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Merry Christmas from *The Echo* newspaper



MANY THANKS: ***The Echo*** **staff wish all our readers and advertisers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year**

Seasons Greetings to all our readers and a very Happy Christmas to our community families. A huge thank you for your continued support and loyal commitment throughout 2023. Though things have moved in a positive direction for us all, the ongoing concerns for our community and the communities around the globe still bear heavy on us and we hope that you all have the strength and resilience to remain positive and keep the light of peace shining for your beloved families, friends and neighbours from home and around the world.

One of the biggest joys of running your local newspaper, is witnessing, and reporting on the amazing community spirit that you have shown, not just to each other but to families that have made it to Ireland to seek shelter and protection. The Irish spirit knows no bounds and is even stronger within our local communities. I am a proud local business woman and I cherish and respect our community and the support that you show each other and to us as your local newspaper.

The Echo family look forward to reporting on your community spirit next year and wish you all a very healthy, peaceful, and prosperous New Year.

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THANK YOU: Emma Kennedy, Managing Director, ***The Echo***



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To all my constituents in Tallaght Central, wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous 2024



A message of welcome and peace from Mayor Alan Edge

I want to wish all the *Echo*'s readers a very happy, safe and peaceful Christmas. Christmas is a time for reflection and, in my Mayoral year, I'm thinking of all the amazing volunteers I've met throughout the year all over our county, selfless public-spirited heroes who never cease to inspire me. I hope that their example can inspire us to reach out this Christmas to those who may be struggling or for whom Christmas may be a difficult time or who need a little bit of support such as people in homelessness or older people who may be feeling alone at this time of year. I want also to pay tribute to all those in our emergency services working over the Christmas period, our nurses and doctors, fire fighters and gardai and to thank you for your selfless service. Finally, for those whose first Christmas in Ireland this is, whether you are in International Protection or are fleeing war or persecution, I want to welcome you to South Dublin and to express the hope that the spirit of generosity and kindness for which the Irish people are known throughout the world is extended to you this Christmas and always.



Best wishes

Mayor Alan Edge

GOAL Mile

GET YOUR CHRISTMAS OFF TO A CHARITABLE START

by **Aideen O'Flaherty** / aideen@echo.ie



FIT TO GO: At the launch of the GOAL Mile Run at Tallaght Athletic Club

People around the county are preparing to pound the pavement for the annual GOAL Mile Run, which is taking place at local running clubs and parks on Christmas morning and St Stephen's Day.

Tallaght Athletic Club recently launched their GOAL Mile Run with Alan Vard, a senior development manager with GOAL, in recognition of the club's 20-year involvement with the charitable initiative.

Tallaght AC will host the Tallaght GOAL Mile Run at their running track on the Greenhills Road from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Christmas morning.

John Cullen from Tallaght AC told *The Echo*: "Every cent collected will go to help GOAL in the fight against poverty in the third world.

"At the moment, GOAL have over 3,000 people working in 14 countries including Ethiopia, Uganda, Syria, Sudan, Sierra Leone and Gaza.

"Last year, €8,250 was donated by the people of Tallaght and surrounding areas which brings the total collected over the past 19 years to over €125,000."

When asked how people can get involved, John said: "There is no need to register, just turn up anytime between 9.30 and 12.30 and run or walk a mile on the track and donate whatever you wish in the buckets at the finish line.

"Once again, this year our neighbours Shamrock Rovers have come on board to support the event and we will have the League of Ireland trophy on display on Christmas morning.

"Plus, some of the players have indicated that they will attend, so it will be an ideal photo opportunity."

Timing clocks will be in place and certificates are available for participants who wish to record their times, while tea and coffee will be provided upstairs in the clubhouse afterwards.

"This is very much a fun event, open to all ages, so do come along and support some of the poorest people on the planet."

Lucan Harriers Athletic Club will be playing host to a GOAL Mile Run at their running track on Christmas morning from 10am to 12 noon.

A GOAL Mile Run is also being held in Eamonn Ceannt Park in Crumlin from 10.30am to 12 noon on Christmas Day.

There will also be one at the Cherryfield pitch opposite Ballyboden St Enda's in Knocklyon on Christmas morning from 10am to 11.30am.

On St Stephen's Day, there will be GOAL Mile Runs at 12 noon at the car park in Corkagh Park, at Terenure College from 11am to 1pm, and Brickfields Park in Drimnagh from 12 midday to 2pm.

Other GOAL Mile Runs being held on St Stephen's Day will take place in Marlay Park in Rathfarnham from 11am to 1pm, and Richmond Park Stadium in Inchicore from 11am to 1pm.





Have a safer Christmastime by heeding our firefighters' advice

FIREFIGHTERS: Andy Rogers, Sean Molloy, Derek Riordan, Paul Yeates and Aaron McCarthy wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year

The Firefighters/Paramedics of Tallaght and Dolphin's Barn Fire Stations want to wish you and yours a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous 2023.

Christmastime 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.

Tallaght University Hospital continues striving to improve access to its services



REFLECTING: Lucy Nugent, CEO Tallaght University Hospital

As the year comes to a close it is a wonderful time to reflect on the last 12 months and all that has been achieved.

In the last year we have continued to grow and develop our services, received recognition nationally by way of awards for both team and individual efforts that have improved patient care. We have also had greater engagement with the community – our staff thoroughly enjoyed hosting a stand at the Tallaght Community Family Fun Day.

It was also the year that we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the hospital opening in Tallaght, we are looking forward to the next 25 years working towards the further development of our hospital, but more importantly our reach into the community building on the concept of a hospital without walls.

We are always conscious of the wait people can have for care, whether it is in our ED (Emergency Department), for outpatient appointments, or for surgery. We will continue to strive to improve access to our services.

Every best wish for a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Cllr. Charlie O'Connor PC





Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful 2024

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This is a time for celebration with friends and family, says Beacon of Light Centre

Christmas is a time of celebration for friends and family. It seems, however, that the mood of our nation is rife with conflict now, with lots of arguments and opposing views competing against each other for airtime.

We may try to feel empathy for our fellow humans where possible, and peace and goodwill to all is the true sentiment of Christmas which rings ever truer this year.

Merry Christmas to you all from The Beacon of Light Counselling Centre.



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an interview with Santa . . .



by **Aideen O'Flaherty** / news@echo.ie

AS HE PREPARES FOR HIS BUSIEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

AHEAD 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.

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?

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

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 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 the 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 Lucan 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, and then 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 – 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 mammies, 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 2024 . . . and remember to go to bed early on Christmas eve.

ho, ho, ho!

Debut ‘Fan Girl’ EP

TAYLOR D IS GAINING POPULARITY IN THE WORLD OF MUSIC

by **Ryan Butler** / aideen@echo.ie

Taylor D. is a multi-award-winning musician and singer-songwriter who has been gaining popularity in the world of music.

Around the world, including Australia, Tokyo, the US, and the UK, Taylor's music is well-known and loved.

Her prior works have garnered positive reviews and a devoted fan base.

Mike Ryan, host of the Unsigned Music Show on First Choice Radio, nominated 20 people for awards and Taylor was one of them.

Taylor kept her title from the previous year, Artist of the Year 2022 and 2023, after it was submitted to a public vote.

In the new year, she will be picking up her coveted award at the radio station and will give a live performance.

Taylor recently published her debut EP, 'Fan Girl,' in September without the support of a manager, label, or public relations firm.

It peaked at number eleven on the album charts. It was heavily played on Irish radio stations, such as IRadio, Today FM, 98fm, Beat 102103fm, and Spin, to mention a few.

Additionally, she had a fantastic EP launch in Clondalkin, which was sold out and featured attendees like Craig Fitzgerald of the Grammy-winning band The Academic.

Taylor has a bright future ahead of her with the release of a more mature rock tune that draws inspiration from the Arctic Monkeys in 2024.

Taylor stated that, at the age of 18, she feels comfortable expressing a little more edginess in her lyrics than in 'Fan Girl,' which she wrote when she was 16 or 17.

Taylor's music is available for streaming on Spotify and other streaming services.



Taylor D

A June Christmas wish from the queen of comedy

I’d like to wish all the readers of *The Echo* a very happy Christmas and peaceful new year. Tallaght and its people are very important to me as I have lived here all of my life and everyone has been so supportive and lovely to me in my career in comedy. I am so looking forward to seeing lots of you at my Christmas show at Taylor’s Three Rock, Rathfarnham, which runs between December 27 and 31. We are having a great laugh rehearsing it. I was also thrilled this year to be cast as a great new character, Birdie, in the new series of Mrs Brown’s Boys. Watch out for me in the Christmas and New Year specials on TV. Have a wonderful Christmas, everyone - I hope Santa will be good to all. Love, June xxx



BIRDIE: Comedian June Rodgers



Safe home this Christmas!

CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER SGT. CIARAN McLOUGHLIN'S ADVICE

by **Aideen O'Flaherty** / aideen@echo.ie

Every winter, the number of burglaries increases as the darker evenings draw in, but there are 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 best advice is to light up and lock up," he said. "So if you're home in the evening, check that your windows and doors are locked and closed.

"When you're checking your outside doors are locked, check your car doors are locked too – a lot of cars are broken into because they get into the front door and take the keys.

"When you're going out, leave lights on at the front of the house to give the illusion that you're in, or set a timer switch for the lights to come on.

"Another of aspect of burglaries relates to jewellery and cash. The advice is don't store them in your house, but if you do, make sure they're in a safe that's bolted to a wall.

"We've had a few instances where jewellery that has been kept in a safe [and not bolted to a wall] was removed and stolen, which defeats the point of the safe."

While burglaries are decreasing year-on-year, it's still important to securely keep your personal belongings and to prevent being a victim of thieves.

"Burglaries are down year-on-year, but this is the time of year when they peak, when the dark evenings come in," said Sgt McLoughlin.

"They're more likely to break into a house that looks vacant – most burglaries occur between 4pm and 9pm, because that's when most people are coming home from work or going out for food."

Sgt McLoughlin also had some salient advice for anyone who may have received extra social welfare payments this Christmas.

"If people are getting extra social welfare payments, they need to make sure they carry it securely on their person," he said.

"Don't leave it in the car or on the kitchen table."

If anyone sees anything suspicious, they should contact their local garda station.

For further information visit 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.

"Hopefully everyone will have a peaceful and safe Christmas and New Year, and if they take these small measures, it'll reduce the risk of any unwanted visitors," added Sgt McLoughlin.



SAFETY FIRST: Crime prevention officer Sergeant Ciaran McLoughlin

Give the gift of a life to a complete stranger



Jayson Flynn, kidney transplant recipient from Ballyfermot and member of Transplant Football Ireland

Christmas is a time for giving and what better gift can any of us leave behind when we die than giving the gift of a second chance, a fresh beginning, the gift of life to a complete stranger.

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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 Panto at The Civic, taking part in the GOAL Mile Run, a trip to the cinema or a walk in the park, 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.

GOAL Mile Run

1. Put your best foot forward by taking part in your local GOAL Mile Run, which is taking place in parks and running clubs around the county on Christmas Day and St Stephen's Day. Runners and walkers of all abilities are invited to take part and raise money for a good cause.

The Civic panto

2. What's that? It's a panto! Get into the festive spirit by going to The Civic panto in Tallaght, which will bring the story of 'Cinderella' to life in a humorous and involving way – and promises to be a treat for the whole family. It's on until January 7.

Take a Stroll

3. Dust off the mince pie crumbs and take a leisurely stroll through your local park. Wrap up in a scarf and warm coat, and perhaps a festive hat, to cement the festive feel of the season.

E-lax with local libraries

4. While local libraries will be closed during the Christmas period, that doesn't mean their services aren't available. Instead, use your library card at www.southdublinlibraries.ie and enjoy a wealth of eBooks and audiobooks right at your fingertips.

Make a donation

5. If you find that you have some money to spare after the festivities, maybe consider donating to a local charity. You could donate to any number of services, whether it's a local drug project, a homelessness service or a poverty charity, and experience the feel-good factor that comes with helping others.

Lucan House

6. Visit Lucan House, the residence of the Italian Ambassador to Ireland, for the 'Grazing in Lucan' exhibition. It will feature guided tours of bronze buffalo in the grounds of the house. Tickets need to be booked in advance on Eventbrite, with tours taking place on three Saturdays: December 23 and 30, and January 6.

Festive Season with June

7. Enjoy the festive season with some comedic flair, courtesy of June Rodgers' Christmas Show. The Firhouse comedian will be bringing her show to Taylor's Three Rock in Rathfarnham from December 27 to New Year's Eve. Attendees will also get to enjoy a three-course meal. Tickets are €65 and are available at Eventbrite.ie.

Take a Music Class

8. Maybe your New Year's resolution could be to take up a new musical instrument? If that strikes a chord with you, then sign up for Áras Chrónáin's adult music classes, beginning in January and including instruments such as the guitar, bodhrán, mandolin, banjo and flute. Visit araschronain.ie for more information..

Festive Food

9. Chanel you festive chef and try JPK's amazing Christmas Turkey and Ham with delicious roasted Christmas veg and his very tasty festive stuffing. See pages 24 and 25.

Take a rest

10. Last but not least, make sure you have a restful time during the festive period and into the New Year, and take the time to do things you enjoy.

Gardai say watch out for the vulnerable in our community



THANKS: Bróna O'Reilly (Superintendent Tallaght Garda Station)

Firstly, I wish to say a big 'thank you' to the community for their support to us, in what has been a busy year, but with many successes, and look forward for this continued support in 2024.

Gardaí in Tallaght and Rathfarnham will be on continual duty and out on patrol over the Christmas period and would ask for continued assistance in watching out for the more vulnerable members in our community, as we are committed to making it a safe and peaceful festive season for all.

A message of hope, peace and reconciliation in the world



I wish everyone the most wonderful Christmas for yourselves and your loved ones. I hope you find joy in simple things and spread your own message of love and peace to those for whom you care.

I hope 2024 brings us hope, reconciliation and peace all over the world.

Paula Galvin (teacher, Clonburris NS, and a delegate at COP28)

A big 'thank you' to those who continue to volunteer

As we reflect on a busy year for the volunteer centre, we want to thank all of those new volunteers who have put their hands up and come forward to express an interest in volunteering in our county. Over 2,000 volunteers registered for the first time with us this year – with more than 65 per cent of those volunteers being from a migrant background or seeking international protection or temporary protection.

We are so amazed and thankful to see this spirit of giving in our newest community members! You are all most welcome to South Dublin County.

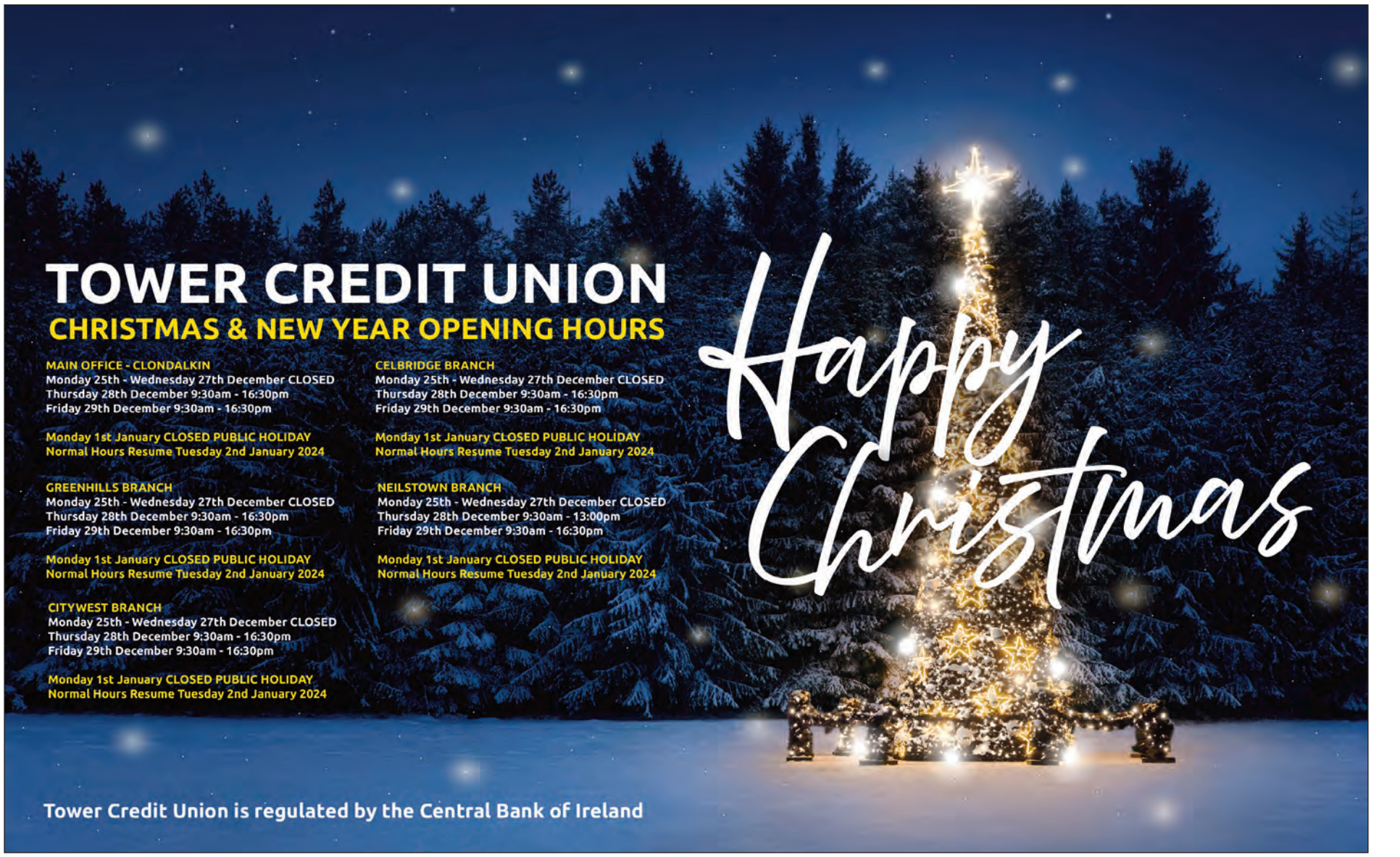
Alongside this, we want to thank all of those who continue to give, year in and year out, to their local community or to the cause that they are passionate about. You are what binds our society together and makes us a true community – well done!

Happy Christmas also to the charities and groups that we work with – who have continued to provide services to the South Dublin communities in, oftentimes, the most difficult of circumstances.

May 2024 bring us all peace, health and happiness and a continued spirit of giving to our communities.

Tricia Nolan (manager of South Dublin County Volunteer Centre)







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Nameless & Faceless

POET COURTNEY LAUNCHES HER DEBUT POETRY COLLECTION

by **Ryan Butler** / news@echo.ie

A local young poet, Courtney White, recently celebrated the launch of her debut collection.

The book launch took place in The Laurels, Clondalkin, on December 6 at 7pm in a delightful event that also featured music.

The title of the book is 'Nameless & Faceless', a poetry book that "depicts moments and people in my lifetime, hard and good times," according to Courtney.

She has a great love for poetry, and "writing poetry gave me an even greater love for it."

