes** Animated comedy, featuring the voice of James McAvoy. (2018) 2.25 Ollchlaír Ros na Rún 3.25 Casadh na Taoide 3.50 Cluich' na Bliana 4.47 An Aimsir Láithreach 4.50 Rugba' Beo 7.22 An Aimsir Láithreach National and international weather. 7.25 Nuacht TG4 The day's main news stories from a regional, national and international perspective. 7.40 The Saw Doctors - Sing a Powerful Song Documentary recounting the band's meteoric rise to fame, with live footage of many of their hit songs. 8.45 The Mighty Ocean A musical piece scored for 12 musicians, touching on the entrancing power of the sea, while questioning mankind's destructive influence on the endangered oceans. 9.17 An Aimsir Láithreach National and international weather. 9.20 Seán ó Riada - Mo Sheanathair Musician Doireann N' Ghlaicáin - a granddaughter of Seán ó Riada - resolves to find out more about the 20th century's most influential Irish composer and cultural figure. 10.35 **FILM: O Brother, Where Art Thou?** Three bumbling crooks escape from a chain gang and strive to get their hands on hidden loot. The Coen brothers' comedy, with George Clooney, John Turturro and Tim Blake Nelson. (2000) 12.35 Paul Simon: Live at Webster Hall, New York With songs including The Obvious Child, Kodachrome and Gone at Last. 2.25 France 24 5.30 France 24



7.00 Emmerdale

6.35 The Royal. 7.30 The Royal. 8.30 The Best of Ireland AM. 10.05 **FILM: Daughter of the Bride** Romantic drama, starring Joanna Garcia and Luke Perry. (2008) 12.00 5 Gold Rings 1.00 Racing: Kempton: 32Red King George VI Chase 3.30 The Cube: Celebrity Special 4.35 Emmerdale: Soapy Slip-Ups 5.10 Saturday Night Takeaway Presents: Double Trouble 6.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special Lesley Joseph, Judge Jules, Jenni Falconer and Patrick Kielty answer general knowledge questions and take on five of the ruthless Chasers and secure a charity prize. 7.00 Emmerdale There is devastation in the village. Some are out for revenge. Dawn panics. 7.30 Coronation Street Abi refuses to let Kelly move on from the past. Nick is overjoyed when Sam finally breaks his silence. Nina confides in Asha. 8.00 All Star Musicals at Christmas Fern Britton, Ben Miller, Gyles Brandreth, Anita Rani, Catherine Tyldesley and Radzi Chinyanganya embark on a musical theatre masterclass. John Barrowman hosts. 9.30 **FILM: The Princess Bride** A dashing stable boy sets out to rescue his lost love from the clutches of an evil prince. Rob Reiner's comic fantasy adventure, with Cary Elwes, Robin Wright and Mandy Patinkin. (1987) 11.35 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Celebrity Special 12.35 Living with Lucy Singer Sarah Harding spends time with Lucy Kennedy. Last in the series. 1.35 Endeavour Morse tries to outwit a serial killer. 3.30 Close



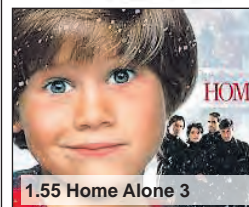
10.00 Homefront

6.30 Tipping Point. 7.30 Tipping Point. 8.30 Tipping Point. 9.30 Tipping Point. 10.30 WWE: Raw. 11.30 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs. 12.00 **FILM: A Dog Named Christmas** Drama, starring Noel Fisher. (2009) 2.00 John and Lisa's Christmas Kitchen 3.00 Celebrity Tipping Point 4.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special 5.00 In for a Christmas Penny Stephen Mulhern sets challenges to Christmas shoppers in Bath. 6.00 Feeding the Super Rich Documentary following a luxury food supplier. 7.00 The Celebrity Chase Bradley Walsh presents as four celebrity contestants pit their wits against one of the ruthless Chasers in the hope of winning a potential prize pot worth thousands of pounds. They must work as a team and play strategically to answer general knowledge questions against the clock and race down the game board to the exit without being caught. 8.00 Cannonball: Christmas Hits 9.00 Sports Stories: Nina Carberry 10.00 **FILM: Homefront** A former drug enforcement agent tries to put his past behind him, but is drawn into a conflict with a gangster. Crime thriller, starring Jason Statham and James Franco. (2013) 12.00 **FILM: Abduction** Action thriller, starring Taylor Lautner. (2011) 2.05 Coronation Street 2.35 Emmerdale 3.00 WWE: Raw Highlights from the latest edition of Monday Night Raw. 4.00 Sam and Billie: The Mummy Diaries 5.00 Close



4.20 Paddington

6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 The Snail and the Whale. 9.45 The Highway Rat. 10.10 **FILM: Shaun the Sheep Movie** Animation, featuring the voice of Justin Fletcher. (2015) 11.30 **FILM: Trolls** Animated musical, with the voices of Anna Kendrick and Justin Timberlake. (2016) 12.55 BBC News 1.05 BBC Newsline; Weather; Weather 1.15 Songs of Praise: Daniel O'Donnell's Faith Journey 1.50 Revolting Rhymes 2.20 **FILM: Beauty and the Beast** Musical fairy tale, starring Emma Watson and Dan Stevens. (2017) 4.20 **FILM: Paddington** Family comedy, starring Hugh Bonneville. (2014) 5.50 Around the World in 80 Days 6.40 Around the World in 80 Days Fogg's self-respect is shattered while traversing Italy by train. 7.30 Death in Paradise Christmas Special Feature-length festive special. A shipping magnate is found dead at a party. 9.00 A Very British Scandal New series. Drama focusing on the 1963 divorce of the Duke and Duchess of Argyll, notorious for scandalous accusations and salacious photographs. With Claire Foy and Paul Bettany. 10.00 EastEnders Janine tries to get Mick to herself by telling Zack that Nancy still likes him and he should ask her out. Sonia approaches Stuart and encourages him to tell Rainie the truth. 10.25 BBC News; Weather 10.40 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents action from the Boxing Day Premier League fixtures, including Manchester City v Leicester City, Liverpool v Leeds United and Aston Villa v Chelsea. 12.15 **FILM: The Accountant** Thriller, starring Ben Affleck. (2016) 2.15 Weather for the Week Ahead 2.20 BBC News



1.55 Home Alone 3

6.05 Rugrats Go Wild. Children's animated adventure, with the voice of Nancy Cartwright. 7.25 **FILM: Christmas at the Palace** Romantic drama, starring Merritt Patterson. (2018) 9.00 Jamie: Keep Cooking at Christmas. 9.30 Christmas Brunch. 12.30 Terry Pratchett's the Abominable Snow Baby 1.05 The Simpsons 1.30 The Simpsons Three festive shorts with the animated family. 1.55 **FILM: Home Alone 3** Comedy sequel, starring Alex D. Linz. (1997) 4.00 **FILM: Crocodile Dundee** Comedy, starring Paul Hogan. (1986) 5.50 Channel 4 News 6.00 Britain's Scenic Railways at Christmas A magical winter journey through some of the country's most festive railways. 7.00 Escape to the Chateau at Christmas Dick, Angel, Arthur and Dorothy enjoy a magical festive adventure. Last in the series. 8.00 All I Want(ed) for Christmas Celebrities receive the presents they wanted as kids but never got. 9.00 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2021 The annual year-end quiz, hosted by Jimmy Carr. Sarah Millican, James Acaster, Jonathan Ross, Judi Love, Guz Khan and Sara Pascoe look back on the strange events of 2021. 11.00 Gogglebox 2021 Highlights of the past year's episodes, featuring appearances by the Siddiquis, Giles and Mary, Jenny and Lee, Ellie and Izzi, Marcus and Mica, and Amira and Iqra. 12.55 Back to the 80s with Lenny Henry 2.40 Come Dine with Me 3.05 Come Dine with Me 3.30 Come Dine with Me 4.00 Come Dine with Me 4.25 Come Dine with Me 4.55 Countdown 5.35 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas 5.50 The Simpsons

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**MONDAY**  
**December 27**

**RTÉ ONE HD**

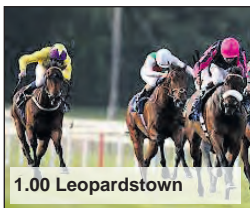


9.25 Tommy Tiernan Show

6.00 EuroNews. 6.25 Teleshopping. 6.55 Teleshopping. 7.25 Teleshopping. 8.00 Lark Rise to Candleford. **9.05 FILM: North By Northwest** Hitchcock thriller, starring Cary Grant. (1959) 11.30 EastEnders. 12.00 The Toy Shop 1.00 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather **1.10 FILM: Back to the Future Part II** Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Michael J Fox. (1989) 3.10 Fair City **3.40 FILM: The Incredibles** Animated superhero adventure, with the voice of Craig T Nelson. (2004) 5.45 Nuacht Followed by RTÉ News with Signing. 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather The latest national and international headlines. **6.30 The Big Night In** Family entertainment show, hosted by Dermot Whelan and Doireann Garrihy. 7.30 EastEnders Nancy is furious with Janine for meddling, while Mick makes a huge announcement. Rainie and Callum try to talk to Stuart and Dana tells Bobby she wants to learn more about Islam. **8.00 Ireland's Fittest Family** - Celebrity Special With Grainne Gallanagh, David and Stephen Flynn, Sinead Quinlan and Neil Delamere. **9.00 RTÉ News: Nine** O'Clock and Weather The latest national and international news. **9.25 The Tommy Tiernan Show** Special A one-off edition of the improvised chat show. **10.30 Bowie: Starman** - with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra A tribute to David Bowie's legacy. **11.30 The Coronas' Christmas Special** from the Olympia Theatre Followed by Weather. **12.55 FILM: Saturday Night Fever** Drama, starring John Travolta. (1977) 3.00 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.



**RTÉ 2 HD**



1.00 Leopardstown

6.00 EuroNews. 7.00 TRTÉ. 7.00 Storytime. 7.05 Storytime. 7.10 Sir Mouse. 7.20 Shaun the Sheep. 7.30 Waffle the Wonder Dog. 7.50 Critters TV. 8.05 Go Jetters. 8.15 Go Jetters. 8.30 Let's Find Out. 8.45 Alva's World. 9.00 Will Slaney's Storytellers. 9.10 Will Slaney's Storytellers. **9.25 FILM: Stuart Little 2** Family adventure sequel, with the voice of Michael J Fox. (2002) 10.50 We're Going on a Bear Hunt. **11.25 FILM: Shrek 2** Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Mike Myers. (2004) 1.00 Racing from Leopardstown Hugh Cahill presents live coverage of day two of the Leopardstown Christmas Festival, including the Paddy Power Steeplechase. **3.15 FILM: Into the Woods** Musical fantasy, starring Meryl Streep. (2014) **5.30 The Simpsons** Krusty and his daughter spend Christmas with the Simpsons. **5.55 FILM: Raiders of the Lost Ark** Action adventure, starring Harrison Ford. (1981) **8.00 Wild Uganda** How Uganda's wildlife is thriving after years of poaching and civil war. **9.00 FILM: Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues** Newsreader Ron Burgundy becomes the star of a 24-hour news channel with a series of sensationalist stories. Comedy sequel, starring Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate. (2013) 11.10 FILM: Handsome Devil Two pupils at a boarding school form an unlikely friendship until it is tested by the authorities. Comedy drama, starring Fionn O'Shea and Nicholas Galitzine. (2016) **12.55 Blue Bloods** A high-profile video game player is murdered. 1.45 EuroNews Headlines update.

**TG4**



9.20 Bridesmaids

7.00 Cúla 4. 7.00 Cúla 4. 7.02 Alvinnn agus na Chipmunks (ALVINNN!!! and the Chipmunks). 7.13 ToonMarty. 7.24 Pat an Madra. 7.30 Cúla 4 na nóg: Cúla 4 na nóg. 9.34 Cúla 4 na nóg: SpongeBob SquarePants. 9.46 Cúla 4 na nóg: SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.00 FILM: Carrie** Romantic drama, with Laurence Olivier and Jennifer Jones. (1952) 12.15 Siar sna 00s 12.45 Éire ag Athrú **1.20 FILM: The Von Trapp Family: A Life of Music** Biopic, starring Eliza Bennett. (2015) 3.10 Laochra Na Rasa'ochta 4.10 Cluich' na Bliana 5.07 An Aimsir Laithreach **5.10 FILM: A Christmas Carol** Dickens' classic tale, starring George C Scott. (1984) 6.57 An Aimsir Laithreach National and international weather. 7.00 Nuacht TG4 The day's main news stories from a regional, national and international perspective. **7.15 PEIG** Sinead N' Uallachain embarks on a mission to change the perception of Peig Sayers - widely considered one of the most hated women in Irish history. **8.15 Riis'n Reimagined** Muireann Nic Amhlaioibh and the Irish Chamber Orchestra unite for a performance of fresh orchestral arrangements of classic sean nís songs. **9.18 An Aimsir Laithreach** National and international weather. **9.20 FILM: Bridesmaids** A disorganised woman takes charge of her best friend's bridal party, but the wife of the groom's boss causes problems. Comedy, with Kristen Wiig, Rose Byrne and Melissa McCarthy. (2011) 11.35 Hector Amú san Eoraip Hector ó hEochagáin explores Copenhagen. **12.10 Coldplay Live 2012** Documentary following the band's Mylo Xylo world tour. 2.00 France 24 International news. 5.30 France 24 International news.



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3.10 The Cube: Celebrity Special

6.25 The Royal. 7.25 The Royal. 8.25 The Best of Ireland AM. **10.00 FILM: Surviving Love** Romantic comedy, starring Ted Danson and Mary Steenburgen. (2004) 12.00 5 Gold Rings 1.00 The Chase 2.05 The Chase 3.10 The Cube: Celebrity Special 4.15 Treyvaud Travels 4.45 Judge Judy 5.15 Judge Judy 5.45 Emmerdale Family Tree: The Dingles, Older and Wiser 6.15 In for a Christmas Penny Stephen Mulhern heads to Chelmsford in Essex for a festive edition of the game show as he sets unsuspecting members of the public a series of challenges. 7.00 Emmerdale Charity and Mack relax. Lydia is excited. Billy is reeling. 7.30 The Voice Kids New series. Melanie C joins Will.i.am, Danny Jones and Pixie Lott on the judging panel for the junior talent search, with more youngsters displaying their musical talents. **9.00 Coronation Street** Abi's relentless hounding drives Kelly down a dangerous path. Phil's proposition prompts Fizz to drop a bombshell on Tyrone. George strives to obtain Eileen's forgiveness. **9.30 Coronation Street** Abi's relentless hounding drives Kelly down a dangerous path. Phil's proposition prompts Fizz to drop a bombshell on Tyrone. George strives to obtain Eileen's forgiveness. **10.00 Finding Jack** Charlton 11.55 The Big Soap Quiz: Coronation Street vs Emmerdale 12.55 Living with Lucy 1.55 Gordon, Gino and Fred: Christmas Road Trip - Three Unwise Men 2.55 Don't Look Back in Anger 3.25 Don't Look Back in Anger 3.55 Close



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11.00 John Wick Chapter 3

7.00 Cash Trapped. 8.00 Cash Trapped. 9.00 Cash Trapped. 10.00 Tipping Point. 11.00 Judge Rinder. **12.00 FILM: Oliver Twist** Charles Dickens' drama, starring Alec Guinness. (1948) 2.30 Emmerdale: Soapy Slip-Ups 3.00 Emmerdale There is devastation in the village. 3.30 Coronation Street 4.00 Tipping Point 5.00 Tipping Point 6.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as contestants Darren, Krysta, June and Reuben pit their wits against the Chaser, adding money to the jackpot for the final chase. **7.00 The Chase** Bradley Walsh presents as Dan, Andrew, Emily and Caroline answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on quiz genius the Chaser and secure a



cash prize. **8.00 The Million Pound Cube** With contestants Stacey Dooley and Kevin Clifton. **9.00 FILM: Killers A spy puts his life of espionage behind him and settles into domestic bliss, until a contract is placed on his life. Action comedy, starring Ashton Kutcher and Katherine Heigl. (2010) 11.00 FILM: John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum** The seemingly invincible assassin returns, this time hunted by armies of bounty hunters. Action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves and Halle Berry. (2019) 1.30 Coronation Street Abi's relentless hounding drives Kelly down a dangerous path. 2.30 Emmerdale 3.00 Close



**BBC one**



8.00 Masterchef

6.00 Breakfast. 7.45 Match of the Day. **9.20 FILM: Monsters vs Aliens** Animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Reese Witherspoon. (2009) **10.45 FILM: The Boss Baby** Animated comedy, featuring the voice of Alec Baldwin. (2017) 12.15 Bargain Hunt 1.00 BBC News; Weather 1.25 Weather **1.30 FILM: Finding Dory** Animated sequel, with the voice of Ellen DeGeneres. (2016) **3.00 FILM: Horrible Histories: The Movie - Rotten Romans** Premiere. Family comedy, starring Sebastian Croft. (2019) 4.30 Countryfile 5.30 BBC News 5.45 BBC Newsline; Weather; Weather **5.55 FILM: Paddington 2** Comedy adventure, with the voice of Ben Whishaw. (2017) 7.30 EastEnders Nancy is furious with Janine for meddling, while Mick makes a huge announcement. Rainie and Callum try to talk to Stuart and Dana tells Bobby she wants to learn more about Islam. **8.00 MasterChef: The Professionals** Rematch 2021 Four previous finalists take part in two new challenges. **9.00 A Very British Scandal** Ian receives a mysterious letter claiming to have evidence calling the paternity of his sons into question. Margaret is given an ominous warning from Ian's first wife. 10.00 BBC News 10.25 BBC Newsline; Weather; Weather 10.35 Give My Head Peace Uncle Andy and Da mark the centenary of Northern Ireland in very different ways. 11.05 The Vicar of Dibley Part two of two. Dawn French stars in the last-ever episode, which sees the vicar preparing for her wedding. But there are hitches even before the big day arrives. 12.00 FILM: When Harry Met Sally Romantic comedy, starring Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan. (1989) 1.35 BBC News

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10.00 Crocodile Dundee II

6.15 The Simpsons. **6.40 FILM: The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** Children's animated comedy, with the voice of Tom Kenny. (2004) 8.10 The Simpsons. 8.40 The Simpsons. 9.10 The Simpsons. **9.40 FILM: A Royal Winter** Romantic drama, starring Merritt Patterson and Jack Donnelly. (2017) 11.20 The Simpsons. 11.50 The Simpsons. 12.20 The Simpsons 12.45 The Simpsons **1.15 FILM: The Spiderwick Chronicles** Fantasy adventure, starring Freddie Highmore. (2008) 3.05 The Dog House at Christmas 4.05 The Great Christmas Bake Off 2021 5.20 Hollyoaks 5.50 Channel 4 News **6.00 FILM: Crocodile Dundee II** The Australian adventurer lures the drug dealers who kidnapped his girlfriend to the Outback for a showdown. Comedy adventure sequel, starring Paul Hogan and Linda Kozlowski. (1988) **8.00 Travel Man:** 96 Hours in Iceland Joe Lycett takes over as host, joined by Bill Bailey on a trip to Iceland. **9.00 Jon & Lucy's** Christmas Sleepover Jon Richardson and Lucy Beaumont host a special Christmas celebration. **10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown** Christmas Special Jon Richardson and Sarah Millican take on Lee Mack and Jason Manford. **11.00 Jon Richardson:** Old Man Tour From Blackpool's historic Grand Theatre. **12.00 All I Want(ed) for Christmas** 1.00 First Dates at Christmas 1.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 2.45 Come Dine with Me 4.55 Countdown 5.35 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures **5.50 FILM: Capture the Flag** Animated sci-fi adventure, with the voice of Sam Fink. (2015)



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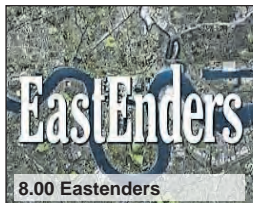


**TUESDAY**  
**December 28**

**TV**

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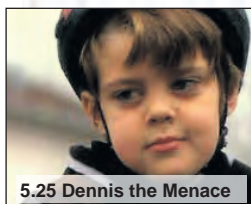
**8.00 EastEnders**

6.00 EuroNews. 6.30 Teleshopping. 7.00 Teleshopping. 7.30 Teleshopping. 8.05 Lark Rise to Candleford. **9.10 FILM: Charade** Romantic thriller, with Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant. (1963) 11.15 The RTÉ Concert Orchestra Performs: John Lennon. **12.15 EastEnders** Nancy is furious with Janine for her meddling. **12.45 Telly Bingo** 1.00 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather **1.10 FILM: The Great Race** Comedy, starring Tony Curtis. (1965) **4.00 FILM: The Breadwinner** Animated drama, featuring the voice of Saara Chaudry. (2018) **5.45 Nuacht** Followed by RTÉ News with Signing. **6.00 The Angelus** **6.01 RTÉ News:** Six One and Weather The latest national and international headlines. **6.30 How Ireland Rocked the 70s** The evolution of the rock festival circuit during the decade. **7.30 Fair City** Leo takes out his troubles on Carol and Tommy. **8.00 EastEnders** Janine learns surprising news about Linda. **9.00 RTÉ News:** Nine O'Clock and Weather The latest national and international news. **9.25 Daniel at Sixty** A profile of singer, TV presenter and philanthropist Daniel O'Donnell, with contributions by the man himself as well as his family and friends in an archive trip down memory lane. **10.25 FILM: Michael Collins** Fact-based drama focusing on the Irish radical who rose to prominence after his involvement in the 1916 Easter Rising against British rule. Starring Liam Neeson and Julia Roberts. (1996) **12.50 FILM: Jackie** Biopic of Jacqueline Kennedy, starring Natalie Portman. (2016) **2.30 Telly Bingo** Lottery game show, presented by Declan Buckley. **2.40 EuroNews** European and international headlines live via satellite.



**5.50 Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom**

6.00 EuroNews. 7.00 TRTÉ. 7.00 Storytime. 7.05 Sir Mouse. 7.15 Shaun the Sheep. 7.25 Waffle the Wonder Dog. 7.45 Critters TV. 8.00 Go Jetters. 8.10 Go Jetters. 8.25 Let's Find Out. 8.40 Alva's World. 8.55 Will Sliney's Storytellers. 9.05 Will Sliney's Storytellers. 9.20 Bush Kids. 9.35 Bush Kids. 9.55 Junior Bake Off. 10.45 Ace My Space Christmas Special 1. **11.20 FILM: The Spiderwick Chronicles** Fantasy adventure, starring Freddie Highmore. (2008) **1.00 Racing from Leopardstown** Hugh Cahill is joined by Barry Geraghty, Jane Mangan and Ted Walsh for day three of the Leopardstown Christmas Festival, including the Grade 1 Savills Chase. **3.25 FILM: The Magnificent Seven** Western, starring Yul Brynner. (1960) **5.50 FILM: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom** Action adventure, starring Harrison Ford. (1984) **8.00 The Big Night In** Family entertainment show, hosted by Dermot Whelan and Doireann Garrihy. **9.00 FILM: The Hitman's Bodyguard** A man is hired to protect a hitman about to testify at the International Criminal Court. Comedy action thriller, starring Ryan Reynolds and Samuel L Jackson. (2017) **11.15 FILM: Extra Ordinary** Rose uses her supernatural talents to save the daughter of a washed-up rock star who is using her to re-ignite his fame. Comedy drama, starring Maeve Higgins. (2019) **1.00 FILM: Damascus Cover** Mystery thriller, starring Jonathan Rhys Meyers. (2017) **2.40 Super Garden** **3.35 The Rotunda** Zosia is determined to have as little intervention as possible in her first labour. **4.25 EuroNews**



**5.25 Dennis the Menace**

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**10.00 Wuthering Heights**

6.25 The Royal. 7.20 The Royal. 8.20 The Best of Ireland AM. **10.00 FILM: Wuthering Heights** Emily Bronte's classic tale. Orla Brady stars. **12.00 5 Gold Rings** **1.00 The Chase** **2.00 The Chase** **3.00 The Cube** **4.00 Absolutely India: Mancs in Mumbai** **4.30 Judge Judy** **5.00 Judge Judy** **5.30 Emmerdale Family Trees: The Dingles - Young Guns** **6.00 Family Fortunes** Christmas Special Gino D'Acampo hosts a festive edition of the game show, with the Green family of Birmingham going up against the Traceys of Plymouth for a chance to win £30,000. **7.00 Emmerdale** Vinny investigates. Mack is gutted. Jai receives a call. **7.30 The Voice Kids** Tonight, round two of the blind auditions get underway and the superstar coaches Melanie C, Danny Jones, Pixie Lott and will.i.am complete their teams. **9.00 Coronation Street** Abi gains a sobering insight into Kelly's upbringing. Tyrone refuses to sell Number 9 in order to please Fizz. **10.00 Sport Stories:** Joe Brolly **11.00 Living with Lucy** Featuring ex-EastEnders star Danniella Westbrook. **12.00 Endeavour** Morse investigates a murder at a munitions factory. **2.00 Don't Look Back in Anger** Archive news stories from 2002. **2.30 Don't Look Back in Anger** Archive news stories from 2003. **3.00 Close**

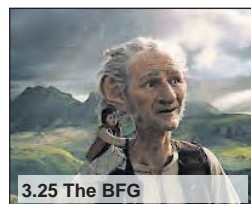


**9.15 Rambo Last Blood**

6.50 Cash Trapped. 7.50 Cash Trapped. 8.50 Cash Trapped. 9.50 Tipping Point. 10.50 Judge Rinder. **11.50 FILM: Great Expectations** Drama, starring John Mills. (1946) **2.30 Emmerdale** **3.00 Coronation Street** **3.30 Coronation Street** Abi's relentless hounding drives Kelly down a dangerous path. **4.00 Tipping Point** **5.00 Tipping Point** **6.00 The Chase** Bradley Walsh presents as Rob, Claire, Charles and Barbara answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on quiz genius the Chaser and secure a cash prize. **7.00 The Chase** Bradley Walsh presents as Matt, Emile, Alan and Valerie answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on quiz genius the Chaser and secure a cash prize. **8.00 The Million** **Pound Cube** With Danny Jones, Dougie Poynter, Emily Atack and Kate Robbins. **9.15 FILM: Rambo: Last Blood** John Rambo must confront his past and



unearth his ruthless combat skills to exact revenge in one final mission. Action thriller sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone. (2019) **11.00 FILM: Homefront** A former drug enforcement agent tries to put his past behind him, but is drawn into a conflict with a gangster. Crime thriller, starring Jason Statham and James Franco. (2013) **1.00 Coronation Street** Abi gains a sobering insight into Kelly's upbringing. **2.00 Emmerdale** Vinny investigates. Mack is gutted. Jai receives a call. **2.30 Close**



**3.25 The BFG**

6.00 Breakfast. **9.15 FILM: Planes** Animated adventure, with the voice of Dane Cook. (2013) **10.40 FILM: Cars 3** Animated adventure, featuring the voice of Owen Wilson. (2017) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** **1.00 BBC News; Weather** **1.24 Weather** **1.25 Superworm**

**1.55 FILM: Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit** Oscar-winning animated adventure, with the voice of Peter Sallis. (2005) **3.10 Night of the Living Carrots** **3.25 FILM: The BFG** Fantasy adventure, starring Mark Rylance. (2016) **5.15 Pointless Celebrities** **6.00 BBC News** **6.20 BBC Newsline;** Weather; Weather **6.30 The Weakest Link Quiz,** hosted by Romesh Ranganathan. **7.15 Worzel Gummidge:** Twichers A flock of rare choughs turns up at Scatterbrook Farm. **8.10 EastEnders** Mick is inspired to create the perfect New Year's Eve party, Janine learns surprising news about Linda, and Eve helps Stacey get an interview for the market inspector job. **9.00 A Very British Scandal** Battlelines are drawn as the Duke and Duchess enter into a tense separation. Last in the series. **10.00 BBC News** **10.25 BBC Newsline;** Weather; Weather **10.35 Daniel O'Donnell:** The Boy from Donegal A look back at the singer's career as he celebrates his 60th birthday. **11.35 Match of the Day** Highlights of the latest Premier League matches. **1.05 The Great British Sewing Bee:** Celebrity Christmas Special New host Sara Pascoe presents this festive special **2.05 Weather for the Week Ahead** **2.10 BBC News.**



**1.15 Junior**

7.25 The Simpsons. 7.50 The Simpsons. 8.20 The Simpsons. 8.50 The Simpsons. 9.20 Frasier. 9.50 Frasier. 10.20 Chateau DIY at Christmas. **11.25 FILM: Failure to Launch** Romantic comedy, with Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew McConaughey. (2006) **1.15 FILM: Junior** Comedy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. (1994) **3.30 Christmas at Castle Howard** **4.30 Location, Location, Location** **5.30 The Simpsons** Homer turns to improvisational comedy to gain confidence. **6.00 Hollyoaks** Celeste and Martine are tricked into attending family lunch at The Dog. **6.30 Channel 4 News** Including sport and weather. **7.00 Sarah Beeny's New Life in the Country** Sarah and Graham turn their attention to the sitting room.