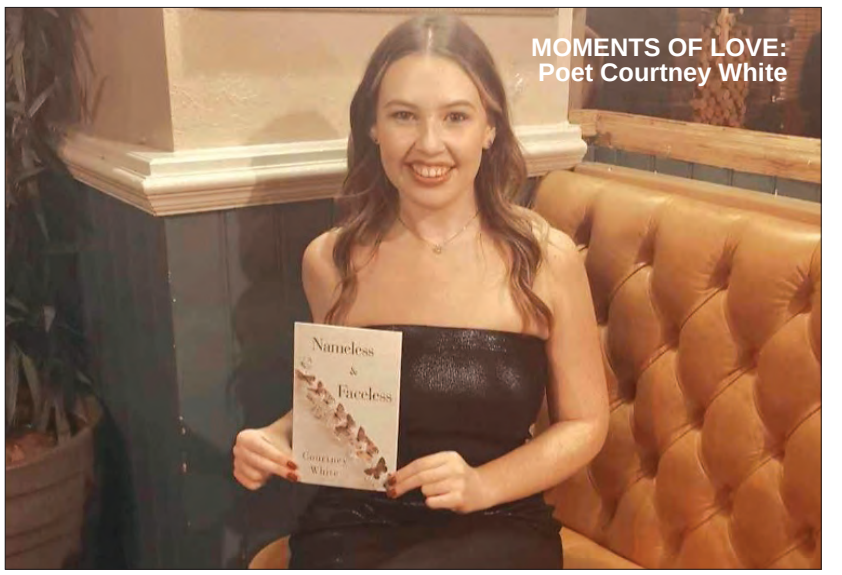
Her inspiration for writing poems came from writing short stories, as she had really enjoyed writing them and wanted to experiment with poetry.

Writing was a six-month process, with her ideas for poems coming to her during the night.

However, it took over a year for the book to be published – this consisted of her sending them to Olympia Publishers and them asking for an extra 25 poems.

Courtney is currently working on a new poetry book as well as a book of short stories.

She would like to thank Maria Fahey for organising the book launch and Fiona Ashe for providing entertainment at the event. She also wants to thank The Laurels for giving her access to their premises for her book launch, and her boyfriend, family, and friends for their support.



MOMENTS OF LOVE: Poet Courtney White





Drinkaware this Christmas

GIVE YOUR BODY TIME FOR ALCOHOL TO LEAVE YOUR SYSTEM

by **Aideen O'Flaherty** / aideen@echo.ie

Alcohol awareness charity Drinkaware is encouraging people to drink mindfully this festive season and to think 'SANTA'.

In a campaign that was recently launched by the charity, they highlighted the acronym 'SANTA', which stands for Serving food, Accurate measuring, Non-alcoholic, Track your drinking, and Alcohol-free activities.

For serving food, Drinkaware is aiming to ensure that people keep their snacks well stocked over Christmas, as eating while drinking slows down how much you drink and helps with absorption.



Accurate measuring is necessary as free pouring drinks can lead to drinking above the HSE low-risk weekly guidelines, so drinkers are advised to use a measuring cup for all drinks.

Swapping an alcoholic drink for a non-alcoholic version is a sure-fire way to get into the festive spirit without having to endure the unwanted effects of alcohol the next day.

Tracking your drinking is a key part of mindfully consuming alcohol this Christmas, and Drinkaware Drinks Calculator is ideal for this, as it also outlines how long it'll take for alcohol to leave your system.

Alcohol-free activities should also form part of your festive plans, with Drinkaware suggesting that people bake sweet treats, take part in a festive fun run, or host a non-alcoholic party.

A Drinkaware spokesperson said: "By thinking SANTA and following these tips, you can drink mindfully and enjoy a safe and happy Christmas."

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Christmas Wishes

FROM TALLAGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND THE CHAMBER

Christmas wishes from Tallaght Community Council



PROUD: Roderick Smyth (TCC Voluntary Chair)

Tallaght Community Council had a jam-packed year, topped off with the 40th Tallaght Person of the year Awards, at a gala ceremony at The Civic theatre, Tallaght, with Al Porter as our MC.

Congratulations to Nico Crowley who is a worthy winner of the 2023 Tallaght Person of the Year.

Tallaght Village Tidy Towns has also gone from strength to strength this year – we had one of the highest rankings of new entrants in the Tidy Town Awards 2023.

We hold two clean-ups each week with volunteers and businesses alike coming out each week and giving of their valuable time.

We finished off the year with our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in December followed by a great celebratory evening in Café Aon Scéal with great food and music.

We would like to thank everybody who supported us this year, particularly all our sponsors without whom we could not deliver the events that are so important to Tallaght. And to every individual who gives of their time, every hour and every task contributes to the betterment of Tallaght, and we really appreciate it.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful new year, and we look forward to seeing you in 2024.

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ENCOURAGEMENT: Peter Byrne (CEO South Dublin Chamber)

We are very fortunate to live and work here in South Dublin County. We strongly encourage everyone to shop locally, and give our shops and restaurants, cinema and theatre your support. When possible we should remember to help those who are in need.

This has been a hard year for many both here and abroad but together all members of our community including our business members can work together to continue to make South Dublin County a great place to live, work and study.



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Foster a pet for the season

THE DSPCA SAYS THAT EVEN A WEEK IN A CARING HOME HELPS

by **Echo Reporter** / news@echo.ie

AS the DSPCA launch their annual Christmas fostering campaign for dogs and cats, their latest pet data shows that fostering for even a week or two increases overall adoption rates by 30 per cent.

The well-known animal charity has found that just a short amount of time in a caring home for even a week or two allows for a much easier transition for animals as they get used to being in a loving environment very quickly.



INSIGHTS: Suzanne McGovern (DSPCA) with Freckles the collie cross who would like to be fostered this Christmas
Photo by Lorraine OSullivan

Based on Mount Venus Road in Rathfarnham, the DSPCA are now preparing to close off their adoptions for one of their busiest years ever. Experts in the animal centre say that fostering is the perfect opportunity to give these abandoned pets some time away from the shelter, get spoilt and receive lots of TLC.

Christmas foster families are given the opportunity to go on for a few weeks and formally adopt their pet after the festivities if they wish.

However if the animals are returned to the shelter after fostering the DSPCA adoptions team gain vital insights as to how they were in a home environment, around people, children and other animals which increases their adoption rate by up to 30 per cent and allow for a better transition into a new home over the coming weeks and months.

DSPCA's Suzanne McGovern said "Christmas is known as a time for giving so please BE A GOOD HUMAN and consider fostering this Christmas for the DSPCA.

"We're appealing to the public to consider fostering these amazing dogs and cats that have been unlucky in finding their forever homes. To register your interest, please email adopt@dspca.ie and reference Christmas Foster or call 01-4994710."

"One of our favourites in the shelter is Freckles, a Collie cross who is with the DSPCA for over 150 days and has been very unlucky in finding a home.

"She is full of mischief and cheek and we love that about her. So it's baffling as to why she has not been adopted.

"She is high-energy girl and extremely clever, so will appeal to an experienced owner who enjoys providing lots of stimulation and exercise to keep her happy and healthy. Freckles is best suited as the only dog in the home," she added.

DSPCA supporter Lottoland's VP of Global Corporate Affairs, Laura Pearson, said: "We are always in awe at the immense work that DSPCA carries out. This year we are ensuring that all the animals in the shelter will be getting extra helpings of Christmas goodness and nourishment which they all deserve so much."

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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 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.



Cllr Guss O'Connell

Peace Commissioner
Independent Community rep for Palmerstown, North Clondalkin & Lucan.

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Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year

Thank you from the Homeless Leagues

To all at *The Echo* we love what you do supporting local communities and individuals, highlighting the issues that affect people and bringing us news and journalism we can trust. Wishing you a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. From all at the Irish Homeless Street Leagues.



GRATEFUL: Clondalkin resident Sean Kavanagh – founder of Irish Homeless Street Leagues



O Christmas Tree

O CHRISTMAS TREE, RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

by **Aideen O'Flaherty** / aideen@echo.ie

South Dublin County Council are providing 21 locations across the county for Christmas tree recycling in January 2024.

The free service will be available from Tuesday, January 3 to Tuesday, 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

The Christmas tree recycling locations for January 2023 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



The poetry page

THREE WISE POEMS FOR CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY EVENING IN THE PRIORY IN TALLAGHT

by **Gavin Bourke**



Gavin Bourke grew up in the suburb of Tallaght in West Dublin. Married to Annemarie and living in Co Meath, he holds a B.A. in Humanities from Dublin City University, an M.A. Degree in Modern Drama Studies and a Higher Diploma in Information Studies from University College Dublin.
He was shortlisted for the Redline Book Festival Poetry award in 2016.

The long stone step forcing a stride to climb.
The holy water fount of precious metal in the grey brick outside.
The squeaking of the stiff wooden doors worn from over-use.
The loud sounds of the cars and voices from the road
Saturday evening moon in the cold wet chill
of October darkness.
Through the doors, through the porch,
through the second set of doors to the inside.
Sudden silence but for the creak of pews
a prayer book put-down, a door closes.
A latch closing or opening in the confessional booth.
The table down the back full of colourful literature
beside the tealight candles lighting
flickering in the half-light and sacredness.
The black sky in the skylight over the altar
you could feel the sound of the crowds in the empty isles.
The grey altar underneath the sanctuary lamp
stark from a distance.
Kneeling on the soft wooden pews, “I didn’t love God when I”
ten Hail Mary’s to cleanse the soul for the week.
An act of contrition.
The atmosphere of the altar, beads rattling against wooden armrests.
The warm orange lights hanging from the ceiling all the way to the apex.
Outside sometime after five, the smell of burning fuels
walking together in the heaviest rain and fog
with October well upon us.

CHRISTMAS IN TALLAGHT

by **Thomas McMahon**

We come from faraway seas
Our churches ring different bells
Christmas spirit is a time to please
So let us all sing
Happy simple tunes
That fill our hearts with joy
Living under the same moons
So let us all sing
Blend our spices from our lands
Tell folk tales from other homes
Break bread and hold hands
And happy Christmas we shall sing



I moved to Tallaght 35 years ago and quickly came to love it. I’ve been writing poetry for almost 50 years. I’m now retired and I have five grandchildren – they mean the world to me.

SHANE

by **Gerard O’Keeffe**

The fairytale is over
Before Christmas even starts
Another Irish legend
Must live within our hearts
It will be a rainy night in Soho
When Fairytale is played this year
But the world will reflect
On your words
That for years filled us with cheer
Shane, you were a rebel
But your heart was full of love
Your music will live forever
While you rest
With the greats above

R.I.P Shane

Peace and goodwill needed more than ever

Last Christmas I spoke of Putin's war on Ukraine after we were coming out of a pandemic and this Christmas we also have the recent war in what we call the Holy Land, which seems to be worse, if that were possible. Did our world ever need peace as much?

I fear the resulting increase in the Cost of Living Crises is going to bite the vulnerable in our community even more than last year, as any buffer has been devoured. I hear of working couples who have to go to food banks to feed their children.



As 2023 concludes we have not only rioting and looting on the streets of Dublin but the burning of Luas carriages, buses and Garda cars, and to think that I had hoped that we would emerge from the Pandemic with life in perspective. Apparently, it was during the pandemic that the truth began to be undermined on social media.

Despite all the above may I sincerely wish you and yours a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

SINCERE WISHES: Rev Canon William Deverell, St. Maelruain's Church of Ireland, Main Street, Tallaght village

Put Jesus back in the crib

In war-torn areas, Jesus has been thrown out of the crib, replaced with bodies, torn limbs, injured women, children; young people with lives unlived. Darkness will never put out the light of love despite hatred, revenge, bitterness that erupts within conflict.

Together, put Jesus back in the crib with daily acts of selfless love. Replace hatred, revenge, bitterness through their opposites – to do otherwise is to fuel their fire. Easier said than done. Consistent, daily, selfless love brings lasting joy, peace and fruitful life. Each of us together in solidarity can make a difference. To sit idly by allows the darkness of conflict and wars to fester and grow. The baby Jesus in the crib is the seed of love. Replant it in our hearts – united we can bring lasting light to a conflicted world. The peace, joy and love of Christmas to all the *Echo* readers.



PEACE: Eamonn Walsh (Emeritus Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin)

A joyful and inspiring time for us

Christmas is almost here, and we look back at a number of milestones in the life of our parish this year. The pilgrimage to Glendalough in March brought us closer to St Kevin, our parish patron saint. The visit from Bishop Franz Jung in May and our own journey to Würzburg in July helped us grow in appreciation for St Kilian, our second patron saint.

The renovation of St Kilian's Church and the installation of memorial stones for our deceased loved ones were other key moments. The visit of Blessed Carlo Acutis' relic in November was both joyful and inspiring, especially for our younger parishioners.

Looking to the future, we are hopeful about the restoration of St Kevin's Well.

After a few restful days post-Christmas, we are ready to welcome the New Year with renewed energy for our parish.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with grace.



GRACE: Fr Frank Drescher (Adm. Parish of Kilnamanagh and Castleview)

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Dancing with the Stars

DANCING WITH THE STARS RETURNS TO OUR SCREENS

by **Aideen O'Flaherty** / aideen@echo.ie


Laura Nolan


Karen Byrne

Rehearsals for the upcoming sixth series of RTÉ's 'Dancing with the Stars' are now in full swing and feature a host of local professional dancers.

Among the dancing pros in the new series are Ballyfermot woman Karen Byrne, Lucan woman Laura Nolan, and Hannah Kelly from Tallaght.

It was announced last month that Tallaght resident and Xquisite Dance teacher John Nolan was stepping away from the show after six years on it as a professional dancer.

Posting on his Instagram, John said that leaving DWTS was "the end of a chapter" but he was doing so to spend more time teaching at his Xquisite Dance school.

"The end of a chapter," he wrote. "I have decided not to return to @dwtsirl this year and focus on building the future generations with @xquisitedance and the brand new location in Kilkenny.

"Thank you to my beautiful partners for the amazing memories. Thank you to each and every one of you for the support over my time on the show.

"I wish the very best of luck to the new pros on the start of their journey. Here's to THe NeW cHAPTeR."

DWTS Ireland commended John for his contribution to the show in a post on their Instagram page late November.

"After six sensational seasons, John Nolan is leaving Dancing with the Stars," the show wrote.

"As one of the show's original professional dancers, John has brought entertainment, professionalism and talent to the floor every single week.

"Throughout his fantastic run, John partnered celebs such as Teresa Mannion, Deirdre O'Kane, Mary Kennedy, Grainne Seoige and Leah O'Rourke. He lifted the Glitterball Trophy in 2019 when he danced with Mairead Ronan. Thank you John!"

Now, sights are firmly set on the upcoming season of the show, which features such celebrities as actor Shane Quigley Murphy, TV presenter Katja Mia, jockey Davy Russell and Rosanna Davison.

Other sequinned celebrities who will take part in the series include newsreader eileen Dunne, Wild Youth frontman David Whelan, drag queen Blu Hydrangea, and influencer Miriam Mullins.

'Dancing with the Stars' will be returning to our screens in January 2023 on RTÉ One, presented by Jennifer Zamparelli and Doireann Garrihy, and judged by Brian Redmond, Loraine Barry and Arthur Gourounlian.

"I just like to smile. Smiling is my favourite.

Buddy the Elf

Christmas Food…

AMAZING CHRISTMAS TURKEY AND HAM

The big day is almost upon us and for me prepping and cooking the Christmas turkey and ham is my favourite meal to prepare for my family every year. I couldn't let this year go without sharing with you all, the perfect Christmas turkey and ham. Every year I order my turkey through my local butcher in Citywest. I go for the full bird as I find it gives better flavour and goes a long way! I order a large Heritage cured ham from Avoca. The great thing about my ham is it's a roasted ham, so no boiling required. It roasts low and slow on Christmas Eve for 5 hours and then on Christmas day I add all the amazing flavour and glaze and pop back into the oven for 30 minutes to become burnished and golden. It's simply delicious, I promise you. I serve my turkey and ham with my heavenly crunchy roast potatoes, Nanny Rena's stuffing and perfect mustard-glazed roasted carrots and parsnips! I'm getting both hungry and excited juts thinking about it!

Turkey & Ham – ingredients: caters for 16-20 people



16lb turkey – Full bird
11lb Heritage-cured ham – part boned, makes for easier carving
1lb unsalted butter
1 packet of streaky bacon
Light brown sugar
Cloves
Maple syrup
Zest of 1 orange
1 tablespoon of Dijon mustard
Sea-salt and cracked black pepper
Freshly chopped thyme and sage – a tablespoon of each





Roasted Heritage cured ham – method

1. Preheat your oven to 160° Celsius
2. On Christmas Eve take your ham out of the fridge and allow to come to room temperature for about 45 minutes
3. Cover in foil and place on a large roasting tray with a little water underneath. Place onto the middle shelf of your oven and cook for 5 hours
4. Allow to cool completely and re-cover with fresh tinfoil and pop back into your fridge until Christmas Day
5. On Christmas Day when you've finished cooking the turkey take your ham back out of the fridge
6. With a sharp knife cut off the excess thick layer of outer skin leaving a thin layer of fat
7. Score the ham creating a diamond pattern and score each intersection with a clove
8. Pack on tightly the light brown sugar and liberally apply the maple syrup, Dijon mustard and grated zest of one orange
9. Roast in the oven at 180° Celsius for about 30 minutes until it's burnished and golden





My Christmas turkey – method

1. On Christmas morning take your turkey out of the fridge and allow it to come to room temperature. This will take about an hour
2. Preheat your oven to 180° Celsius
3. I use a foil throwaway turkey roasting dish, saves on the washing up. Place a large piece of tinfoil lengthways and across the roasting dish and place the turkey inside. This will enable you to cover the bird, easily creating an oven within an oven
4. If stuffing the inside of the turkey, as I always do, gives more flavour, place your stuffing inside the cavity but remember not to pack too tightly
5. Smear the entire bird liberally with the unsalted butter
6. Place strips of streaky bacon across the breast of the bird
7. Sprinkle on your chopped thyme and sage and season with sea salt and cracked black pepper
8. Pull the tinfoil over the bird making sure to leave space between the breast and the tinfoil – these should not touch
9. Pop into the oven. A bird this size will take about 5.5 hours to cook. For the last 1.5 hours of cooking remember to baste the turkey every 30 minutes. You can then remove the tinfoil for the last 45 minutes of cooking and take the bacon off the breast to ensure it gets a nice even golden colour
10. To check your bird is cooked pierce the thickest part of the meat between the breast and the leg. Once the juices run clear your turkey is fully cooked. Cover in foil for up to 1.5 hours if required, to give you time to roast your ham, roast vegetables and heavenly roast potatoes

. . .with JP passion

WITH DELICIOUS ROASTED CHRISTMAS VEG



by **John Paul Kennedy** / jpkennedy.kennedy@gmail.com

Mustard Glazed Carrots & Parsnips. I adore this recipe and I use it year in year out for Christmas Day. Not only is it delicious but it can be made 3-4 days before Christmas and left in the fridge to allow the glaze to infuse the vegetables. Another top tip is to pop into a throwaway roasting tray; that way you save on the washing up. Us Christmas cooks have enough to worry about on Christmas Day.

Ingredients – Serves 8

500g carrots cut into bite-sized pieces
500g parsnips as above
3 tablespoons light-brown sugar
3 tablespoons of whole grain mustard
1 tablespoon of cider vinegar
50g melted butter
3 sprigs of fresh thyme
Sea salt and ground black pepper



Method

1. Add the melted butter, sugar, mustard and vinegar into a large mixing bowl and mix together
2. Add in the prepared vegetables, fresh thyme and season with seal salt and ground black pepper and smoosh around to ensure all the vegetables are well-coated
3. Pop all of the ingredients into a large sealable freezer bag, seal and pop into the fridge until you are ready to roast them on Christmas Day
4. When you are ready to cook, preheat your oven to 200° Celsius. Place on a roasting tray and roast for 40 minutes until tender and golden brown – serve immediately and enjoy with the main event and all the trimmings.



This is how I prepare and cook my Christmas Turkey and Ham with roasted veg and stuffing every year without fail. Smearing your turkey with plenty of butter and basting regularly will ensure you won't have a dry bird on Christmas Day. The delicious ham glaze for the Heritage cured ham gives a lovely sweetness to the meat that I'm sure your family will enjoy as much as mine do every Christmas. It was so lovely to hear from many of you who did try my recipes when you cooked your turkey and ham last year and that you are now complete converts to this foolproof method for the perfect turkey and ham. I hope you enjoy the two new editions this year which are my mustard-glazed roasted vegetables and my Nanny Rena's delicious homemade stuffing.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas – JP

I've been making this stuffing every Christmas for 17 years now. This is my Nanny Rena's famous stuffing recipe that when I was growing up was made for all the families on my Dad's side. I had to step in and learn how to make it the year my Nanny Rena was sick and spent Christmas in hospital and she kindly agreed to write it down for me. I still have that handwritten recipe page that used to sit stuck on the inside of my kitchen press, but now I make it from memory and over the years I have adapted it somewhat but my version is still very true to the original recipe. This is my Christmas Eve tradition; making the stuffing and the aroma means for me, Christmas has officially arrived. I promise you, it is out of this world.

Ingredients – (will make enough stuffing to feed 10+ people)

225g butter
1 large bag of white breadcrumbs – around 400g-450g
1 large onion finely chopped
3 medium potatoes
1 large packet of Paxo sage and onion stuffing mix – this adds extra crunch.
225 good-quality sausage meat
Drop of milk
Fresh thyme – about 3 sprigs worth
Sea-salt and ground black pepper for seasoning





Method

1. Melt the butter in a medium saucepan and add the chopped onion and cook on a medium heat until the onion is nicely softened. This will take about 10 minutes
2. Peel the potatoes and cook until tender
3. In a large bowl add the breadcrumbs, Paxo mix, fresh thyme, sea-salt and ground black pepper and mix together
4. Add the melted butter and softened onion and combine all together
5. Mash the cooked potatoes, add to the breadcrumb mixture along with the sausage meat and milk. Mix all together, I find the best way to do this is by hand and squish everything altogether until everything is well combined. Pop into a tray cover in clingfilm and pop into the fridge until Christmas Day. To cook, roast for about 30 minutes covered with tinfoil, remove the foil, give it a good mix and cook for another 10 minutes until golden and crisp on top.
   I always make double the recipe as I like to stuff the inside of my turkey. If stuffing the big bird remember to loosely pack the cavity – if overpacked there will not be enough air to circulate and your turkey and stuffing will take longer to cook. My brother Brendan who lives in London, still fights over the extra crunchy bits every year he comes home for Christmas and I've no doubt this year will be no different.

Christmas dinner with . . .

TURKEY ROAST WITH STUFFING, WRAPPED IN STREAKY RASHERS

HOT BEETROOT AND LEEKS

This Christmas dinner is for people who like a tasty but fast dinner, so more time to spend with friends and celebrate. It is an alternative economic Christmas dinner with a Latvian twist. Most of the recipies are for four people, you can add or take away to suit your numbers at the dinner table.

Turkey roast with stuffing wrapped in streaky rashers

301kg turkey breast meat
400gr streaky non-smoked rashers

Stuffing

350gr sausage meat
200gr breadcrumbs
300gr onions
50gr leeks (the green part)
3 cloves of garlic
50ml oil
Salt and pepper
Thyme and parsley









Method

1. Start with making the stuffing. In hot oil sweat the chopped onions and garlic until golden brown.
2. Add finely chopped leeks and turn off the heat; mix in the breadcrumbs and fresh thyme and parsley. Let it cook, and then mix in the sausage meat. Set aside.
3. On greaseproof paper line up the rashers and sprinkle with fresh herbs.
4. Then put the turkey meat in, about 1cm in thickness (butterfly the turkey breasts before and flatten with a rolling pin just a little bit).
5. Evenly flatten out the stuffing and sprinkle another layer of fresh herbs. Then with the help of the paper roll the meat as neatly as possible.
6. Secure with a string in a few places so that it stays together.
7. Put in a preheated oven at 200° Celsius and bake for an hour, then turn the oven off but leave the roast in the oven for another 10 mins. Then rest for a few minutes before taking the string away, cut in slices to your liking and enjoy.

While the meat cooks, there is plenty of time to do the side dishes, simple and ready in no time.

Hot beetroot and leeks

500gr organic cooked beetroot
200gr leeks
1 chicken stock cube
2 tablespoons of balsamic vinegar
Smoked paprika
Thyme
Salt and pepper
3 tablespoons oil



Method

1. Grate the beetroot and slice the leeks in 5mm rings.
2. In a deep pan put the leeks in the oil and gently brown them, add the smoked paprika and thyme.
3. Add the beetroot and gently stir, sprinkle in the chicken cube.
4. Then add the balsamic and keep stirring until it's cooked.
5. Taste and add pepper and salt if needed.



. . . a Latvian twist

FAST AND EASY SPROUTS, BABY POTATOES MADE THREE WAYS, SAUERKRAUT AND ONION SAUCE



My name is **Ginta**, and I am a Latvian lady who loves cooking. My love for cooking came handy when in 2000 I decided to come to Ireland. I came to work as a housekeeper-cook. And for nearly 20 years I cooked for Irish families, and loved it. Being a chef by trade helped a lot, but I had to learn more about different cuisines and new spices over the years as my official training was under Soviet rules, many years ago, restricting the way we could cook. Learning new things was the best part because cooking to me is a job, hobby, and for relaxation – the way I express myself, the way to experiment, the way to have fun. It is a great challenge to take some random ingredients and come up with a new dish, put a new twist on an old recipe. Cooking is a form of art and every one can cook – some need to follow the recipe, but some just like to mix ingredients and enjoy the results. My friends say that cooking is in my fingertips.

Fast and easy sprouts

500gr sprouts
120gr smoked pancetta
160gr peeled red onion
30ml oil
Salt, pepper, and ground nutmeg
Thyme and parsley



Method

1. Take off the outer leaves of the Brussels sprouts and cut them in slices around 5mm thick.
2. Cube the pancetta and slice the onions (I like them cut lengthwise) as thick as the sprouts.
3. Heat the oil in a deep frying pan and throw in the onion and pancetta – fry until the pancetta is light brown.
4. Then add the sprouts and keep frying for about 5 mins, add some nutmeg and cracked black pepper.
5. Then cover with the lid and turn off the heat. Leave for another 5 minutes and taste, I like the sprouts with a bit of crunch.
6. Mix in some freshly chopped thyme and parsley and enjoy.

Sauerkraut recipe

500gr sauerkraut
180gr grated carrots
180gr diced onion
3 cloves garlic
3 teaspoons of tomato purée
50ml oil
1 teaspoon caster sugar
Salt, pepper

Method

1. Firstly, rinse the sauerkraut once in about 1.5 litres of cold water. Then just cover with fresh water and bring to the boil.
2. Once boiling, turn the temperature down and simmer for about a half hour.
3. Meanwhile heat the oil in a frying pan and sauté the carrot, onion, and garlic until light brown. Then add the tomato purée and a pinch of salt and pepper and sugar.
4. Drain the sauerkraut, reserving a small cup of the liquid. Then add it to the carrot and onion mix and slowly cook until well incorporated. Taste and add some more seasoning if needed. It gives a lovely taste if we let the sauerkraut burn just a little bit. Enjoy!

In Latvia there is bowl of sauerkraut in every house for Christmas.

Baby potatoes, made three ways!

The very versatile small but mighty baby potatoes. Make them in three ways in no time. How many you cook is up to you – depending on how many you like per person.
Parboil the ones that will be used for frying.



Method

1. Slightly crush some of the parboiled potatoes with the palm of your hand and put in a hot frying pan with a small amount of oil, fry as brown and crispy as you like. ***Halfway through add some chopped garlic and herbs for that special taste. An air fryer works amazing for these too.***
2. The others I slice in thick rounds and fry on both sides, with a seasoning of choice (garlic salt, rosemary, thyme, chilli flakes, oregano).
3. And the smallest baby potatoes can be served just plain to avoid the extra calories.

Onion sauce

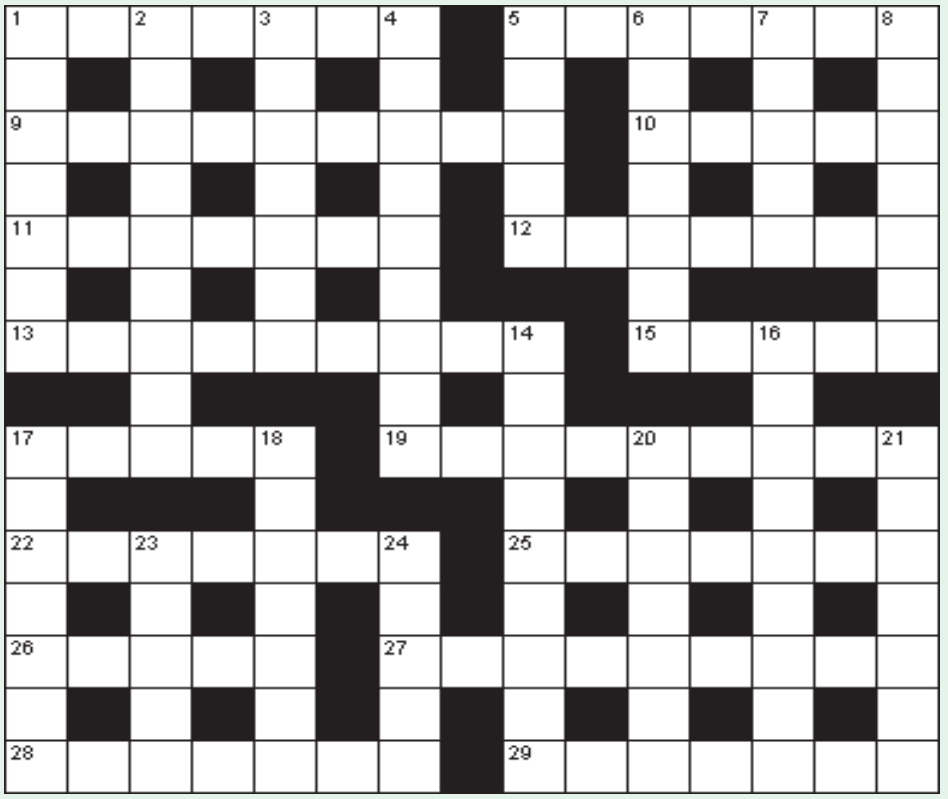
Cooking oil (any type)
1 large onion
2 tablespoons plain flour
300ml water
Crème Fraîche (as creamy as you want)
Fresh herbs
1 chicken stock cube



Method

1. In a frying pan heat some oil and add one large finely chopped onion.
2. When it starts browning add two tablespoons of plain flour.
3. When it is well mixed with the onions and golden-brown pour in 300ml of water.
4. Add one chicken stock cube and let it slowly simmer until it starts to thicken.
5. Add some Crème Fraîche and freshly chopped herbs.
6. Taste and add seasoning if needed.

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ACROSS

1. A connection device (7)
5. Hussy (7)
9. A state of melancholy depression (9)
10. Wooden shoe (5)
11. Plan of action (7)
12. The arch of hair above each eye (7)
13. Repeat (9)
15. An analytic literary composition (5)
17. Swelling under the skin (5)
19. An outgoing personality (9)
22. A portable brazier (7)
25. Lethargy (7)
26. Whinny (5)
27. Warranty (9)
28. Shoulder board (7)
29. Make bigger (7)

DOWN

1. Financial examiner (7)
2. A word that modifies a noun (9)
3. Tangible (7)
4. Restore (9)
5. Bit of colour (5)
6. Raunchy (7)
7. Toil (5)
8. A trodden path (7)
14. Disentangle (9)
16. One who watches (9)
17. Make better (7)
18. Intoxicant (7)
20. In general (7)
21. A swing used by circus acrobats (7)
23. East African oryx (5)
24. Metal bar (5)

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS 1412

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SUDOKU 2

Reduce, re-use, recycle

I'M DREAMING OF A GREEN CHRISTMAS

by **Aideen O'Flaherty** / 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 back in 2018 to have all plastics 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 for their locations.



The desire for peace on earth is foremost in the hearts of our young

All nine hundred staff and students of Tallaght Community School packed into St Aengus Church for their annual Christmas Carol Service. A lovely warm festive atmosphere was created by beautiful music, readings, stories and prayers. A basket full of Christmas wishes were brought to the manger by Lily. Some student reps read their own prayers. Most of them were prayers for peace. Obviously that desire for peace is foremost in the minds of these young people.

The words of John Lennon came to mind . . . "Peace is not something you wish for; it's something you make, something you do, something you are and something you give away."

How can I be a peacemaker? Where can I start to ensure peace in my community, in my home, in my family? How can I find peace in my heart?



PEACE: Fr Ben Moran (St Aengus Parish)

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me!

Happy Christmas and a very peaceful new year to all readers of *The Echo!*

Seasons greetings to all from Saoirse and a peaceful and prosperous New Year



Saoirse Domestic Violence Services (SDVS) would like to say a very big thank you, to everyone who has supported us during 2023. 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 Child and Youth 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. If you or someone you know needs our support, we are here for you. Season's greetings to all and we wish you a peaceful and prosperous New Year.



GRATEFUL: Saoirse DVS Staff

A Christmas Eve in Tallaght, 1932

A RAMBLE AROUND TALLAGHT

by **Albert Perris**

On 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 properly 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.



Tallaght Village in the early 1900s

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 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 downspirited, he lay back against the trunk and lit a cigarette – a Player 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 18th 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 moment 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 tall red candle, matching his own, to light the way.

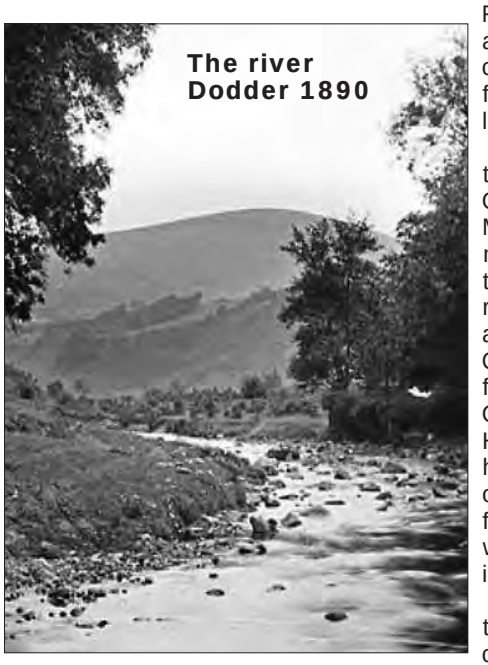
Standing in the hall at the foot of a staircase, the old man paused at a large portrait that hung on the wall – a portrait of two men standing side by side. "That is Charles Stewart Parnell," he said. Motioning towards the other man in the painting, he continued "and that is my father". He stared at 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 wrestler's 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.



The river Dodder 1890

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 candlelight. 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 its 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 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 December 17, 1934). ***A Ramble around Tallaght*** by Albert Perris is now available in all good book shops.



A merry Christmas from Citywise Education



Citywise Education would like to wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We want to thank all our partners, funders and draw subscribers for your continued support, without it we would not be able to do the work we do. We would also like to give a special mention to our wonderful volunteers, your help, time and effort has been invaluable.

SUPPORT: Daire Hennessy (CEO Citywise)

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.







Magic moments on stage at The Civic



HEARTFELT: Donal Shiels (Artistic Director, The Civic theatre)

As the year draws to a close, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support. What a fantastic year it has been for The Civic in 2023, and it's all thanks to you, our amazing community of loyal arts and entertainment lovers.

We are thrilled to announce that a record number of over 60,000 of you attended over 500 performances at The Civic this year, making it a year to remember. Your presence in our audience, your applause, and your enthusiasm have fuelled our passion for bringing exceptional entertainment to our stage.

We extend our warmest thanks to our dedicated board, generous funders and supporters who have stood by us every step of the way. Your belief in our mission to celebrate the arts and creativity has made all the difference.

Looking ahead to 2024, we can hardly contain our excitement! The Civic is about to undergo a transformation, with the redevelopment of the new Civic plaza just outside our doors. Get ready for even more exciting offerings and events in the New Year as we continue to evolve and innovate.

And speaking of innovation, our brand-new Spring season has just launched, promising an extraordinary line-up of performances. As we step into 2024, we are thrilled to mark our landmark 25th anniversary. It's going to be a year filled with the best of local, national, and international performances and experiences, and we can't wait to share them with you.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Here's to a wonderful 2024 filled with arts, culture, and unforgettable moments at The Civic.

Tallaght Community Council

Comhairle Phobail Thamlachta

Tallaght Community Council had another busy and successful year marking many national events and campaigns in Tallaght. A hearty go raibh maith agat, "Thank You' to all the volunteers and businesses who helped make all of our them both enjoyable and successful in 2023. In 2023 we entered the Tidy Towns national competition for the first time and came away with a great score as a new entrant. A very encouraging start for all involved.

Nollaig Shona Dhaoibh go léir ó Tallaght Community Council.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and look forward to working with you again in 2024.



Bridie Sweeney, Nico Crowley, Tallaght Person of The Year and Rose O'Keeffe at the Christmas Tree lighting in Tallaght Village



HONOUR: Mayor Emma Murphy joins with fellow councillors, members of Tallaght Community Council and former recipients of the Tallaght Person of The Year Award at a Mayoral reception held on May 25th, 2023 in the Council Chambers at County Hall

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FÉILE NA NOLLAG

CHRISTMAS FAIR IN CAFE AON SCÉAL ON SATURDAY

by **Paddy Barrett** / news@echo.ie

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Dawn, Cillian, Ruby, Brian, Aisling, Lúsaí, Daidí Na Nollag and Odhran



Emer O'Hanlon



Tetiana Tsareako and Natalia Mynko



The Brennan and Smith families



Poppy Ferguson



Rónán Ó'Curláin



Callie and Lee Nolan with Santa



Dawn and Shelly

You Better Watch Out!