**8.00 Extraordinary Escapes at Christmas** with Sandi Toksvig Deborah Meaden, Fay Ripley and Maggie Aderin-Pocock help Sandi explore Norway. **9.00 FILM: Murder on the Orient Express** Hercule Poirot investigates the killing of an American businessman on board the famous train. Agatha Christie mystery, with Kenneth Branagh, Daisy Ridley and Derek Jacobi. (2017) **11.15 FILM: Misery** A successful author is freed from a near-fatal car crash, but is horrified to discover his rescuer is a psychopathic fan. Oscar-winning thriller, with James Caan and Kathy Bates. (1990) **1.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** **2.00 Come Dine with Me** **2.30 Come Dine with Me** **2.55 Come Dine with Me** **3.25 Come Dine with Me** **3.50 Come Dine with Me** **4.15 A Year at Jimmy's Farm** **5.10 Countdown** **5.50 The Simpsons**

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**WEDNESDAY**  
**December 29**

**RTÉ ONE HD**



2.40 Shaun the Sheep

6.00 EuroNews. 6.30 Teleshopping. 7.00 Teleshopping. 7.30 Teleshopping. 8.05 Lark Rise to Candleford. 9.10 EastEnders. **10.10 FILM: Flight of the Doves** Children's drama, starring Ron Moody. (1971) 12.00 Clannad: A Celtic Dream 1.00 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather 1.10 Steps of Freedom: The Story of Irish Dance 2.10 Fair City **2.40 FILM: Shaun the Sheep Movie** Animation, featuring the voice of Justin Fletcher. (2015) **4.05 FILM: Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Dwayne Johnson. (2012) 5.45 Nuacht Followed by RTÉ News with Signing. 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather The latest national and international headlines. **6.30 The All-Stars at 50** Documentary looking back at 50 years of the awards. **7.30 Cosc** The banning of Seven Drunken Nights by the Dubliners. Followed by Lotto. **8.00 Fair City** The fall-out from Ritchie Lennon's murder worsens. **8.30 A Killinaskully** Carol Festive edition of the comedy. **9.00 RTÉ News:** Nine O'Clock and Weather The latest national and international news. **9.25 Rachael Blackmore:** A Grand Year A look at the jockey's success in 2021. **10.25 Mrs Brown's Boys** Christmas Special Agnes is recruited to the church choir - but is ordered not to sing. 11.05 Daniel at Sixty A profile of Daniel O'Donnell. Followed by Weather. **12.10 Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show** **2.10 FILM: Vertigo** Hitchcock thriller, starring James Stewart. (1958) 4.15 Home Advantage 4.55 All Walks of Life Siobhán Wilson enjoys a walk along ancient paths near Loughcrew, Co Meath. 5.20 EuroNews

**RTÉ 2 HD**



9.00 The Bourne Identity

6.00 EuroNews. 7.00 TRTÉ. 7.00 Storytime. 7.05 Sir Mouse. 7.15 Shaun the Sheep. 7.25 Waffle the Wonder Dog. 7.45 Critters TV. 8.00 Go Jetters. 8.10 Go Jetters. 8.25 Let's Find Out. 8.40 Alva's World. 8.55 Will Slaney's Storytellers. 9.05 Will Slaney's Storytellers. 9.20 Bush Kids. 9.35 Bush Kids. 9.55 Junior Bake Off. 10.45 Ace My Space Christmas Special 2. **11.20 FILM: The Flintstones** Live-action version of the cartoon comedy, with John Goodman. (1994) 1.00 Racing from Leopardstown Day four of the Leopardstown Christmas Festival. **3.15 FILM: Close Encounters of the Third Kind** Sci-fi drama, starring Richard Dreyfuss. (1977) **5.45 FILM: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade** Action adventure sequel, starring Harrison Ford and Sean Connery. (1989) **8.00 Extinction:** The Facts With a million species at threat, David Attenborough explores the science of extinction and how this has consequences for everyone. The programme examines why biodiversity loss is happening and what it means - not just for the natural world, but for all mankind. The loss of biodiversity threatens food and water security, undermines humans' ability to control the climate, and places humans at greater risk of pandemics. **9.00 FILM: The Bourne Identity** An amnesiac man pulled from the sea by the crew of a fishing boat is targeted by assassins as he tries to discover who he is. Thriller, starring Matt Damon and Franka Potente. (2002) **11.10 FILM: Dublin Oldschool** Over a drug-fuelled weekend in Dublin, a man reconnects with his estranged brother, a recovering addict living on the streets. Drama, starring Emmet Kirwan. (2018) **12.55 FILM: The Ugly Truth** Romantic comedy, starring Gerard Butler and Katherine Heigl. (2009) 2.35 EuroNews

**TG4**



5.10 Paper Planes

7.00 Cúla 4. 7.00 Cúla 4. 7.02 Alvinna agus na Chipmunks (ALVINNN!!! and the Chipmunks). 7.13 ToonMarty. 7.24 Pat an Madra. 7.30 Cúla 4 na nóg: Cúla 4 na nóg. 8.37 Cúla 4 na nóg: Adventure Time. 8.48 Cúla 4 na nóg: Sadie Sparks. 9.00 Cúla 4 na nóg: Zog. 9.27 Cúla 4 na nóg: Taffy. 9.34 Cúla 4 na nóg: SpongeBob SquarePants. 9.46 Cúla 4 na nóg: SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.00 FILM: The Great Sinner** Period drama, starring Gregory Peck and Ava Gardner. (1949) 12.05 Sár sna 00s 12.45 Éire ag Athrú **1.20 FILM: The Trouble with Harry** Black comedy, starring Edmund Gwenn. (1955) 3.10 Laochra Na Rása'ochta 4.10 Cluich' na Bliana 5.07 An Aimsir Láithreach **5.10 FILM: Paper Planes** Family drama, starring Ed Oxenbould. (2014) 6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach National and international weather. **7.00 Nuacht TG4** The day's main news stories from a regional, national and international perspective. **7.15 Páid' ó Sé - R' an Pháriste** A profile of the Gaelic footballer and manager, told from the perspective of one of his neighbours as she embarks on a voyage of discovery. **8.15 Bádúir' Na Jimmy's** A capable and humble family of industrious sailors in Conamara, steeped in their occupations tradition. **9.15 Concerto Chait'n Maude** A five-part visual concerto using recently composed music that focuses on a specific period in the life of the poet, actress and singer from Conamara who died in 1982, aged 41. **10.12 An Aimsir Láithreach** **10.15 FILM: Heyday - The Mic Christopher Story** Premiere. Documentary charting singer-songwriter Mic Christopher's humble beginnings busking on the streets of Dublin, his rise to rock star and his untimely death. (2019) 12.10 Hector Amú san Eoraip Hector ó hEochagáin visits Moscow. **12.45 FILM: Withnail & I** Cult black comedy, with Richard E Grant and Paul McGann. (1987) 2.45 France 24

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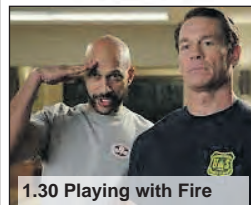


**BBC one**



9.00 A Star is Born

6.00 Breakfast. **9.05 FILM: Monsters University** Animated comedy prequel, with the voices of John Goodman and Billy Crystal. (2013) **10.40 FILM: Big Hero 6** Animated adventure, featuring the voice of Ryan Potter. (2014) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** Memorable 'musical buys' of the past. 1.00 BBC News; Weather 1.39 Weather **1.40 FILM: Inside Out** Pixar animated fantasy, with the voice of Amy Poehler. (2015) 3.10 Kung Fu Panda Holiday **3.30 FILM: A Dog's Journey** Premiere. Drama sequel, starring Dennis Quaid. (2019) 5.15 Pointless Celebrities 6.00 BBC News 6.20 BBC Newsline; Weather; Weather 6.30 The Weakest Link Romesh Ranganathan hosts the quiz in which eight contestants attempt to build as much money as they can, voting off one player at the end of each round. **7.15 Worzel Gummidge:** Calliope Jane Susan and John are excited to hear that a travelling fair is coming to Scatterbrook, while Aunt Sally agrees to go on an adventure with Calliope Jane. Bill Bailey guest stars. **8.10 The Repair Shop** The experts restore a century-old violin, a toy replica cooker and a leather briefcase. **9.00 FILM: A Star Is Born** Premiere. A fading music star falls in love with a nightclub singer-songwriter. Drama, starring Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper, who also directed. (2018) 11.10 BBC News 11.35 BBC Newsline; Weather; Weather 11.45 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special Agnes is recruited to the church choir - but is ordered not to sing. **12.20 Blankety Blank** Christmas Special 2021 12.55 Citizen Khan Mr Khan encounters a mysterious passer-by. 1.25 Superman & Lois 2.05 Weather for the Week Ahead 2.10 BBC News



1.30 Playing with Fire

6.15 The Simpsons. **6.35 FILM: Tad the Lost Explorer and the Secret of King Midas** Animated adventure, with the voice of Oscar Barبران. (2017) 8.00 The Simpsons. 8.30 The Simpsons. 9.00 The Simpsons. 9.30 The Simpsons. 10.00 Frasier. 10.30 Frasier. 10.55 The Simpsons. 11.25 Channel 4 News Summary. 11.30 Chateau DIY at Christmas. 12.30 A Place in the Sun **1.30 FILM: Playing with Fire** Premiere. Comedy, starring John Cena. (2019) 3.30 Christmas in New York: Inside the Plaza 4.30 Sarah Beeny's New Life in the Country 5.30 The Simpsons 6.00 Hollyoaks Martine's New Year's preparations are well underway, but she starts to feel as though there is someone missing. Elsewhere, Trish arranges a photoshoot for her and Maxine. **6.30 Channel 4 News** Including sport and weather. **7.00 Billionaire Blooms** The work of florists who cater to the luxury end of the market. **8.00 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help a couple in Cowbridge, Wales. **9.00 Britain's Most Expensive Houses** New series. Documentary going behind the scenes with UK Sotheby's International Realty. **10.00 Celebrity Quizness** Siobhán McSweeney, Jo Brand, Robert Rinder and AJ Odudu compete. **11.00 Back to the 90s** with Vic Reeves The comedian looks at Channel 4 in the 1990s. **12.50 Travel Man:** 96 Hours in Iceland **1.45 FILM: The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen** Comic-book fantasy adventure, with Sean Connery. (2003) 3.35 Come Dine with Me 4.05 Come Dine with Me 4.30 Come Dine with Me 4.55 Come Dine with Me 5.20 Come Dine with Me 5.50 Jamie's Comfort Food 5.55 Jamie's Comfort Food Bites

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# THURSDAY December 30 TV

RTÉ ONE HD



10.25 Mrs Brown's Boys  
6.00 EuroNews. 6.10 Teleshopping. 6.40 Teleshopping. 7.10 Teleshopping. 7.45 At Your Service.

**8.15 FILM: Spartacus** Roman epic, with Kirk Douglas. (1960)  
11.45 RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra in Concert.

12.45 Telly Bingo  
1.00 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather  
1.10 Steps of Freedom: The Story of Irish Dance

2.10 Fair City  
2.40 Shorts Yule Love: Little

**2.45 FILM: Out of Africa** Fact-based romantic drama, starring Meryl Streep and Robert Redford. (1985)  
5.45 Nuacht The latest news headlines. Followed by RTÉ News with Signing.

6.00 The Angelus  
6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather The latest national and international headlines.  
6.30 The Flourishing A look at the revival of Irish traditional and folk music.

7.30 EastEnders Nancy needs to lean on Zack for support.  
8.00 Fair City It is New Year's Eve in Carrigstown.

8.30 Keys to My Life Linda Martin visits the places that have shaped her life.  
9.00 RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock and Weather The latest national and international news.

9.25 Callan Kicks the Year Oliver Callan takes a satirical look at the year.  
**10.25 FILM: Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie** The indomitable Irish matriarch fights to defend Dublin's famous street market from being sold off to developers. Comedy, starring Brendan O'Carroll and Jennifer Gibney. (2014)

**12.15 FILM: Malcolm X** Political biopic, with Denzel Washington. (1992)  
3.45 Telly Bingo Lottery game show, presented by Declan Buckley.

3.55 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.

RTÉ 2



9.00 Mission Impossible  
6.00 EuroNews. 7.00 TRTÉ. 7.00 Storytime. 7.05 Storytime. 7.10 Sir Mouse. 7.20 Shaun the Sheep. 7.30 Waffle the Wonder Dog. 7.50 Critters TV. 8.05 Go Jetters. 8.15 Go Jetters. 8.30 Let's Find Out. 8.45 Alva's World. 9.00 Will Sliney's Storytellers. 9.10 Will Sliney's Storytellers. 9.25 Bush Kids. 9.40 Bush Kids. 10.00 Junior Bake Off. 10.50 The Snail and the Whale.

**11.20 FILM: Agent Cody Banks** Family spy adventure, starring Frankie Muniz. (2003)  
1.20 FILM: Kelly's Heroes Second World War adventure, starring Clint Eastwood. (1970)

**4.05 FILM: The Angry Birds** Movie Animation, with the voice of Jason Sudeikis. (2016)  
**5.45 FILM: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** Action adventure sequel, starring Harrison Ford. (2008)

8.00 The All-Stars at 50 Documentary looking back at 50 years of the GAA All-Stars.  
**9.00 FILM: Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol** The secret agent team is falsely implicated in a bombing, and pursues the real terrorist around the globe. Action adventure sequel, starring Tom Cruise and Jeremy Renner. (2011)

**11.25 FILM: Entebbe** Fact-based thriller inspired by the 1976 hijacking of a plane at Uganda's Entebbe airport and the mission to rescue them. Starring Daniel Bruhl and Rosamunde Pike. (2018)

1.20 Vikings As the historical drama comes to a dramatic end, the Lothbrok brothers go to battle with Alfred's Saxon army in Wessex. Last in the series.

2.15 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.



TG4



4.40 The Karate Kid

7.00 Cúla 4. 7.00 Cúla 4. 7.02 Alvinnn agus na Chipmunks (ALVINNN!!! and the Chipmunks). 7.13 ToonMarty. 7.24 Pat an Madra. 7.30 Cúla 4 na nóg: Cúla 4 na nóg. 7.32 Cúla 4 na nóg: Seí Luna. 7.45 Cúla 4 na nóg: Lá Le Mamí ní Daideo. 7.53 Cúla 4 na nóg: Taffy. 9.34 Cúla 4 na nóg: SpongeBob SquarePants. 9.46 Cúla 4 na nóg: SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.00 FILM: An American in Paris** Romantic musical, starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron. (1951)

12.05 Siar sna 00s  
12.35 Amharc Aneas Life in Northern Ireland before the Troubles.  
**1.10 FILM: The Man Who Knew Too Much** Alfred Hitchcock's thriller remake, with James Stewart and Doris Day. (1956)

3.25 Cluich' na Bliana  
4.37 An Aimsir Láithreach  
**4.40 FILM: The Karate Kid** Martial arts drama, starring Ralph Macchio and Pat Morita. (1984)  
6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach  
7.00 Nuacht TG4

7.15 GAA Beo - Na Scéalta 2021 A look back at the best of the action from the world of the GAA in 2021.  
7.45 cille ar Airgead The life stories of two remarkable women - Irish migrant Mary Cunningham and wealthy American Hazel Martyn.

8.45 Ros na Rún Bobbi Lee's 'relationship quiz' makes Laoise realise how little Micheál really knows about her. Try as he might, Rínán finds it increasingly difficult to conceal his secret.  
**9.15 An Aimsir Láithreach** National and international weather.

9.20 Eamonn Ryan - An Máistir The life of the Irish football manager and player, who managed of the Cork Ladies Football team that won 10 All Ireland Championships.  
**10.20 FILM: Good Morning, Vietnam** A motormouthed US Army DJ sent to entertain the GIs in 1960s Saigon enrages the top brass with his irreverent broadcasts. Comedy drama, starring Robin Williams and Forest Whitaker. (1987)

12.30 Hector Amú san Eoraip Hector visits Brittany in the north-west of France.  
**1.05 Rod Stewart Live** - Royal Albert Hall 2004  
2.45 France 24  
5.30 France 24

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8.30 Paul O'Grady

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11.30 Schofield's South African Adventure.  
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3.00 The Cube  
4.00 Absolutely India: Mancs in Mumbai  
4.30 Judge Judy  
5.00 Judge Judy  
5.30 Emmerdale Family Trees: The Tates

6.00 Catchphrase Celebrity Special Stephen Mulhern hosts a celebrity special of the classic game show, with Phil Daniels, Steph McGovern and AJ Odudu all guessing well-known phrases to win £50,000 for charity.

7.00 Emmerdale Priya struggles and soon has regrets. Nate and Tracy are loved up. Belle takes action when she finds herself in trouble.  
**8.00 Don't Look Back in Anger** Archive news stories from the past year, chronicling the highs and lows of 2020 and all the chaos in between.

8.30 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas Christmas arrives at Battersea, but not everyone is feeling festive. Paul helps a beagle whose Christmas wish is to find a new friend, and a cross breed with a short attention span.

**9.00 It'll Be Alright on the Night** David Walliams returns with more TV disasters, including the moment Joanna Lumley nearly falls off a ship, and the Good Morning Britain Studio is invaded by ants.  
10.00 Sport Stories: Joe Broly

11.00 Fanning at Whelan's  
12.00 Jennifer Saunders' Memory Lane The host takes a trip down memory lane with Michael Sheen.  
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7.00 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh.  
8.00 In for a Christmas Penny Stephen Mulhern sets challenges to Christmas shoppers in Bath.  
**9.00 FILM: Weekend at Bernie's** Two aspiring accountants discover their boss has been murdered and set out to convince everyone he is still alive. Slapstick comedy, starring Andrew McCarthy and Jonathan Silverman. (1989)

11.00 FILM: Rambo: Last Blood John Rambo must confront his past and unearth his ruthless combat skills to exact revenge in one final mission. Action thriller sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone. (2019)  
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12.05 A Place in the Sun  
1.05 Chateau DIY at Christmas  
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**3.10 FILM: Deep Impact** Sci-fi drama, starring Robert Duvall. (1998)  
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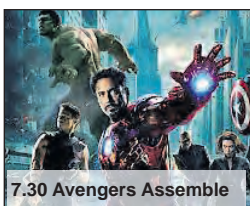
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6.00 EuroNews. 6.45 Teleshopping. 7.15 Teleshopping. 7.45 Teleshopping. 8.20 Lark Rise to Candleford. 9.25 Buble! 10.15 The National Symphony Orchestra in Concert. 11.15 EastEnders. 11.45 Partition, 1921. 12.45 Telly Bingo  
1.00 RTE News: One O'Clock and Weather  
**1.10 FILM: Back to the Future Part III** Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Michael J Fox. (1990)  
3.15 Fair City  
**3.45 FILM: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid** Western, starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford. (1969)  
5.45 Nuacht Followed by RTE News with Signing.  
6.00 The Angelus  
6.01 RTE News: Six One and Weather The latest national and international headlines.  
6.25 Camera Tripod Bicycle The story of fireman Lesley Crowe's films of Dublin from the 1950s to the '70s.  
7.25 EastEnders Phil confronts Denise, who has a warning for him.  
8.25 Killinaskully Dan embarks on a treasure hunt.  
9.00 RTE News: Nine O'Clock and Weather The latest national and international news.  
9.10 The Heart of Saturday Night Christmas Special With Mary Black, Nathan Carter and Aoife N' Bhraí.  
10.10 Mrs Brown's Boys New Year's Special Grandad's ex-con brother Micky turns up.  
10.45 New Year's Eve Countdown Show with the 2 Johnnies The comedy duo present from Dublin Castle.  
**12.25 FILM: City Slickers** Comedy adventure, starring Billy Crystal. (1991) Followed by Weather.



**2.30 FILM: Rear Window** Hitchcock thriller, starring James Stewart. (1954)  
4.20 Telly Bingo Lottery game show, presented by Declan Buckley.  
4.30 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.

**RTE 2 HD**



7.30 Avengers Assemble

6.00 EuroNews. 6.55 TRTÉ. 6.55 Sir Mouse. 7.05 Shaun the Sheep. 7.15 Waffle the Wonder Dog. 7.35 Critters TV. 7.50 Go Jetters. 8.00 Go Jetters. 8.15 Let's Find Out. 8.30 Alva's World. 8.45 Will Slaney's Storytellers. 8.55 Will Slaney's Storytellers. 9.10 Bush Kids. 9.25 Bush Kids. 9.45 Junior Bake Off. 10.35 Room on the Broom.  
**11.05 FILM: Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London** Family comedy adventure sequel, starring Frankie Muniz. (2004)  
**12.50 FILM: Arthur and the Minimoys** Part-animated fantasy adventure, starring Freddie Highmore. (2006)  
2.45 news2day Review of the Year A look back at 2021.  
3.15 His Dark Materials Adaptation of Philip Pullman's fantasy adventure, starring Dafne Keen.  
**4.20 FILM: The Angry Birds Movie 2** Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Peter Dinklage. (2019)  
6.00 Young Sheldon Meemaw teaches Dr Sturgis how to drive.  
6.25 The Return of the Wolves - How They Changed Yellowstone National Park The impact of the reintroduction of wolves in Yellowstone National Park.  
**7.30 FILM: Avengers Assemble** Iron Man, Thor, Captain America and the Hulk join forces to defend Earth from an alien invasion. Superhero adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr, Chris Evans and Chris Hemsworth. (2012)  
**10.00 FILM: Stan & Ollie** Biography of Laurel and Hardy, focusing on the events of 1953 when the much-loved comedy duo toured Britain. Steve Coogan and John C Reilly star. (2018)  
**11.50 FILM: LA Confidential** Three cops with different agendas investigate a murder case with links to corruption in the police force. Thriller set in the 1950s, with Russell Crowe, Guy Pearce and Kevin Spacey. (1997)  
2.15 EuroNews Headlines update.

**TG4**



5.20 Dr Seuss' The Lorax

7.00 Cúla 4. 7.00 Cúla 4. 7.02 Alvinnn agus na Chipmunks (ALVINNN!!! and the Chipmunks). 7.13 ToonMarty. 7.24 Pat an Madra. 7.30 Cúla 4 na níg: Cúla 4 na níg. 7.32 Cúla 4 na níg: Seí Luna. 7.45 Cúla 4 na níg: Lá Le Mamí ní Daídeo. 7.53 Cúla 4 na níg: Masha agus an Béar. 8.00 Cúla 4 na níg: Clifford íg. 8.12 Cúla 4 na níg: Clifford íg. 8.26 Cúla 4 na níg: That's Joey. 8.37 Cúla 4 na níg: Adventure Time. 8.48 Cúla 4 na níg: Sadie Sparks. 9.00 Cúla 4 na níg: The Snail and the Whale. 9.27 Cúla 4 na níg: Taffy. 9.34 Cúla 4 na níg: SpongeBob SquarePants. 9.46 Cúla 4 na níg: SpongeBob SquarePants.  
**10.00 FILM: To Catch a Thief** Alfred Hitchcock's mystery, starring Cary Grant. (1955)  
12.00 Siar sna 00s  
12.30 Amharc Aneas  
1.05 CU Burn  
**1.40 FILM: Ain't Misbehavin'** Musical comedy, starring Rory Calhoun. (1955)  
3.05 Laochra Na Rása' ochta  
4.05 Cluich' na Bliana  
5.17 An Aimsir Láithreach  
**5.20 FILM: Dr Seuss' The Lorax** Animated fantasy, with the voice of Danny DeVito. (2012)  
6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach National and international weather.  
7.00 Nuacht TG4 The day's main news stories from a regional, national and international perspective.  
7.15 Pat Cheoin'n - Star of Faith The Life of Carna fisherman Pat Cheoin'n.  
7.40 Gradam Ceoil TG4 2021 Coverage of the 24th annual Gradam Ceoil awards from Whitla Hall in Belfast.  
9.25 Seo é Joe Dolan An insight into the performer's life and career, featuring a selection of his most popular hits, plus behind-the-scenes footage and interviews.  
10.30 We Banjo 3 - Live in Dublin Shot on location at the Pearse Lyons Distillery, in the heart of the Liberties, We Banjo 3 come together for a live concert featuring their signature acoustic sound.  
11.30 Fáilte 2022 Dáithí O Sé, Orla N' Fhineadha and friends welcome in 2022.  
1.00 Kylie Minogue - Golden: Tour Live Footage of the singer's 2018 tour.  
3.15 France 24 International news.news.

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9.00 The Notebook

6.15 Benidorm ER. 7.15 Benidorm ER. 8.15 The Best of Ireland AM.  
**9.45 FILM: The Lost Valentine** Drama, with Jennifer Love Hewitt. (2011) 11.45 Schofield's South African Adventure.  
12.15 5 Gold Rings  
1.15 The Chase  
2.15 The Chase  
3.15 In for a Christmas Penny  
4.00 Absolutely India: Mancs in Mumbai  
4.30 Judge Judy  
5.00 Judge Judy  
5.30 Coronation Street Icons: Liz McDonald  
**6.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars** Christmas Special Ben Shephard hosts a seasonal edition of the quiz, in which Joe Pasquale, Rustie Lee and Nina Wadia answer questions in the hope of winning £20,000 for charity.  
7.00 Emmerdale Nate is left broken. Priya struggles. Billy proposes.  
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11.25 Don't Look Back in Anger  
11.55 The Graham Norton Show  
12.55 Finding Jack Charlton  
2.50 Close  
5.05 Benidorm ER A gala night at a hotel ends in disaster for one guest.  
5.55 Benidorm ER A man is admitted with suspected deep vein thrombosis.



**TWO**



9.00 Superhero Movie

6.30 Cash Trapped. 7.30 Cash Trapped. 8.30 Cash Trapped. 9.30 Tipping Point. 10.30 Judge Rinder. 11.30 John and Lisa's Weekend Kitchen.  
**12.30 FILM: Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Ben Stiller. (2008)  
2.30 Coronation Street: Memorable Moments  
3.00 Emmerdale  
3.30 Emmerdale Priya struggles and soon has regrets.  
4.00 Tipping Point  
5.00 Tipping Point  
**6.00 The Chase** Rafe, Liz, Sue and John join forces in an attempt to take home thousands of pounds. Just one thing stands in their way, the Chaser. Bradley Walsh hosts.  
7.00 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh.  
**8.00 Celebrity Tipping Point** With Danny Jones, Georgia O'Toff' Toffolo and Lisa George.  
**9.00 FILM: Superhero Movie** A high-school student develops strange powers after being bitten by a radioactive dragonfly. Comic-book movie spoof, with Drake Bell and Sara Paxton. (2008)



**10.50 Gogglebox** Ireland's Christmas Cracker Telly addicts review the week's viewing from their living rooms.  
**11.50 FILM: The Mechanic** A solitary hitman teaches his murdered mentor's son the tricks of the trade so they can join forces to seek vengeance. Action thriller remake, starring Jason Statham and Ben Foster. (2011)  
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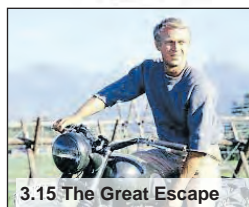


**BBC one**



10.20 Graham Norton

6.00 Breakfast.  
**9.10 FILM: Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie** Cartoon adventure, with the voice of Kevin Hart. (2017)  
10.30 Dragons: Gift of the Night Fury.  
**10.55 FILM: The Secret Life of Pets 2** Animated sequel, featuring the voice of Patton Oswalt. (2019)  
12.15 Bargain Hunt Charlie Ross presents the show from Shrewsbury.  
1.00 BBC News; Weather  
1.35 Weather  
1.40 Meerkat: A Dynasties Special  
**2.40 FILM: Coco** Animated fantasy, with the voice of Anthony Gonzalez. (2017)  
4.15 Top of the Pops New Year Special  
5.15 Superman & Lois  
6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather  
6.15 BBC Newline; Weather; Weather  
6.25 The Weakest Link Quiz, hosted by Romesh Ranganathan.  
7.10 EastEnders Sharon questions Kat, who admits the truth, while Phil confronts Denise who has a warning for him. Zack and Nancy take a trip to try to solve things before 2022 begins.  
8.00 Question of Sport With Ellie Simmonds, Stephen Hendry, Harry Aikines-Aryeetey and Lee McKenzie.  
8.30 MasterChef Champion of Champions Five amateur champions compete for the title of MasterChef Champion of Champions 2021.  
9.30 Have I Got 2021 News for You A look back at the big news of 2021.  
10.00 BBC News at Ten; Weather  
10.20 The Graham Norton Show With guests including Jessica Chastain, Claire Foy, Joe Lycett and Cush Jumbo.  
11.25 The Big New Years & Years Eve Party Part one of two. A musical New Year's Eve Party.  
12.00 Happy New Year Live  
12.10 The Big New Years & Years Eve Party Part two of two. The party continues.  
**12.40 FILM: I Give It a Year** Romantic comedy, with Rose Byrne and Rafe Spall. (2013)  
2.10 Weather for the Week Ahead  
2.15 BBC News



3.15 The Great Escape

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**11.20 FILM: Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events** Comedy adventure, starring Jim Carrey. (2004)  
1.15 Chateau DIY at Christmas Sarah creates large decorations to make a festive statement. Last in the series.  
2.15 Christmas at Chatsworth House



**3.15 FILM: The Great Escape** Second World War drama, starring Steve McQueen. (1963)  
6.30 Channel 4 News Including sport and weather.  
6.45 FILM: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom The intrepid archaeologist travels to India, where he battles to retrieve sacred stones in the possession of an evil cult. Action adventure, starring Harrison Ford and Kate Capshaw. (1984)  
9.00 The Last Leg of the Year Guests including Aisling Bea, Joe Wilkinson, Ivo Graham, Nish Kumar and Vick Hope join the regulars for a comic review of the significant moments of the past 12 months.  
11.05 Celebrity Gogglebox 2021 Memorable moments of the year, featuring some of the country's favourite celebrities critiquing shows including Masked Dancer, First Dates, Quizness and The Handmaid's Tale.  
**12.05 FILM: Four Weddings and a Funeral** Romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell. (1994)  
2.10 Sarah Millican: Home Bird Live  
3.05 Romesh Ranganathan: Irrational Live  
4.00 Come Dine with Me  
4.30 Come Dine with Me  
4.55 Come Dine with Me  
5.20 Come Dine with Me  
5.45 Come Dine with Me



## The Notebook Virgin Media One New Year's Eve 9.00

Get the box of tissues at the ready, you've been warned! A true tear-jerker, The Notebook takes us on the relationship journey of care-free mill worker Noah Calhoun, played by Ryan Gosling, and ambitious rich girl Allie, played by Rachel McAdams, who fall desperately in love with each other, much to the dismay of her

strict parents.

Set in 1940s South Carolina, Noah ultimately leaves to serve in World War II, which leaves their relationship up in the air. An improbable reunion years later and an intervention of fate brings the couple back together, who realise that their love for each other never dwindled in their time apart.

The love story which unfolds is told to the audience by an elderly man, as he recites from his notebook to a woman suffering from Alzheimer's disease, who is being cared for in a nursing home. With powerful emotional performances from both Gosling and McAdams, The Notebook is a charming movie full of beautiful snapshot scenes.





6.00 EuroNews. 6.20 Teleshopping. 6.50 Teleshopping. 7.25 Teleshopping. 8.00 At Your Service. 8.30 Fair City Omnibus. 10.15 New Year's Day Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.  
1.00 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather  
1.10 Ireland's Fittest Family - Celebrity Special  
2.10 The All-Stars at 50  
3.10 Gaybo Laughs Back  
**3.40 FILM: The Great Train Robbery** Period thriller, starring Sean Connery and Donald Sutherland. (1978)  
5.45 Nuacht Followed by RTÉ News with Signing.  
6.00 The Angelus  
6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather The latest national and international headlines.  
**6.35 FILM: Jumanji:** Welcome to the Jungle Four teenagers get transported into a video game and transformed into a party of jungle explorers. Fantasy action comedy, starring Dwayne Johnson and Karen Gillan. (2017) Followed by Lotto.  
8.45 RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock and Weather The latest national and international news.  
**9.15 FILM: Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again** The reopening of the Hotel Bella Donna leads to a reunion for Sophie's family. Abba-themed musical sequel, starring Amanda Seyfried and Lily James. (2018)  
11.15 The Tommy Tiernan Show Special A one-off edition of the improvised chat show in which neither the host nor the viewers are told the identity of the guests in advance. Followed by Weather.  
12.25 The Heart of Saturday Night Christmas Special  
**1.25 FILM: The Book of Henry** Drama, starring Naomi Watts. (2017)  
3.10 Celebrity Bainisteoir: The Rivals Eight celebrities try to manage football clubs.  
4.05 EuroNews Headlines update.



6.00 EuroNews. 6.55 TRTÉ. 6.55 Balamory. 7.15 Dog Loves Books. 7.20 Dog Loves Books. 7.30 Critters TV. 7.40 Drop Dead Weird. 8.10 The New Scooby and Scrappy-Doo Show. 8.35 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! 8.45 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! 9.00 The Next Step. 9.25 The Next Step. 9.50 Bush Kids. 10.05 Bush Kids. 10.25 My Story. 10.40 My Story.  
**11.00 FILM: The Dogfather** Premiere. Family comedy, starring Chris Parnell. (2010)  
12.40 Revolting Rhymes Part one of two. Three animations based on poems from Roald Dahl's children's book.  
**1.15 FILM: Bedknobs and Broomsticks** Disney musical fantasy, starring Angela Lansbury. (1971)  
3.25 His Dark Materials  
**4.30 FILM: Monsters vs Aliens** Animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Reese Witherspoon. (2009)  
6.10 Losing Alaska How an Alaskan community is suffering the impact of global warming.  
7.15 Rachael Blackmore: A Grand Year A look at the jockey's rise to the pinnacle of horse racing and her historic success this year when she became the first female jockey to win the English Grand National.  
**8.15 America in Colour:** The 1940s A rare look at the decade's most significant moments.  
**9.15 FILM: Jason Bourne** Former government operative Jason Bourne is drawn out of hiding to uncover more truths about his father. Action thriller, starring Matt Damon and Tommy Lee Jones. (2016)  
11.25 FILM: Pawn Sacrifice US chess prodigy Bobby Fischer finds himself caught between two superpowers and his own struggles as he challenges the Soviet Empire. Drama, starring Tobey Maguire. (2014)  
1.30 North and South Drama based on the novel by John Jakes.  
3.10 EuroNews Headlines update.



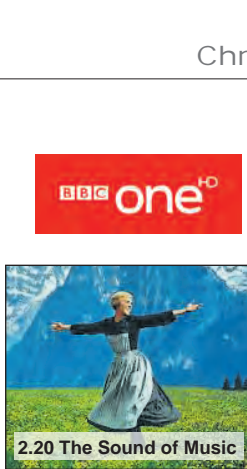
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**10.00 FILM: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** Comedy drama, starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn. (1967)  
12.00 An Fhuil & An Bindealán  
12.30 Amharc Aneas  
**1.05 FILM: Indiscreet** Romantic comedy, with Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman. (1958)  
2.57 An Aimsir Láithreach  
3.00 Rogha Na Bailéid  
3.45 Energia AIL: A 30-Year Legacy  
4.42 An Aimsir Láithreach  
4.45 Rugba' Beo  
7.18 Nuacht TG4 The day's main news stories from a regional, national and international perspective.  
7.30 Rugba' Beo Ulster v Leinster (Kick-off 7.35pm). Coverage of the match in the United Rugby Championship, which takes place at Kingspan Stadium.  
**9.30 FILM: Veronica Guerin** Fact-based drama about reporter Veronica Guerin, who was murdered while investigating Ireland's drug lords. With Cate Blanchett, Gerard McSorley, Ciaran Hinds and Brenda Fricker. (2003)  
11.17 An Aimsir Láithreach National and international weather.  
11.20 REM: Live in Dublin 2005 A concert by REM captured live at the Point Theatre in 2005.  
1.20 France 24 International news.  
5.30 France 24 International news channel, presented live from Paris.



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12.55 Racing: Cheltenham  
3.30 Don't Look Back in Anger  
**4.00 Emmerdale Family** Tree: The Dingles, Older and Wiser  
4.30 Emmerdale Family Trees: The Dingles - Young Guns  
5.00 Family Fortunes Christmas Special  
6.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars Ben Shephard presents a celebrity quiz, in which contestants Melanie C, Louis Walsh and Anton Du Beke answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine.  
7.00 The Masked Singer New series. Joel Dommett hosts the return of the singing contest in which a celebrity panel must guess the famous faces performing behind elaborate costumes.  
**8.30 FILM: The Amazing Spider-Man** A gifted teenager gains superhuman powers while investigating his dead parents' past. Comic-book adventure reboot, starring Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone. (2012)  
11.10 Sport Stories: Joe Broly Part one of an interview with the pundit, activist, barrister and former footballer, who opens up about his life, trauma and controversies.  
12.10 Living with Lucy  
1.10 White House Farm Six-part drama based on the true story of the mass murder of a family in an Essex farmhouse in August 1985.  
2.10 Close  
5.25 Benidorm ER  
**8.55 FILM: Sicario** An FBI agent is forced to question everything she believes when she is recruited to an elite narcotics task force. Crime drama, starring Emily Blunt and Josh Brolin. (2015)  
11.20 Fanning at Whelan's Showcasing the best of Irish music talent at the Dublin venue.  
12.20 CelebAbility  
1.00 The Graham Norton Show  
2.00 The Jonathan Ross Show With guests Katherine Ryan, Clare Balding, Nick Frost, Samson Kayo and Billy Ocean.  
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7.00 A Giant's Welcome - Northern Ireland. 7.30 A Giant's Welcome - Northern Ireland. 8.00 The Chase Australia. 9.00 The Chase Australia. 10.00 The Chase Australia.  
**11.00 FILM: A Dog Named Christmas** Drama, starring Noel Fisher. (2009)  
1.00 Tipping Point  
2.00 Tipping Point  
3.00 Battle of the Christmas Lights Pitting two families together in a battle to make the best Christmas displays.  
3.30 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway  
5.00 The Celebrity Chase Christmas Special  
6.00 Cannonball Christmas Special Festive edition of the water-based obstacle course challenge, hosted by Andrew Flintoff.  
7.00 The Million Pound Cube Phillip Schofield hosts a celebrity edition of the game show in which Stacey Dooley and Kevin Clifton take on a series of tasks to win £1,000,000 for the charity of their choice.  
7.55 Family Fortunes: Celebrity Christmas Special With Shirley Ballas, Vogue Williams and Spencer Matthews.  
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6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen. 11.30 Nigellissima. 12.00 Football Focus 12.30 Football Focus Special: Euro 2020 Review  
1.00 BBC News; Weather  
1.15 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message  
1.20 Attenborough and the Mammoth Graveyard  
**2.20 FILM: The Sound of Music** Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, starring Julie Andrews. (1965)  
5.10 BBC News  
5.20 BBC Newsline; Weather; Weather  
5.30 The Hit List Celebrity Specials  
6.15 The Weakest Link Romesh Ranganathan hosts a radio and podcast special.  
7.00 Doctor Who A storage centre is trapped in a time loop on New Year's Eve - and invaded by Daleks.  
8.00 Michael McIntyre's The Wheel With Matt Baker, Gyles Brandreth, Maggie Aderin-Pocock and HRVY.  
9.00 The Tourist New series. Drama, starring Jamie Dornan as a car crash survivor with no memory, who is pursued across the Australian Outback by enemies from a past he does not know.  
10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys New Year's Special Grandad's ex-con brother Micky turns up, making his relatives suspicious when he asks for money to invest in a South African goldmine. Cathy inspires Winnie to make a change.  
10.30 BBC News; Weather  
10.45 Match of the Day Action from the latest Premier League fixtures.  
11.45 The NFL Show Dan Walker is joined by former players Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to present highlights of the latest fixtures, plus a look at the major stories shaping the NFL world.  
**12.15 FILM: Man Up** Romantic comedy, starring Lake Bell and Simon Pegg. (2015)  
1.40 Weather for the Week Ahead  
1.45 BBC News



6.15 The King of Queens. 6.40 The King of Queens. 7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 7.55 The Simpsons. 8.20 The Simpsons.  
**8.50 FILM: A Dog's Purpose** Comedy drama, starring Dennis Quaid. (2017) 10.50 Terry Pratchett's the Abominable Snow Baby.  
**11.25 FILM: Puss in Boots** Animated comedy spin-off, with the voice of Antonio Banderas. (2011)  
**1.05 FILM: Ferdinand** Animated comedy, with the voices of John Cena and Kate McKinnon. (2017)  
3.10 FILM: Ice Age: Collision Course Animated sequel, with the voice of Ray Romano. (2016)  
5.00 Channel 4 News Including sport and weather.  
**5.10 FILM: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade** Action adventure sequel, starring Harrison Ford and Sean Connery. (1989)  
7.40 The Great New Year Bake Off Paul Hollywood, Prue Leith, Matt Lucas and Noel Fielding are joined by four contestants from the 2018 and 2020 series, who tackle a series of three seasonal challenges.  
9.00 Taskmaster's New Year Treat With Adrian Chiles, Claudia Winkleman, Jonnie Peacock, Lady Leshurr and Sayeeda Warsi. 10.00 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2021 The annual year-end quiz, hosted by Jimmy Carr. Sarah Millican, James Acaster, Jonathan Ross, Judi Love, Guz Khan and Sara Pascoe look back on the strange events of 2021.  
**11.55 Back to the Noughties** with Davina McCall The Big Brother presenter looks back on a decade of Channel 4 programmes, including You Are What You Eat, How to Look Good Naked, Skins, Teachers and Sugar Rush.  
1.40 Come Dine with Me  
2.10 Come Dine with Me  
2.35 Come Dine with Me  
3.00 Come Dine with Me  
3.30 Come Dine with Me  
3.55 Hollyoaks Omnibus  
5.35 Countdown



# Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again

## RTE 1 New Year's Day 9.15

What better way to start the new year than to belt out some ABBA hits with the whole family while watching Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again. A decade after the release of the original global blockbuster Mamma Mia film, this sequel-prequel follows Lily James who plays the young Donna, graduating from Oxford before heading off on a one-way trip holiday.

Donning her infamous dungarees, Donna meets a trio of potential suitors whilst on her travels. Meanwhile in the present time, Sophie, played by Amanda Seyfried is trying to fill her mother's shoes and fulfil her ambition by opening the newly renovated Hotel Bella Donna.

Along the way Sophie begins to learn a lot more about her mother's past and tries to connect with her as she faces big life changes of her own. With a special appearance from Cher, this abba-themed musical sequel is sure to have you singing at the top of your lungs while also making sure to pack an emotional punch.





9.30 Michael Inside

6.00 EuroNews. 6.05 Teleshopping. 6.35 Teleshopping. 7.10 Teleshopping. 7.45 Holby City. 8.55 Casualty. 10.00 The Zoo Winter Special. 11.00 Service; Weather. 11.50 Great Bear Stakeout. 12.55 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather. 1.05 Camera Tripod Bicycle. 2.05 Catherine Celebrates Christmas.

**2.35 FILM: Always** Romantic fantasy, with Richard Dreyfuss and Holly Hunter. (1989) 4.45 Dancing with the Stars - Putting on the Glitz. 5.45 Nuacht Followed by RTÉ News with Signing and ISL Weekly Weather. 6.00 The Angelus. 6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather The latest national and international headlines.

**6.30 The Big Night In** Family entertainment show, hosted by Dermot Whelan and Doireann Garrihy. 7.30 The Best of Mike Murphy's Home Movies Comedy clips from the archives.

**8.30 Fair City** Carol is hopeful for a fresh start in the new year until an anonymous delivery arrives, while Melanie is upset when Alex refuses to forgive her.

**9.00 RTÉ News:** Nine O'Clock and Weather The latest national and international news.

**9.30 FILM: Michael Inside** Premiere. An 18-year-old living in a Dublin housing estate with his grandfather is caught holding drugs for his friend's brother and sent to prison. Drama, starring Dafhyd Flynn. (2017)

**11.15 Callan Kicks the Year** Oliver Callan takes a satirical look at the year. Followed by Weather.

**12.20 Dave Allen at Peace** 1.30 Sanditon Charlotte and the Parkers face impossible choices. Last in the series.

**2.25 Alastair Campbell: Depression and Me** 3.20 EuroNews



9.00 Bridget Jones's Baby

6.00 EuroNews. 7.00 Fluffy Gardens. 7.10 Balamory. 7.30 Dog Loves Books. 7.35 Dog Loves Books. 7.45 Critters TV. 7.55 Drop Dead Weird. 8.25 Gangsta Granny. 9.45 Bush Kids. 10.00 Bush Kids. 10.20 My Story.

**10.55 FILM: All Dogs Go to Heaven** Animation, with the voice of Burt Reynolds. (1989) 12.30 Revolting Rhymes. 1.05 news2day Review of the Year.

**1.35 FILM: Crocodile Dundee** Comedy, starring Paul Hogan. (1986) 3.20 His Dark Materials. **4.25 FILM: The Emoji Movie** Animated adventure, featuring the voice of TJ Miller. (2017)

**5.55 The Flourishing** A look at the revival of Irish traditional and folk music.

**6.55 Spy in the Wild** Camouflaged spy cameras go 'undercover' in the animal world. For the first time, cameras follow a family of gorillas, and witness a feeding frenzy in Brazil.

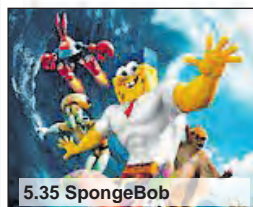
**8.00 A Perfect Planet** David Attenborough narrates a documentary revealing how the forces of nature drive, shape and support the Earth's great diversity of life, beginning with volcanoes.

**9.00 FILM: Bridget Jones's Baby** After a pair of one-night stands, the now single Bridget Jones winds up pregnant. Comedy sequel, starring Renee Zellweger and Colin Firth. (2016)

**11.15 Godfather of Harlem** Three Freedom Riders are murdered in Mississippi, and Bumpy Johnson wants justice.

**12.15 Love/Hate** Darren is forced to turn to his former boss John Boy.

**1.20 Five Bedrooms** Drama, starring Kat Stewart. 2.15 EuroNews Headlines update.



5.35 SpongeBob

7.00 Cúla 4. 7.00 Cúla 4. 7.02 Alvinnn agus na Chipmunks (ALVINNN!!! and the Chipmunks). 7.13 ToonMarty. 7.24 Pat an Madra. 7.30 Cúla 4 na nóg: Cúla 4 na nóg. 7.32 Cúla 4 na nóg: Saol Faoi Shráid. 7.44 Cúla 4 na nóg: Rev & Roll. 7.55 Cúla 4 na nóg: Le Mamí ní Daideo. 8.02 Cúla 4 na nóg: Curious George. 8.25 Cúla 4 na nóg: Bia Linn. 8.40 Cúla 4 na nóg: An Siopa Ealaíne. 8.52 Cúla 4 na nóg: Daisy & Ollie. 9.00 Cúla 4. 9.00 Cúla 4. 9.02 Dínall Dána. 9.14 Taffy. 9.22 Sadie Sparks. 9.34 Sadie Sparks. 9.46 Adventure Time.

**10.00 FILM: The Diary of Anne Frank** Fact-based drama, starring Melissa Gilbert. (1980) 12.00 Timpeall na T're. **1.00 FILM: The Thrill of it All** Marital comedy, starring Doris Day. (1963) 3.00 Scaolta Grá na hÉireann.

3.32 An Aimsir Láithreach. 3.35 Cluich' na Bliana. 4.35 Cluich' na Bliana. **5.35 FILM: SpongeBob - An Scannán Spúinse** An Uisce Animated comedy. (2015)

**7.12 An Aimsir Láithreach** National and international weather. 7.15 Nuacht TG4 The day's main news stories from a regional, national and international perspective.

**7.30 Ollchliar Ros na Rún** Rínán, try as he might, is finding it increasingly difficult to conceal his secret, and when Niall asks him to read a simple question, he panics.

**8.30 Réalta Agus Gaoilte** The final in the search for Ireland's most talented family. 9.30 The Chieftains Live at Montreux A memorable 1997 concert from Montreux Jazz Festival with The Chieftains, featuring songs such as Did You Ever Go A-Courtin' Uncle Joe.

**11.07 An Aimsir Láithreach** **11.10 FILM: Moulin Rouge!** An idealistic writer arrives in Paris to join the bohemian revolution and falls in love with a courtesan. Romantic musical, starring Ewan McGregor, Nicole Kidman and Jim Broadbent. (2001)

**1.25 France 24** International news.

**5.30 France 24** International news channel, presented live from Paris.



9.00 The Amazing Spider-Man 2

6.15 Benidorm ER. 7.15 The Best of Ireland AM. 8.45 Schofield's South African Adventure. **9.15 FILM: The Eagle Has Landed** Second World War spy adventure, with Michael Caine. (1976) 12.00 John and Lisa's Weekend Kitchen. 1.00 Celebrity Catchphrase. 2.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars Christmas Special. 3.00 Coronation Street Icons: Ken Barlow. 3.30 Coronation Street Icons: Liz McDonald. 4.00 Emmerdale Family Tree: The Sugdens. 4.30 Emmerdale Family Trees: The Tates. 5.00 Celebrity Tipping Point.

**6.00 Winning Combination** Adam, Mark, Sarah, Chloe, Ryan, Di, Linda, Arthur and Paul take part in the quiz hosted by Omid Djalili. **7.00 Inside Jackie's Army** Former stars of the 1990 and 1994 Irish World Cup squads talk about Jack Charlton, whose reign as manager began in 1986 and lasted for a decade.

**7.30 The Masked Singer** Joel Dommett hosts as the remaining six celebrities take to the stage, with Rockhopper taking on Traffic Cone, Poodle going up against Snow Leopard, and Panda taking on Bagpipes. **9.00 FILM: The Amazing Spider-Man 2** The superhero battles a foe with electrical powers, while an old friend presents an even greater threat. Action adventure sequel, with Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone. (2014)

**11.40 Sport Stories:** Joe Broly The second and concluding part of an interview with the former footballer.

**12.45 Living with Lucy** Featuring ex-EastEnders star Danniella Westbrook.

**1.45 White House Farm** Stan and his number two Mick Clark speak to Jeremy and relatives of the murdered family.

**2.45 Close**



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**5.00 The Chase** Celebrity Christmas Special. **6.00 Celebrity Supermarket Sweep** With Scarlett Moffatt, John Barnes, David Seaman, Linda Robson and Lesley Joseph. **7.00 The Million Pound Cube** With Danny Jones, Dougie Poynter, Emily Atack and Kate Robbins. **8.15 McFly:** All About Us Interviews with the band,

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followed by a gig filmed at the Union Chapel in London. **9.15 Finding Jack Charlton** A profile of the World Cup-winning footballer, looking at his special relationship with Ireland, his complicated relationship with brother Bobby, and his final battle with dementia.

**11.10 FILM: Sicario** An FBI agent is forced to question everything she believes when she is recruited to an elite narcotics task force. Crime drama, starring Emily Blunt and Josh Brolin. (2015)

**1.30 Sam and Billie:** The Mummy Diaries Christmas has come to Sam and Billie's homes. **2.30 Close**

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11.50 A Star Is Born

6.00 Breakfast. 8.30 Match of the Day.

**9.30 FILM: How to Train Your Dragon: Homecoming** Animated drama, with the voice of Jay Baruchel. (2019)

**9.55 FILM: Paddington** Family comedy, starring Hugh Bonneville. (2014) **11.20 FILM: Paddington 2** Comedy adventure, with the voice of Ben Whishaw. (2017)

**1.00 BBC News; Weather** 1.15 Songs of Praise. 1.50 Escape to the Country. **2.40 FILM: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves** Action adventure, starring Kevin Costner. (1991)

**4.55 BBC News** 5.10 BBC Newsline; Weather; Weather. **5.20 Countryfile** New series. Stories from the past year of young people working in conservation.

**6.20 Around the World in 80 Days** Stuck on Yemen's west coast, Fogg decides on a dangerous desert crossing. **7.10 Around the World in 80 Days** Fogg waits for a wedding to be over, but the groom is grabbed by the army.

**8.00 Call the Midwife** Demolition works in Poplar reveal a long-buried secret at Easter 1967, which leads to a testing and emotional experience for the team. Sister Julianne takes on a sensitive delivery.

**9.00 The Tourist** The Man enlists Luci's help to track down the location of the mystery caller before time runs out.

**10.00 BBC News** 10.20 BBC Newsline; Weather; Weather. **10.30 Match of the Day 2** Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, including Chelsea v Liverpool at Stamford Bridge.

**11.50 FILM: A Star Is Born** A fading music star falls in love with a nightclub singer-songwriter. Drama, starring Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper, who also directed. (2018)

**2.00 Weather for the Week Ahead** 2.05 BBC News

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5.30 Indiana Jones

6.15 Snoopy and Charlie Brown: The Peanuts Movie. Animated comedy, with the voice of Noah Schnapp. 7.45 Mike & Molly. 8.05 Mike & Molly. 8.30 The King of Queens. 9.00 The King of Queens. 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Simpsons. 12.55 The Simpsons. 1.25 The Simpsons. 1.55 The Simpsons. 2.20 The Simpsons. 2.50 Extraordinary Escapes at Christmas with Sandi Toksvig. 3.55 Amazing Spaces: George's Icelandic Adventure. 5.00 Channel 4 News. **5.30 FILM: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** Action adventure sequel, starring Harrison Ford. (2008) **7.45 The Great Pottery Throw Down** New series. Ellie Taylor hosts a new series of the pottery challenge. In the first round, the 12 contestants must make a children's crockery set and ceramic milk bottles, before judges Keith Brymer Jones and Rich Miller decide who will be named potter of the week, and who will be first to leave the contest.

**9.00 Gogglebox Festive Special** The armchair critics cast their eyes over 2021's biggest Christmas TV shows, including classic movies, exciting new dramas, and some of telly's biggest traditional treats.