SANTA WITH MEMBERS OF DOWN SYNDROME DUBLIN BOWLING CLUB IN LEISUREPLEX

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Santa with Jackson and Sorcha



Enjoying the fun with Santa



Jamie and Rob with Santa



Santa with Charlie and Tony



Sinead and Sé with Santa



Santa with Liam and Kevin



Lauren and Scott with Santa



Santa with Cian and Cathal



Santa with Carla and Scott

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

IN FETTERCAIRN COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Bridget Rogan, Gerard Geraghty and Noeleen Kelly



Staff in Fettercairn Community Centre



Hessie Ellis and Foluke Oladosu



Kathleen,Theresa and Pauline



Margaret Gallagher, Joan O'Toole and Kay Hoban



Margaret Keogh, Joan Hodkins and Mrs Hughes



The Catering Team with their 'What the Elf' jumpers

Christmas Cheer

FOR SENIOR GROUPS IN BAWNOGUE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Peter, Marie, Eamonn and Martin



Joe and Ann McKeown with Vincent and Anne McArdle



Rose Fitzgerald, Madge Byrne, Bernie Dunne, Theresa Maher and Rose Fitzgerald



Grace, Norah and Marie



Marie and Tony Ward



Marian Willliams, Lily, Maria Comiskey, Mary Smith and June O'Reilly



Stephen Flynn, Pat O'Sullivan and Gerry Kelly

Christmas Variety Concert

IN PEAMOUNT HOSPITAL WELLNESS CENTRE

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Adana, Anne, Catherine, Bernie, Phil and Sam



Newcastle Ladies Choir at the Christmas Concert



Laura, Anne, Sean,Darragh, Peter, Adana, Padraig, Peggy and Lucas



Hugh and Cathal Mangan, Eddie and Tadhg Walshe Rooney and Siún MacGiollaphádraig from Scoil Aine



Kate and Jenny at the new cafe



Marylee, Lana, (Peamount Health), John and Joe



Edeena, Emier, Jonathan from St Finian's NS Newcastle with Ronnie

Christmas Fair

FESTIVE FUN IN KINGSWOOD ON SATURDAY

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Mrs Claus (Dolores Hurley) with Aideen and Jake



Dorinda and Freyah Kennedy



The Donoghue Family



Annie, Pat and Jean (NINA)



Trudy, Audrey, Max and Lewis



The Somers and Kellys



Mrs Claus and Cain Somers



Lucy, Abbie and Erin



Mrs Claus (Dolores Hurley) with Robyn, Nevaeh and Ellie McCord



Nikki and Mammy Claus



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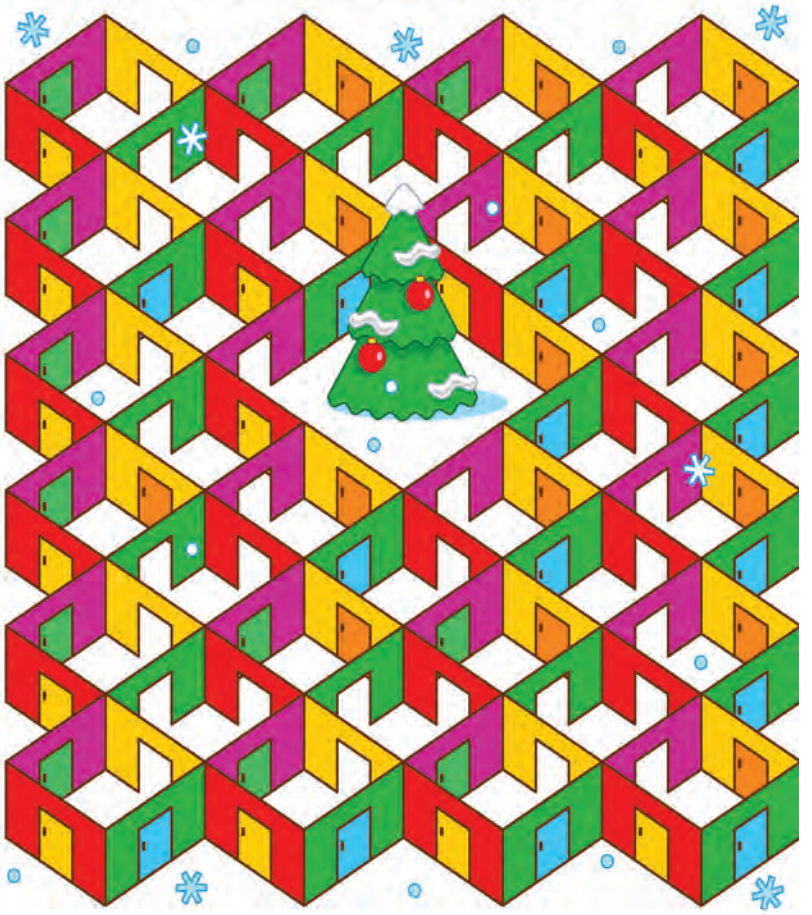
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Can you get to christmas tree using the open doors?



Lost Mitten

Find the mitten that has no pair.



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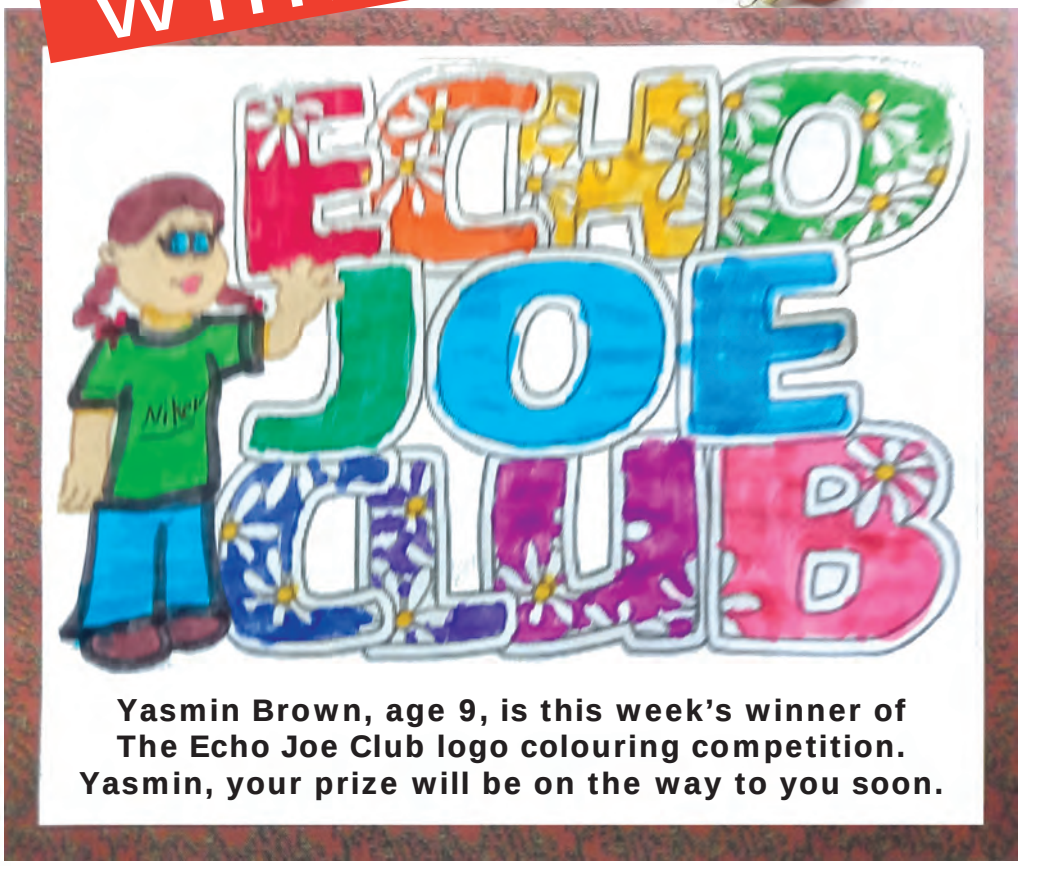
New Arrivals

Find the exact mirror copy for every picture.



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winner



Yasmin Brown, age 9, is this week's winner of The Echo Joe Club logo colouring competition. Yasmin, your prize will be on the way to you soon.

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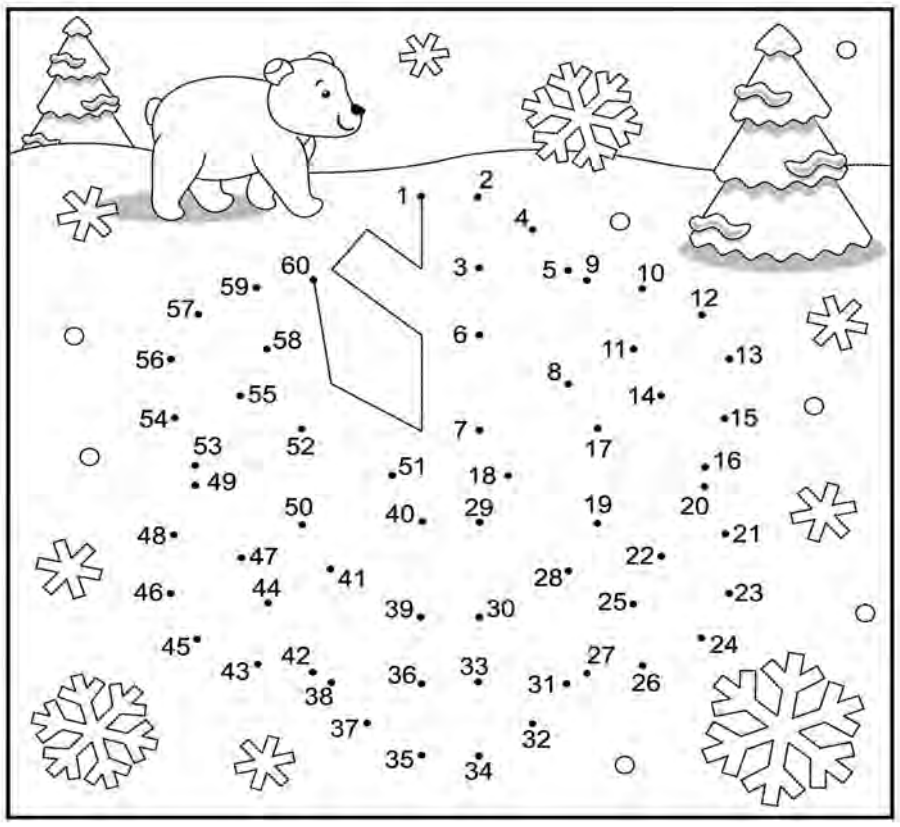
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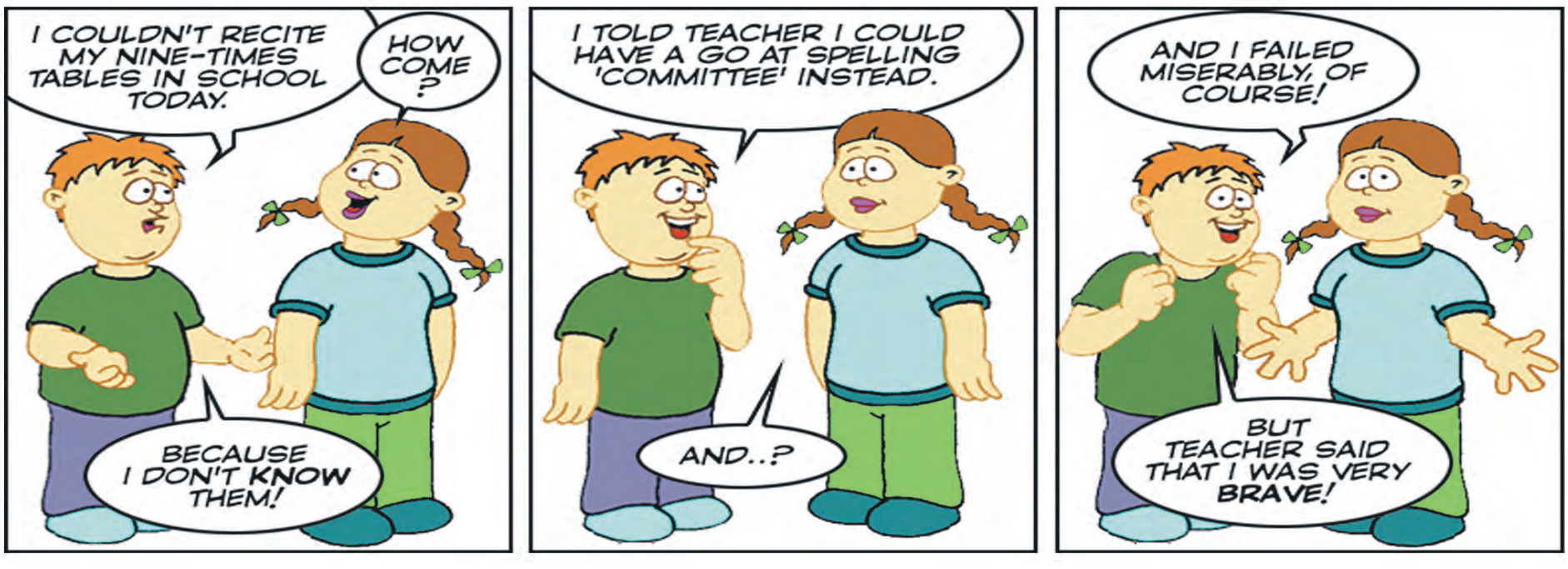


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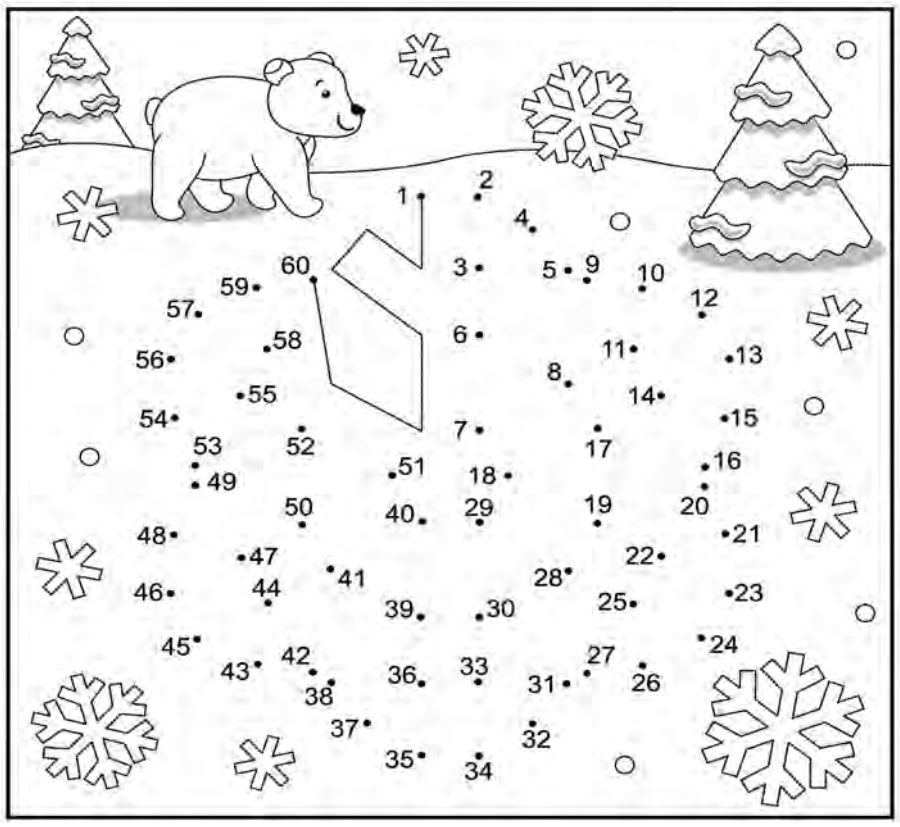
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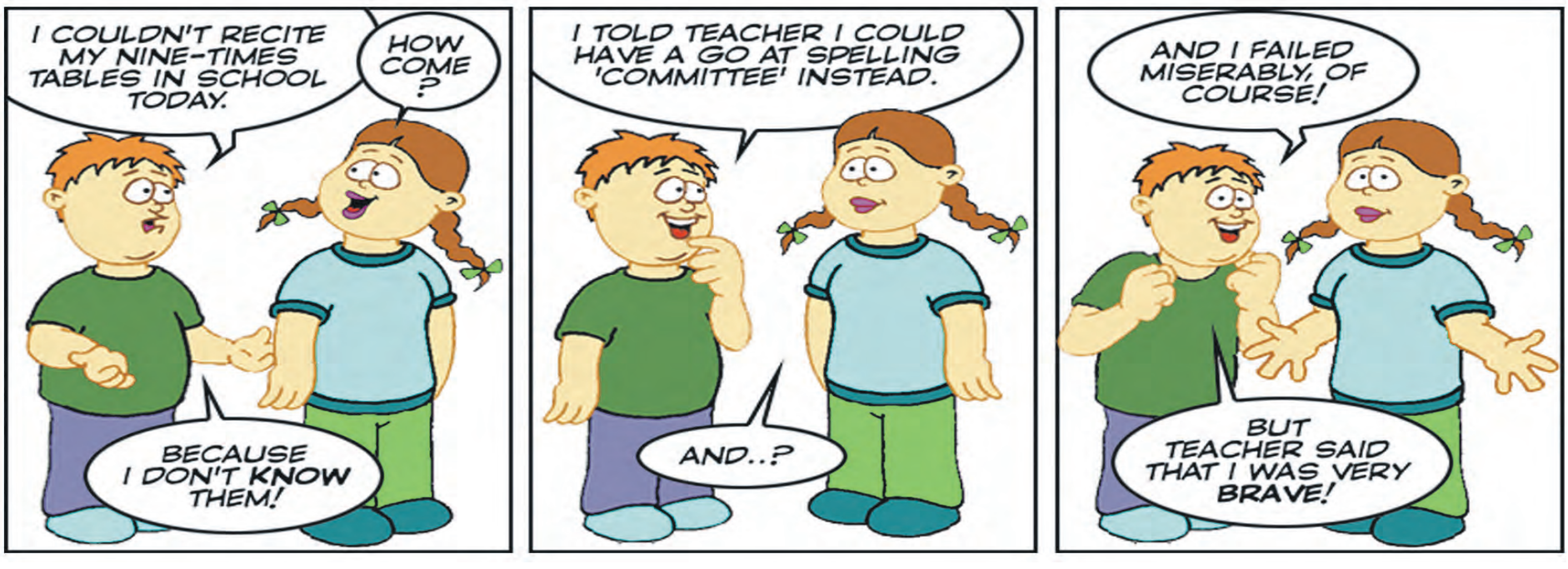


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Christmas Sing-Along

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.

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,
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All I want for Christmas is you

I don't want a lot for Christmas
There is just one thing I need
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I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
All I want for Christmas is you

I don't want a lot for Christmas
There is just one thing I need (and I)
Don't care about the presents underneath the Christmas tree
I don't need to hang my stocking there upon the fireplace
Santa Claus won't make me happy with a toy on Christmas Day
I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
All I want for Christmas is you
You, baby

Oh, I won't ask for much this Christmas
I won't even wish for snow (and I)
I'm just gonna keep on waiting underneath the mistletoe
I won't make a list and send it to the North Pole for Saint Nick
I won't even stay awake to hear those magic reindeer click
'Cause I just want you here tonight
Holding on to me so tight
What more can I do?
Oh, baby, all I want for Christmas is you
You, baby

Oh-oh, all the lights are shining so brightly everywhere (so brightly, baby)
And the sound of children's laughter fills the air (oh, oh, yeah)
And everyone is singing (oh, yeah)
I hear those sleigh bells ringing
Santa, won't you bring me the one I really need? (Yeah, oh)
Won't you please bring my baby to me?
Oh, I don't want a lot for Christmas
This is all I'm asking for
I just wanna see my baby standing right outside my door
Oh, I just want you for my own
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All I want for Christmas is you, baby
All I want for Christmas (all I really want) is you, baby

All I want (I want) for Christmas (all I really want) is you, baby

Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!