**10.30 FILM: Fighting with My Family** An English wrestler pursues a high-profile career with the WWE, while her brother struggles to match her success. Fact-based drama, starring Florence Pugh and Lena Headey. (2019)

**12.35 FILM: East Is East** Comedy drama, starring Om Puri. (1999)

**2.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** 3.00 Couples Come Dine with Me. 3.55 Handmade: Britain's Best Woodworker. 4.50 A Place in the Sun. 5.20 Countdown. 5.55 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures.

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6.00 EuroNews. 6.40 Teleshopping. 7.10 Teleshopping. 7.45 Teleshopping. 8.20 Lark Rise to Candleford. 9.25 At Your Service. 9.55 Pillow Talk. Romantic comedy, starring Rock Hudson and Doris Day; Weather. 11.55 Shortland Street. 12.25 Doctors. 1.00 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather. 1.15 Neighbours. 1.40 Fair City. 2.10 EastEnders. 3.10 Joanna Lumley's Hidden Caribbean. **4.05 FILM: The Pink Panther** Comedy remake, starring Steve Martin. (2006). 5.45 Nuacht. 6.00 The Angelus. 6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather The latest national and international headlines. **6.30 Ireland's Fittest Family** - Hall of Fame Memorable moments and families from the show. Last in the series. **7.30 Droichead Na hÉireann** 8.00 EastEnders Tensions are high for Denise, whose ordeal with Phil is far from over. **8.30 Change Makers** New series. Exploring how Irish universities are helping create meaningful change in society. **9.00 RTÉ News: Nine** O'Clock and Weather The latest national and international news. **9.30 FILM: Joker** Premiere. In Gotham City, Arthur Fleck's mental health issues cause him to embark on a downward spiral of revolution and bloody crime. Drama, starring Joaquin Phoenix. (2019) Followed by Weather. **11.40 Bowie: Starman** - with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra A tribute to David Bowie's legacy. **12.40 FILM: Terms of Endearment** Drama, starring Shirley MacLaine. (1983). **2.55 Doctors** Jimmi tries to make Valerie change her mind. **3.25 EuroNews** Headlines update.



6.00 EuroNews. 6.55 TRTÉ. 6.55 Nelly & Nora. 7.05 Wild Kids. 7.20 Shane the Chef. 7.30 Critters TV. 7.45 Go Jetters. 8.10 Alva's World. 8.20 Alva's World. 8.35 Let's Find Out. 8.50 Will Slaney's Storytellers. 9.00 Will Slaney's Storytellers. 9.15 Royals Next Door. 9.40 C.L.U.B. 10.40 The Sarah Jane Adventures. 11.10 The Sarah Jane Adventures. 11.45 Malory Towers. 12.15 Anne of Green Gables: Fire and Dew. 1.55 Squad Goals. 2.25 Squad Goals. 2.55 Nova Jones. 3.25 Nova Jones. 3.55 His Dark Materials. 5.00 The Goldbergs. 5.30 Shortland Street. 6.00 Neighbours Terese lies to everyone about where she plans to spend Christmas. 6.30 Young Sheldon Missy unknowingly becomes Sheldon's test subject. **7.00 Camera Tripod Bicycle** The story of fireman Lesley Crowe's films of Dublin from the 1950s to the '70s. **8.00 How Ireland Rocked the 70s** The evolution of the rock festival circuit during the decade. **9.00 Freddie Mercury: The Final Act** Documentary exploring the last years of the Queen frontman's life, as well as the preparations for the concert staged in his memory at Wembley Stadium on April 20, 1992. **10.45 Prodigal Son** Martin teams up with Malcolm to help him try to take down a serial killer known as the Woodsman, a search that might help the NYPD find one of its own. **11.40 Fleabag** The first episode of the comedy, written by and starring Phoebe Waller-Bridge. **12.30 Line of Duty** A detective comes under suspicion after a police convoy is ambushed. **1.10 Shortscreen** 1.40 Blue Bloods The transgender community comes under attack. 2.30 EuroNews Headlines update.



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6.10 Benidorm ER. 7.00 Benidorm ER. 8.00 The Best of Ireland AM. 9.25 Schofield's South African Adventure. **9.55 FILM: The Heroes of Telemark** Second World War thriller, starring Kirk Douglas and Richard Harris. (1965). 12.30 Farewell Norris. 1.00 The Chase. 2.00 The Chase. 3.00 Dress to Impress. 4.00 Absolutely India: Mancs in Mumbai. 4.30 Judge Judy. 5.00 Judge Judy. 5.30 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas. **6.00 Catchphrase** Celebrity Special Stephen Mulhern.



hosts a celebrity special of the classic game show, with Kelvin Fletcher, Chris Ramsey and Heather Small playing to win £50,000 for their chosen charity. **7.00 Emmerdale** Cain is angered, there is a war between two families, and Charity is thrown. **7.30 Coronation Street** Learner driver Faye knocks down a pensioner in the street. Abi warns Imran that Kevin deserves the truth. Tim and Sally begin 2022 on a new health kick. **8.00 Don't Look Back in Anger** Archive news documentary looking back at the headline stories of the past 20 years, focusing this week on 2010. **8.30 Coronation Street** Emma and Faye make a pact to keep their accident a secret. Imran anxiously awaits the outcome of Abi's test. Mary suggests that Roy could teach Sam to play chess. **9.00 The Tower** New series. DS Sarah Collins investigates the deaths of a police officer and a teenage girl, who fell from a tower block. **10.00 April Jones: The Murder Tapes** **11.30 The Trouble with Maggie White** **12.30 White House Farm** The arrival of a friend from New Zealand increases tensions between Jeremy and Julie. **1.30 Close**



7.25 Benidorm ER. 8.25 May the Best House Win. 9.30 Tipping Point. 10.30 Judge Rinder. 11.30 Judge Rinder. 12.30 Think Tank. 1.30 Battle of the Christmas Lights. 2.00 Emmerdale. 2.30 Emmerdale. 3.00 Coronation Street. 3.30 Coronation Street. 4.00 Tipping Point. 5.00 Tipping Point. 6.00 The Chase. Gray, Rubee, Hazel and Rusty are the contestants pitting their wits against the Chaser, adding money to the jackpot for the final chase. Presented by Bradley Walsh. **7.00 The Chase** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. **8.00 The Chase** Celebrity Special With Phil Daniels, Janette Manrara, Isabel Hodgins and Roy Hudd. **9.00 The Cabins** New series. The return of the dating show in which single people are paired up, sent to remote log cabins and have to decide after 24 hours whether to extend their stay or leave. **10.00 Gordon, Gino and Fred's Road Trip** Gordon Ramsay, Gino D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix tour Mexico. **11.00 Coronation Street** Learner driver Faye knocks down a pensioner in the street.



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6.00 Breakfast. **9.00 FILM: The Railway Children** Period family drama, starring Jenny Agutter. (1970). 10.45 The Moment of Proof. 11.15 Homes Under the Hammer. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News at One; Weather; Weather. 1.20 Weather. 1.25 Father Brown. 2.15 The Repair Shop. 3.00 I Escaped to the Country. 3.45 The Farmers' Country Showdown. 4.30 Antiques Road Trip. 5.15 Pointless. **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** **6.20 BBC Newsline; Weather; Weather** **6.30 Attenborough's Wonder Of Song** David Attenborough examines seven recordings of animals singing. **7.30 Still Open All Hours** Granville tries to sell bargain spectacles. **8.00 EastEnders** Tensions are high for Denise, whose ordeal with Phil is far from over. **8.30 My Family Wedding** anniversary presents cause havoc. **9.00 Four Lives** New series. Fact-based drama, starring Stephen Merchant and Sheridan Smith. **10.00 BBC News at Ten** **10.25 BBC Newsline; Weather** **10.35 The Blame Game** Best Bits Highlights from the 2021 run of the comedy panel game. **11.05 Have I Got 2021 News for You** A look back at the big news of 2021. **11.50 Mrs Brown's Boys** New Year's Special Grandad's ex-con brother Micky turns up. **12.20 The Graham Norton Show** Graham presents his traditional end-of-year show, joined by guests Michael Sheen, Oscar-nominated Jessica Chastain, British actor Claire Foy, Game of Thrones star Peter Dinklage, Cush Jumbo reflects on her role in Harlan Coben drama Stay Close. Top comic Joe Lycett lightens the mood, promoting his UK tour More, More, More. Plus, the Divine Comedy perform their classic Something for the Weekend and there are some final stories from the Big Red Chair to round off the year. **1.25 BBC News**



6.05 Countdown. 6.45 Cheers. 7.15 Cheers. 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond. 8.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. 9.05 Frasier. 9.35 Frasier. 10.05 Frasier. 10.30 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. 11.30 Sun, Sea and Selling Houses. 12.30 Steph's Packed Lunch. 2.10 Countdown. 3.00 A Place in the Sun. 4.00 A New Life in the Sun. 5.00 Four in a Bed The competition gets under way at the Oak Tree Cottage in Burley, Hampshire. **6.00 The Simpsons** Homer requires the help of his new friend, a former CIA agent, when he gets into a spot of bother with a Ukrainian terrorist. Guest starring Kiefer Sutherland. **6.30 Hollyoaks** There is a shocking update in Misbah's case against Ali. **7.00 Channel 4 News** **7.30 Food Unwrapped's** Healthy New Year Special episode offering advice on improving health and well-being through food. **9.00 24 Hours in Police Custody: Cold to the Touch** The first episode of a two-part special concerning the death of a baby. **10.00 Party Island: Summer in Zante** New series. Documentary about British holidaymakers and workers on the Greek island. **11.05 Naked Attraction** Singletons from London and Liverpool hope to find the perfect partners. **12.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** **1.00 24 Hours in A&E** **1.45 Couples Come Dine with Me** **2.40 Undercover Boss USA** **3.40 Handmade: Britain's Best Woodworker** **4.25 Mend It for Money** **5.30 A Place in the Sun** **5.55 Kirstie's House of Craft**



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**TUESSDAY**  
January 4

**TV**

**RTE ONE HD**



3.40 Legal Eagles

6.00 EuroNews. 6.35 Teleshopping. 7.05 Teleshopping. 7.40 Teleshopping. 8.15 Lark Rise to Candleford. 9.20 At Your Service. 9.50 Persuasion; Weather. 11.45 Shortland Street. 12.15 Doctors. 12.45 Telly Bingo. 1.00 RTE News: One O'Clock and Weather. 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 EastEnders. 2.45 Joanna Lumley's Hidden Caribbean. **3.40 FILM: Legal Eagles** Comedy mystery, starring Robert Redford. (1986). 5.45 Nuacht Followed by RTE News with Signing. 6.00 The Angelus. 6.01 RTE News: Six One and Weather The latest national and international headlines. 6.30 Reeling in the Years News and music from 1974. 7.00 Eco Eye New series. Duncan Stewart investigates the decline of Irish towns. 7.30 EastEnders Phil realises his plan might not work. 8.00 Fair City Carol discovers the identity of her prowler. 8.30 The Style Counsellors New series. Suzanne Jackson returns with the makeover show. 9.00 RTE News: Nine O'Clock and Weather The latest national and international news. 9.30 Donie O'Sullivan: Capitol Man A profile of the CNN journalist. 10.30 Mrs Brown's Boys Grandad's ex-con brother Micky turns up. 11.05 State of Flux Part one of two. A dramatic re-enactment of the Anglo-Irish Treaty Debates of 1921. Followed by Weather. 12.10 New Amsterdam. 1.05 Holby City The team gives a warm send-off to a beloved colleague. 2.15 Telly Bingo. 2.25 Doctors It's Valerie's last day at the Mill and she plans to go out in style. 2.55 EuroNews

**RTE 2 HD**



9.00 Baby Driver

6.00 EuroNews. 6.55 TRTE. 6.55 Nelly & Nora. 7.05 Wild Kids. 7.20 Shane the Chef. 7.30 Critters TV. 7.45 Go Jetters. 7.55 Go Jetters. 8.10 Alva's World. 8.20 Alva's World. 8.35 Let's Find Out. 8.50 Will Slaney's Storytellers. 9.00 Will Slaney's Storytellers. 9.25 Royals Next Door. 9.40 Club. 10.10 Club. 10.40 The Sarah Jane Adventures. 11.10 The Sarah Jane Adventures. 11.45 Malory Towers. **12.15 FILM: Anne of Green Gables: The Good Stars** Family drama, starring Ella Ballentine. (2017). 1.55 TRTE. 1.55 Squad Goals. 2.25 Squad Goals. 2.55 Nova Jones. 3.25 Nova Jones. 3.55 His Dark Materials. 5.00 The Goldbergs. 5.30 Shortland Street. 6.00 Neighbours Ned decides he is all in with Amy, and Roxy's theory that Harlow is developing psychopathic tendencies like her dad is at the front of both David and Paul's mind. 6.30 Home and Away The event continues into the night as toxic vapours flood the room through the vents, poisoning many of the guests. Logan and Jasmine risk their lives to save Tane. 7.00 Inside the Mind of Agatha Christie. 7.55 Top Gear Putting off-landers to the test in the Scottish Highlands. **9.00 FILM: Baby Driver** A young getaway driver finds himself taking part in a heist doomed to fail. Music-themed action thriller, starring Ansel Elgort and Kevin Spacey. (2017). 11.10 Pretty Little Liars: The Perfectionists Convinced they know who killed Nolan, the gang set out to prove it. 12.00 The Good Fight. 1.00 Pulling with My Parents. 2.00 Super Garden. 2.55 The Rotunda. 3.50 Francis Brennan's Grand Tour South Africa. 4.15 Getaways. 4.40 EuroNews



**TG4**



5.20 Wallace & Gromit

7.00 Cúla 4. 7.00 Cúla 4. 7.02 Alvinnn agus na Chipmunks (ALVINNN!!! and the Chipmunks). 7.13 ToonMarty. 7.24 Pat an Madra. 7.30 Cúla 4 na nóg: Cúla 4 na nóg. 7.32 Cúla 4 na nóg: Seí Luna. 8.48 Cúla 4 na nóg: PJ Masks. 9.00 Cúla 4 na nóg: Curious George. 9.27 Cúla 4 na nóg: Mo Chlann Fháin. 10.30 Crutha'm. 10.33 Crutha'm. 10.40 Na'onáin an Zú. 11.10 Domhan an Dúla. **12.10 FILM: The Greatest Show on Earth** Circus drama, starring Charlton Heston. (1952). **3.00 FILM: Curious George - Lean an Monca' Sin!** Irish version of the children's animated adventure. (2008). 4.27 Clifford óg. 4.40 Taffy. 4.48 Adventure Time. 5.00 SpongeBob SquarePants. 5.17 An Aimsir Láithreach. **5.20 FILM: Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit** Oscar-winning animated adventure, with the voice of Peter Sallis. (2005). **6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach** 7.00 Nuacht TG4 The day's main news stories from a regional, national and international perspective. **7.15 7 Lá Politics** and the economy, regional, national and international affairs. Live debate on the major issues of the day with a panel of analysts, experts and political pundits. 8.00 Ar an Aer Archive materials covering life in Gaeltacht and Irish-speaking communities from the 1960s to the 1990s. The first episode looks at emigration and migration. 8.30 Ros na Rún Berni, having made an appointment to have an abortion, cancels it. Has she decided to keep the baby or has Ómother nature' made that decision for her? **9.00 The Foster & Allen Show**. 9.30 Johnny Cash - A Night to Remember Live 1973 A performance by the country star at Los Angeles' Ahmanson Theatre. 10.20 Fargo. 11.15 Ros na Rún. 11.45 Hector Amú san Eoraip. 12.18 An Aimsir Láithreach. 12.20 Bonnie Raitt: Live at Montreux 1977. 1.25 France 24

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9.00 Billy Connolly

6.10 Benidorm ER. 7.00 Ireland AM. 10.00 This Morning. 12.30 News at 12:30. 1.00 The Chase. 2.00 The Chase. Contestants Neil, Bev, Bertie and Linda take part. 3.00 Loose Women. 4.00 Absolutely India: Mancs in Mumbai. 4.30 Judge Judy. 5.00 Judge Judy. 5.30 News at 5.30. **6.05 The Six O'Clock Show** Chat show, featuring celebrity interviews, food from leading chefs and guidance on a wide range of topics. 7.00 Emmerdale Tracy is hurt. Nate and Moira worry about Cain. Ellis is left terrified. **7.30 Coronation Street** Adam accuses Lydia of vandalising his car. Alya worries about Zeedan and Marrium's closeness. Tim asks Aggie to keep quiet about his trip to the hospital. **8.00 News** at 8 Claire Brock presents the latest national and international headlines from the Virgin Media News Hub. **8.30 Coronation Street** Adam accuses Lydia of vandalising his car. Alya worries about Zeedan and Marrium's closeness. Tim asks Aggie to keep quiet about his trip to the hospital. **9.00 Billy Connolly: My Absolute Pleasure** The comedian shares with us a personal selection of his best-loved stand-up routines captured during his tours, some of which have never before been seen on TV. **10.10 The Queen Unseen** 11.10 The Hotel Inspector. 12.10 The Trouble with Maggie Cole. 1.10 White House Farm As the funeral house, Stan continues to search for answers. 2.10 Close



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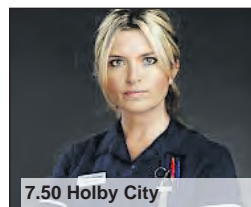


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**BBC one HD**



7.50 Holby City

6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Morning Live. 10.00 Countryfile Winter Diaries. 10.45 The Moment of Proof. 11.15 Homes Under the Hammer. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News at One; Weather; Weather. 1.45 Father Brown. 2.30 The Repair Shop. **3.00 I Escaped to the Country** 3.45 The Farmers' Country Showdown. 4.30 Antiques Road Trip. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather. 6.30 BBC Newsline; Weather. 7.00 The One Show Live magazine show, with Alex Jones and Jermaine Jenas. 7.30 EastEnders Phil realises his plan might not work and he makes a huge offer. Ash defies Suki, heading out to let her hair down, and Kim puts two and two together. **7.50 Holby City** A man is brought into AAU with a suspicious motorbike injury. **8.30 Garden Rescue** Redesigning an unusually shaped garden in Droitwich Spa. **9.00 Four Lives** Another man's body is found in the same place in London. **10.00 BBC News at Ten** 10.25 BBC Newsline; Weather. 10.35 Gossip Girl Julien and Zoya's argument affects Nick's Thanksgiving party. **11.35 The Great British Sewing Bee:** Celebrity New Year Special Lawrence Chaney, Rose Matafeo, Claire Richards and Kirsty Wark compete. **12.35 The Hit List** Celebrity Specials Pop stars from the noughties compete in a special edition of the music quiz. 1.25 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.30 BBC News



6.00 The Simpsons

6.05 Countdown. 6.45 Cheers. 7.10 Cheers. 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 9.00 Frasier. 9.30 Frasier. 10.00 Frasier. 10.30 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. 11.25 Channel 4 News Summary. 11.30 Sun, Sea and Selling Houses. 12.30 Steph's Packed Lunch. 2.10 Countdown. 3.00 A Place in the Sun. 4.00 A New Life in the Sun. 5.00 Four in a Bed Guest house owners in Wiltshire and Oxfordshire are among those competing. **6.00 The Simpsons** Lisa bids to save the reputation of Springfield's first female inventor, while Marge and Homer begin to suspect that Bart might be a sociopath. **6.30 Hollyoaks** After Maxine is left feeling rejected, Warren takes it upon himself to make things right. **7.00 Channel 4 News** Including sport and weather. **8.00 Sarah Beeny's New Life in the Country** The boys get stuck in to decorate their own bedrooms. **9.00 24 Hours in Police Custody:** Cold to the Touch Concluding the investigation into the death of an 11-week-old baby. **10.00 The Language of Love** New series. British and Spanish singletons try to find romance - despite not speaking the other's language. **11.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown** With Richard Ayoade, Katherine Ryan and David O'Doherty. **12.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** 1.00 The Simpsons. 1.25 Couples Come Dine with Me. 2.15 Undercover Boss USA. 3.05 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 4.00 Handmade: Britain's Best Woodworker. 4.55 Mend It for Money. 5.45 Kirstie's House of Craft



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9.50 Baby Boom

6.00 EuroNews. 6.35 Teleshopping. 7.05 Teleshopping. 7.40 Teleshopping. 8.15 Lark Rise to Candleford. 9.20 At Your Service.  
**9.50 FILM: Baby Boom** Comedy, starring Diane Keaton. (1987) 11.55 Shortland Street. 12.25 Doctors  
 1.00 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather  
 1.15 Home and Away  
 1.45 Neighbours  
 2.10 Fair City  
 2.40 EastEnders  
 3.10 Keys to My Life  
 3.40 Upstairs Downstairs  
 4.45 Creedon's Atlas of Ireland  
 5.45 Nuacht Followed by RTÉ News with Signing.  
**6.00 The Angelus**  
**6.01 RTÉ News:** Six One and Weather The latest national and international headlines.  
**6.30 Reeling in the Years** Retrospective of news and music from 1975.  
**7.00 Nationwide** A mix of reports, features and events from around the country.  
**7.30 How to Cook Well** with Rory O'Connell The chef makes gratin of goat's cheese. Followed by Lotto.  
**8.00 Fair City** Carol sees red when Louis interferes in her personal life.  
 8.30 Neven's Irish Seafood Trails New series. Neven Maguire travels to Tralee Bay.  
**9.00 RTÉ News:** Nine O'Clock and Weather The latest national and international news.  
**9.30 Operation Transformation** New series. People are monitored as they try to get fit.  
**10.30 Four Hours at the Capitol** Documentary charting the attack on Washington DC's Capitol building in January. Followed by Weather.  
**12.15 David Brophy's Frontline Choir**  
 1.15 Selling Ireland's Most Exclusive Homes  
 2.15 The Rotunda  
 3.10 Cheap Irish Homes  
 3.35 Designed for Life  
 4.00 Keys to My Life  
 4.25 The Zoo  
 4.50 How to Be Good with Money  
 5.15 EuroNews



9.30 Grey's Anatomy

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**5.00 The Goldbergs** Adam tries to avoid taking a national fitness test.  
**5.30 Shortland Street**  
**6.00 Neighbours** Kyle has unwittingly hired Mick Allsop as the wedding planner.  
 6.35 Home and Away Alf stays with Martha as her condition worsens.  
**7.00 Saving Lives at Sea** The volunteers of the RNLI race to the scene of a plane crash on a busy beach.  
**8.10 Open House:** Dublin A series of short documentaries. A charming and personal account of the impact and significance of the two distinctive red and white chimneys, the Poolbeg Towers.  
**8.20 Your Home Made Perfect** New series. A Brighton couple are shown two virtual reality visions of what their home could become.  
**9.30 Grey's Anatomy** The city of Seattle celebrates a post-covid rebirth.  
**10.25 Blue Bloods** New series. Danny consults a psychic to solve the murder of a young boy.  
**11.20 The Island with Bear Grylls** Reality show testing survival skills.  
**12.20 Ladhood** Liam prepares to perform at a spoken-word gig in Leeds.  
 12.50 Kate & Koji Comedy, starring Brenda Blethyn and Jimmy Akingbola.  
 1.20 The Terror Thriller, starring Ciaran Hinds.  
 2.15 EuroNews



12.10 The Inn of the Sixth Happiness

7.00 Cúla 4. 7.00 Cúla 4. 7.02 Alvinnn agus na Chipmunks (ALVINNN!!! and the Chipmunks). 7.13 ToonMarty. 7.24 Pat an Madra. 7.30 Cúla 4 na nóg: Cúla 4 na nóg. 7.32 Cúla 4 na nóg: Seí Luna. 7.45 Cúla 4 na nóg: Lá Le Mamí ní Daideo. 8.40 Cúla 4 na nóg: Daisy & Ollie. 8.48 Cúla 4 na nóg: PJ Masks. 9.00 Cúla 4 na nóg: Curious George. 9.27 Cúla 4 na nóg: Mo Chlann Fhiáin. 9.33 Cúla 4 na nóg: Na Polos. 9.45 Cúla 4 na nóg: Bloccimhreacha. 9.50 Cúla 4 na nóg: Is Mise. 10.00 Cúla 4 na nóg: Mo Shaol Do Shaol. 10.15 Cúla 4 na nóg: Mo Shaol Do Shaol. 10.30 Crutha'm. 10.33 Crutha'm. 10.40 Na'onáin an Zú. 11.10 Domhan an Dúlra.  
**12.10 FILM: The Inn of the Sixth Happiness** Fact-based drama, starring Ingrid Bergman. (1958)  
**3.05 FILM: Curious George - Ar Ais sa Dúfuir: Back to the Jungle** Irish version of the animated adventure. (2015)  
 4.27 Mo Chlann Fhiáin  
 4.34 Taffy  
 4.42 SpongeBob SquarePants  
 4.57 An Aimsir Láithreach  
**5.00 FILM: Firehouse Dog** Family comedy, starring Josh Hutcherson. (2007)  
**6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach** National and international weather.  
**7.00 Nuacht TG4** The day's main news stories from a regional, national and international perspective.  
**7.30 Réalta Agus Gaolta** The final in the search for Ireland's most talented family.  
**8.30 Tístal na mBád** Documentary about how three teenagers won the Tístal in 1955..  
**9.00 The Foster & Allen Show**  
**9.30 Peter O'Toole - Réalta & Ríaire** The story of the acclaimed Irish actor.  
**10.30 The Two Escobars** How the fates of two Colombians were permanently linked.  
 12.28 An Aimsir Láithreach National and international weather.  
**12.30 Hector Amú san Eoraip** In this episode Hector visits Amsterdam.  
 1.05 Rory Gallagher - Live at Montreux  
 1.50 France 24  
 5.30 France 24



7.30 Coronation Street

6.10 The Six O'Clock Show. 7.00 Ireland AM. 10.00 This Morning. 12.30 News at 12:30  
 1.00 The Chase  
 2.00 The Chase  
 3.00 Loose Women Topical debate from a female perspective.  
 4.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs  
 4.30 Judge Judy  
 5.00 Judge Judy  
 5.30 News at 5.30  
 6.05 The Six O'Clock Show Chat show, featuring celebrity interviews, food from leading chefs and guidance on a wide range of topics.  
 7.00 Emmerdale Tracy is angry. Al and Billy worry about Ellis. Cain holds his nerve.  
**7.30 Coronation Street** Zeedan ignores Alya's advice and shares a kiss with Marrium. Tim keeps Sally in the dark as Aggie accompanies him to a cardiology appointment. Roy invites Sam for a chess rematch.  
**8.00 News at 8** Claire Brock presents the latest national and international headlines from the Virgin Media News Hub.  
**8.30 Coronation Street** Tim reels in shock to learn that he needs a triple heart bypass. Craig arranges for him and Faye to move in with Emma and Tyrone.  
**9.00 Gordon, Gino & Fred Go Greek** After indulging in the unique produce of the Greek islands, Gordon Ramsay, Gino D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix head to the Greek capital Athens in a vintage VW campervan.  
**10.10 The Tonight Show**  
**11.10 Gogglebox Ireland**  
**12.10 The Trouble with Maggie Cole**  
 1.10 White House Farm  
 2.00 Close  
**5.20 The Tonight Show** Claire Brock offers her unique take on the big stories of the day with a panel of guests.