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!

Man it doesn't show signs of stopping
And I brought me some corn for popping
The lights are turned way down low
Let it snow! Let it snow!

When we finally kiss goodnight
How I'll hate going out in the storm
But if you'll really hold me tight
All the way home I'll be warm

And the fire is slowly dying
And, my dear, we're still goodbying
But as long as you'd love me so
Let it snow! Let it snow and snow!

When we finally kiss goodnight
How I'll hate going out in the storm
But if you really grab me tight
All the way home I'll be warm

Oh, the fire is slowly dying
And, my dear, we're still goodbying
But as long as you'd love me so
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Winter Wonderland

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.

Christmas Sing-Along

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 Pinochio)
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

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



Amanda Killeen



Ashling Ashling



Barbara Carolan



Bazey Hayes



Carol McCabe OCallaghan



Garreth Irvine



Gillian Martin



Ian Garvey



Julija Smirnova



Linda B Ward



Niamh Coogan



Padraig McGorraigh



Patrick Godfrey

And the winner is Rosie Kirwan

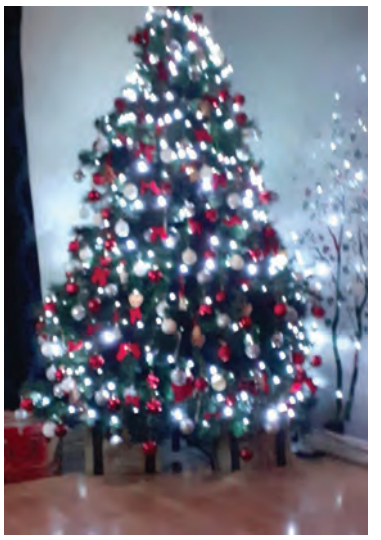
Thanks to everyone who entered the Christmas Tree competition. Here's just a few of the entries we received.



Rosie Kirwan



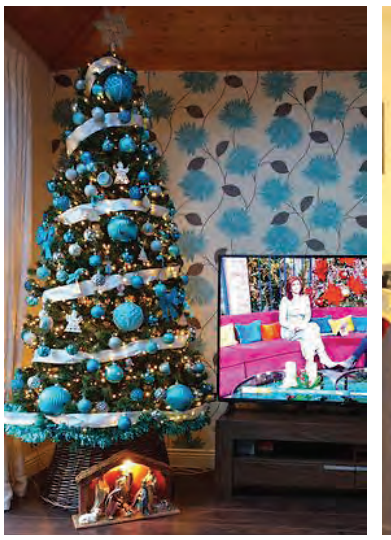
Catriona Flynn



Claire Cooling



Colette Kelly



Denise Ross



Eileen Whelan-Poole

Inspirational Christmas trees created by staff at Tallaght Hospital

by **Mary Dennehy**
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STAFF at Tallaght University Hospital have once again injected Christmas cheer onto the wards for patients, staff and visitors to enjoy.

Now, a much looked forward to annual tradition, each department in the local hospital designs and erects their own Christmas tree – with many this year celebrating TUH's 25th anniversary.

This year's winning Christmas tree was designed by the ICT department, which is responsible for looking after technology across the hospital.

The department's tree 25 Years of IC marks the many significant events over the past 25 years concerning the rollout of technology – which helps save valuable time that can be invested back into patient care.

As the team at TUH celebrate their 25th Christmas in the community, we'd like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and say 'thank you' for all that you do.

Keep up-to-date with information from TUH over the Christmas by visit www.tuh.ie or following the local hospital on Facebook.



1st ICT 25 Years of I C Tree



2nd 25 Years of CommunitTREE Occupational Therapy Department



3rd 25 Years Through the Chocolate Factory Clinical Neurophysiology





Ormsby Ward Orbiting Ormsby



Lane Ward Advent of TUH



Tymon North Encouraging Interaction & Communication amongst all our patients



Crystal Clear Christmas Physiotherapy Department



Vartry On Wheels A Journey to Another Milestone Vartry Renal Unit

Christmas Church Services

TALLAGHT AND DISTRICT

St Aengus Parish Balrothery
Christmas Eve 24th December Sunday Mass at 10am & 12pm, Christmas Vigil Mass at 4pm & 7pm.
Christmas Day Monday 25th December Mass at 10am & 12noon
St Stephen's Day, Tuesday 26th Dec Mass at 11am
Tuesday – Friday: Mass at 11am
Saturday & Sunday Normal weekend Masses
New Year's Day Monday 1st January Mass for World Day of Peace at 11am

Parish of St Kevin's and St Kilian's
Saturday, 23rd Dec: Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm in St. Kilian's
Sunday, 24th Dec: Sunday Mass at 11am in St. Kevin's
Christmas Eve: 6pm Vigil in St. Kevin's (Families with children)
7pm Vigil in St. Kilian's (Families with children)
9pm Vigil Mass in St. Kevin's
Christmas Day: 11am Mass in St. Kilian's
St Stephens Day: 11am Mass in St. Kevin's
Wednesday, 27th Dec: 11am Mass in St. Kevin's,
30th Dec: 6pm Vigil in St. Kilian's
Sunday, 31st Dec: 10am Mass in St. Kevin's
12 noon
Family Mass in St Kilian's
11.30pm Midnight Mass to welcome the New Year and ask for God's blessing. St Kevin's Church
Monday, 1st Jan, 2024: 11am New Year's Day Mass in St.
Kevin's

St Mary's Priory
Saturday Dec, 23, Confessions: 10-12.50pm; 4-5pm and 7 to 7.25, Polish: 8.15pm-9pm.
Sunday Massses: Masses: 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 12.00 Noon.
Christmas Eve: Vigil Mass: 6.30pm, Vigil of Readings and Carols: 9.00pm, Night Mass: 9.30pm Polish Night Mass: 12.00 Midnight.
Christmas Day: Dawn Mass: 8.00 am, Day Masses: 10.00 am, 12.00 Noon. Polish Mass: 4.30pm
St Stephen's Day (Tuesday, 26) masses Masses: 10.00 am, 1pm



St Mark's Parish (Belgard, Fettercairn and Springfield
St Mark's
Christmas Eve: 6pm Springfield (vigil mass with nativity play), 7.10pm: Fettercairn (carols), 7.30pm: Fettercairn (Vigil mass), 9pm: Springfield (vilgil mass)
Christmas Day: 9.30am: Fettercairn; 12.30pm: Springfield.
No mass on St Stephen's Day.

Parish of St Jude's the Apostle Templeogue
Confessions For Christmas Fr. Brendan will be in the Church each Tuesday during Advent from 7:00pm to 8:00pm
Christmas Mass Times
Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)
Morning Mass @ 10am and No 12:00pm Mass and Christmas Vigil Masses 6:00pm & 8pm
Monday 25th December (Christmas Day)
Masses at 10am(Organ & Cantor) and 12:00pm
Church will be closed after the 12:00pm Mass
Tuesday 26th December (St Stephen's Day) Bank Holiday - Church will be closed all day
Wednesday 27th December 2023 and Friday 29th December 2023
Mass at 11am.
Church will be open for private prayer from 12:00pm to 4:00pm
Thursday 28th December 2023 & Thursday 4th January 2024
Church will be open for private prayer until 4:00pm
Saturday 30th December 2023
Vigil Mass at 6:30pm
Sunday 31st December 2023 (New Years Eve)
Normal Sunday Masses at 10:00am and 12:00pm
Monday 1st January 2024 New Year's Day Bank Holiday Church will be closed all day

St Thomas's The Apostle Jobstown
Fourth Sunday of Advent: mass at 11.30am.
Christmas Eve: 8pm: Jobstown: (vigil mass).
Christmas Day 11.30am. St Stephen's Day no mass.
Sunday Dec 31: mass at 11.30am

St Aidan's Brookfield:
Christmas Eve: Brookfield: 8pm (vigil mass).
Christmas Day: 10.30am. St Stephen's Day. No mass.
Sunday, Dec 31 – mass at 10.30am.



St Anne's Church Bohernabreena Parish
Christmas Eve
Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm,
St Anne's Church 6.30pm & 8.30pm
St Martin de Porres 7.00pm & 9.00pm
Christmas Day
St Anne's Church 8.30am & 11.30am
Holy Rosary Church 10.30am
St Martin de Porres 9.30am & 12 noon
St Stephens Day
St Martin de Porres 11.00am
Weekend mass times
Sunday 23rd December Vigil Masses
Holy Rosary Church, 6pm and Martin de Porres Church, 7pm
Sunday 24th December (4th Sun of Advent)
St Anne's Church, 8.30am only
Holy Rosary Church, 10.30am
St Martin de Porres, 9.30am only

Knocklyon Parish
Christmas Eve Vigil Masses 5pm, 7pm and 9pm.
Christmas Day Masses: 9.30am and 11am
St. Stephen's Day 10am.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Firhouse Parish
Christmas Week Mass: Sacrament of Reconciliation for Christmas 2023
Confessional (Rite 1)
Saturday 23rd December 10.30a.m. – 12 Noon & 5.20p.m. -5.50p.m
Sunday Masses 24th December (Christmas Eve) (Vigil Mass-Saturday 23rdDec.) 6pm.
Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am
Christmas Masses 2023 - Family Mass 6p.m. Christmas Eve. Night Mass 9p.m. Christmas Eve. Christmas Day Masses-9.30a.m & 11.30am. Tues 26th – Sat 30th December -Mass 10am.

Saggart parish
Mass times for Christmas eve, Saggart 5pm and 9pm; Rathcoole 6pm, 730pm and Newcastle 9pm
Christmas Day: Saggart 9am, Rathcoole 12 noon and Newcastle 10am.

Christmas Church Services

St Maelruain's Church of Ireland Tallaght Village
Sat 23rd 7pm Taize style Vine Service with dialogue sermon
Sun 24th 8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Holy Communion and 11.30pm.
Midnight Christmas Eve Holy Communion
Mon 25th 8.30am Christmas Morning Holy Communion, 11am Christmas Morning Holy Communion
Sun 31st 8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Morning Prayer and 11.15pm New Year's Eve Watchlight service

Holy Spirit Parish, Greenhills
Christmas Mass Times Sunday 24 December (Christmas Eve): Morning Masses as usual 10am & 12 noon.
Christmas Vigil Mass 7.30pm. ►Christmas Day: 10am & 12 noon,

Assumption Walkinstown
Sunday Mass (24th Dec) 11.30am
Christmas Eve -Vigil Mass 7pm
Christmas Day 11.30am
St Stephen's Day 10am

St Pius, Templeogue
Christmas Eve: 5.30pm & 9pm Christmas Day: 11.30am.
St Joseph's, Terenure Christmas Eve: 6pm & 9pm Christmas Day: 10am & 11.30am.
Kimmage Manor: Christmas Eve: 7pm Christmas Day: 11am

CLONDALKIN CHURCHES

Bawnogue parish
Saturday 23rd 6pm
Sunday 24th 10.30am (1 morning mass only)
Vigil Masses 6pm & 9pm
Christmas Day - 10.30am & 12.00 noon
Church will be closed for the rest of the week and will reopen for services on Saturday 30th at 6pm

Clondalkin Village
CONFESSIONS Monday 18th to Saturday 23rd December after 10am Mass in the Village Church.
Christmas masses
Christmas Eve – Sunday 24th December
Village Mass at 6.30pm and 10pm
Knockmitten Mass at 6pm
ClonburrisMass at 9pm
Christmas Day – Monday 25th December
Village Mass at 9am (in Irish),10.30am and 12 noon
Knockmitten Mass at 10am
Clonburris Mass at 11am
St Stephen's Day – Tuesday 26th December
Village Mass at 10am
Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th December
Village Mass at 10am each day

Neilstown Church
Christmas Eve 4.30pm Children's Mass & 7pm Adult Choir
Christmas Day - 11.30mass

Rowlagh Church
Christmas Eve - 5.30pm Children's Mass and 8pm Adult Choir
Christmas Day - 10am



BALLYFERMOT CHURCHES

Ballyfermot Assumption
(4th Sunday of Advent Masses on Sunday Morning, 24th December at 9.30am & 11.30am as usual)
Sunday Evening, 24th December: First Vigil Masses of Christmas at 5pm & 7pm.
Monday, 25th December, Christmas Day Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am & 11.30am.

St Agnes parish, Crumlin
Christmas Eve at 5.30pm and 7.00pm
Christmas Day at 9.30am, 11.00am and 12.30pm
St Stephens Day at 9am

Most Holy Sacrament Church, Cherry Orchard
Schedule of masses
23rd Dec. Saturday Vigil mass 7.00pm
24th Dec. Morning - Sunday Mass 11.00am
Christmas Eve (Dec 24th) Outdoor Christmas Prayers & Blessing of Crib (especially for families and those having an early night as they wait for Santa)
5.30 pm
Christmas Eve Mass 7pm
Christmas Day Mass 11am
St Stephen's Day Mass 11am

St Matthew's
Saturday 23rd December: Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Christmas Eve: December 24th: 10.30am Mass, 12.00 Mass, 5.30pm. Childrens Mass, 9.00pm: Night Mass
Christmas Day: December 25th 10.30am Mass, 12.00 Mass
Sunday 31st New Years Eve: Vigil Mass 6.30pm, 10.30am Mass, 12.00 Mass 11.30pm Mass.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Drimnagh
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: 6.30pm; Family mass woth festive music and carols; 9pm: Mass during the night 'Midnight mass';
Christmas Day: 9am: Mass at Dawn; 12noon: Sung mass during the day with the parish choir.
Tuesday Dec 26: Feast of Saint Stehen: Mass ay 10am

LUCAN CHURCHES

St Philomena's, Palmerstown
Sunday, 24 December Fourth Sunday of Advent - Mass at 9.30am and 12 noon
Christmas Eve First Mass of Christmas at 6 pm Night Time Mass at 9 pm
Christmas Day, 25 December
Mass at 9.30am & 12 noon
NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY
Tuesday, 26 December Eucharistic Prayer Service at 10am.

Parish of Devine Mercy, Lucan South
Sunday 24th December – 4th week of Advent 10:30am : Family Mass; 12:00pm : Sunday Mass
Sunday, 24th December – Christmas Eve vigil 5pm: Children's Mass (choir will sing carols before mass), 8pm: Vigil mass (adult choir will sing carols from 7:30pm).
Monday 25th December – Christmas Day Alleluia: 10:30am Mass and 12pm : Mass
St Stephens Day - 10 o clock

St Andrew's Lucan
24th December 6pm
25th December 9am, 10am

St Mary's Leixlip
24th December
11.30pm
25th December
11.30am



Christmas Wishes

The best way to live our lives is to remember that love is the most important thing

May the glitter and lights of Christmas remind us that Jesus is the light that shows us the best way to live our lives. May our gift-giving remind us that God gave us what was most precious to God, namely his Son Jesus. May the precious family moments of Christmas remind us that love is the most important thing in life. And if sadness or anxiety is yours this Christmas, just know that it is especially for you that Christ came into our world.



GIFT-GIVING: Fr Michael Murtagh

Take a hike with Walk and Talk over Xmas – and feel a lot better

I started Walk and Talk a year ago, to help myself to clear my head. I was struggling with a few things, and I found walking and talking a great help, so I started to advertise to try to get people out to do the same.

I never knew it was going to go this far, I thought it was only a walk. Little did I know, a lot more people needed this than I thought – including myself.

The plan for next year is to try and get Walk and Talk groups set up in different areas. I will help to get them set up and get started for any person. It's really badly needed, and I just want people to know that a walk and talk and a little hike really works – especially over Christmas and the New Year.



GREAT HELP: Stephen Brennan (co-founder of Tallaght-based mental health walking group Walk and Talk)

An Cosán is here to create a brighter future for you



PLEDGE: Heydi Foster (CEO, An Cosán)

Everyone at An Cosán – the community educators, early years' educators, counsellors, hospitality team and all my colleagues – wish all our learners, little ones, families and friends a thoroughly enjoyable festive season and a peaceful and prosperous New Year. We greatly enjoyed spending time with all of you who came through our doors in 2023 – whether for adult community education classes, counselling or parenting support sessions, mother and baby/toddler groups. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2024 and to welcoming new people too. A warm welcome awaits all at An Cosán! A special thank you too to our partners and supporters – without you, we could not continue our work of empowerment through education. We pledge to continue our work supporting women and families to create brighter futures for themselves and their communities in Tallaght and beyond.

Warmest wishes to all women on their journey

As we bid farewell to this year, our warmest end-of-year wishes to you all. Throughout 2023, our community education and development service has joyfully served as a nurturing place, empowering women on their incredible journeys. Being a part of your growth through our Women In Leadership programme, diverse classes including mum and baby yoga, stress management, art, and the engaging stories shared via our social and digital media classes has been truly remarkable. Witnessing the inspiring transformation of women in our 'Reclaim Your Life' project for survivors of domestic abuse has been a profound highlight.

These programmes have been transformative, fostering not only personal growth but also fostering beautiful new friendships.

As we step into 2024, our eagerness to further support and empower more women is boundless.



EAGER: Jennifer Phillips (coordinator of Women's Collective Ireland Tallaght)

RAMS in Rhythm reflect on great retirement years

As we close the year 2023 and reflect on the outgoing year, it is with delight and pride we look forward to the year 2024. The Retired Active Men's Social (RAMS) group in Newcastle is all about building a strong sense of community among retired men in the area. Some of our highlights were celebrating the 90th birthdays of our older members Pat Weldon and Dinnie O'Leary, and celebrating the 80th birthdays of Liam Sheed and Jim Nolan.

Organising our two educational tours was another highlight, and our trip to Strokestown House in Roscommon, and the Kilmainham Gaol tour, and the wonderful lunch in the Hilton Hotel. Our now annual Christmas function in the Springfield Hotel in Leixlip was such a memorable evening.

We are looking forward to 2024 with joy and happiness, and plan continue the fantastic community work, lifelong learning. Together with our choirs, RAMS in Rhythm, we are committed to making our retirement years fulfilling and enjoyable. RAMS in Rhythm have raised in excess of €60,000 for various charities during 2023.



HIGHLIGHT: RAMS in Rhythm in Kilmainham Gaol

Christmas Movie REVIEWS

Christmas Eve to New Year's Day

9-Day Christmas TV Guide

All your favourite TV and movies

Miracle on 34th Street

RTÉ1 Christmas Eve



Miracle on 34th Street is a 1994 American Christmas fantasy comedy-drama film co-written and co-produced by John Hughes, and directed by Les Mayfield. The film stars Richard Attenborough, Elizabeth Perkins, Dylan McDermott, J.T. Walsh, James Remar, Mara Wilson, and Robert Prosky. It is the first remake of the original 1947 film. Like the original, this film was released by 20th Century Fox.