10.00 Love Island USA

7.30 Benidorm ER. 8.30 May the Best House Win. 9.30 Tipping Point. 10.30 Judge Rinder. 11.30 Judge Rinder.  
 12.30 Think Tank Quiz show, hosted by Bill Turnbull.  
 1.30 Ireland AM  
 2.30 Emmerdale  
 3.00 The Restaurant Alan Shatter takes part in the culinary challenge.  
 4.00 Tipping Point  
 5.00 Tipping Point  
 6.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as contestants Marlo, Louisa, Josephine and Darren work as a team to take on ruthless quiz genius the Chaser and secure a cash prize.  
**7.00 The Chase** George, Rachel, Ollie and Pam are the contestants pitting their wits against the Chaser, adding money to the jackpot for the final chase. Presented by Bradley Walsh.  
**7.55 Tipping Point:** Lucky Stars With Shirley Ballas, Danny O'Carroll and Andy Whyment.  
**9.00 The Cabins** An archery activity leaves one dater over-exposed.  
 10.00 Love Island USA The Islanders arrive at the Hawaiian Villa and are ready to fall in love.  
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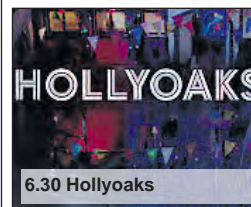


11.55 Michael McIntyre's The Wheel

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 3.45 The Farmers' Country Showdown  
 4.30 Antiques Road Trip  
 5.15 Pointless  
 6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather  
**6.30 BBC Newsline;** Weather  
**7.00 Hope Street** An arson investigation uncovers a much more insidious crime.  
**7.45 Barra's Wild Days Out** Barra goes in search of the rare golden hare.  
 8.00 The Repair Shop Items include a pair of racing boots, a 1960s electric organ and a grandfather clock.  
 9.00 Four Lives A fourth body is found but securing a conviction is far from certain. Last in the series.  
**10.00 BBC News at Ten**  
**10.25 BBC Newsline;** Weather  
**10.35 The Band** New series. The world of marching band families. Percussionist Craig returns home to Antrim for the Royal 13th and Ballygowan student Brianna shows how it's done on the bass drum.  
**11.05 How Police Missed the Grindr Killer** Documentary examining the murders of four young gay men in East London.  
**11.55 Michael McIntyre's The Wheel** With Matt Baker, Gyles Brandreth, Maggie Aderin-Pocock and HRVY.  
**12.55 Question of Sport** With Ellie Simmonds, Stephen Hendry, Harry Aikines-Aryeetey and Lee



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6.30 Hollyoaks

6.05 Countdown. 6.45 Cheers. 7.10 Cheers. 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 9.00 Frasier. 9.30 Frasier. 10.00 Frasier. 10.30 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. 11.25 Channel 4 News Summary. 11.30 Sun, Sea and Selling Houses.  
 12.30 Steph's Packed Lunch  
 2.10 Countdown  
 3.00 A Place in the Sun  
 4.00 A New Life in the Sun  
 5.00 Four in a Bed The rivals stay at hotels in Leicestershire, Cheshire, Ebbw Vale and on the Isle of Wight.  
**6.00 The Simpsons** Homer gets a new assistant.  
**6.30 Hollyoaks** Maxine gets excited when Warren surprises her with a trip to an alpaca farm.  
**7.00 Channel 4 News** Including sport and weather.  
**8.00 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help a couple in Lincoln.  
**9.00 Britain's Most Expensive Houses** Lee tries to sell the £17.5million Huxley House on Billionaire's Row.



10.00 I Literally Just Told You Jimmy Carr hosts the game show in which contestants are given every answer with the questions written, literally, as the show is happening. The next episode will be available on All 4 following the broadcast of this one.  
**11.05 24 Hours in Police Custody:** Cold to the Touch The first episode of a two-part special concerning the death of a baby.  
**12.10 24 Hours in Police Custody:** Cold to the Touch  
 1.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
 1.55 Couples Come Dine with Me  
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# ‘We now have a positive future to build on our current success’

Report by South Dublin County Chamber sites the challenges facing local businesses

By **Maurice Garvey**  
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INTENSIFYING economic and demographic pressures facing South Dublin County, will need to be aligned with national, regional and local policy more closely, to ensure a healthy balance of growth, according to a new report by South Dublin Chamber.

Commissioned by South Dublin Chamber, ‘Building on Success’, is both a follow on from the Chamber’s 2020 report ‘Ensuring inclusive recovery in the Greater Dublin Region’ and also a response to significant developments affecting the national and local economy.

The extensive report cites the challenges facing supply chains, and the impact that Brexit and the pandemic has presented.

It says, Brexit, in particular, has led to “onshoring” by manufacturers and distributors to hedge against serious supply chain disruptions and these trends are happening at a “faster rate than what was anticipated last year”.

In a foreword, Eamonn Egan, President South Dublin Chamber, says the report shares “our views on how best we can continue to grow our local economy and what challenges we see ahead”.

“We are very fortunate that our county has been well managed despite the onslaughts of Brexit and Covid-19. Taking into account the challenges of the past two years this success places us in a position to continue to grow our economy providing employment, investment and increased local taxation.

“The challenges that await us on our path to growth are energy supply and cost, public transport, our road network, land availability in the right places for economic and enterprise and housing. We now have a positive future to build on our current success by addressing the challenges before us. All our work must also be seen through the lens of our commitment to the UN’s Strategic Development Goals.”

The report highlights “significant population growth in the decade to date” and “strong forecasted growth, possibly greater than expected, out to 2028.”

It says rapidly rising inflation, to which both supply chain pressures and higher energy costs, are contributing significantly to this.

In terms of alignment to national and local policies, the Chamber say this needs to address access to key resources such as labour, transport, land and energy, to ensure that no economically, socially or environmentally unsustainable gaps are emerging.

It also calls for an alignment of land supply for enterprise, employment and housing, particularly considering expected population and housing growth in South Dublin County along the N7.

Another policy conclusion is the need for more radial public transport, to connect major population centres in Tallaght Clondalkin and Lucan with more centres of employment, and the provision of clean, affordable local energy sources in line with Programme for Government commitments.

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**FORTUNATE:**  
Eamonn Egan,  
President South  
Dublin Chamber

## Plans to construct prehab building at primary school

By **Hayden Moore**  
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PLANS have been filed with South Dublin County Council to construct a new prefabricated building at a primary school.

An application seeking to construct a single-storey two-classroom and resource room prefab on the eastern side of the main building of Ballyroan Boys National School (BNS) was lodged on December 9.

Ancillary works will include the removal of a storage shed and container at the subject site off Ballyroan Road in Rathfarnham.

Formation of a link between the proposed prefabricated structure and the main school building, including a new access door from the central playground, are included in the plans.

Plans also include the relocation of an already existing prefabricated building on the west side to the new structure and the area within that building will revert to



**PLANS:** An application has been lodged for Ballyroan Boys National School

resource room use.

Ciaran Ahern, who previously ran in the last general election and Seanad by-election as a Labour candidate, is seeking permission on behalf of the school in his capacity as chairperson of the board of management of the school.

Under the patronage of the Archbishop of Dublin, Ballyroan BNS was established in 1968 and currently has around 300 children attending the school from First to Sixth Class.

According to the Ballyroan BNS website, many boys attend Scoil Naomh Pádraig at Ballyroan Crescent from Junior to Senior Infants.

The current principal of the school is Mr Des Morris.

With the planning application filed on December 9, the closing date for third part submissions falls on January 21, 2022.

South Dublin County Council are set to make a decision on the case by February 11, 2022.



# IT Services company to move all employees to 4-day working week

Ballymount firm Typetec will pay staff 100% in wages while achieving 100% productivity

By **Maurice Garvey**

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BALLYMOUNT firm Typetec will move all of its employees to a four-day working week from the start of February 2022 - the first Irish IT services company to introduce this working model.

Typetec will apply the '100-80-100 model' which will see all employees receiving 100 per cent of their pay for 80 per cent working hours while achieving 100 per cent productivity for the company.

As one of the first members of the Four Day Week Ireland programme, it will be initially introduced as a six month trial with plans to make it permanent for all employees upon successful completion of the trial.

Founded in 1982, Typetec has seen strong growth this year and expects to achieve €31m in annual revenues for 2021, an increase of 32 per cent over the past two years.

The company also announced that it will hire eight new technical, consultancy and commercial roles by the end of next year.

Typetec will measure the success of its four-day working week across multiple KPIs including commercial, financial and operational targets. It will also collaborate and share data with independent researchers from UCD and Boston College.

Results will be analysed and shared at a macro-level, so that more Irish private and public sector organisations can be informed and encouraged to make a similar commitment to their employees.

Paul Dooley, CEO, Typetec, said: "Long before the pandemic, we had introduced remote working for all employees, and this has proved



**SUCCESSFUL:** Paul Dooley, CEO, Typetec

to be highly successful with productivity levels and staff morale seeing a significant boost.

"As a company that specialises in workplace productivity solutions, we realised that a four-day week was an obvious next step for us. We held a town hall meeting to inform the staff and the reaction was so positive and there's a tangible air of shared excitement as we look forward to next year.

"We are holding empowered and engaged staff-led discussions as to how this will work best for them, while also maintaining team and

individual productivity targets. We've also begun informing our customers and they have also received the news positively and are fully reassured by our continued focus on delivering service levels that are considerably ahead of industry norms.

"Ultimately, we want to provide every employee with a great work-life balance and enable them to build a long and rewarding career with Typetec. We're delighted to launch this initiative as the company turns 40 in 2022, and we believe it's central to our continued growth

and success."

Joe O'Connor, Global Pilot Programme Manager, 4 Day Week Global, said: "The future of work has arrived. Twenty Irish companies have boldly embraced a productivity-focused, reduced-hour model of work with the support of 4 Day Week Global. Typetec are one of these dynamic, innovative and progressive organisations, and we are looking forward to working with them as the rollout of our six-month coordinated trial commences early next year."

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## Company to use computer vision cameras to allow staff buy at shop

By **Maurice Garvey**

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PARKWEST staff at Compass Group Ireland will be able to buy food items at an in-office shop without having to queue, stop to scan or pay.

The contract catering solutions company is to install the checkout-free shop in the new year when working from home advice is lifted.

It will use computer vision cameras to anonymously track the shopper as they add the selected items to a virtual shopping cart.

Facial recognition or biometrics are not used, ensuring privacy of the shopper is maintained, Compass said.

The company said the Parkwest store will be followed by sites in the UK next year, with frictionless units to be established within corporate clients' offices, as well as in the sports and leisure sectors.

In particular they will target locations where food can only be purchased from vending machines.

Compass said the stores will typically stock a selection of both hot and chilled



**FLEXIBLE SOLUTION:** Parkwest company Compass Group

'grab-n-go' dishes, drinks and confectionery.

"This cutting-edge technology means customers can pop into our store to pick up what they need, whenever they need it - it's a great flexible solution for busy workers," said Deirdre O'Neill, Managing

Director of Compass Group Ireland.

Amazon has already opened a number of checkout free stores using similar technology.

It also announced earlier this year that it had plans to open a supermarket that would operate on the same principles.



# Entrepreneurs target €4.6m at Synergy Innovation Centre

New Frontiers participants are seeking follow-on investment in Phase 2 of the programme

By **Maurice Garvey**

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ENTREPRENEURS are targeting over €4.6 million investment at Synergy Innovation Centre, TU Dublin Tallaght.

Eleven innovative participants who started the Enterprise Ireland New Frontiers programme last June - are now targeting over €4.6m in follow-on investment as they complete Phase 2 of New Frontiers.

The businesses address significant problems and opportunities in a broad range of sectors from software to equestrian wear, wearable technologies and air sterilisation, among others.

Specific product and service areas include Software as a Service (SaaS) for B2B markets, contactless tipping, music management tech, equestrian clothing, wearable technology for back issues prevention and rehabilitation, market research solution, air sterilisation, cigarettes recycling, on-demand mental healthcare and e-learning platform for music production.

For some, the fundraising has already kicked off with €225,000 brought in to date.

The Synergy Centre, Tallaght, hosted one of the biggest events in its annual calendar - the New Frontiers Phase 2 Graduation Showcase on December 9.

The event provided the opportunity for celebrating their achievements alongside other entrepreneurs, industry professionals, mentors and investors.

National Manager of the New Frontiers Programme, Paula Carroll of Enterprise Ireland emphasised that the programme is an extremely important part of Enterprise Ireland's strategy to build new businesses across the country.

Early in the day, all the entrepreneurs participated in a highly competitive investment pitch via video conference in front of an expert judging panel which decided the destination of



SHOWCASE: The Synergy Innovation Centre at TU Dublin Tallaght

two valuable prizes totalling €12,000, sponsored by Philip Lee and LEO South Dublin.

Emma Keogh from Clondalkin and her business EQUIEIRE - an equestrian clothing brand - was the winner of the LEO South Dublin €2,000 cash award.

The "Invest Start" award went to Will Kinsella of Elevator Program, an e-learning platform that aims to become the global leader in teaching music production and music technology online.

If you have an idea for an innovative, knowledge led, or technology driven business

then maybe you should consider applying for a place on the 2022 New Frontiers programme, which commences in January.

For more information contact Programme Manager, Laura Enache at NewFrontiers@TUDublin.ie

## 39% of people feel organisations equipped for long term hybrid

By **Maurice Garvey**

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ALMOST three quarters of IT leaders would refuse or quit a job if they were not offered the option of remote/hybrid working.

According to a survey by Parkwest IT provider Auxilion, the findings also revealed some 42 per cent think the most likely workstyle for their organisation going forward as restrictions continue to ease will be mainly remote working with half days in the office.

The survey - conducted by Mediateam and involving 100 IT decision makers in Ireland - found just 39 per cent feel their organisation

is well equipped for long-term hybrid working and some 52 per cent rate their company as being only somewhat equipped for same.

The research also revealed that 45 per cent of IT leaders are not confident in their organisation's ability to manage and secure remote staff's home environments.

Almost half of respondents also disclosed that they don't think their organisation has adequate security and data loss prevention measures in place.

Respondents said that one of the biggest challenges for businesses when employees return to a hybrid workplace is having adequate IT security measures for devices across locations.

Philip Maguire, CEO, Auxilion, said: "There is a clear disconnect between what the future workplace looks like and the security strategies that Irish organisations currently have in place. Hybrid is happening, but businesses are not fully prepared and are potentially leaving their company and people open to attack."

"As well as adequate protection to safeguard systems and staff working across multiple locations, organisations need to invest to ensure that the user experience remains streamlined and optimised - regardless of where teams are. Only then can they effectively secure company networks, enable people to be productive and support business growth in the hybrid working world."



WORKPLACE: Philip Maguire, CEO of Auxilion



# 77 dwellings planned for rugby club football grounds

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CLONDALKIN Rugby Football Club (RFC) has endorsed a developers' plan to develop 77 dwellings in Gordon Park, following the sale of the property.

A rapidly expanding rugby club, Clondalkin RFC recently sold its land at Gordon Park to private developer, Greenwalk Development Limited, to fund the purchase of a larger parcel of land and upgrade of facilities to meet the increasing demands.

It was reported in August that *The Echo* understood the deal was believed to be worth in the region of €4 million.

Now, Greenwalk Development Ltd has filed a planning application seeking permission to develop 63 two-storey houses and 14 apartment and duplex units at Gordon Park in Kingswood.

The plans also include the demolition of the existing building on site of around 455sq.m and all elements of the proposal are contained within the 2.28 hectare site off the Old Naas Road.

The houses break down into eight two-bed houses and 55 three-bed houses whereas the apartments break down into seven one-bed ground-floor apartments and seven duplex units overhead.

All 14 apartment and duplex units will be accommodated into a single three-storey building.

A new vehicular entrance at the south-west corner of the site is included within the plans.

It is proposed to provide 10 of the 77 units for social housing - two



**PLANNING:** Plans have been lodged to build 77 dwellings at the old ground of Clondalkin Rugby Club in Gordon Park

three-bed houses, four three-bed duplexes and four one-bed apartments.

In a letter attached with the planning application, Clondalkin RFC is hoping to develop four/five pitches and a children's pitch, clubhouse with 5/6 dressing rooms and gym at its new land in Baldonnell.

"The funding from Greenwalk

Development Ltd will cover a significant amount of our expenditure over the forthcoming years," the letter written by Clondalkin RFC Chairperson, Gerry Gilligan, reads.

"This will set our club up for the next 50 years and enable us to provide sporting facilities to the population of South County Dublin and neighbouring areas.

"We fully endorse the planning application from Greenwalk Development Ltd for housing development on Gordon Park."

Links Childcare, which is located at the entrance of Citywest Business Campus on the Old Naas Road, also requested that scheme not include a creche as "it will financially upset" their operation and "will result in job

losses".

The planning application was lodged on November 30, 2021 and the closing date for third party submissions falls on January 12, 2022.

South Dublin County Council are due to make a decision on the planning application by February 2, 2022.

# Revised plans lodged for part constructed housing development site in Newcastle

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AN APPLICATION showing a revised plan for the part-constructed housing development at Cornerpark in Newcastle has been lodged with South Dublin County Council.

Dragonglen Limited filed the new planning application seeking permission to make an amendment to units 10 to 15 at Cornerpark Rise, Cornerpark Townland off the Peamount Road in Newcastle.

Plans are for the construction of six two-storey, three-bedroom terraced dwellings and all associated site development works, car parking, landscaping, open spaces, public lighting and connections to fountains and water-drainage/attenuation systems and mains water supply.

"The proposed development represents an amendment to the existing partially completed development as it relates to the above-mentioned plots," the application reads.

Permission was first granted for the Cornerpark development in November 2019.

The local planning authority granted permission

subject to a list of 24 conditions - that were required to be met.

One of the conditions was in relation to the road network within the subject site and required that Road One cease prior to the front of Units 13 and 14.

Units 14 to 19 were required to be relocated in a westerly direction with footpath, privacy strip and private amenity space for units 13 and 14 absorbed into the space.

A bin storage was also included in part of the condition.

This new planning application, which was filed on December 9, is being sought to amend the already approved scheme as set out in a revised compliance layout approved by the council in August, 2021.

The application is being made on foot of the aforementioned conditions by making provision for a vehicular access and footpath to the north boundary of the development.

This new application relates a site area of 0.15 hectares at the six units.

South Dublin County Council is set to make a decision on the planning application on February 11, 2022.

The closing date for third party submissions in relation to this proposed development is January 21, 2022.



**REVISED PLANS:** The Cornerpark site in Newcastle



# Boomers Pub to convert off-licence into takeaway

New takeaway will be part of family run business operating with same opening hours

By **Hayden Moore**  
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PERMISSION has been granted for a public house to relocate and convert its off-licence into a takeaway restaurant after following the "badly affected" industry due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Honeybridge Ltd have been granted planning and retention permission for its application for Boomers Public House at Knockmitten Neighbourhood Centre in Clondalkin.

In the application, which was filed by Stephen Mason Architectural and Planning Services on behalf of Honeybridge Ltd, it states that "the existing established takeaway is part of the family run business".

"The proposed new takeaway will also be part of the family run business, operating with the same opening hours."

They added, in conclusion: "This proposed development is being considered due to the current pandemic and as a consequence of which the dynamic of the public house industry and the services they provide have been badly affected."

Retention permission was sought and approved for the removal of the ground floor internal courtyard.

According to the application, the ground floor courtyard was removed around three-years-ago.

Planning permission was approved for six aspects of the re-development.

The first is to reduce the size of the



**PERMISSION:** Boomers Pub has been granted permission to convert an off-licence into a takeaway

lounge floor area with works to include new entrance doors to the lounge within the building elevation facing the car park.

A new external fire exit door from the lounge area to open space to the

rear of the building and the internal walls forming a snug being demolished completely make up that aspect of the application.

Extension of the kitchen within part of the previous lounge area, the

removal of internal doors between the lounge area and internal layout changes to lounge area public toilets were given the green-light.

Plans are for the relocation of the off-licence into the previous lounge

area of the pub with a new window to the off licence within the building elevation fronting the car park.

Lastly, change of use permission was approved of the previous off-licence into a takeaway restaurant.

## Microsoft plans to install 150 solar panels at data centre

TECHNOLOGY giant Microsoft is set to install almost 150 solar panels on the roof of one of its data centres after obtaining planning permission from South Dublin County Council, reports Hayden Moore

Microsoft Ireland Operations Limited has been granted permission to erect 329sq.m of photovoltaic panels on the roof of the building DUB12 in the data centre at Grange Castle Business Park.

With the application approved, Microsoft can now install up to 67 kilowatt peak or 148 photovoltaic panels at the south east corner of the data centre just off the Nangor Road in Clondalkin.

The subject site is zoned EE for Enterprise and Employment and the council believes that there is significant policy support within the South Dublin County Development Plan 2016-2022 to "support and



**SOLAR PANELS:** Microsoft at Grange Castle

encourage climate adaption measures".

"The panels would not be overly visible as they are screened from ground level below," a document from the council reads.

As the proposals were in accordance with the Development Plan and with proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the local authority granted permission on December 8.



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# AA Ireland warns of drink-driving dangers ahead of the festive season

WITH more and more people likely to be out on the roads over the next couple of weeks, motorists are being warned of the dangers posed by drink-driving ahead of the Christmas and New Year season.

While many of us will be enjoying the time off with friends and family, it is important to remember that where alcohol is concerned, the laws do not change just because it's the holiday season.

AA Ireland states that the effects of alcohol on driving can linger on long after a night out. So, if you have been drinking, it's of vital importance that you don't get behind the wheel of a car until it is safe to do so.

"While the majority of us would never think of drinking and driving on the same night, we often forget that alcohol can continue to impact on your concentration, reaction times and driving ability into the following day, depending on how much you have consumed," says AA Ireland spokesperson Anna Cullen.

"Drink-driving is by no means confined to a specific time of the year, but with so much going on over the festive period we do unfortunately see a spike in such behaviour this time of year," states Cullen.

"It's vital that you keep safe on the roads this season, protect yourself, your family and other road users by making the smart decision to never, ever drink and drive," adds Cullen.



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# Christmas Jumper Day

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Edmondstown National School in Rathfarnham celebrated Crumlin Christmas Jumper Day. Everyone looked amazing in their Christmas colours. The children had great fun doing a “Santa Dash” around the perimeter of the school garden and dancing some disco moves in the yard. The pupils made beautiful Christmas cards for the sick children in Crumlin, they wrapped selection boxes for them and they donated some of their pocket money. In total, Edmondstown managed to raise €300 for Crumlin hospital. The school received two beautiful Christmas trees from Killakee Christmas Tree farm. The children decorated one of them with mini Christmas jumpers. The other tree was decorated with homemade decorations made from waste materials – cardboard, corks, cotton wool and lollipop sticks. Edmondstown is a Green Flag school and the children

are very conscious of the impact our actions make on the world. The Green School Committee will be planting four native trees as part of the One Million Trees campaign being run by Self Help Africa. As if this wasn’t enough, the children’s fantastic parents donated lovely hats and scarves for the homeless. These were delivered to the Sisters of Erin for onward distribution. They “are blessed to have such a hard working Parents’ Association”. Excitement was fever pitch because RTE’s News2Day came to film all the activities of these future stars. “We are so proud of our thoughtful children who wanted to make the lives of sick children in hospital a little happier. I’m pretty sure every single child in Edmondstown National School is on Santa’s `nice’ list this year,” said Mrs Philomena Cleary, the school principal.







Adam with Santa



Santa and Archie Ennis



Alex and Santa



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# Santa Is On The Ball

## AT KILNAMANAGH FOOTBALL CLUB

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John Feeney with Santa



Santa with Kate and Erin Kavanagh



Kevin and Santa



Lee Walsh and Santa



Santa with Layla and Hunter Brophy



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Santa and Libby O'Keeffe



Sarah McGovern with Santa



Ryhs Cox and Trent Harris with Santa





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# Sensory Circus Christmas Fun

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# Christmas At The Square

## LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

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## New Youth Club Opens In Fettercairn

Fettercairn's new youth club had its official opening and first meeting on Friday, November 19, in St. Anne's Primary School. Over 50 parents and young people attended the opening, at which music was provided by Ragamuffin Ballad Group, led by local lad, Tommy Smith.

Fettercairn Youth Club is now meeting each Friday night and three Mondays out of four at the school. It caters for boys and girls between 13 and 20; and the facilities currently available include pool, table-tennis, darts and draughts.

The club was the idea of local parents who had become concerned about the lack of facilities in Fettercairn and the possible attractions of vandalism, horse-riding and

car-thieving.

According to the club committee, when they first met in St. Anne's to discuss the problem they received tremendous support from school Principal, Gus Kelly, community worker, Sr. Hanna, and local priest, Pat Littleton. That support and the helpful suggestions of the youngsters, especially Mark Kavanagh, helped to get the club launched. Parents involved with the

club feel that the great response from the youth themselves is an assurance of the club's success, and, with a fund-raising committee now bent on getting money for expansion, there are high hopes for the future.

Committee members include Chairman, Liam Collins, Secretary, Joe Farrell, and Treasurer, Eamonn Doyle. There are four junior members on the senior committee as well as a separate junior committee of 12.

## Rapid Rail Will Not Interfere with Ballymount Castle

A CIE spokesman has confirmed that plans for the proposed rapid transit railway through Ballymount have been re-drawn so as to avoid interference with Ballymount Castle and its associated group of old buildings.

In re-routing the line to by-pass the historical site at a safe distance, CIE is following the example of Dublin County Council, which recently revised its plans for the Western Parkway Road following concerted public objection to its proposed passage through the site.

The CIE spokesman was quick to point out that the new rail link between Tallaght and the city is not planned for completion until 1981. And its development to actuality is

subject to Government approval and funding.

Consideration of such approval awaits the completion of the first stage of the rapid transit system - that between Howth and Bray. Electrification of the Howth-Bray line is expected to be finished in 1984.

If the electric railway to Tallaght via Ballymount does come to fruition, it will be a surface line, and will not go underground either at Ballymount or thereabouts, the spokesman promised.

### Draft Plan reminder

TALLAGHT Community Council has reminded member associations that representations relating to proposed

amendments arising from the display of the Draft Development Plan should be addressed to the Principal Officer, Planning Dept., Block 2, Irish Life Centre, Lr. Abbey St., Dublin 1.

### Death of Dr De Vere

Dr Norman F De Vere died at his home in Old Bawn Way, Tallaght, on Monday, November 24. He was 66.

Dr De Vere is survived by his one son, his four daughters and his wife Maevie.

The doctor had a wide and varied medical career. He practiced in three countries: Ireland, England and Canada. He had been practicing in Tallaght for ten years.

He received his education in Glongowes Wood, Trinity College and Oxford.

In his youth, Norman De Vere was top-class athlete, specialising in 440 and 880 yard dashes.

Among his proudest achievements were races won in the Tailteann Games and in London's White City.

Some athletics commentators hold the opinion that Norman De Vere would have run for Ireland in the Olympic Games had not World War two raged when he was at his prime.



Some of the younger members of the Fettercairn Youth Club concentrate on a game of pool at their club meeting at St Annes School last Friday.

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# A Christmas Eve in Tallaght, 1932

## FROM A RAMBLE AROUND TALLAGHT



by Albert Perris

**O**n the afternoon of Christmas Eve 1932, John Finnegan set out from his mother's house in Roundtown on a tram to Tallaght, intending to stretch his legs and to take the country air before the festivities of Christmas got underway.

Arriving in Tallaght village at two o'clock, he intended to walk up to Brittas, a five and a half mile stretch, or a two hour walk, and would be in plenty of time to get the five o'clock tram from Brittas back to Roundtown.

The tram was to be discontinued later that week, after over forty-five years' service and it would be John Finnegan's last chance to journey on the Dublin to Blessington tramline. The afternoon was fresh but dry. Stepping off the car Finnegan inhaled deeply, filling his lungs with the fresh country air rolling off the Dublin Mountains. Tightening the laces of his sturdy walking boots and fastening his galoshes over his ankles he set out west, through the old village past Dr Lydon's Dispensary and Ms Martin's post-office. He loitered briefly at the little pocket park at the top of the town, opposite O'Neill's bar and grocery, which had once been the site of Tallaght's ancient Cross.

Passing the old Commons of Tallaght he made his way toward Tallaght Hill, Mount Seskin and Knockannavea. A white tonsure of frost sat on the peaks of the hills around Tallaght, like a pope's cap or the head of a monk. The walk up to Jobstown was a gentle enough stroll, relatively flat and with good paths. He knew the walk would begin proper just beyond Jobstown and before Kiltalown Cottages, where he would take a left, leaving the main Blessington road and sharply ascending west along the slope of Mount Seskin.

There Finnegan could feel his heart beating in his chest, exhaling warm and deep breaths into the cold thin air. He looked down over the fields at what remained of Johnville, the once stately mansion and one-time home to Mr Nicholas Roe of the famous Roe Whiskey family and later the setting of Dr Luther's Hydrotherapy Spa before the mysterious Doctor removed to Belfast.

There was no better way to prepare for the Christmas celebrations in the coming day. He thought of the hearty meal he would have the next day and the few glasses of sherry or tawny port in the evening before parlour games. A walk in the country would build his appetite for the indulgences to follow.

Traversing the crest of Mount Seskin he could see the pond at Brittas, built to take water to the old Saggart Paper Mills- beyond Adam and Eve, the famous standing stones on the road to Saggart- its little canal stretching beyond the area on his OS map labelled Clearwater Commons and Cooldown Commons. To the north, he

could see the tower on Oughterard in Kildare, casting its own evening shadow toward Dublin, like a sundial over its mausoleum. To the west with his back to Deerpark, he could see the valley of Slade and further on the Hill of Allen.

He looked at his left wrist and realised he had forgotten his watch, back in his mother's house. It was not yet 4pm he surmised, the sun still a little above the Hill of Allen, and perhaps forty minutes of daylight remaining. He had made good time.

The tram wasn't due for another hour. He saw a sign on the road in the distance, indicating Bohernabreena- 1.5 miles. He had thought it was further. A little over one mile, and forty minutes of light left! If he walked briskly he might catch a glimpse of the great waterworks and could get the evening bus from Bohernabreena back to Roundtown. He would be home in time for tea. Just before leaving the main road, he paused to read a little cross, erected at the side of the tram tracks- 'Patrick Gooling. 1903. RIP'.

Approaching Ballinascorney the light was falling fast. A dark black cloud gathered- moving like a murmuration of starlings above his head. He had walked at least four miles, maybe more, and it seemed the further he walked the more remote and further from civilisation he became. The air felt damp as the late evening passed. And then the rain arrived. He walked for several hours, at times it seemed in circles. He thought he could hear the water of the river Dodder. The night became inky black, his boots heavy with clods as the gravel path descended to a track of clay. The last bus from Bohernabreena would be long gone.

He marched on. At least it was all downhill. There was nothing for it but to keep going. It must have been four, perhaps five hours since the light had fallen. This was not how he had envisaged his ramble when he had been reading his little book *The Neighbourhood of Dublin*.

He could hear in the distance the flow of the brown and yellow waters of the river on his left. He must have crossed Callaghan's bridge, he thought, but had no memory of it. He had read once of Arthur Ussher, who had been washed away by this river, when it was a raging torrent back in 1628 and had heard of the many men since who had fallen to its humours. It was along these banks Mrs Kearney had watched her sons and husband hanged for conspiracy.

Finnegan felt himself now to be the subject of a conspiracy- "a conspiracy of starlings", he thought. "No. Ravens. That's it" his mind was wandering. Whether it was this, or the cold and sheer exhaustion, he began to shake and tremble, no longer feeling at one



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with nature.

He had no idea where he was but knew he could go no further. Resting under the dead or dying canopy of an ancient Oak, he sat on a heap of stones gathered at the trunk and listened to the sound of rain, drenching the canvas of wilting leaves above his head. He shook off his hat, sending a spray of water into a puddle before him. Damp and down spirited, he lay back against the trunk and lit a cigarette- a Player's Wills. And then another. He cupped in his hands the little round spirit-lighter, made from two coins welded together by his father during the Great War- a gift he had received for his eighteenth birthday. He could feel the metal warm in his hands. Finnegan mused that if he had just got the last tramcar from Brittas, he would be home now in Roundtown, sitting by the fire.

He lit another cigarette, and out of habit looked at his wrist- remembering again that he had left his watch at home. He had no idea what time it was, but knew it was late. Slumped against the tree, he resigned himself to the fact that he was lost.

The wind rustled the leaves overhead, when a thin horizontal ribbon of light between a cluster of bushes broke through in the distance. It was a homestead, not six hundred metres away. Suddenly filled with a renewed optimism and energy he jumped up and, oblivious now to the rain pouring down upon him, marched in a stupor with his head down towards the light. He could no longer feel his feet, conscious only that he must put one foot in front of the other.

A set of heavy wrought iron entrance gates hung between a pair of matching twin piers, taller than a man, each

topped with an ornamental globe. A short gravel path of about 10 yards, sheltered by a line of mature silver birch trees led to the door of the house.

Passing through the gates he could hear the crunch of gravel under his feet- Terra Firma. Briskly, almost mindlessly, approaching the residence, he could see nine sash windows of a fine house, its corners partially covered with ivy. A pair of elongated narrow windows, one on each side of the door, and each dressed with red curtains, were faintly illuminated by candle light.

Finnegan paused before ascending the nine granite steps leading to the hall door, kicking the mucky clods off his boots against the second step. A wreath of entwined Holly and Ivy hung on the doorknob, an unpolished brass affair.

Giving three timid taps on the brass knocker above the wreath, he waited in silence, watching his own warm breath condense against the black door. After a few moments he rapped again- tap, tap, tap.

He could hear a presence inside, fumbling about. "Thanks be to God", he thought. He heard the shuffle of slippers on linoleum before a bar was removed from inside the hall door and a lock turned. The door was opened half way, and in the light stood an elderly white-haired man. He was unshaven, tall and portly, slightly hunched, as very old men can sometimes be. A paraffin lamp silently flickered on a stand in the hallway and moths flapped about overhead, lightly tapping their wings inside the glass in the fanlight over the door. It was a substantial residence, though one that had seen better days.

"Come in man, before you catch your



death," the host implored.

Noticing a small silver holy water well on the wall beside the door, Finnegan went to dip his forefinger in the water to bless himself- as much to let his host know he was a good Christian, than out of any habit. Finding the font to be dry he tipped his forehead with a thumb, and then his chest with the dry forefinger, before resigning his effort at piety.

The old man's face was broad and bearded, his cheeks ruddy. Finnegan removed his galoshes and wiped his boots on a stiff and well-worn mat, draping the soiled galoshes over an umbrella stand that contained nothing but a single riding crop.

"Let me take your coat," his host muttered, hanging the coat on a hook on the wall opposite the water-font.

He motioned with a nod towards a door a few metres down the hall and without a word ushered Finnegan into a comfortable but dimly lit parlour. Two tall Rathborne candles gently flickered at either end of the mantelpiece as the cold air from the hallway entered the parlour. Smouldering coals glowed in the fireplace, the dying embers of what looked to have been a generous fire.

"Sit down there and dry yourself off. How does a man find himself out here at this time of night?" The old man enquired. Finnegan told him his tale- how he had intended to get the tram home from Brittas, but decided to extend his walk to Bohernabreena. "That's a good walk alright! Another seven miles bedad!" Finnegan realised either the road-sign had been wrong or he had misread it. Either way, he had lost his bearings somewhere between there and here.

A fire of turf sat smouldering in the grate and a downdraft in the chimney again sent a plume of smoke into the room as the old man opened the parlour door to get a glass for his guest. It was nice just to be indoors, sitting by the warmth of the dying embers in the hearth. A fender and a set of ancient fire-irons sat beside the hearth-plate, looking somewhat out of place- almost too small for the great fireplace beside which they sat.

Finnegan resisted the natural temptation to take hold of the poker and rake the glowing coals, to breathe life into the fire. He was grateful for the old man's hospitality and didn't want to seem overly familiar or too comfortable. He surmised by the amount of ash that had accumulated under the grate, that the fire must have been lit first thing that morning and had been burning all day.

A large black Labrador lay slumped in the corner, sleeping, and every now and then he would sigh and twitch, as if dreaming, whatever it is that

Labradors dream. The smell of turf smoke and damp dog hair mingled with the fragrance of Finnegan's own labours- of a man that had walked many miles about a mountain in the rain. The old man returned with a glass of boiling water in one hand and a bottle of Irish whiskey in the other.

A silver spoon jangled in the glass of boiling water as the man set it down on the mantel above the fire. He twisted the lid of the unopened bottled, breaking the seal and pouring a generous measure into the half-filled glass of boiling water. Taking the spoon he briskly stirred the whiskey and water in a counter-clockwise direction. Finnegan watched, slightly mesmerised, as the gold and water blended into an even elixir. The steaming mixture filled the air with a homely cheer.

Finnegan raised the glass, inhaling the vapour of the glowing spirit deep into his lungs. He was just about to put the glass to his lips, when he realised his host did not have a glass. "Are you not taking one yourself? It is a bad guest I would be, who would drink whiskey on his own. I don't believe it's something I've ever done before."

"Ay, my days of drinking Whiskey, man, are long gone. I drank up my share, in my own day. It's ten years since a drop of whiskey or anything else has passed my lips. It's a bad host I would be if you didn't drink it."

Finnegan, stretching his legs in front of the fire, took a sip of the whiskey and felt the warm stream running down his throat and into his chest.

A long garland of Holly and Ivy, loosely entwined dressed the mantelpiece. In the centre was a large ivory clock. Finnegan was taken-aback when he noticed the time on it- six minutes past ten. "Is that clock right, can I ask? I thought it was later."

"And a lot later it is too, I'm afraid. That old clock hasn't ticked in over thirty years. Not since we lost the key for it. It was a very fine clock in its day, a gift my father received from Mr Nicholas Reade, the previous owner of this place. It came to me with the house."

The men spoke for some time- the host telling his guest that he had walked a great deal himself when he was younger and knew the local hills well. As a young man he had been something of a wrestler and had trained in the hills of Ballinscorney. He had been involved in the public affairs of the district and had chaired meetings of the league. After an hour the men moved to retire for the night, the host raking what remained of the dying coals in the grate. Departing the parlour the old man handed Finnegan a

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tall red candle, matching his own, to light the way.

Standing in the Hall at the foot of a staircase, the old man paused at a large portrait that hung on the wall- a portrait of two men standing side-by-side. "That is Charles Stewart Parnell," he said. Motioning towards the other man in the painting, he continued "and that is my Father". He stared at the great picture wistfully and both men stood for a few moments studying the portrait of the two bearded figures.

The old man gripped Finnegan's left wrist, squeezing it warmly but firmly in his fist, causing the candle in Finnegan's hand to shed a light splattering of wax down on the damp cuff of his sleeve- "Look- Look into their eyes! Great men. They took a country, a nation in hand. Leaders of men, both. Both dead. Gone. Gone forever." Finnegan could feel the old man had never lost his wrestlers grip. "Our time will come," he said. "Our time will come. And we too will be gone."

After a moment of silence the man led Finnegan up the adjacent staircase and down a hallway, into a bedroom in the corner of the house. "There is an extra blanket at the foot of the bed, if you need it. Will I leave a candle?" the old man asked, as he shuffled toward the door.

"No. Thank you. The one I have is all the light I need. Thank you," Finnegan replied.

The room was basic- a bed and a bedside table on which sat an empty enamel jug. It's certainly not the Gresham Hotel, he thought. A pair of pictures with matching frames hung on the bedroom wall beside the door- one of what looked like a Thrush and the other a Deer. Finnegan turned to the window. He could hear the distant sound of a cat wailing in the yard below- the cry of a new born baby. He stared into the darkness outside, cupping the light of the candle away from the glass. As his eyes adjusted to the darkness, he could see in the moonlight, the faint silhouette of the ruins of an old square tower just metres from the house.

Turning away from the window, he caught a reflection of himself in the candle light. For a moment he thought there was another man outside. He was tired and still not entirely himself. He wondered in whose bed he was about to sleep. The white sheet was cold and

a little damp, but it felt good to set himself down on the bed. He lay his arms across his chest under the sheet, to stay warm. His eyelids became heavy. The last thing he saw was his own whiskey breath, rise into the damp night air above him.

He slept soundly til the morning and was awakened by something at the end of the bed. A cat or a dog- lying against his left foot. He could feel the weight of it baring down on him.

Opening his eyes he found a great canopy of brown leaves mottled with blue breaking through above him. A young countryman was standing over him, gently nudging his foot, with his boot. "Troth! Thanks be to God you are alive. I thought you were dead by the way you were slumped against that tree. You wouldn't be the first man to die under a tree, on a night like that. Have you been there all night?"

Finnegan took a moment to compose himself, unsure exactly of where he was. "I'm afraid so. I think so," he replied looking around at the field surrounding him and the tree above. Standing up to stretch out his limbs he began to make sense of the situation- "I took shelter under the tree from the rain last night. I must have fallen asleep."

"Are you from the city," the countryman inquired. "I am," replied Finnegan, "Well, near enough".

"Come. I have a cart on the road. I will drop you some of the way there. I saw you lying in the field and thought you were done for."

The two men walked toward a cart on the road- about forty yards. Finnegan got into the jaunting cart, a two seater trap with a black canopy. The men sat in silence for a few minutes, as the countryman lashed the single grey horse.

A great cape of frost lay cloaking the hills behind them- on Glenasmole and Knockannavea, on Mount Seskin and Seefingan, melting, as the sun rose, down into the Dodder. All it's little tributaries running into one- under the bridge at Oldbawn, and down behind the Carmelite Monastery in Firhouse and further on down and down past the Gasworks near old Mr. Pidgeon's House at Ringsend. The moon, still high in the sky, held up like a host over the hills of Ballinascorney by forces poorly understood, by those who laboured and worshiped under its light.

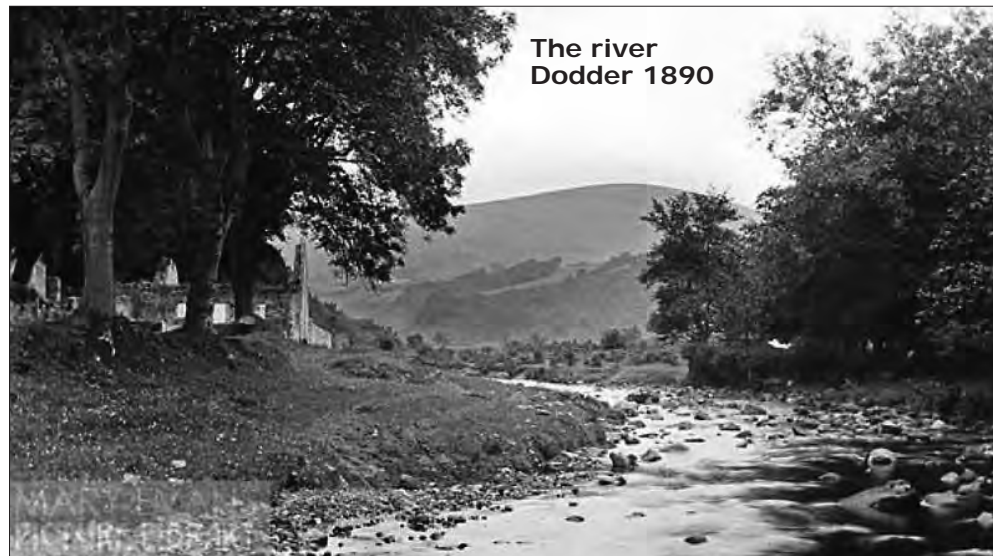
It was a clear Christmas morning, the brisk air breaking on Finnegan's cheeks. He could feel a cold but gentle breeze on his neck as the cab made its way north through Oldbawn toward the little village of Tallaght and then east to Balrothery and on to Templeogue.

A smell of turf-smoke lingered on his collar. Finnegan hunched his shoulders under the damp coat and put his hands in its pockets to keep warm. In his right-hand pocket he could feel what remained of his damp packet of Player's Wills cigarettes and the little round lighter.

In his other pocket he felt something heavy, but familiar on his wrist. Taking his hand out to look, he found on his wrist an old and unfamiliar watch- a heavy silver timepiece, with four Roman Numerals- XII- III- VI- IX. He had never seen it before. On the cuff of his shirt, just above the watch- a small red stain- a drop of dried red candle wax- all that remained of his Christmas Eve in Tallaght, 1932, and the house with red curtains.

(The above story is loosely based on an account that appeared in the Evening Herald Christmas Supplement on the 17th December 1934).

The river Dodder 1890






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**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**



**Gaule, Michael**  
6th Birthday away from home occurs 23rd December.

*We still miss you so much Mick xxx*  
*And however hard we try,*  
*There is always a part of us,*  
*That cannot say goodbye,*  
*Because we hope that you still know,*  
*We miss you more than words can ever say.*  
**Happy birthday & Christmas, your wife Phyllis. xxx**


**Also remembering our darling daughter Mary Moore xxx Love Mum And grandson Johnathon Healy. xxx Nana**  
So sadly missed & loved, Always in my heart and thoughts.

**We miss you Dad**  
*Things are not the same,*  
*Without you and Mary,*  
*In our hearts you will always live on.*  
**Bee, Jody & Family xxxx R.I.P.**

*Birthday remembrance of a very much loved father Mick Gaule, Whose absence from our lives is felt daily,*  
*You will always be missed & loved.*  
*Also remembering my sister Mary Moore,*  
*The time we had together,*  
*Will never be enough,*  
**You are both deep in my heart, Julie, John & Family**


**Dad**  
*The only gift today will be,*  
*The memories you left behind,*  
*Of laughter, joy and happiness,*  
*That echo on in my mind,*  
*May the angels hold you closely,*  
*And sing you a happy song,*  
*And I'll be sending wishes,*  
*Today and all year long.*  
**Loved and missed, Dee, Alan & Family. xxxx**  
**Also remembering my sister Mary Moore, Forever in my heart. xxx**

**ANNIVERSARY**



**McEvoy, Karren**  
In loving memory of my beautiful daughter Karren McEvoy, who passed away on 25.12.2018. Age 24. Rest and Sleep in peace.

*My beautiful Daughter is sleeping,*  
*In the arms of the angels,*  
*Gone from this world to soon,*  
*But will never be forgotten.*  
*My beautiful Daughter,*  
*An amazing Mother an amazing Sister,*  
*You brought so much joy and laughter,*  
*It will never be the same again.*  
*My heart is broken in to a million pieces,*  
*And will never be mended again,*  
*I miss the calls from you,*  
*When you rang asking me for my advice,*  
*On the phone about my Grandchildren,*  
*And you staying over in our home with me,*  
*Waking up in the morning,*  
*You coffee and me tea,*  
*And the kids loved their pancakes,*  
*And throwing their remainders out to the cats and birds.*  
*Oh how we laughed and talked about silly things,*  
*Well my sweetheart you are with your Nanny Eileen,*  
*Nanny Maria and your Grandad Christy,*  
*They will keep you safe until I get there one day,*  
*And we will be together again.*  
**Sadly missed by your Mum Margaret and your step dad Joe, your Brothers and Sisters, Chris, Alan, Glen & Rachel, Auntie Jacinta and your Friends, Sabrina & Saoirse and Patrick, Nicola O'Reilly, and the Carey Family who never let us down. And your kids Jake, Toby & Ruby, and your Dad Alan & wife Rohna & Alana, Caitlin, Abby & Gemma.**



**Carthy, Harry & Josie**  
Late of Landon Road, Ballyfermot.  
Dads Anniversary occurs on 25th December, 29 Years away from home.  
Mams Anniversary occurs 27th December, 15 years away from home.

*There are 2 people in heaven,*  
*So precious and so rare,*  
*Those people are our parents,*  
*They best beyond compare,*  
*Sleep peacefully dear mam and dad,*  
*You have earned your rest.*  
**Loved and missed always from your lovings Sons, Daughters, Daughter-in-law, Sons in-law, Grandchildren, Great-grandchildren, Great-great-grandchildren, Great-great-great grandchildren, Extended family & friends.**

**NOVENA**

**Angel Of Portugal**  
Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore you profoundly. I offer you the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which he is offended. And, through the infinite merits of his Most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners. **T.G.**

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**McGrachan, Noeleen**  
10th Birthday and Christmas away from home occurs 30th December. Late of Millbrook Lawns.

*I remember the day I met you,*  
*And the day God made you mine,*  
*I remember the day I lost you,*  
*And will till the end of time.*  
*Amidst the tears and heartaches,*  
*Are the things that make me glad,*  
*You chose me to share with you,*  
*The precious times we had.*  
*I often talk about you,*  
*I never cease to care,*  
*I wish I could go home again,*  
*And find you waiting there.*  
*I want to tell you something,*  
*So there can be no doubt,*  
*You're so wonderful to think of,*  
*And so hard to be without.*  
**Always love and miss you, your loving husband Pat, children Aubrey, Wesley, Avril, Ian and Natasha, grandchildren Niall, Reece and Mya, Mam and Dad, Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends.**

**NOVENA**

**Thanksgiving Prayer**  
O mother of Perpetual help with grateful hearts, we join you in thanking God for all the wonderful things he has done for us. God our Creator we thank you for the gift of life and all the gifts of nature, our senses and faculties, our talents and abilities. We thank you for creating us in your own image and likeness and for giving us the earth to use and develop to rule and control. Despite our failures you continue to show your love for us by increasing the life of your spirit in us. Finally we thank you loving father for giving us Mary, the mother of your son to be our mother of Perpetual help. We are grateful for all past favours received through her intercession. We pray that these past favours may inspire us to greater confidence to seek the aid of our Mother of Perpetual help Amen. **L.R.**

**BIRTHDAY / CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**



**McCann, Jenny**  
9th Anniversary away from home occurs 27th December. Late of Tymonville and Ballycragh.

*The moment that you left us,*  
*Our hearts were torn in two,*  
*One side filled with heartache,*  
*The other went with you,*  
*Your beautiful smile and caring ways,*  
*Your laughter and sense of humour,*  
*You were the sunshine of our lives,*  
*You brightened up our world,*  
*You were such a special daughter,*  
*Bringing happiness to all you knew,*  
*I feel you so very near me Jenny,*  
*And wish I could hold you close.*  
**Loving and missing you always, Mam Carol, stepdad Gerard & brother Stephen. xxx**

**ANNIVERSARY**



**Beirnes, Maria**  
13th Anniversary occurs on the 26th December.

*I remember the day I met you, Maria,*  
*And the day God made you mine,*  
*I remember the day God took you,*  
*And will till the end of time.*  
*We made our vows together,*  
*But when God came and took you,*  
*My whole world fell apart.*  
*But in my world of memories,*  
*I'll never walk alone, Maria,*  
*You are always by my side.*  
**Missed by your heartbroken husband Pat, Paul, Jemma, Siobhan, Marty, Jamie, Harry & Joey. xxxx**

**ANNIVERSARY**



**Beirnes, Maria**  
13th Anniversary occurs on the 26th December.

*I remember the day I met you, Maria,*  
*And the day God made you mine,*  
*I remember the day God took you,*  
*And will till the end of time.*  
*We made our vows together,*  
*But when God came and took you,*  
*My whole world fell apart.*  
*But in my world of memories,*  
*I'll never walk alone, Maria,*  
*You are always by my side.*  
**Missed by your heartbroken husband Pat, Paul, Jemma, Siobhan, Marty, Jamie, Harry & Joey. xxxx**

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ANNIVERSARY



**Murray, Robert (Bert)**  
14th Anniversary occurs  
26th December. Late of  
Raheen Park, Ballyfermot.

**Robert**  
*We never knew that morning,  
The sorrow that day would bring,  
When a lonely heart stopped  
beating,  
And we could not do a thing,  
The parting was so sudden,  
We often wonder why,  
But the saddest part of all was,  
We never said goodbye.  
Those who remember him today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say.  
Sadly missed by your  
heartbroken Mam and Dad.  
xxx*

*Our hearts still ache in sadness,  
And secret tears still flow,  
What it meant to lose you,  
No one can ever know.  
A million times we've needed you,  
A million times we've cried,  
If love could have saved you,  
You never would have died.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we love you still,  
In our hearts you hold a place,  
No one will ever fill.  
Love and missed always  
from Lydia and Megan.*

*No farewells were spoken,  
We did not say goodbye,  
You were gone before we knew it,  
And only God knows why.  
Sadly missed by Paula,  
Mark and Luke. xxx*

**Dad**  
*I won't forget you as I get older,  
I know you are resting on my  
shoulder;  
Stay with me as I go through life,  
And I will pray to you every  
night.  
From your loving son  
Calvin.*

*Thinking of you is easy,  
We do it every day,  
Missing you is a heartache,  
That will never go away,  
Out of our lives you may be gone,  
But in our hearts,  
You will always live on.  
Bernard, Mary & Family.*

NOVENA

**Miracle Prayer**  
*Dear heart of Jesus I ask you this  
special favour (mention one) take  
it dear heart of Jesus and place it  
within your own broken heart  
where your father sees it. Then in  
his merciful eyes it will become  
your favour not mine. Amen. say  
this prayer 3 days promise  
publication and favour will be  
granted never known to fail. V.M.*

ANNIVERSARY



**Coughlan, Lisa**  
17th Anniversary. In loving  
memory of Lisa who died 26th  
December 2004. Late of  
Kylemore Avenue,  
Ballyfermot.