The New York City-based Macy's department store declined any involvement with this remake, saying "we feel the original stands on its own and could not be improved upon." The fictitious "Cole's" became its replacement.[3] Gimbels had gone out of business in 1987; hence it was replaced by the fictional "Shopper's Express".

Home Alone

Channel 4
Christmas Day



The McCallister family is preparing to spend Christmas in Paris, gathering at Kate and Peter's home in a Chicago suburb on the night before their departure. Kate and Peter's youngest son, Kevin, is frequently ridiculed by his cousins and siblings, particularly his older brother Buzz. Kevin inadvertently ruins the family dinner after a brief scuffle with Buzz, in which Kevin's airplane ticket is accidentally thrown away, resulting in Kate sending him up to the attic. Kevin berates his mother for allowing the rest of the family to pick on him and wishes that his family would disappear. During the night, heavy winds cause a power outage, disabling the alarm clocks and causing the family to oversleep. In the confusion and rush to get to the airport, Kevin is accidentally left behind.

The Lion King

BBC1 St Stephens' Day



The Lion King tells the story of Simba (Swahili for lion), a lion cub who is to succeed his father, Mufasa, as King of the Pride Lands; however, after his paternal uncle Scar kills Mufasa to seize the throne, Simba is tricked into believing he was responsible for his father's death and flees into exile. After growing up in the company of the carefree outcasts Timon and Pumbaa, Simba receives valuable perspective from his childhood friend, Nala, and his shaman, Rafiki, before returning to challenge Scar to end his tyranny and take his place in the Circle of Life as the rightful king.

The film features an ensemble voice cast that includes Matthew Broderick, Moira Kelly, James Earl Jones, Jeremy Irons, Jonathan Taylor Thomas, Nathan Lane, Ernie Sabella, Whoopi Goldberg, Cheech Marin, Rowan Atkinson, and Robert Guillaume. Its original songs were written by composer Elton John and lyricist Tim Rice, with a score by Hans Zimmer.

'tis the Season

9 pages of unmissable classic Christmas TV →

SUNDAY Christmas Eve TV

RTÉ ONE HD



6.00 EuroNews. 7.00 Teleshopping. 7.35 Teleshopping. 8.10 A Bocelli Family Christmas. 9.10 EastEnders.
9.45 FILM: Breakfast at Tiffany's Romantic comedy, with Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard. (1961)
11.55 How to Cook Well at Christmas with Rory O'Connell.
12.55 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather; Weather
1.05 Ear to the Ground
1.40 FILM: The Goonies Family adventure, starring Sean Astin. (1985)
3.45 FILM: Miracle on 34th Street Christmas family drama remake, with Richard Attenborough. (1994)
5.45 Nuacht
5.50 RTÉ News with Signing
6.00 The Angelus
6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather The latest national and international headlines.
6.20 All Creatures Great and Small Christmas Special A young guest brings wonder, mischief and cheer to Skeldale House at Christmas.
7.20 Fair City An embarrassed Dean keeps schtum when he is stood up for Christmas.
7.50 RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock and Weather The latest national and international news.
8.00 FILM: No Time to Die James Bond sets off on the trail of an enigmatic villain armed with lethal new technology. Action thriller, starring Daniel Craig in his fifth and final outing as 007. (2021)
11.00 Midnight Mass - RTÉ From St Francis' Basilica in Bolsward, Netherlands. Followed by Weather.
12.10 FILM: The Godfather Gangster drama, starring Marlon Brando and Al Pacino. (1972)
3.20 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.

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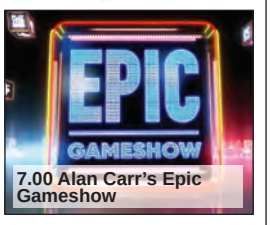
6.00 EuroNews. 7.50 TRTÉ. 7.50 The Highway Rat. 8.05 Storybud. 8.15 The Coop Troop. 8.25 Jamie Johnson. 9.00 Viking Skool. 9.25 Molang. 9.35 Beirin Beag Bui. 9.45 Beirin Bear Bui I Dtir Na Siog. 10.00 Molang. 10.10 Shaun the Sheep: The Flight Before Christmas. 10.45 Angela's Christmas Wish. 11.40 The Christmas Letter. 12.10 The Overcoat. 12.50 Storybud.
1.00 FILM: Sherlock Gnomes Animated comedy, featuring the voice of James McAvoy. (2018)
2.30 FILM: The Christmas Contract Drama, starring Hilarie Burton. (2018)
4.10 FILM: 101 Dalmatians Disney comedy adventure remake, starring Glenn Close. (1996)
6.10 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)
8.05 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.
9.10 FILM: The Young Offenders Two Cork teenagers embark on a road trip to salvage a bale of cocaine gone missing from a drug seizure. Comedy, starring Alex Murphy and Chris Walley. (2016)
10.45 FILM: Horrible Bosses 2 Three men trying to start their own business are swindled by an investor, so respond by kidnapping his son. Comedy, starring Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis and Charlie Day. (2014)
12.55 FILM: Mississippi Burning Drama, starring Gene Hackman and Willem Dafoe. (1988)
3.10 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.

TG4



6.00 Cúla 4. 6.00 Cúla 4. 6.02 Zou. 6.14 Finny an Siorc. 6.26 Rita & Crogall. 6.31 CoComelon. 6.34 CoComelon. 6.38 Digley & Dazey. 6.41 Digley & Dazey. 6.45 Pip and Posy. 6.53 Balloon Barnyard. 7.00 Muireann agus an Litir Chuig Daid' na Nollag. 7.24 Santiago of the Seas. 7.45 PJ Masks. 7.58 Cúla 4. 8.00 Cleo. 9.30 Timpeall na Tíre.
10.00 FILM: The Philadelphia Story Romantic comedy, starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant. (1940)
12.05 An Cósta Thiar
12.35 Ceol na Talún
1.07 An Aimsir Láithreach
1.10 FILM: Annie John Huston's musical, with Aileen Quinn and Albert Finney. (1982)
3.30 Ollchlár Ros na Rún
4.30 GAA The 30 best hurling and football goals of 2023.
5.00 Dr Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!
6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach National and international weather forecast.
7.00 Nuacht TG4 The day's main news stories from a regional, national and international perspective.
7.15 Nollaig Cois Coiribe Musicians and instrumentalists come together for a special festive musical celebration on the west coast, from the historical and stunning surrounds of Galway Cathedral.
8.15 Tom Munnelly - Fear na n-amhrán The life and work of song collector Tom Munnelly, who had the foresight to amass over 20,000 Irish songs from the aural and oral tradition.
9.30 FILM: Die Hard A New York cop battles armed men who have taken over a Los Angeles skyscraper where his wife is working on Christmas Eve. Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Alan Rickman. (1988)
11.53 An Aimsir Láithreach
11.55 Bee Gees: One for All Tour - Live in Australia
1.55 S'b'n
2.30 Nuacht TG4
2.45 Ollchlár Ros na Rún
3.45 Nollaig Cois Coiribe
4.35 GAA The 30 best hurling and football goals of 2023.
5.00 France 24
5.30 France 24

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6.45 Yes Chef. 7.45 Dress to Impress. 8.45 Jackie's Army. 9.15 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs. 9.45 Battle of the Christmas Lights. 10.15 Battle of the Christmas Lights. 10.45 John and Lisa's Christmas Kitchen. 11.45 In for a Christmas Penny.
12.30 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special
1.28 Virgin Media News Update 1.30 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special 2.28 Virgin Media News Update
2.30 The Voice UK
4.25 Animal Emergency
5.25 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway Presents: Murder at Bigwig Manor
5.58 Virgin Media News Update
6.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special Kate Thornton, James Argent, Lucy Porter and Nik Speakman pit their wits against all five Chasers in this festive edition of the quiz. Presented by Bradley Walsh.
6.58 Virgin Media News Update Your 2-minute news update from the Virgin Media News team.
7.00 Alan Carr's Epic Gameshow Christmas Special The comedian hosts a festive edition of Child's Play as Judi Love, Joe Swash, David James and Samia Longchambon try to decipher what is being described by a cast of children.
8.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Big-prize quiz in which another line-up of contestants answer questions that could change their lives. Presented by Jeremy Clarkson.
9.00 Beat the Chasers Contestants from across the UK take on a team of Chasers, hoping to win big money. Bradley Walsh hosts.
10.00 Gordon, Gino & Fred: Desperately Seeking Santa
11.10 Bradley & Barney: Breaking Dad at Christmas
12.10 The Hotel Inspector The Green Man Pub and Hotel in Wembley, north London.
1.10 Feeding the Super Rich Documentary following a luxury food supplier.
2.10 Close

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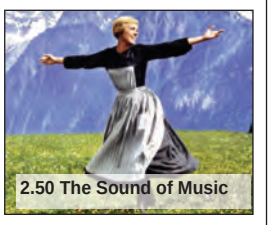
7.10 Gift Wrapped. 8.00 Yes Chef. 9.00 Tipping Point. 10.00 WWE: Raw. 11.00 The Masked Singer. 12.30 The Masked Singer: The Final
2.00 Tipping Point
3.00 Tipping Point
4.00 Cash Trapped
5.00 Cook Me the Money! Three teams of amateur chefs compete in Faversham, Kent.
6.00 Unbeatable Contestants Andy, Stuart, Alice and Charlotte vie to find the single 'unbeatable' answer and streak ahead of the rest to win a cash prize. Quiz, hosted by Jason Manford.
7.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars Christmas Special Clare Balding, Joe Swash and Sherrie Hewson take on the machine.
8.00 Feeding the Super Rich Documentary following a luxury food supplier and exploring the lengths they go to to feed their wealthy



customers in the run-up to Christmas.
9.00 FILM: The Blind Side A couple take in a homeless teenager and help him fund his education and train to be an American football player. Fact-based drama, with Sandra Bullock and Quinton Aaron. (2009)
11.50 FILM: Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son FBI agent Malcolm adopts his female alter ego to solve a murder in a girls' school, with his teenage son joining him in drag. Comedy, with Martin Lawrence and Brandon T Jackson. (2011)
2.00 The Real Housewives **of Beverly Hills** Part one of three. Lisa explains why she's been acting strangely.
2.53 Close



BBC one HD



6.00 Breakfast. 8.35 Match of the Day.
10.05 FILM: The Boss Baby Animated comedy, featuring the voice of Alec Baldwin. (2017)
11.30 Room on the Broom. 12.00 Nigella's Amsterdam Christmas
1.00 BBC News; Weather
1.15 Songs of Praise: Carols for Christmas Eve
1.50 Frozen Planet II
2.50 FILM: The Sound of Music Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, starring Julie Andrews. (1965)
5.40 BBC News
5.50 BBC Newsline; Weather; Weather
6.00 Countryfile: A Cumbrian Christmas A Christmas special following young shepherdess Katie and her family.
7.00 Antiques Roadshow at Christmas Fiona Bruce revisits stories from past episodes from Uppark House in West Sussex.
8.00 The Repair Shop Christmas Special Items include a 1940s mechanical Christmas cake invention.
9.00 Beyond Paradise Humphrey investigates a set of break-ins where Santa is the number one suspect.
10.00 Not Going Out Christmas Special Lee and Lucy invite a lonely pensioner to join them for Christmas dinner.
10.45 BBC News; Weather
11.05 Match of the Day 2 Wolverhampton Wanderers v Chelsea.
11.40 Midnight Mass from Portsmouth Cathedral Live Christmas Eve service, led by the Dean of Portsmouth the Very Rev Dr Anthony Cane, with the Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt Rev Dr Jonathan Frost, preaching.
12.55 FILM: Far from the Madding Crowd Period drama, starring Carey Mulligan. (2015)
2.50 Weather for the Week Ahead A look ahead to the latest forecast.
2.55 BBC News A round-up of the latest headlines.



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6.25 Cheers. 6.55 Cheers. 7.25 The Tiger Who Came to Tea. 7.50 The Snowman. 8.25 Father Christmas. 9.00 The Snowman and the Snowdog. 9.30 Christmas Brunch.
12.30 FILM: Charlotte's Web Family drama, with the voice of Julia Roberts. (2006)
2.20 Channel 4 News
2.40 FILM: A Christmas Carol Dickens' classic tale, starring George C Scott. (1984)
4.40 The Snowman Animated adventure, based on Raymond Briggs' festive tale. **5.10 The Snowman** and the Snowdog
5.45 FILM: Miracle on 34th Street Christmas family drama remake, with Richard Attenborough. (1994)
7.45 Mog's Christmas Animated adaptation of Judith Kerr's children's book featuring the mischievous feline.
8.15 The Great Christmas Bake Off 2023 Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith judge a Christmas special featuring the Baker Ghosts of Christmas Past - one contestant from each previous series broadcast on Channel 4.
9.30 Gogglebox 2023 Britain's favourite opinionated TV viewers share their sharp, insightful, passionate, and sometimes emotional critiques of 2023's biggest and best shows.
11.30 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special Jimmy Carr hosts a festive edition of the comedy words-and-numbers quiz.
12.30 Celebrity I Literally Just Told You with Jimmy Carr
1.25 FILM: Micky Flanagan: The Out Out Tour A performance by the comedian. (2011)
2.20 The Last Leg of Christmas
3.15 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back
4.00 Sarah Beeny's New Life in the Country at Christmas
4.55 Devon and Cornwall at Christmas
5.45 Jamie: Keep Cooking at Christmas



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MONDAY Christmas Day TV

RTÉ ONE HD



6.00 EuroNews. 6.10 All Creatures Great and Small. 7.10 Celine Byrne's Christmas Selection Box.
8.00 FILM: Some Like It Hot Comedy, with Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe. (1959)
10.00 Christmas Mass. 11.00 Christmas Day Service. 11.45 Urbi et Orbi. 12.10 The Archbishops' Christmas Message
12.20 The Cork Nativity
12.25 Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death
12.55 Peter and the Wolf
1.25 FILM: The Jungle Book Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Phil Harris. (1967)
2.40 FILM: Beauty and the Beast Disney animated fantasy, with the voice of Paige O'Hara. (1991)
4.00 FILM: Mary Poppins Returns Premiere. Musical fantasy, starring Emily Blunt. (2018)
6.00 The Angelus A reflective minute, where people of all faiths and none may, if they choose, take time out.
6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather
6.15 FILM: The Lion King Premiere. A young lion prince flees his kingdom, only to learn the true meaning of bravery. Animated adventure, featuring the voices of Donald Glover and Beyonce Knowles. (2019)
8.00 RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock and Weather
8.10 Fair City
9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special
9.35 FILM: Belfast Premiere. A young boy and his working-class family experience the tumultuous late 1960s in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Kenneth Branagh's drama, starring Jamie Dornan and Judi Dench. (2021) Followed by Weather.
11.10 FILM: The Godfather Part II A Mafia don's rise to power is threatened by a traitor within the family. Francis Ford Coppola's Oscar-winning gangster drama sequel, starring Al Pacino and Robert De Niro. (1974)
2.20 FILM: The Verdict Sidney Lumet's courtroom drama, starring Paul Newman. (1982)
3.50 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.

RTÉ 2 HD



6.00 EuroNews. 6.45 Molang. 6.50 Molang. 7.00 Mouse and Mole at Christmas Time.
7.30 FILM: Paw Patrol: The Movie Premiere. Animated adventure. (2021)
8.45 FILM: Puffin Rock and the New Friends Premiere. Children's animation. (2023)
10.00 FILM: The Witches Fantasy, starring Anne Hathaway. (2020)
11.35 Storybud.
11.40 FILM: Mirror Mirror Fantasy, starring Julia Roberts. (2012)
1.15 Storybud
1.25 FILM: Sonic the Hedgehog Fantasy adventure, starring Jim Carrey. (2020)
2.55 FILM: Sing Animated comedy, with the voice of Matthew McConaughey. (2016)
4.30 Nuacht
4.35 Neighbours Australian soap opera.
5.00 FILM: Spirit Untamed Premiere. Animation. 2021)
6.20 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)
7.05 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)
9.00 FILM: Coming 2 America Premiere. As King Jaffe Joffer of Zamunda takes his final breath, pampered crown prince Akeem faces a constitutional crisis without a male heir to ascend the throne. (2021)
10.40 EastEnders
11.40 FILM: The Hangover Part II Three friends arrange an alcohol-free stag weekend in Bangkok, but things do not go according to plan. Comedy sequel, with Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms and Zach Galifianakis. (2011)
1.15 FILM: Rocky Oscar-winning boxing drama, starring Sylvester Stallone. (1976)
3.10 EuroNews

TG4



6.00 Cúla 4. 6.00 Cúla 4. 6.02 Zog. 6.30 Zog agus na Dochtúir' Eitilte. 7.00 The Gruffalo. 7.30 The Gruffalo's Child. 8.00 Smurfs: The Lost Village.
9.30 FILM: Finian's Rainbow Musical fantasy, starring Fred Astaire. (1968)11.50 Scialta Grá na hÉireann.
12.20 FILM: Miracle on 34th Street Christmas drama, starring Edmund Gwenn. (1947)
1.57 An Aimsir Láithreach
2.00 FILM: Ice Age 3: Dawn of the Dinosaurs Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of John Leguizamo. (2009)
3.40 Bibeanna na Nollag
4.12 An Aimsir Láithreach
4.15 Nuacht TG4
4.25 Scoth na gComórtas Ardán 2023
5.15 Geantra' - The Chieftains
6.15 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)
8.00 FILM: Roise & Frank **Premiere. Grieving after the death of her husband, a woman becomes convinced that a stray dog is actually a reincarnation of him. Drama, starring Br'd N' Neachtain. (2022)**
9.27 An Aimsir Láithreach National and international weather forecast.
9.30 Grace Kelly: Banphrionsa Mhaigh Eo How fashion and film icon Grace Kelly remained connected to her Irish roots, with her visits to Ireland captivating the world's media.
10.25 Geantra' na Nollag From Galway musical hub, Campbell's Tavern in Headford.
11.15 Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band: Live in NYC
2.35 Nuacht TG4
2.45 Scoth na gComórtas Ardán 2023
3.35 Bibeanna na Nollag
4.05 Geantra' na Nollag From Galway musical hub, Campbell's Tavern in Headford.
5.00 France 24
5.30 France 24



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6.15 The Six O'Clock Show. 7.00 Cash Trapped. 8.00 The Masked Dancer. 9.25 Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy. 10.00 This Morning.
12.00 Gino's Italian Coastal Escape
12.30 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special
1.30 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special
2.30 Animal Emergency
3.35 In for a Penny: Christmas Crackers
4.25 FILM: The Wizard of Oz Musical fantasy, starring Judy Garland. (1939)
6.30 Emmerdale Mackenzie is in peril. Tracy and Caleb dice with danger. Marlon reaches breaking point.
7.00 Coronation Street It's Christmas Day on the cobbles, and the Platts and Websters dine at the bistro, relationship trouble brews for the McDonalds, and Ed hides his guilty secret from the Baileys,.