*Our lips cannot speak how we  
loved her,  
Our hearts cannot tell what to say,  
But God only knows how we miss  
her,  
In our home that is lonely today,  
It was a sudden parting,  
Too bitter to forget,  
Those who loved you dearly,  
Are the ones who can't forget,  
We often sit and think of you,  
And think of how you died,  
To think you could not say  
goodbye,  
Before you closed your eyes,  
Our family chain is broken,  
Nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The links shall join again.  
From Mam, Dad, Daughters,  
Sons, Brothers, Sisters and  
Mammy (Winnie).*

CHRISTMAS  
REMEMBRANCE



**Halpin, Annette**  
Christmas remembrance  
2021. 13th Christmas in spirit.

*It's hard to find the words to say,  
To express the loss we feel,  
Years pass by and you're not here,  
It just seems so unreal.  
As Christmas comes around once  
more,  
To brighten winters gloom,  
It can never be the same for us,  
As it was when you were here.  
The light has dimmed and nights  
are long,  
And memories fill the void.  
And silent nights are lonely nights,  
Because our Christmas star is  
gone.  
Always missed, always loved,  
forever in our hearts.  
Happy Christmas love,  
Andy & Family. xxxxxxxxxx  
xxx*

NOVENA

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heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your father  
sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine. Amen.  
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known to fail. C.M.*

ANNIVERSARY



**Mc Donald, Bridie**  
4th Anniversary away from  
home occurs 4th January  
2022.

**Mam**  
*We wish we could go back to the  
day,  
When angels came and took you  
away,  
We wanted to hold your hand so  
tight,  
Kiss you gently and say  
goodnight,  
And then just before you had to  
go,  
We would tell you how much we  
love you so,  
We don't know how we don't  
know why,  
We never got the chance to say  
goodbye.  
Always missed by her loving  
family & sister Rose.*

ANNIVERSARY



**Haughan, Christy**  
15th Anniversary away from  
home which occurs on the  
2nd January.

*It doesn't take a special day,  
To bring you to our mind,  
For days without a thought of you,  
Are very hard to find.  
You always tried to do your best,  
Your heart was true and tender,  
You simply lived for those you  
loved,  
And those you loved remember.  
From your loving wife  
Kathleen and family.*

NOVENA

**August Queen of Heaven**  
*Sovereign Mistress of the angels!  
Thou who from the beginning  
hast received from God the power  
and mission to crush the head of  
Satan, we humbly beseech thee  
to send thy holy Legions,  
that, under thy command and by  
thy power, they may pursue the  
evil spirits, encounter them on  
every side, resist their bold attacks  
and drive them hence into the  
abyss of eternal woe. Amen T.G.*

CHRISTMAS  
REMEMBRANCE



**Hayes, David (Junior)**  
One more Christmas away  
from home.

*May the winds of Heaven,  
Blow softly and whisper in your  
ear,  
How much I love and miss you,  
And wish that you were here.  
From your heartbroken Dad.  
xxxxxx*

NOVENA

**Novena to the Holy Spirit**  
*Holy Spirit, you who solve all  
problems, light all roads so that I  
can attain my goal. You gave me  
the divine gift to forgive and forget  
all evils against me all instances  
of my life, you are with me. I want  
in this short prayer to thank you  
for all things as you confirm once  
again that I never want to be  
separated from you even in spite of  
all material illusion. I wish to be  
with you in eternal glory. Thank  
you for your mercy towards me  
and mine (mention favours). this  
prayer must be said for three  
consecutive days and published  
immediately and after three days  
the favour will be granted. P.R.*

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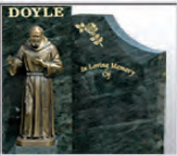


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## BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



**Carey, Darren**  
**42nd Birthday occurs 25th**  
**December.**

Put your arms around Darren  
Lord,  
Don't leave Darren on his own,  
For today is Darren's birthday,  
And we know he can't come home,  
Your resting place we visit,  
Flowers we place with care,  
But no one knows the heartache,  
As we turn and leave you there,  
Quietly today your memory we  
treasure,  
Loving you always,  
Forgetting you never,  
No length of time can take away,  
Our thoughts of you from day to  
day,  
**Love you always Ma and  
Mick.**

A thoughtful Brother,  
A special friend,  
A heart of gold,  
The very best this world could  
hold,  
Of all the gifts in life,  
However big or small,  
To have you as my brother  
Darren,  
Was the greatest gift of all.  
**Love and miss you always**  
**Gary and Kids.**

*A million tear stained kisses,  
I send especially to you,  
Because today's your birthday,  
And I'm really missing you.*  
**Love you always Jason,  
Natalie, Abbie and Emily.**

Everyday in some small way,  
Memories of you come our way,  
Though absent you are always  
near,  
Still missed still loved so very  
dear.  
**Always in our minds and  
forever in our hearts,  
Love your son Dean and  
granddaughter Daisy. xxx**

*There's a path of beautiful  
memories,  
From here to heaven above,  
That keeps us very close to you,  
It's called the bridge of love,  
And down that path of memories,  
We gently tread today,  
And all our thoughts are with you,  
As life goes on its way,  
Words are few, feelings are deep,  
Memories of you Darren will  
always keep.*

**So loved, never forgotten,  
xxxx, Nanny and Granda  
Carey.**

## ANNIVERSARY



**O'Halloran, Martin (Matsey)**  
Late of Colepark Road,  
Ballyfermot. 1st Anniversary  
away from home occurred  
22nd December. Also  
remembering Stephen.

*It was a sudden parting,  
Too bitter to forget,  
Those who loved you dearly,  
Are the ones who can't forget,  
We often sit and think of you,  
And think of how you died,  
To think you could not say  
goodbye,  
Before you closed your eyes.*  
**Missed by your wife Phyllis  
and Sons Martin & Paul.**

**Dad**  
*Time passes & life goes on,  
But from our hearts,  
You will never be gone.*  
**Sadly missed by your loving  
Daughter Samantha &  
Nicko.**

**Dad**  
*I won't forget you,  
 As I get older,  
 I know you are resting,  
 On my shoulder,  
 Stay with me,  
 As I go through life,  
 And I will pray to you,  
 Every night.*  
**Sadly missed by your loving  
 daughter Tracy.**

*My Dad was so special,  
I valued him with pride,  
I never knew how special,  
Until the night he died.*  
**Sadly missed by your heart  
broken daughter Wendy &  
Berto.**

**Dad**  
*God saw you getting weary,  
 And did what he thought best,  
 He put His arms around you,  
 And whispered, "Come to rest."*  
**Missed beyond words.**  
**Love you, Caroline & Mia**

*You left us just your photograph,  
Yet your smile still seems to say,  
Don't cry, I'm only sleeping,  
We'll meet again some day.*  
**Loved and missed, Denise.**

*Your presence we miss,  
Your memory we treasure,  
Loving you always,  
Forgetting you never.*  
**Loved and missed  
Grant, Natalie, Poppie and  
Autumn.**

**Grandad**  
*A golden heart stopped beating,  
 Hard working hands at rest,  
 It broke our hearts,  
 To see you go,  
 God only takes the best.*  
**Sadly missed, always on my  
 mind love Craig, Danielle &  
 Neveah. xxx**

*Where you may be,  
I am still there for you,  
You are not lost to me,  
I shall still care for you.*  
**Loved and missed, your  
heartbroken Grandson  
Graham, Ryder & Peaches.**

*The things we feel most deeply,  
Are the hardest things to say,  
We your family loved you,  
In a very special way.*

**Loved and missed by your  
grandchildren Alex, Curtis,  
Aaron, Josh, Evan, Chantelle  
and Isaac.**

## NOVENA



*O Jesus, Divine Friend of little children, we thank Thee for the signal graces Thou didst confer upon Thy holy servant Little Nellie by inspiring her with such great devotion to Thy Sacred Passion and such ardent love of Thy Blessed Eucharist. Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the fulfilment of Thy designs regarding Thy loving little servant for Thy greater Glory and for the sanctification of souls. We adore Thee, O Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament; we pray that Thy Sacred Presence may be honoured little more and more, that the little ones, whom Thou desirest to come to Thee, may frequently approach Thy Holy Table. O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine. P.G.*

# CHRISTMAS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



**Mooney, Rosaline (Rose)**  
1st Christmas away from home. Also 1st Birthday away from home, occurs 4th January.

**Best Friend**  
*A best friend is like,  
 A four leaf clover.  
 Lucky to have,  
 And hard to find.*  
**Lots of love your husband  
 Norman & sons David, John  
 & Keith.**

## NOVENA

**Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
*O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein that you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. O show me herein that you are my Mother. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us that have recourse to thee. (3 times). Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times) L.G.*

## NOVENA

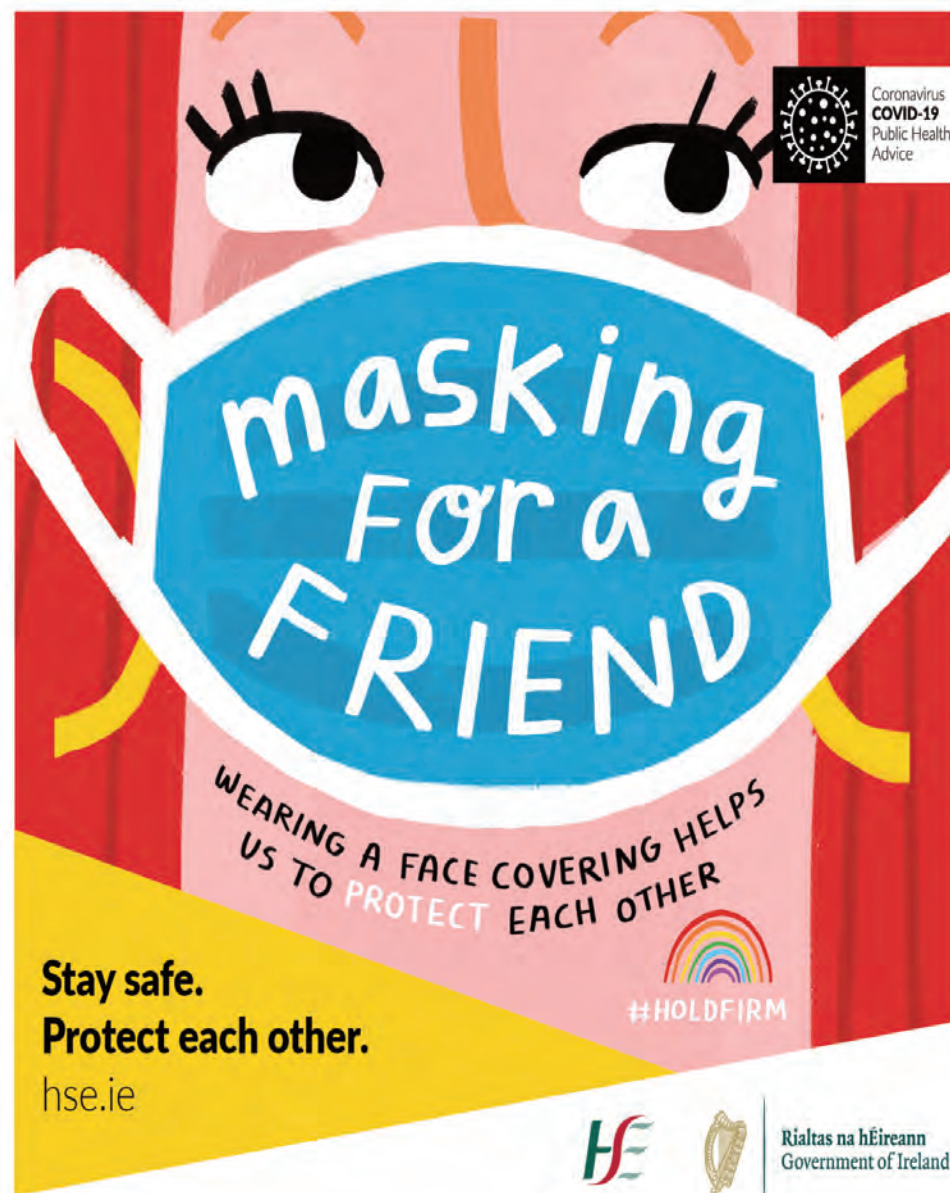
**Novena to St. Clare**  
*Ask St. Clare for 3 favours, 1 business, 2 impossible. Say 9 Hail Marys for 9 nights with lighted candle. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on the ninth day. Powerful Novena. Say "May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, glorified and loved, today and every day, throughout the whole world, AMEN". Say 6 times every day for 9 days. Your request will be granted, no matter how impossible it may seem. Publication must be promised.*  
**J.K.**

## NOVENA

**9 Day Novena to St. Anthony.** *St. Anthony, I resort to thy protection and aid, as proof of my affection and faith, I offer this candle which shall burn every day. Please comfort me in my difficulties and through thy living in the house of my Saviour, intercede for me and all those I love so that we may always hold God in our hearts and be provided for in our necessities, I beseech thee, St. Anthony, to have infinite pity in regard to the favour I ask of thee (here mention your favour). Please help me to overcome all difficulties which I now leave at thy feet. 3 Our Fathers, 3 Hail Mary's, 3 Glory Be to the Father's. This novena should be said for 9 days in succession. Each day a candle should be lit and a copy of this prayer left in the Church to help another soul in distress and to increase devotion to St. Anthony. This miraculous Saint grants everything no matter how difficult and before the termination of the nine days. But even if your request is granted, the Novena must be fulfilled. Holy St. Anthony pray for us. H.F.*

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I Mr Kaushal Kathuria seeks Planning Permission for a development at this location 13 Tullyhall Mews, Esker South, Lucan, Co Dublin K78C596. The development will consist of a two storey house to be constructed directly adjacent to the existing house No.13, the proposed dwelling will consist of three bedrooms and two car parking spaces. The Planning application may be inspected or purchased at the offices of South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Town Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24. During its public opening hours of Monday to Friday from 9.00am - 4.00pm, and may also be viewed on the council's website - www.sdcc.ie. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to South Dublin County Council on payment of a fee of (20.00 euro) within the 5 weeks of receipt of the application by South Dublin County Council and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission.



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Works will entail refurbishment of the roof and external walls; reinstatement of windows and external doors; ceilings and floors; reinstatement of a conservatory and glazed porch (10sq.m and 5sq.m respectively); new internal stairs and doors; new services and sanitary accommodation; two new single storey open-fronted</div></div></div></div><div><div>Direct Marketing:</div><div>Direct Marketing - NO</div></div></div> <div><div><div><div><div>SD21A/0186</div><div>10-Dec-2021</div><div>Permission</div><div>Additional Information</div></div><div><div>Applicant:</div><div>Equinix (Ireland) Ltd.</div></div><div><div>Location:</div><div>Plot 100, Profile Park, Nangor Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22</div></div><div><div>Proposed Development:</div><div>Construction of a 3 storey (part 4 storey) data centre known as 'DB8' to include data halls, electrical/plant rooms including internal generators, offices, lobbies, ancillary staff areas including break rooms and toilets, stores, stair/lift cores throughout and photovoltaic panels at roof level; the total gross floor area excluding hot air plenums and external staircase is c.9,601sq.m and the overall height of the data centre ranges from c.16m to c.20m to roof parapet level and up to c.24.48m including roof top plant, flues and lift overrun; provision of 5 external generators, 8 fuel tanks and ancillary plant contained within a plant yard to the north of DB8; provision of a water tank plant room, air cooled chillers and ancillary plant contained within a chiller plant yard to the south of DB8; provision of a water sprinkler pump room (c.23sqm), 2 sprinkler tanks (c.12m high each), heat recovery plant room (c.17sqm), ESB substation (c.44sqm), waste/bin stores (c.52sqm); total floor area of ancillary structures and plant (c.303sqm); provision of a delivery yard and loading bays, 64 car parking spaces, 5 motorcycle spaces, bicycle shelter serving 14 spaces, smoke shelter, internal access roads and footpaths, vehicular and pedestrian access to the west from Falcon Avenue and closure of an existing vehicular entrance from Falcon Avenue; all associated site development works, services provision, drainage works including attenuation, landscape and boundary treatment works including berming, hedgerow protection areas and security fencing; no buildings are proposed above the existing ESB wayleave and SDCC watermain wayleave to the west and north of the site; the area to the southwest of the site (temporary meadow) is reserved for a future data centre, subject of a separate application to South Dublin County Council on a site bounded to the east and south by Grange Castle Golf Club, to the north by Nangor Road (R134) and to the west by an estate road known as Falcon Avenue. This application is accompanied by a Natura Impact Statement.</div></div></div></div><div><div>Direct Marketing:</div><div>Direct Marketing - NO</div></div></div> <div><div><div><div><div>SD21A/0233</div><div>07-Dec-2021</div><div>Permission</div><div>Additional Information</div></div><div><div>Applicant:</div><div>Donal and Imelda Hickey</div></div><div><div>Location:</div><div>1, Kilakee Park, Dublin 24, D24 W9T2</div></div><div><div>Proposed Development:</div><div>Erection of a detached, 2 storey 4-bedroom dwelling (154.87sq.m); a new single disabled car parking space; solar PV panels (10.3sq.m); new entrance and amended drainage landscape and boundary treatment to facilitate the development.</div></div></div></div><div><div>Direct Marketing:</div><div>Direct Marketing - NO</div></div></div> <div><div><div><div><div>SD21A/0331</div><div>08-Dec-2021</div><div>Permission</div><div>New Application</div></div><div><div>Applicant:</div><div>OnTower Ireland Limited</div></div><div><div>Location:</div><div>Sureweld International Ltd, Fonthill, Lucan, Co. Dublin</div></div><div><div>Proposed Development:</div><div>Replace an existing 15m telecommunications structure with a new 21m monopole structure carrying antenna and dishes enclosed within an extended 2.4 metre high palisade fence compound; associated ground equipment cabinets; associated site works; the proposed development is within the curtilage of a protected structure, no works proposed will directly affect this structure.</div></div></div></div><div><div>Direct Marketing:</div><div>Direct Marketing - NO</div></div></div> <div><div><div><div><div>SD21A/0332</div><div>09-Dec-2021</div><div>Permission</div><div>New Application</div></div><div><div>Applicant:</div><div>Ciaran Ahern (Chairperson, Board of Management)</div></div><div><div>Location:</div><div>Ballyroan Boys National School, Ballyroan Road, Dublin 16</div></div><div><div>Proposed Development:</div><div>Construction of a single storey two classroom and resource room prefabricated building on the eastern side of the main school building; ancillary works will include the removal of a storage shed and container and forming a link to the proposed structure through the main building including a new access door from the central playground; one of the classrooms in the existing prefabricated building on the west side will be relocated to the new structure and the area within that building will revert to resource room use.</div></div></div></div><div><div>Direct Marketing:</div><div>Direct Marketing - NO</div></div></div> <div><div><div><div><div>SD21A/0333</div><div>09-Dec-2021</div><div>Permission</div><div>New Application</div></div><div><div>Applicant:</div><div>Trevor Wilde</div></div><div><div>Location:</div><div>50, Heatherview Avenue, Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24AC8H</div></div><div><div>Proposed Development:</div><div>Demolition of existing garage to side; construction of new 2 storey dwelling to the side of the existing dwelling; new storm water percolation area to rear; new car parking provision for 2 vehicles accessible from Heatherview Avenue; associated site works.</div></div></div></div><div><div>Direct Marketing:</div><div>Direct Marketing - NO</div></div></div> <div><div><div><div><div>SD21A/0334</div><div>09-Dec-2021</div><div>Permission</div><div>New Application</div></div><div><div>Applicant:</div><div>Alan &amp; Monica Holmes</div></div><div><div>Location:</div><div>Paintworld, 1-2 Ballymount Road Lower, Dublin 12</div></div><div><div>Proposed Development:</div><div>Demolition of an existing commercial two storey building and the construction of 2 commercial units with plantroom on ground floor level; 10 residential apartments comprising 1 studio apartment, 4 one bedroom apartments and 5 two bedroom apartments all with private balconies over 4 floors; a communal roof garden is located on the fourth floor; bin stores for the commercial and residential units is located at the rear of the building; 6 car parking spaces are provided for the development; 8 bicycle spaces are provided at the front for commercial units and 10 bicycle spaces at the rear for the residential units; all associated engineering and site works necessary to facilitate the development.</div></div></div></div><div><div>Direct Marketing:</div><div>Direct Marketing - NO</div></div></div>
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# Echo Sport

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## Massey honoured to captain The Droggs

KNOCKLYON'S Dane Massey has said 'it is a massive honour' to be named as the new captain of SSE Aircity League Premier Division outfit Drogheda United.

Following an impressive debut season with the Boynesiders, Massey has been entrusted with this key leadership role for their forthcoming 2022 campaign.

By **Daire Walsh**  
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The versatile 33-year-old will not be alone when it comes to on-field responsibility, but recognises nonetheless the importance of donning the armband for the County Louth side.

"I wasn't expecting it at all" he said. "It's a massive honour for myself to captain such a great club."

"Drogheda is steeped in history and a lot of great history. It's a massive honour for me and I was only too happy to take it up. Like last year, we've so many leaders within the team," Massey acknowledged.

"You have Gary Deegan there as well. There's one man that doesn't need an armband to voice his opinion and he'll be vital for us next year."

"There'll be plenty of individuals like that as well in or around the team. It's not just going to be a one-man show, to be honest."

A former playing colleague of Massey at Bray Wanderers, Kevin Doherty was recently promoted to the position of first-team manager at Drogheda having served as an assistant to Tim Clancy for the past four years. After guiding Droggs to a seventh-place finish on their return to the top-flight, Clancy was recruited by FAI Cup winners St Patrick's Athletic as a replacement for the Dundalk-bound Stephen O'Donnell.

The latter appointment also piqued the interest of Massey, who featured alongside O'Donnell during a trophy laden six-year spell with the Lilywhites.

With Doherty moving into Drogheda's

hot seat, Daire Doyle comes on board as assistant manager following his own departure from Longford Town.

"There has been a lot of change, management wise, within the league" said Massey. "Stevie going back to Dundalk was a surprise, but Dundalk had their intentions and they knew who they wanted. They got their man. It took a while, but he went and it's going to be an interesting season now."

"It's a huge job for Tim [going to Pat's]. It's a club that has a great history in it and he'll be expected to do great things there and I'm sure he will. He's a good young manager and upcoming. It will be interesting to see how he gets on."

"The lads are used to Kevin, they know his ways and he knows the players as well."

"Daire is coming in as well and he's excellent. He's a very approachable person and I'm sure he'll have his bit to add to our squad. Young players will feed off his enthusiasm and his quality in coaching."

Although the Premier Division is not scheduled to begin again for another two months, Doherty and Doyle are already planning for the new season.

Drogheda will kick-start their campaign away to Finn Harps on Friday, February 18 before 2021 First Division champions Shelbourne make the trip to Head-In-The-Game Park seven days later.

Shels' recent unveiling of Ballyboden's Damien Duff as their new manager garnered considerable fanfare and Massey is looking forward to pitting himself against the Drumcondra men.

"He'll have a very fit squad, playing some really good, quality football" predicted Massey.

"Duffer, everywhere he has gone he's been successful and I'm sure he'll be a success at Shelbourne as well."

"It's going to be a real challenge for us and maybe it's a good thing we're getting them so early as well. Catch them on the hop," Massey smiled.



Knocklyon man  
Dane Massey will  
captain Drogheda  
United next season

## Sweeney hails Walshe's World display



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## Lucan capture Under 20 C'ship crown



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## Towers see off Kevins in title decider



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## Basketball

# Eanna, Templeogue and Lions sign off on a winning note

GRIFFITH College Templeogue, DBS Éanna and Abbey Seals Dublin Lions all signed off on 2021 with wins in the National League last weekend.

The former brought a five-game losing streak to a close after they dished out a 71-59 defeat to Team 360 Financial Killorglin.

Lorcan Murphy racked up 27 points for the Reds while Jason Killeen and Puff Summers each weighed in with 11 which went a long way to countering the tallies accumulated by Killorglin's Allan Thomas (20), Simon Francis (15) and Xabier Arriaga Alonso (7).

"I'm delighted to get the win after a few tough weeks" remarked Templeogue head coach, Mark Keenan.

"The attitude and togetherness of the team was super. Delighted for the guys" he added.

DBS Éanna, meanwhile, head into the Christmas break six points clear at the top in the North Conference after they beat NUIG

Maree 96-83.

Trailing 44-43 at half-time, the Rathfarnham side got back in front, but had just a solitary point to spare over their opponents heading into the final quarter.

Yet led by the likes of Mark Reynolds (23), Stefan Zecevic (21) and Joshua Wilson (15), they turned in a sound fourth quarter performance that saw them power

over the line.

"We finished the first half of the season with a bang" said head coach Darren McGovern.

"Undeclared for the month of December with a great Cup win, we are going in the right direction. "Our defence in the last 10-15 minutes was exceptional, led by Josh Wilson's experience at the top of the zone."

"Mark Reynolds was brilliant at both ends of the floor and Dan Heaney is in great form on both ends of the floor too. I'm very proud of the guys playing through some tough calls throughout" he added.

In Men's Division One of the National League, Dublin Lions improved to 4-4, thanks to a convincing 81-51 home victory over Ulster University.

Kevin Anyanwu and Finn Hughes were the stand-out performers for the Clondalkin side, netting 25 and 22 points respectively while Jack Maguire tallied nine as they now occupy fourth place in the North Conference.

**Josh Wilson hit 15 points for DBS Éanna as they produced a late surge to see off NUIG Maree**



Griffith College Templeogue Head Coach Mark Keenan was delighted to see his side end a five-game losing streak after they beat Killorglin by 12 points on Saturday

# Basketball Ireland first NGB to win Cara Xcessible Silver Award



Eanna is one of six clubs with an inclusive team - part of Basketball Ireland's efforts to develop opportunities for athletes with disabilities to play the sport

AFTER having scooped the Cara Xcessible Bronze Award in 2020, Basketball Ireland has become the first National Governing Body in Ireland to be awarded the Cara Xcessible Silver Award.

Working internally and with clubs around the country, Basketball Ireland, made significant progress in 2021 to develop opportunities for athletes with disabilities to play basketball.

Among the achievements are six new inclusive teams, with 89 active playing members at mainstream clubs, namely Éanna BC, Portlaoise Panthers, North Kildare Eagles, Baltinglass Bulldogs, East Cavan Eagles and St Vincent's BC, with more clubs planning to start inclusive teams in the future.

A total of 68 basketball clubs in Ireland have now signed up to the Cara Charter, while Basketball Ireland - in conjunction with Cara - ran 16 online courses for more than 200 affiliated coaches across

the country, covering 'Sport Inclusion & Disability Awareness' and 'Autism in Sport'.

Odhán Doherty, the National Sport Inclusion Coordinator with Cara, praised the dedication of Basketball Ireland, saying "Basketball Ireland achieved the Xcessible Bronze Award in 2020, and throughout 2021 the sport has continued to push forward in this area, with a particular focus on Volunteer and Coach Education, Pathways Development, Inclusive Club Development, and Accessible Promotion of Basketball."

"It is clear to see the commitment and passion of Basketball Ireland towards inclusion and great to see the progress they made in 2021, particularly in how they are using the Sport Inclusion Disability Charter and Xcessible to drive their ambition."

Delighted with the news of their award, Basketball Ireland's Sport Inclusion Development Officer,

Paul Carr, said "By achieving this award, we have been recognised for becoming a more inclusive organisation for people with disabilities."

"This has been a goal we have been striving towards since Basketball Ireland launched our 'Including People with Disabilities Policy in 2019'."

"I want to thank all the clubs who have signed up to the Cara Charter, but especially all the clubs and volunteers who have set up the inclusive teams."

"These clubs have now provided an opportunity for people with disabilities to get involved within the Basketball Ireland community and the results have been so positive to see."

"Lastly I want to thank all the staff within Basketball Ireland who have taken on the goal of inclusion and have made the organisation, our programmes and our events more accessible to people with a disability" he added.



## Swimming

# "It's incredible to see her realise that level of potential"

Ellen Walshe from Templeogue set six new PBs, five Irish senior record times and won silver in the 400m IM at the World Short Course Swimming Championships in Abu Dhabi



## Sweeney hails record-breaking performances of Walshe in World Championships

WHAT a difference a year makes! That's something Ellen Walshe can certainly attest to.

Back in December of 2020, the Templeogue swimmer suffered a bad fall that resulted in some nerve damage, making it very difficult to even walk for some time.

By **Stephen Leonard**

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But 12 months on, the 20-year-old has not only competed in her first Olympic Games, but has emerged from this week's World Short Course Swimming Championships in Abu Dhabi as one of the leading lights for Ireland.

In addition to the stunning silver medal she captured on the 400m Individual Medley on Thursday last, the Tokyo Olympian chalked up no less than six PBs and five Irish senior records at the event.

Now based at University of Tennessee along with compatriot Mona McSharry under a team led by head coach Matt Kredich, Walshe broke the 27-year-old Irish 400m IM record in Abu

Dhabi when she touched home in a time of 4:30.78, knocking more than six seconds off the Irish standard that had been set by Michelle Smith back in 1994.

And she bettered that time again in the final, clocking 4:26.52 to secure Ireland's second-ever medal at a World Swimming Championships and the first ever in an Olympic event.

Following on from that, Walshe set a new Irish record in the 200m Individual Medley when she clocked 2:08.69 in her heat.

Her fifth and final new national standard came in the 100m Butterfly semi-finals in which she finished ninth.

Having broken her own Irish senior best in the heats with a time of 57.32, she again lowered it in the next round, setting a new national best of 56.68, that saw her miss out on the final by a mere 0.06 of a second.

For Templeogue SC coach Brian Sweeney who trained Walshe for near to ten seasons before her move to the US earlier this year, the standards his young protégé has been setting throughout 2021 have been a long time coming.

"It's incredible to see her realise that level of potential that we know has always been there" he told The Echo.

"To put some context on it, on the 11th of December last year she went to the physical therapist with the injury she had sustained and on the 12th of December this year she flew out for what was ultimately the most successful week of her career to date.

"Ellen suffered a spinal concussion after she fell down the stairs and ended up with some potential nerve damage to her foot. That was potentially a career-threatening injury.