7.30 The Masked Singer: Christmas Special Joel Dommett hosts as four famous faces battle it out, with Jonathan Ross, Rita Ora, Davina McCall, Mo Gilligan and Leona Lewis trying to guess their identities.
9.00 FILM: Gran Torino A misanthropic Korean War veteran is drawn into protecting a teenager and his family from a street gang. Drama, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. With Christopher Carley. (2008)
11.20 Finding Jack Charlton A profile of the World Cup-winning footballer.
1.25 Don't Look Back in Anger Archive news stories from 2014.
1.55 Don't Look Back in Anger Archive news stories from 2015.
2.25 Close



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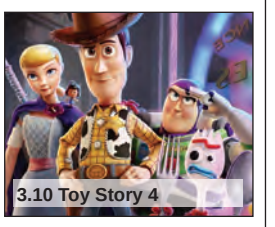
7.10 Celebrity Lingo. 8.00 Tipping Point. 9.00 Sport Stories: Philly McMahon. 10.00 Don't Look Back in Anger. 10.30 Don't Look Back in Anger. 11.00 Beat the Chasers.
12.00 Cash Trapped
1.00 Dress to Impress
2.00 Cook Me the Money!
3.00 Unbeatable General knowledge quiz, hosted by Jason Manford.
4.00 Tipping Point
5.00 Tipping Point



6.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on one of the ruthless Chasers and secure a cash prize.
7.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special With Tim Lovejoy, Kay Burley, Eni Aluko and Richard Herring.
8.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special With Vicki Michelle, Radzi Chinyanganya, Kadeena Cox and Bradley Wiggins.
9.00 FILM: The Longest Yard An imprisoned quarterback is given the job of forming a team of inmates to play American football against the guards. Comedy remake, with Adam Sandler, Chris Rock and Burt Reynolds. (2005)
11.15 FILM: The Magnificent Seven A band of gunmen are hired to save a remote frontier town, whose residents are being used as forced labour. Western remake, starring Denzel Washington and Chris Pratt. (2016)
2.00 The Real Housewives of Dallas Kameron's pink charm wins Court over.
2.55 Close



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6.00 Breakfast. 8.50 The Gruffalo.
9.15 FILM: How to Train Your Dragon: Homecoming Animated drama, with the voice of Jay Baruchel. (2019)
9.40 The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse.
10.15 Christmas Morning Service from Manchester Cathedral.
11.15 FILM: Cinderella Romantic fantasy, starring Lily James. (2015)
12.55 FILM: The Addams Family 2 Premiere. Animated family comedy, with the voices of Oscar Isaac and Charlize Theron. (2021)
2.20 BBC News; Weather
2.35 Tabby McTat
3.00 The King King Charles makes his second annual address.
3.10 FILM: Toy Story 4 Premiere. Animated sequel, featuring the voice of Tom Hanks. (2019)
4.40 Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special
5.55 Doctor Who Ncuti Gatwa takes over the Tardis as the 15th Doctor.
6.50 Michael McIntyre's Christmas Wheel Rylan Clark, Peter Crouch and Nicole Scherzinger compete for charity.
7.45 Ghosts In the final episode of the supernatural sitcom, Robin is missing that Christmas feeling.
8.15 Call the Midwife Sister Monica Joan is convinced this could be her final yuletide.
9.45 EastEnders It's wedding day in Albert Square.
10.45 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special Agnes wants a nice, peaceful Christmas but her family have other ideas.
11.15 BBC News; Weather
11.35 On Christmas Night Frank Skinner tells the story of the first Christmas from Luke's Gospel.
11.40 The Vicar of Dibley Festive special from 2004,
12.35 FILM: Yesterday Danny Boyle's comedy, starring Himesh Patel. (2019)
2.25 Have I Got A Bit More 2023 For You
3.10 Weather for the Week Ahead
3.15 BBC News A round-up of the latest headlines.



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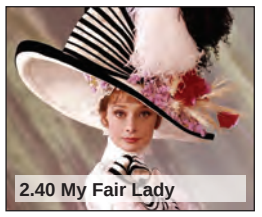


6.10 The Simpsons. 6.35 The Simpsons. 7.00 The Simpsons. 7.30 The Tiger Who Came to Tea. 8.05 Father Christmas.
8.40 FILM: Puss in Boots Animated comedy spin-off, with the voice of Antonio Banderas. (2011)
10.25 FILM: Kung Fu Panda 2 Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Jack Black. (2011)
12.15 The Snowman Animated adventure, based on Raymond Briggs' festive tale.
12.50 Mog's Christmas
1.25 The Snowman and the Snowdog
1.55 The Great Christmas Bake Off 2023
3.10 FILM: The Italian Job Crime comedy, starring Michael Caine. (1969)
5.10 The Alternative Christmas Message
5.20 Channel 4 News
5.30 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)
7.30 The Festive Pottery Throw Down Hugh Dennis, Sophie Duker, Alice Levine and Joe Swash take part in a festive special, where they must hand-build a Christmas birdhouse and throw the most festive nibbles bowls.
8.45 The Piano at Christmas Claudia Winkleman hosts a Christmas special at London's Kings Cross station, catching up with pianists from the first series, who play their favourite Christmas songs.
10.00 FILM: Forrest Gump A slow-witted man has a series of bizarre adventures but the love of his life constantly eludes him. Robert Zemeckis's Oscar-winning comedy drama, with Tom Hanks and Sally Field. (1994)
12.35 FILM: East Is East Comedy drama, starring Om Puri. (1999)
2.15 Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game
3.40 The Alternative Christmas Message
3.45 The Great Christmas Bake Off 2023
4.50 Mog's Christmas
5.20 Jamie: Keep Cooking at Christmas
5.50 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas



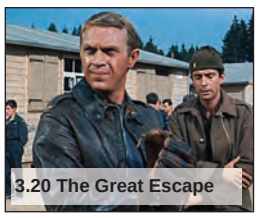
TUESDAY December 26 TV

RTÉ ONE HD



6.00 EuroNews. 6.05 Teleshopping. 6.40 Teleshopping. 7.15 Bridge of Lies.
8.05 FILM: High Society Musical romantic comedy, with Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly. (1956)
10.00 FILM: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Children's musical adventure, starring Dick Van Dyke. (1968)
12.45 Telly Bingo
1.00 Neighbours
1.30 Fair City A vengeful Hayley lies to James, ensuring a bitter blow awaits him.
2.40 FILM: My Fair Lady Oscar-winning musical, starring Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison. (1964)
5.50 Nuacht The latest news headlines.
5.55 RTÉ News with Signing 6.00 The Angelus A reflective minute, where people of all faiths and none may, if they choose, take time out.
6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather The latest national and international headlines.
6.30 FILM: Paddington 2 The lovable bear's search for the perfect birthday present for his aunt leads to being framed as a thief. Comedy adventure, with Ben Whishaw providing the voice of Paddington. (2017)
8.15 EastEnders Walford residents deal with the fallout of Christmas Day.
8.55 Fair City Hayley, bent on destroying James, doubles down on her pregnancy lie.
9.25 RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock and Weather
9.50 FILM: House of Gucci Premiere. An outsider marries into the family behind the Italian fashion empire, and starts to unravel the family legacy. Fact-based crime drama, starring Lady Gaga and Adam Driver. (2021) Followed by Weather.
12.50 FILM: My Left Foot Oscar-winning biopic of writer and artist Christy Brown, with Daniel Day-Lewis. (1989)
2.50 Telly Bingo Lottery game show, presented by Declan Buckley.
3.00 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.

RTÉ 2 HD



6.00 EuroNews. 7.25 TRTÉ. 7.25 We're Going on a Bear Hunt. 7.55 Zog. 8.25 The Snail and the Whale. 8.55 The Smeds and the Smoos. 9.25 Gangsta Granny. 10.50 Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers.
11.25 FILM: Madagascar Animated comedy, with the voice of Ben Stiller. (2005)
1.00 Racing from Leopardstown Day one of the Leopardstown Christmas Festival.
3.20 FILM: The Great Escape Second World War drama, starring Steve McQueen. (1963)
6.30 Neighbours Australian soap opera.
7.00 URC Live Munster v Leinster (Kick-off 7.35pm). Clare MacNamara presents coverage of the clash between the rivals from Thomond Park, as the teams return to league action after playing two fixtures in the Investec Champions Cup in recent weeks. The sides last met in this competition in the 2022/23 semi-finals, when Munster claimed a hard-fought 16-15 victory en route to winning the title. It was something of an upset given Leinster's dominant form during the regular season and Leo Cullen's men have again started the campaign strongly, winning six of their opening seven matches, including a 24-22 win away



to Connacht last time out.
10.00 The 2 Johnnies Late Night Lock In Best Bits The Tipperary duo present highlights from their series.
11.00 FILM: Be Good or Be Gone Premiere. Two petty criminal cousins receive a temporary release from prison, but misfortune soon follows. Comedy drama, starring Les Martin and Declan Mills. (2020)
12.50 FILM: Perfume: The Story of a Murderer Period thriller, starring Ben Whishaw. (2006)
3.15 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.

TG4



6.00 Cúla 4. 6.00 Cúla 4. 6.02 The Snail and the Whale. 6.30 Sár-pheist. 7.00 The Highway Rat. 7.30 Room on the Broom. 7.58 Cúla 4. 8.00 The Garfield Show. 8.49 Pat an Madra.
9.00 FILM: A Star Is Born Musical drama, starring Judy Garland and James Mason. (1954)
12.15 Húicóirí
1.15 FILM: The Pink Panther Crime comedy, starring Peter Sellers and David Niven. (1963)
3.22 An Aimsir Láithreach
3.25 Heartlands Sharon Shannon and Caoilinn Ní Dhonnabháin journey along the River Shannon.
3.55 Geantraí na Nollag 2008
5.00 FILM: The Boss Baby Animated comedy, featuring the voice of Alec Baldwin. (2017)
6.40 Molscóal - Daidí na Nollag sna Dóise Santa visited an Rinn and Seanphobal on Saint Nicholas Day, which is still very much celebrated in Waterford.
6.47 An Aimsir Láithreach
6.50 Nuacht TG4
7.00 Scóalta Grá na hÉireann The passionate, politically unorthodox partnership forged in the heart of Ulster between John Mitchel and Jenny Verner. Last in the series.
7.30 Ros na Rún Mack explores a new theory, that he was framed for Sonia's attack. Tadhg plants some new ideas in his head while playing devil's advocate.
8.00 Gael-Linn ag 70 The 70th anniversary of the foundation of Gael-Linn.
9.00 FILM: Mise Eire Documentary examining the sequence of events that led to the 1916 uprising and the Republican victories in the 1918 elections. (1959)
10.33 An Aimsir Láithreach
10.35 Seo ó Joe Dolan
11.40 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)
1.30 The Rolling Stones: Rock and Roll Circus
2.45 Nuacht TG4
2.55 Ros na Rún
3.25 Scóalta Grá na hÉireann
3.55 Húicóirí
4.50 France 24

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6.00 Cash Trapped. 6.50 Born to Be Wild. 8.00 The Masked Dancer. 9.30 Gino's Italian Coastal Escape. 10.00 America's Got Talent: Extreme. 12.00 10 Years Younger in 10 Days
12.30 Live Racing
3.00 Ireland's Crazy Christmas Lights
3.30 Ireland's Crazy Christmas Lights 2
4.00 Animal Emergency
5.00 The Masked Singer: Christmas Special
6.30 Celebrity Catchphrase Stephen Mulhern hosts another charity edition of the game show, with Charlie Brooks, Jimmi Harkishin and Siobhan McSweeney trying to guess the familiar phrases.
7.30 Emmerdale Suni urges Amit to tell the truth. Rhona tries to hide her unease. Aaron is desperate for information.
8.00 Coronation Street An emotional Peter and Carla examine their relationship and decide that they might be better off apart. After sharing a last supper with Carla, Peter bids farewell to Weatherfield.
8.30 In for a Penny Stephen Mulhern is in Eastbourne, where he plays Mum's the Word, the Leaning Tower of Poundsa and Escalator Spectator, before one last round of In for a Penny.
9.00 Vera An apparent suicide on Holy Island sees DCI Vera Stanhope despatched to her home stomping ground to investigate the circumstances. Mystery drama, starring Brenda Blethyn.
11.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?
12.00 Tommy Fleming - Live at Knock Basilica The performer provides an evening of songs and entertainment.
1.00 Don't Look Back in Anger
1.30 Don't Look Back in Anger
2.00 Close

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7.15 Dress to Impress. 8.00 Tipping Point. 9.00 Niall Quinn - Bootroom to Boardroom. 10.00 Don't Look Back in Anger. 10.30 Don't Look Back in Anger. 11.00 Beat the Chasers.
12.00 Cash Trapped
1.00 Dress to Impress A personal trainer chooses a date through a series of shopping challenges.
2.00 Cook Me the Money!
3.00 Unbeatable
4.00 Tipping Point
5.00 Tipping Point
6.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on one of the ruthless Chasers and secure a cash prize.
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8.00 Alan Carr's Epic



Gameshow Christmas Special The comedian hosts a festive edition of Child's Play.
9.00 Cooking with the Stars The remaining four celebrities present their best Thai-inspired dishes.
10.00 FILM: Tears of the Sun A veteran lieutenant is sent to rescue a doctor from crisis-torn Nigeria, but ends up trying to save the lives of refugees. Action drama, starring Bruce Willis and Monica Bellucci. (2003)
12.25 Living with Lucy Presenter Lucy Kennedy moves in with Ivan Yates.
1.25 Living with Lucy Presenter Lucy Kennedy moves in with businesswoman Gráinne Seoige.
2.23 Close



BBC One HD



6.00 Breakfast. 8.55 Tabby McTat. 9.20 The Gruffalo's Child.
9.50 FILM: Pokemon: Detective Pikachu Fantasy adventure, starring Justice Smith. (2019)
11.25 FILM: Abominable Animated adventure, featuring the voice of Chloe Bennet. (2019)
12.50 BBC News at One; Weather
1.05 BBC Newsline; Weather
1.15 FILM: Beauty and the Beast Musical fairy tale, starring Emma Watson and Dan Stevens. (2017)
3.15 FILM: Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway Premiere. Adventure sequel, with the voice of James Corden. (2021)
4.40 BBC News
4.55 BBC Newsline; Weather
5.05 FILM: The Lion King Premiere. Animated adventure, featuring the voice of Donald Glover. (2019)
6.50 Charles III: The Coronation Year An insight into the life of the new monarch, following the first year of his reign as he and Queen Camilla embrace their roles and carry out their new work and duties.
8.25 EastEnders Denise, Kathy, Linda, Sharon, Stacey and Suki try to deal with the fallout of the events of Christmas Day and George convinces Elaine not to return to the Vic.
9.00 Death in Paradise Feature-length episode. An entrepreneur and family man is found dead in a ravine.
10.30 BBC News; Weather
10.50 Match of the Day Action from the Boxing Day matches in the Premier League, including Burnley v Liverpool at Turf Moor and Manchester United v Aston Villa at Old Trafford.
11.55 Doctor Who: Unleashed - The Church on Ruby Road Behind the scenes on the Christmas special, which marks Ncuti Gatwa's first adventure as the Doctor and also introduces Millie Gibson as new companion Ruby Sunday.
12.25 FILM: Crazy Rich Asians Comedy, starring Constance Wu. (2018)
2.20 Blankety Blank Christmas Special
2.55 Weather
3.00 BBC News A round-up of the latest headlines.

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6.00 The Simpsons.
6.25 FILM: Tad the Lost Explorer and the Secret of King Midas Animated adventure, with the voice of Trevor White. (2017)



7.50 FILM: The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie Children's animated comedy, with the voice of Tom Kenny. (2004)
9.35 The Bear. 10.05 We're Going on a Bear Hunt. 10.40 Terry Pratchett's The Abominable Snow Baby. 11.05 Mog's Christmas.
11.40 FILM: Annie John Huston's musical, with Aileen Quinn and Albert Finney. (1982)
2.05 The Piano at Christmas Claudia Winkleman hosts a Christmas special at London's Kings Cross station.
3.25 Channel 4 News With sport and weather.
3.30 FILM: The Great Escape Second World War drama, starring Steve McQueen. (1963)
6.50 FILM: Raiders of the Lost Ark Archaeologist Indiana Jones tries to locate the Ark of the Covenant before the Nazis get their hands on it. Steven Spielberg's action adventure, with Harrison Ford and Karen Allen. (1981)
9.00 Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2023 Jimmy Carr presents his annual quiz rounding up the last year with Richard Ayoade, Katherine Ryan, Mel Giedroyc, Mo Gilligan, Rosie Jones and Kevin Bridges.
11.00 Gogglebox 2023 Britain's favourite opinionated TV viewers share their sharp, insightful, passionate, and sometimes emotional critiques of 2023's biggest and best shows.
1.00 FILM: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Fantasy adventure, starring Megan Fox. (2014)
2.45 The Festive Pottery Throw Down
3.45 Extraordinary Escapes at Christmas with Sandi Toksvig
4.40 Sarah Beeny's New Life in the Country
5.10 Couples Come Dine with Me



Dirty Dancing
TG4 December 26 11.40pm

Dirty Dancing is a 1987 American romantic drama dance film written by Eleanor Bergstein, produced by Linda Gottlieb, and directed by Emile Ardolino. Starring Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey, it tells the story of Frances "Baby" Houseman (Grey), a young woman who falls in love with dance instructor Johnny Castle (Swayze) at a vacation resort. The film was based on screenwriter Bergstein's own childhood. She originally wrote a screenplay for the Michael Douglas film It's My Turn, but ultimately ended up conceiving a story for a film which became Dirty Dancing. She finished the script in 1985, but management changes at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer put the film in development hell. The production company was changed to Vestron Pictures with Emile Ardolino as director and Linda Gottlieb as producer. Filming took place in Lake Lure, North Carolina, and Mountain Lake, Virginia, with the film's score composed by John Morris and dance choreography by Kenny Ortega.