"But, in a weird way, the injury that she had, because it compromised her natural flow in the water, I think reconnected her with a lot of the things that she does incredibly well.

"Intuitively it allowed her to feel how much better and stronger she was getting in the water during that run-in from January to February through to the Trials and Performance Meet.

"And in that process of rehabilitation she got to redefine everything she does naturally,

grow confidence in it and then move it to the Olympics.

"From there it's just been stratospheric in terms of her own confidence and awareness of her ability.

"I think from that point onwards, when you realise you're able to be internationally relevant and competitive, it's huge.

"We've seen some fantastic stuff from Ellen over the years and some of those swims have been coming for a long time.

"I think in the last 24 months, she's matured a lot, she's grown in confidence and qualifying for the Olympics has made her fully aware and appreciative of her potential.

"She's settled very well in the States. There's a great crew of people there supporting her in that programme.

"The team in Tennessee have been very impressed with Ellen's skills and abilities and she's just garnered a level of confidence from that environment.

"She gets to challenge herself from a racing perspective on a much more frequent basis.

"The most incredible thing about

Ellen is her discipline and diligence to train, particularly throughout the lockdown. She's very focused and she has a clear vision around what she wants.

"She's got excellent swimming skills that have been developed from grassroots right the way through and she's damn fast as well" he laughed.

Meanwhile this week's World Short Course Championships also saw Tallaght SC and National Centre swimmer Brendan Hyland help the Ireland Men's 4x100m Freestyle Relay team to a new Irish record.

The Knocklyon man combined with Calum Bain, Jack McMillan and Jordan Sloan to help card a new national best time of 3:12.94 as they came home ninth in their heat, missing out on the final by just .2 of a second.

Fellow Tallaght swimmer Niamh Coyne clocked a time of 2:23.04 on her way to 14th place in the 200m Breaststroke having emerged 18th over the 100m distance with a time of 1:06.44 that saw her just miss out on a place in the semi-final by two positions.



OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE ECHO

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At the Leinster Rugby Minis Christmas training session at St Mary's RFC on Sunday



Saoirse Devins



Olivia Holmes



Santa with some of the kids



Coaching the kids to dab



Santa gives out high fives to the kids



Santa with participants during the training session



Enjoying the training



Some of the kids enjoying the training session



A participant during the Leinster Rugby Minis Christmas themed training session



## Soccer



Katie McCabe

## McCabe and the Gunners drawn against Wolfsburg

KILNAMANAGH'S Katie McCabe and her Arsenal team mates will face off against Wolfsburg in the quarter-finals of the Women's Champions League.

Not only are the Gunners the only English side remaining in this season's competition, but also the only English outfit to have lifted this very prize, albeit 14 years ago.

The London side will be hoping to avoid a repeat of their semi-final defeat at the hands of Wolfsburg back in the 2012-13 season when they take on the Germans in the first leg at home on March 22 or 23 ahead of the return fixture a week later.

Arsenal secured further passage to the last eight after finishing second in their group and, should they make it past the challenge of the 2013 and '14 European champions, they will find themselves up against either Real Madrid or current holders Barcelona.

McCabe and co can certainly appreciate the strength of the reigning champions having suffered two emphatic reversals against them in what was a dominant group run by the Catalans this term.

The Republic of Ireland captain has enjoyed a great season, which was recognised by the Barclays FA Women's Super League after they bested on her both the 'Player of the Month' and 'Goal of the Month' accolades for October.

Indeed McCabe has been instrumental in propelling Arsenal to the top of the WSL table as well as the final of the FA Cup where they were recently beaten by Chelsea.

On the international front, she bagged a brace of goals in Tallaght Stadium last month as the Republic of Ireland registered a record 11-0 triumph over Georgia in their most recent Group A World Cup qualifier.

# Saints and Rovers gearing up for 2022 Premier campaign

BOTH St Patrick's Athletic and Shamrock Rovers have been busy getting their respective squads in order for the 2022 Airtricity League season.

Shamrock Rovers have confirmed that both Alan Mannus and Leon Pohls will continue to provide their goalkeeping options for the coming season.

The former was Bradley's first choice shot-stopper last season and played a major part in the Hoops securing back-to-back Premier Division honours.

Rovers have also secured the services of Gary O'Neill, Neil Farrugia, Ronan Finn, Rory Gaffney, Barry Cotter and Darragh Nugent for another season at least.

Meanwhile St Pat's, in addition to the signing of centre-back Joe Redmond, have also brought on board attacker Mark Doyle from Drogheda United and defender Anto Breslin from Bohemian FC while winger Jason McClelland has penned a new contract with the club.

The 21-year-old Redmond from Kilnamanagh spent five years in England with Birmingham and played for their Under 18 outfit that reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in the 2018 as well as captaining their Under 23s to the Professional Development League title earlier this year.

He spent part of the 2020

season on loan with Cork City from the English Championship side.

What's more, he played under Tim Clancy at Drogheda for the second-half of last season and the new St Pat's boss rates him highly, saying "He's only 21, but is very mature in the way he plays the game."

"He's a strong, aggressive centre-back who is also very good with the ball and will fit in well with how we want to play."

Another player linking back up with Clancy is Mark Doyle who spent the last six seasons with Drogheda, and scored his 50th goal for the club on what turned out to be his last appearance for them.

Finding the net 13 times in the Premier Division in 2021, Doyle emerged the third top scorer in the league after having been declared the PFAI First Division Player of the Year the season before when he helped Drogheda to the First Division title.

Meanwhile 24-year-old Anto Breslin brings plenty of experience with his move to St Pat's having joined Wolverhampton Wanderers from St Kevin's Boys in 2013.

After a number of years in the UK, he returned to Ireland and signed for Longford Town for the 2019 season before joining Bohemians in 2020.

"He [Breslin] is technically very good, covers the ground really well, he gets forward and delivers well too" said Clancy.

"He's coming back into a full-time environment now and is looking to push on in his career. We'll help him to do that" he added.

Jason McClelland has agreed a third season with St Pat's having made 27 appearances last term, scoring three times.

The former Templeogue, Peamount and Crumlin United schoolboy, was among those who found the back of the net for the Saints in their FAI Cup Final penalty shootout victory over Bohemians last month.

"I've really enjoyed my two years here so far and am looking forward to pushing on again" said McClelland.

"Scoring in the shootout a few weeks ago was a great moment for me. It was a fantastic day for all of us, for the club and for our friends and families and of course for our supporters who are absolutely brilliant."

"They are the type of occasions and moments we want to be involved in."

"I'm looking forward to playing under Tim and contributing to what will hopefully be another successful season" he said.



Jason McClelland has penned a new contract that will keep him at St Patrick's Athletic

## Bazunu scoops 'Young Sportsman of the Year' gong at RTÉ Awards

THERE was elation for soccer star Gavin Bazunu on Saturday evening as the Firhouse teenager was named 'Young Sportsman of the Year' at the RTÉ Sport Awards.

Just a couple of months shy of his 20th birthday, Bazunu was a popular choice for this prestigious honour.

Having begun the year with the intention of being the last line of defence for Republic of Ireland Under 21 boss Jim Crawford, he was instead thrust into the limelight by senior manager and Crawford's fellow Tallaght native, Stephen Kenny for a FIFA World Cup qualifier at home to Luxembourg in March.

While Ireland suffered a shock 1-0 defeat on the night, Bazunu more than held his own and has

accumulated 10 senior caps under the guidance of Kenny.

In addition to keeping three clean sheets towards the tail end of 2021, he also produced a superb penalty stop from Cristiano Ronaldo in a cruel 2-1 away reversal at the hands of Portugal in early September.

Having initially made headlines with six first-team appearances as a 16-year-old at his boyhood club, Shamrock Rovers, Bazunu sealed a big move to English Premier League giants Manchester City in 2019.

Although he is still awaiting an opportunity at the Eastlands club, he has accumulated 54 senior appearances between loan spells in League One at Rochdale and Portsmouth.

In securing this prize,

Bazunu held off the claims of Rhasidat Adeleke – the precocious Tallaght athlete who won double gold at the Under 20 European Championships.

Others who were up for consideration as Young Sportsman included cricket international Amy Hunter, Meath ladies footballer Emma Duggan, cyclist Lara Gillespie and Paralympic medallist Nicole Turner.

Elsewhere on the night, Kellie Harrington, a member of St Mary's Boxing Club in Tallaght, was one of eight nominations for the RTÉ Sportsman of the Year.

One of six female athletes to make the shortlist for the honour, the Olympic gold medal-winning boxer missed out to ground-breaking National Hunt



Gavin Bazunu was declared the RTÉ Young Sportsman of the Year

jockey Rachael Blackmore on the night.

After claiming back-to-back SSE Airtricity League Premier Division crowns, Shamrock Rovers were nominees in the 'Team of the Year' category.

In the end, the Paralympic duo of Katie-George Dunlevy and Eve McCrystal – double medallists in Tokyo – came away with this prize.

Hoops boss Stephen Bradley was also

shortlisted for 'Manager of the Year', but lost out to Dominic Casey – the rowing coach behind the extraordinary success of Paul O'Donovan and Fintan McCarthy at the Tokyo Olympics.



## Soccer

## Daly is relishing the prospect of working with Clancy and Saints

JON DALY is relishing the prospect of working alongside manager Tim Clancy in an effort to see St Patrick's Athletic build on a great season in which they raised the FAI Cup and finished second in the Airtricity League.

Having been appointed assistant manager at Richmond Park, the former Hearts Under 20 boss, has returned home to Dublin from Finland where he held the post of Under 23 Manager and first team Assistant Manager at TPS Turku.

The 38-year-old who holds a UEFA Pro Licence, enjoyed a playing career in England and Scotland that stretched some 20 years, lining out in more than 400 professional games and scoring over 100 goals for the likes of Stockport County, Hartlepool United, Dundee United and Rangers before moving into coaching in 2015.

Looking ahead to his new role with Clancy, he said "I've known Tim for a long time since we played against each other in Scotland and did our coaching badges together.

"I've always kept an eye on his coaching career and how he's been doing and we kept in contact. He did a fantastic job at Drogheda in his first job in management.

"It didn't take me too long to accept his offer to join. It's a really

exciting opportunity for me and one I'm really looking forward to.

"I went away at 15 and had a career in professional football. I was very lucky to live that, but now I have the opportunity to come back home and help the players at St Pat's.

"Tim had a great record at Drogheda United of working both with experienced players, but also younger ones.

"There is nothing better as a supporter than seeing academy players develop and do well in the first team, so I'm really looking forward to being involved" he said.

Certainly St Pat's manager Clancy, is pleased at Daly's addition to his team, saying

"Jon has a lot of experience in professional football over the last 20 years as both a player and a coach and I'm very happy to welcome him to the club.

"We completed our UEFA A Licence together a few years ago, we have a very good relationship and we'd have similar opinions on football and how the game should be played.

"Jon has worked at a high level in recent years with Hearts at Under 20 and senior level, and has recently been working in Finland. He'll be a hugely important member of the coaching staff" he stressed.

## GAA



# Lucan end

## Athletics

## Donore stage Captains Race and Ahern Cup

A RECORD 51 runners took part in the Donore Harriers traditional pre-Christmas Captains Race on Saturday morning with Josh O'Sullivan-Hourihan and Barbara Cleary the first home.

Incorporated into the event for the first time was the second edition of the Maurice B Ahern Cup (for athletes in the Junior and Under 23 age categories) which this year was won by Oliver Hopkins.

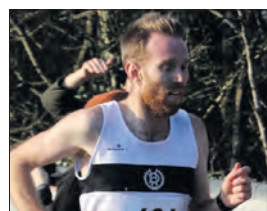
Catering for a blend of all the various distance groups within the club, the Captains Race saw the likes of 72-year-old club stalwart Barry Potts

competing with 11-year-old Rosie-May Morris.

As the race entered its third lap, O'Sullivan-Hourihan and Gavin Curtin had opened up a lead of some 10 metres on James Bolton.

And with less than one-kilometre remaining Curtin suffered a stitch, his effort being consequently reduced to a jog, while O'Sullivan-Hourihan powered on to win in 16.02, with Bolton next over the line in 16.23.

Ken Nugent (16.30) ran a measured race to finish third, with Curtin (16.58) having to settle for fourth overall and third place as



**John Travers**

the scratch athlete.

Hopkins (17.07), was fifth overall in the Captains Race, and, with an adjusted time of 15.37, claimed the gold medal in the incorporated Ahern Cup.

James Bolton, with an amended time of 15.43, finished runner-up, just six seconds off the pace.

Barbara Cleary placed

10th overall in the Captains Race and was the first woman home while masters athletes Kevin Nolan (18.02) and Emmet O'Briain (18.03) produced an exciting sprint duel to the line for 11th and 12th.

Fresh from their successes in the National Juvenile Cross-Country Championships, Emily Bolton and Lorraine O'Connor also produced an enthralling finish for 15th and 16th positions.

Among the spectators was Abdel Laadjel, invited as a guest of honour following his excellent sixth-place finish in the European Under 20 Cross

Country Championships that saw him lead the Irish team to silver.

Elsewhere John Travers and Kane Collins turned in fine efforts to finish strongly in the Duhallow AC Newmarket 5km Road Race on Sunday.

Drimnagh man, Travers contested the race at the front of the field, but had to settle for third position in the time of 14.17 behind US-based winner Evan Byrne and runner-up Ryan Creech of Leevale.

Collins (14.57), meanwhile, broke the 15-minute barrier for the first time to earn 10th place in a strong field.



**Oliver Hopkins pictured with Maurice Ahern after winning the MBA Cup on Saturday**





Lucan Sarsfields celebrate winning the Dublin Under 20 Division One Camogie Championship title on Tuesday night and (inset), the two finalists Ballyboden St Enda's (left) and Lucan Sarsfields  
Photos by Miriam Doyle

# year on song

LUCAN Sarsfields enjoyed a dream end to 2021 as the 12th Lock club secured the inaugural Dublin Under 20 Camogie Championship Division One title in Trinity College Sports Grounds at Santry Avenue on Tuesday evening.

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At the end of a compelling battle with Ballyboden St Enda's, Lucan emerged victorious on a final scoreline of 3-8 to 0-11. Managed by Ollie Mahon, the winners were led superbly on the night by his daughter Aoife.

From a Ballyboden perspective, there was much to be proud of as well. Following an excellent individual display that helped keep the Firhouse Road outfit in contention for large stretches, midfielder Julie Vaughan was crowned Player of the Match.

A new competition that was

introduced this year by the Dublin camogie board, Lucan and 'Boden both emerged from the group stages of this top-tier championship with flying colours. Sarsfields subsequently defeated Kilmacud Crokes in the penultimate round last Tuesday week while 'Boden had the measure of near neighbours St Jude's on the same day.

Both sets of players found themselves in familiar territory for this showpiece, having faced each other on numerous occasions in the juvenile ranks of Dublin camogie. The 'Boden squad was slightly depleted for this encounter, but still managed to draw first blood.

In addition to the aforementioned Vaughan, dead-ball specialist Holyn Kennedy was a key source of scores throughout and team skipper Robyn Flynn also led by example.

They responded with their second point after Lucan corner-forward Sophie McIntyre had

knocked over a brace and it looked set to be nip and tuck on a cold but dry evening on the capital's northside.

Yet Lucan hit top form either side of the first-quarter mark and established significant daylight between themselves and 'Boden.

Following a well-timed goal by Hannah Gibbs, Mahon (two), Chloe O'Connor and Phoebe Shannon raised white flags to help Sarsfields registered 1-4 without reply during a strong purple patch.

There was to be further joy prior to the interval for Lucan as Ellen Dunphy was on hand to turn home a rebound after McIntyre had an initial effort turned away by opposition netminder Ali Ramsden - a Dublin minor panelist in 2019. 'Boden did end the half with a free from Kennedy, but found themselves staring into a 2-6 to 0-3 deficit at the interval.

This left them with a substantial mountain to climb on

the resumption, but credit must go to Donal Woodcock's charges for the way they took the game to Lucan on the resumption.

Five points on the bounce - including three frees from the dependable Kennedy - dramatically reduced the gap and offered 'Boden a fighting chance.

Vaughan, in particular, was beginning to exert her influence and had her side managed to rattle the net during this juncture, it could have dramatically altered the outcome of the tie. Instead, it was Lucan who conjured a third green flag effort to ultimately get themselves over the line.

Shannon and

Faye Murphy had helped Lucan to settle again with unanswered points, in advance of the latter rattling the opposition net. 'Boden did bag a couple of points in a late rally, but their Newcastle Road counterparts were not to be denied.

**Ballyboden's Julie Vaughan is presented with the 'Player-of-the-Match' Award**



## Dublin teams learn their inter-county opposition

DUBLIN intercounty teams have learned their opposition for the start of their 2022 campaigns.

The intercounty season will start with the Senior Men's Footballers on January 8, when Dublin face Offaly in the first round of the O'Byrne Cup.

Dessie Farrell's side will test themselves against Louth and Longford in the remaining Group A games with hopes of teeing up a spot in the final on January 22.

A week later, the Boys-in-Blue will launch the defence of their Allianz Football League Division One title when they welcome Armagh to Croke Park before travelling to Tralee on February 5 to take on Kerry.

After that, the lads will battle Mayo, Kildare, Donegal, Monaghan and All-Ireland champions, Tyrone.

That league campaign could very well prove to be pivotal for the likes of Ballyboden St Enda's players Colm and Ryan Basquel, who have been on the periphery of a starting place for several seasons.

The Senior Hurlers will swing into action with their Walsh Cup opener against Armagh on January 9 before meeting Galway and Offaly.

Should Mattie Kenny's men top their group, they will contest the Walsh Cup Final on January 30.

In the Allianz Hurling League, the Dubs will throw-in against Waterford on February 6 before battling Antrim, Tipperary, Kilkenny and Laois across the remaining group games.

Dublin Senior Ladies Footballers will begin the defence of their Lidl Ladies National Football League Division One crown with an away trip to Waterford on February 6.

After that, they face a tricky encounter with old rivals Cork before going head-to-head with Meath in a mouth-watering clash on March 6, hoping to exact some measure of revenge on the team that ended their drive for five successive All-Ireland titles.

The semi-finals are set to take place on March 19 with the finals slated for April 10.



## GAA



Ballyboden St Enda's were beaten in the Minor Division One Camogie Championship Final on Sunday. Photo by Liam Cunningham

## Boden undone by last-gasp goal in Minor One decider

BALLYBODEN St Enda's were a whisker away from securing the Minor Camogie Division One Championship title, falling just a point short, 2-5 to 1-9, when they came up against Castleknock on Sunday.

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Having beaten the northsiders in the group stages with a last-minute goal, Ballyboden were on the receiving end of a late decisive strike this time around.

The Firhouse Road girls made a very strong start with the dynamic corner-forward Aine Rafter getting her side on the scoresheet with a nice point from open play.

Shortly after, despite contending with the heavy ground as well as their fierce opposition, Ballyboden had a green flag raised when Rafter broke through and dispatched the sliotar to the net.

It looked as though it was going to be a very good day for St Enda's out in the Trinity Sports Ground in Santry until Dublin senior star Aisling O'Neill found her rhythm.

O'Neill split the posts twice to reduce the deficit before Rafter hit back for Boden.

With multiple chances to extend their lead, Ballyboden saw full-forward Clodagh Delaney denied before Castleknock drew parity.

With the opening half winding-down, Rafter had a second green-flag raised to send St Enda's into a 2-2 to 0-6 lead.

Ballyboden came flying out of the blocks in the second half with an air of optimism and enthusiasm to build on their lead.

But they were unable to convert that pressure into scores and Castleknock broke their barren spell from a free.

Ballyboden midfielder Leonie Power responded with a point from play to restore the two-point lead heading into the second-half water break.

The likes of Sarah Gleeson, Sadie Codd and Alice Rudden had been resolute throughout the entire match for Ballyboden but Castleknock got a fortunate break when the sliotar ricocheted around the box before landing across the line past Ballyboden netminder Enya Kennedy.

A free from Power and a nice point from wing-back Ella McNair in injury time reduced the gap to a minimum, but ultimately, Ballyboden could not find the equaliser.

## St Mark's girls honoured after a superb season



Lucia Dare is presented with her 'Football Player of the Year' Award by David O'Callaghan



St Mark's Shonagh McCarthy was declared 'Most Improved Football Player of the Year'.

ST MARK'S Under 13s capped off a remarkable year with their presentation night after having completed the double-double.

The Springfield team made the march through their respective league and championship campaigns with flying colours to end the year unbeaten in both codes.

In ladies football, the Aoife Doran and Danielle Walsh-coached side stormed through the Division Eight League before defeating Fingallians in the decider.

After moving up a grade for the championship, the black and amber got the better of St Brigid's in the Division Seven Cup Final.

The girls replicated that success on the camogie front, storming through the Division Seven League before beating Castleknock in showpiece.

Mark's ended their playing season on a high after coming through a tough encounter with Thomas Davis to win the Division Six Camogie Championship Final on a scoreline of 3-0 to 2-1.



St Mark's Under 13 girls were presented with their medals and awards after a tremendous season that saw them complete the year unbeaten in both codes. Photos by Karl Carey

## Impressive displays but mixed fortunes for Faughs Celtic in Under 18 finals

THE past week brought mixed fortunes for Faughs Celtic on the Minor Camogie front.

While the club secured the Under 18 Division Six Shield at the expense of Ballinteer St John's, they just missed out on adding the Under 18 Division Three Championship crown to the cabinet

following a narrow 3-6 to 2-7 defeat at the hands of St Oliver Plunkett's/Eoghan Ruadh in Sunday's decider in Santry.

In the Shield Final, Faughs were certainly not shy in front of goal, emerging 5-2 to 2-3 winners with Ciara Dixon, Fiona Woods, Rachel Leonard and Katherine

Hesse all finding the back of the net.

At the other end of the pitch, corner back Shona Peelo and Aislinn O'Shea at half back served up immense displays as did Mary Anne Harte in midfield, as the Templeogue side exacted some measure of revenge for the club's loss in the Junior Four League Final.

In the Division Three Championship showpiece, Faughs found themselves six points in arrears by the halftime break, and, try as they might, they were unable to close the gap to anything less than two points.

Indeed goals from Alex O'Hara and Kerri Cuggy-Byrne together with points from Niamh Donlon and Eabha Ni Mhaolagain went a long way to seeing Plunkett's open up a nine-point advantage at one

stage late in the first half.

It could have been worse, as two superb stops by goalkeeper Caithlan Evoy served to preserve some measure of hope for the Templeogue side before they reduced their arrears by way of a goal from Shauna Toolan just prior to the halftime recess.

Toolan played her part in a second after the break when her ball in was spilled into the goal.

Points from Ruby Whittaker, Toolan and Rebecca Horan really rocketed Faughs right back into contention as Faye Harmon and Laura Costello spearhead a much tighter defensive display in the second period.

Finding themselves very much on the back-foot in the latter stages, Plunkett's still managed to hold on to their two-point advantage which was very much



Faughs Celtic missed out on the Under 18 Division Three Camogie Championship title despite a very spirited fight-back against St Oliver Plunkett's/Eoghan Ruadh in Santry on Sunday

threatened particularly when Grace Curran's effort at the death just skipped the wrong side of the upright. While they will have

been disappointed at affording their opponents such a head-start that proved so costly in the end, this Faughs team has still

enjoyed a very encouraging season that saw them also reach the league final and win a local Shield decider against St Jude's.



Faughs Celtic captured the Under 18 Division Six Camogie Shield following their victory over Ballinteer in the decider



Round Tower celebrate winning the Under 20 Division Four Camogie Championship and (inset) Megan Hoyte in action for the Clondalkin side  
Photos by Tommy Keogh



# Hoyte's hat-trick heroics helps Round Tower to Under 20 title

A HAT-TRICK of goals from Player-of-the-Match Megan Hoyte inspired Round Tower to the Under 20 Division Four Camogie Championship title after they recorded a 4-14 to 4-4 win over Kevins at Monastery Road.

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Having trailed for much of the game, the visitors made a bit of resurgence in the third quarter before the Clondalkin outfit turned up the heat in the final few minutes to run out 10-point winners.

Kevins made a rapid start when Leah Rowe-Ashe latched on to a nice ball from the throw-in, swiveled and placed the sliotar into the net.

Rowe-Ashe was a constant presence at full-forward, as was her sister Niamh at wing-back, who utilised her pace very effectively.

Yet that goal served as a wake-up call for the hosts, who have been notoriously slow starters this season.

The energetic Hoyte operated as the main lynchpin in the Tower's attack and, in tandem with Kate Whelan, they rattled off several scores each.

Towers wasted no time whatsoever getting back into contention, going back down the other end to cancel out the goal through

some excellent play from their dynamic duo of Hoyte and Whelan.

Both sides put on a clinic in camogie with the two sets of defenders standing out in particular.

Joint-captains Chloe Morris and Eibhlín Roebuck held the fort for Towers while Karla

Meehan pulled off a couple of top saves to deny Kevins.

While the Towers frontline dazzled, they met their match going head-to-head with the likes of Kevin's defenders Orla Jacob and Sophie Madden.

The Clondalkin outfit went into the break 1-7 to 1-3 ahead, but Kevins

made up the ground quickly with Meadhbh Hick scrapping tooth and nail to reduce the deficit to two points.

Hick was brilliant at centre-forward, bagging herself goals and keeping the scoreboard ticking along from the deadball.

When Katie Donnelly

started to get into the groove of things in midfield, Kevins were firing on all cylinders.

But in the final 10-minutes, Towers flexed their superior firepower as Hoyte and Whelan teed off on the Kevins defence, finding the net multiple times to put daylight

between the teams and round off the win.

While Meadhbh Hick made herself a contender for the 'Player of the Match' Award with her stellar performance for Kevins, it was Hoyte's game-winning play for Towers in that final quarter that earned the accolade.

## Lucan denied in championship showpiece

LUCAN Sarsfields' Minor Camogie team were stopped one step short of a perfect Under 18 Division Four Championship campaign after they lost out 3-0 to 0-1 against Na Fianna in the decider at Trinity Sports Ground in Santry on Sunday.

Having won all of their previous four matches in the competition, including a victory over none other than Na Fianna, in the group stages, Lucan were on a sound footing heading into this title match.

Nevertheless, they were only a point to the good by the halftime break, Orla Morrissey accounting for that

score while, at the other end, goalkeeper Aisling Colfer ensured that her side's narrow advantage remained intact by the recess with three fine saves.

Caoilfhionn Sheary and Erin Jones in defence, were also in superb form, but that did not stop Na Fianna overtaking after the break when Colfer, under pressure from Aoife Kerins, was adjudged to have carried the ball over the line.

It was a decision much disputed by the Lucan faithful, but it nevertheless stood, and Na Fianna subsequently pushed on after that.

Indeed Nahia Conway and Ciara Gately both found the back of the net from distance for the Drumcondra side as they took control of the match.

Yet they still had to weather a serious onslaught by their opponents who were determined to work their way back into contention.

Lucy Fox was relentless at midfield with Morrissey working hard, but, on a day that saw both Bevin Kelleher and Caoimhe McMannus play their last minor game for the club, Lucan were left empty-handed although with plenty of positives to draw from this campaign.

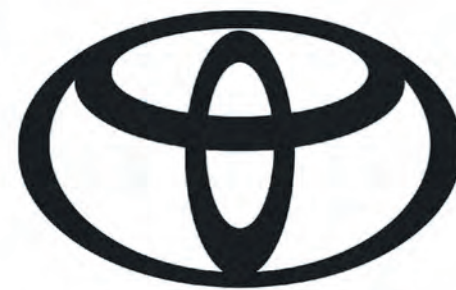


Lucan Sarsfields were denied the Under 18 Division Four Camogie Championship title after losing out to Na Fianna on Sunday



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