WEDNESDAY December 27 TV

RTÉ ONE HD


3.40 Grease

6.00 EuroNews. 7.10 Teleshopping. 7.40 Bridge of Lies.
8.35 FILM: The Towering Inferno Disaster movie, starring Paul Newman and Steve McQueen. (1974)
11.45 EastEnders.
12.30 Fair City
1.00 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather
1.10 Neighbours
1.40 FILM: The Jewel of the Nile Comedy adventure sequel, starring Michael Douglas. (1985)
3.40 FILM: Grease Romantic musical, with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. (1978)
5.45 Nuacht
5.55 RTÉ News with Signing
6.00 The Angelus A reflective minute, where people of all faiths and none may, if they choose, take time out.
6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather
6.30 Cloch Le Carn Celebrating the late Christy Dignam.
7.30 EastEnders The nightmare continues for the six matriarchs of Albert Square. Followed by Lotto.
8.00 Pat Shortt's Entertainment from D'Telly
8.30 JFK - The Three Miles Documenting John F. Kennedy's Irish sojourn in 1963.
9.00 RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock and Weather
9.30 FILM: Ann Premiere. The real-life story of Ann Lovett, a 15-year-old girl who died in childbirth in a grotto in Granard, Co. Longford in 1984. Drama, starring Zara Devlin. (2021) Followed by Weather.
11.30 FILM: Mrs Henderson Presents A widow invests her fortune in an abandoned London theatre and defies censorship laws to stage a controversial nude revue. Fact-based comedy drama, with Judi Dench and Bob Hoskins. (2005)
1.30 The Records Show
2.35 Best Place to Be
3.00 Saol na Feirme
3.25 Gaelic in the Joy
4.20 The Meaning of Life
4.55 Cheap Irish Homes
5.20 Realtaí na Gaeltachta

RTÉ 2 HD


6.35 Die Another Day



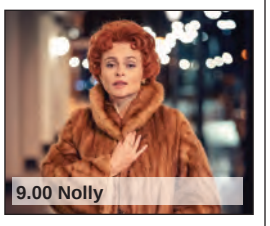
6.00 EuroNews. 8.00 TRTÉ. 8.00 Superworm. 8.25 Storybud. 8.30 Mr Stink. 9.40 Storybud.
9.45 FILM: Beethoven Canine comedy, starring Charles Grodin. (1992)
11.25 FILM: Beethoven's 2nd Comedy sequel, starring Charles Grodin. (1993)
1.00 Racing from Leopardstown Day two of Leopardstown Christmas Festival.
3.35 FILM: Memphis Belle Second World War drama, starring Matthew Modine. (1990)
5.35 The Simpsons Homer's mother dies, leaving him upset over never saying how much he loved her. Determined to make amends, he sets out to fulfil her final wishes. With the voice of Glenn Close.
6.05 Neighbours Australian soap opera, charting the lives and loves of the residents of the suburb of Erinsborough.
6.35 FILM: Die Another Day James Bond's pursuit of a Korean terrorist leads to a British billionaire who has constructed a devastating orbital weapon. Spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan and Halle Berry. (2002)
9.00 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 McGoohan and Sophie Marceau. (1995)
12.20 FILM: Rocky II Boxing drama sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone. (1979)
2.30 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.

TG4


10.20 The Blues Brothers

6.00 Cúla 4. 6.00 Cúla 4. 6.02 Zou. 6.14 Finny an Siorc. 6.26 Rita & Crogall. 6.30 Balloon Barnyard. 6.39 Pip and Posy. 6.45 Daisy & Ollie. 6.53 DinoCity. 7.00 Clifford Óg. 7.12 Elmo Anseo. 7.18 Abby's Amazing Adventures. 7.24 Pikwik Pack. 7.47 Petronix Defenders: Mission. 7.59 Cúla 4. 8.00 Nollaig an Yeití. 8.48 That's Joey. 8.59 Cúla 4. 9.01 Seal le Timmy. 9.07 CoComelon. 9.11 CoComelon. 9.15 Gailearaí Scú Scú.
9.45 FILM: An Affair to Remember Romantic drama, with Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr. (1957)
11.50 Éalú — Antartica.
12.55 FILM: The Pink Panther Strikes Again Crime comedy sequel, starring Peter Sellers. (1976)
2.50 Heartlands
3.20 Eire Fhiain - An Costa Thiar
4.17 An Aimsir Láithreach
4.20 Cluichí na Bliana 2023
5.20 FILM: Smurfs: The Lost Village Animated adventure, with the voice of Demi Lovato. (2017)
6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach
7.00 Nuacht TG4.
7.15 Siar 20 Bliain Analysis of the newly released classified state files from 20 years ago.
7.50 Scóalta Grá na hÉireann The extraordinary love story of Martha Witherington and Theobald Wolfe Tone.
8.20 Slí na mBeaglaoich Cormac and Breanndán Ó Beaglaoich travel from West Kerry to Listowel, celebrating the county's music.
9.20 Dessie: Documentary celebrating the life, times and music of renowned Irish singer Dessie O'Halloran, who died in 2019.
10.20 FILM: The Blues Brothers Two criminal brothers cause mayhem when they re-form their blues band to raise the funds to save their old orphanage from closure. Comedy, starring John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd. (1980)
12.48 An Aimsir Láithreach
12.50 Tony Bennett & Lady Gaga: Cheek to Cheek Live!
1.55 Nuacht TG4
2.10 Slí na mBeaglaoich
3.10 Dessie: Documentary celebrating the life of Dessie O'Halloran.
4.00 Heartlands
4.30 Siar 20 Bliain
5.00 France 24

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12.00 10 Years Younger in 10 Days
12.58 Virgin Media News Update
1.00 The Chase Celebrity Special
2.00 The Chase Celebrity Special
2.58 Virgin Media News Update
3.00 The Big Deal
4.00 Gino's Italian Escape
4.30 Judge Judy
5.00 Judge Judy
5.28 Virgin Media News Update
5.30 Big Year in Big School
6.30 Don't Look Back in Anger Archive news documentary chronicling the highs and lows of 2022 and all the chaos in between.
6.58 Virgin Media News Update Your 2-minute news update from the Virgin Media News team.
7.00 Emmerdale Belle forms a new plan. Suni fills Nicky in. Mary makes a suggestion.
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8.00 Coronation Street Craig follows a lead in order to crack the burglary case, Cassie engineers friction between Abi and Kevin, and Carla gains a new family member.
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9.00 Nolly New series. Helena Bonham Carter stars in this drama about actress Noele Gordon, who starred in soap opera Crossroads for 17 years, but was axed at the height of her fame.
10.00 FILM: Deadly Cuts Black comedy set in a working-class Dublin hair salon, where the stylists become accidental vigilantes and community heroes. Starring Angeline Ball. (2021)
11.50 PGA Tour Highlights
12.55 Don't Look Back in Anger Archive news stories from 2018.
1.25 Sport Stories: Nina Carberry An interview with the jockey.
1.55 Close

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11.00 Beat the Chasers

7.15 Dress to Impress. 8.00 Tipping Point. 9.00 Niall Quinn - Bootroom to Boardroom. 10.00 Don't Look Back in Anger. 10.30 Don't Look Back in Anger. 11.00 Beat the Chasers.
12.00 Cash Trapped
1.00 Dress to Impress
2.00 Cook Me the Money!
3.00 Unbeatable General knowledge quiz, hosted by Jason Manford.
4.00 Tipping Point
5.01 FILM: Are We There Yet? Family comedy, starring Ice Cube. (2005)
7.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on one of the ruthless Chasers and secure a cash prize.
8.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special With Colin Jackson, Anne Diamond, Josie Long and Nicky Campbell.
9.00 The Jonathan Ross Christmas Show With Ariana DeBose, Katherine Jenkins, Willem Dafoe, Romesh Ranganathan and Kevin Bridges.
10.05 The Masked Singer: I'm a Celebrity Special Joel Dommett hosts as four former I'm a Celebrity contestants battle it out, with Jonathan Ross, Rita Ora, Davina McCall and Mo Gilligan trying to guess their identities.



11.35 The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills Part two of three. Kyle reveals the devastating details of her house burglary.
12.30 Living with Lucy Lucy Kennedy spends a weekend with Nadine Coyle.
1.30 Living with Lucy Presenter Lucy Kennedy moves in with actor, writer and director John Connors.
2.19 Close



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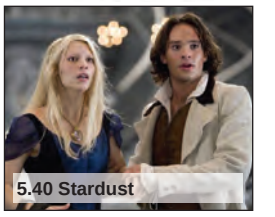

3.50 Ghostbusters

6.00 Breakfast. 9.10 Match of the Day.
10.15 FILM: Trolls Animated musical, with the voices of Anna Kendrick and Justin Timberlake. (2016)
11.40 FILM: Spirit Untamed Premiere. Animation, with the voice of Isabela Merced. (2021)
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather



1.20 BBC Newsline; Weather
1.25 Zog
1.55 The Snail and the Whale
2.25 FILM: The Croods 2: A New Age Premiere. Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Nicolas Cage. (2020)
3.50 FILM: Ghostbusters Supernatural comedy, starring Bill Murray. (1984)
5.30 Pointless Celebrities
6.15 BBC News at Six; Weather
6.35 BBC Newsline; Weather
6.45 Celebrity Escape to the Country Janette Manrara and Aljaz Skorjanec search for a new home in rural Cheshire.
7.30 EastEnders The nightmare continues for the six matriarchs of Albert Square as the residents of Walford reel in the wake of recent events and Felix capitalises on another business's misfortune.
8.00 The Repair Shop Experts fix an electronic sound processor, a dog statue and a doctor's diploma.
9.00 Agatha Christie's Murder Is Easy Sian Ejiwunmi-Le Berre's adaptation of the novel, set in 1954.
10.00 BBC News at Ten
10.25 BBC News; Weather
10.30 Face Down: The Disappearance of Thomas Niedermayer The granddaughters of the businessman uncover the truth about his murder.
11.55 Imagine: French & Saunders - One of the UK's most successful double acts of the past 40 years.
1.25 French and Saunders
2.05 The Hit List
2.50 Weather
2.55 BBC News

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5.40 Stardust

6.00 The Simpsons.
7.35 FILM: Alvin and the Chipmunks Children's comedy, starring Jason Lee. (2007)
9.20 FILM: Dora and the Lost City of Gold Live-action family adventure, starring Isabela Merced. (2019)
11.20 Channel 4 News Summary.
11.25 Junior Bake Off.
1.00 FILM: Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events Comedy adventure, starring Jim Carrey. (2004) 3.05 A Place in the Sun Allie and Cliff search for a new home in Crete.
4.05 Christmas at Liberty The famous London department store prepares for Christmas.
5.10 Channel 4 News
5.40 FILM: Stardust Fantasy adventure, starring Charlie Cox and



Claire Danes. (2007)
8.00 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer visit Swansea to help Sarah and Caradog, who moved into their four-bedroom home shortly before their third child was born in 2008 and have been struggling for space ever since, with only one bathroom, a cramped kitchen and an office squeezed into the box room. Sarah is ready to list it. But Caradog is determined to love it and is convinced this home can work with Kirstie's magic touch.
10.00 FILM: Catch Me If You Can A conman lies his way across America, posing as a pilot, a doctor and a lawyer, while outwitting the FBI at every turn. Fact-based drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks. (2002)
12.45 FILM: Predator Sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. (1987)
2.30 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back
3.20 Couples Come Dine with Me
4.10 Devon and Cornwall at Christmas
5.05 The Piano at Christmas

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THURSDAY December 28 TV

RTÉ ONE HD



6.00 EuroNews.
6.45 Teleshopping.
7.20 Teleshopping.
7.55 The Kelly Clarkson Show.
8.45 Bridge of Lies; Weather.
9.40 FILM: Far from the Madding Crowd Romantic drama, starring Julie Christie and Terence Stamp. (1967)
12.45 Telly Bingo
1.00 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather
1.10 Neighbours
1.40 EastEnders
2.20 FILM: Fiddler on the Roof Musical, starring Topol. (1971)
5.45 Nuacht
5.55 RTÉ News with Signing
6.00 The Angelus
6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather
6.30 Framing Irish History - The Sean Sexton Collection
7.30 EastEnders Elaine arrives back from her mini break to the news of the last few days.
8.00 Donal's Festive Party Join Donal for a sophisticated evening of party food to enjoy the festive season.
8.30 Fair City As Dean gets more emotionally attached to Vicky, her true identity is revealed.
9.00 RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock and Weather
9.30 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) Followed by Weather.
11.50 FILM: The Electric Horseman A washed-up former rodeo star saves a mistreated thoroughbred horse and rides it to grazing land, with a reporter in hot pursuit. Drama, starring Robert Redford and Jane Fonda. (1979)
2.10 FILM: Love Story Romantic drama, starring Ali MacGraw and Ryan O'Neal. (1970)
3.50 Telly Bingo Lottery game show, presented by Declan Buckley.
4.00 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.

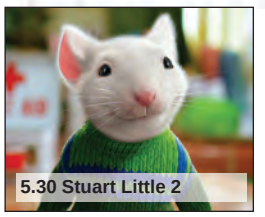
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6.00 EuroNews. 7.50 TRTÉ. 7.50 Zog and the Flying Doctors. 8.20 Piney: The Lonesome Pine.
8.50 FILM: Fluke Family adventure, starring Matthew Modine. (1995)
10.30 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out.
11.00 FILM: K-9 Police comedy, starring James Belushi. (1989)
1.00 Racing from Leopardstown Day three of Leopardstown Christmas Festival.
3.20 FILM: Brewster's Millions Comedy, starring Richard Pryor and John Candy. (1985)
5.15 The Simpsons Marge starts a carpentry business.
5.40 The Simpsons Lisa becomes Krusty's new assistant, but soon outshines him and earns her own TV show. Meanwhile, Homer and Bart bond over their new hobby Ñ coin collecting.
6.10 Neighbours Australian soap opera.
6.40 FILM: Spider-Man: Far from Home The webslinger's European vacation leads to a battle with elemental monsters from another dimension. Superhero adventure sequel, starring Tom Holland and Jake Gyllenhaal. (2019)
9.00 FILM: 1917 During the First World War, two British soldiers attempt to cross enemy lines to deliver a message that could save hundreds. War drama, starring Dean-Charles Chapman. (2019)
11.05 The 2 Johnnies Late Night Lock In Best Bits The Tipperary duo present highlights from their comedy and entertainment, in which they were joined every week by their celebrity friends for a host of shenanigans.
12.05 FILM: The Duchess Fact-based period drama, starring Keira Knightley. (2008)
European and international headlines live via satellite.

TG4



6.00 Cúla 4. 6.00 Cúla 4. 6.02 Zou. 6.14 Finny an Siorc. 6.26 Digley & Dazey. 6.29 Digley & Dazey. 6.30 Balloon Barnyard. 6.39 Pip and Posy. 6.45 Daisy & Ollie. 6.53 DinoCity. 7.00 Mecha Builders. 7.12 Elmo & Tango, Mistirí Mistireacha. 7.18 Abby's Amazing Adventures. 7.24 True agus Ríocht an Bhogha Ceatha. 7.47 PJ Masks. 7.59 Cúla 4. 8.00 Frozen in Time. 8.48 That's Joey. 8.59 Cúla 4. 9.01 Seal le Timmy. 9.07 CoComelon. 9.11 CoComelon. 9.15 Bia Linn. 9.30 Lá Le Mamó nó Daideo. 9.38 Is Mise. 9.49 Blocuimhreacha.
10.00 FILM: Bells Are Ringing Musical comedy, with Judy Holliday. (1960)
12.20 Bádóirí, Bliain gan Coimhlint
1.15 FILM: How to Steal a Million Crime comedy, starring Audrey Hepburn and Peter O'Toole. (1966)
3.30 Eire Fhiain - An Costa Thiar
4.27 An Aimsir Láithreach
4.30 Cluichí na Bliana 2023
5.30 FILM: Stuart Little 2 Family adventure sequel, with the voice of Michael J Fox. (2002)
6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach
7.00 Nuacht TG4 The day's main news stories from a regional, national and international perspective.
7.15 Geantraí Musician Dónal Lunny presents from O'Rourke's Bar in Newbridge, Co Kildare.
7.50 Slí na mBeaglaoich Cormac and Breanndán ó Beaglaoich take their camper van across over the Shannon to Clare, where they meet the Donnellans on their farm.
8.50 Ros na Rún Annette holds out hope for her relationship with David after Bobbi Lee gives her more advice.
9.20 Inis Meáin, Idir dhá linn A poetic glimpse into a remote island's past, present and by film-maker Chris Rodmell .
10.20 Moya
11.18 An Aimsir Láithreach
11.20 David Bowie: The Last Five Years
12.30 FILM: David Bowie - A Reality Tour A 2003 concert at Dublin's Point Theatre.
1.35 Glórtha ón Imeall
2.05 Nuacht TG4
2.20 Slí na mBeaglaoich
3.20 Ros na Rún
3.45 Inis Meáin, Idir dhá linn
4.40 Geantraí
5.05 France 24

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6.00 Cash Trapped. 6.50 Born to Be Wild. 8.00 The Masked Dancer. 9.30 Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy. 10.00 America's Got Talent: Extreme.
12.00 10 Years Younger in 10 Days
12.58 Virgin Media News Update
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2.00 Celebrity Catchphrase
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3.00 The Big Deal
4.00 Gino's Italian Escape: Islands in the Sun
4.30 Judge Judy
5.00 Judge Judy
5.28 Virgin Media News Update
5.30 Big Year in Big School
6.30 Celebrity Catchphrase Stephen Mulhern hosts another charity edition of the game show.
7.28 Virgin Media News Update Your 2-minute news update from the Virgin Media News team.
7.30 Emmerdale Tom presents Belle with his mum's ring. Nicola convinces Bob to help her. Heath and Cathy have a plan.
8.00 Coronation Street The discovery of Ed's gambling relapse causes ructions in the Bailey family, Stu's confession horrifies Yasmeen, and Jenny and Daisy celebrate reclaiming the Rovers.
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9.00 Nolly To save her career, Noele returns to the stage in one of theatre's hardest roles, and must overcome her insecurities. Last in the series.
10.00 Snowden and Margaret: A Scandalous Affair
11.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?
12.00 Lucy's Puppy Problems Lucy Kennedy looks at the consequences of the surge in demand for dogs.
1.00 Posh Pawn A behind-the-scenes look at life with the kings of high-end pawnbroking.
2.00 Close

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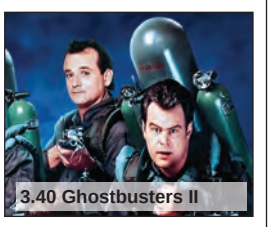




7.10 Dress to Impress. 8.00 Tipping Point. 9.00 Don't Look Back in Anger. 9.30 Don't Look Back in Anger. 10.00 Shane Carthy: Dark Blue. 11.00 Beat the Chasers.
12.00 Cash Trapped
1.00 Dress to Impress Three single suitors attempt to win the affections of Vicky from Leicester.
2.00 Cook Me the Money!
3.00 Unbeatable
4.00 Tipping Point
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6.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on one of the ruthless Chasers and secure a cash prize.
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8.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars Christmas Special Clare Balding, Joe Swash and Sherrie Hewson take on the machine.
9.00 The Masked Singer: Christmas Special Four famous faces battle it out in a festive special.
10.30 The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills Part three of three. The ladies relive that eventful trip to Berlin.
11.30 The Real Housewives of Dallas Reality series following a group of women in Dallas.
12.25 Living with Lucy Presenter Lucy Kennedy moves in with comedian Deirdre O'Kane.
1.20 Living with Lucy Presenter Lucy Kennedy moves in with Irish actor Barry Keoghan in Los Angeles.
2.15 Close



BBC one HD



6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 CBeebies Panto: Robin Hood.
10.05 FILM: Trolls World Tour Animated adventure, with the voices of Anna Kendrick and Justin Timberlake. (2020)
11.30 FILM: Inside Out Pixar animated fantasy, with the voice of Amy Poehler. (2015)
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather
1.20 BBC Newsline; Weather
1.25 Superworm
1.55 FILM: The BFG Fantasy adventure, starring Mark Rylance. (2016)
3.40 FILM: Ghostbusters II Supernatural comedy sequel, starring Bill Murray. (1989)
5.25 Pointless Celebrities
6.15 BBC News at Six; Weather
6.35 BBC Newsline; Weather
6.45 Celebrity Escape to the Country Christopher Biggins and his partner Neil consider a new home in the rural Home Counties.
7.30 EastEnders Elaine arrives back from her mini break to the news of the last few days.
8.00 MasterChef: Battle of the Critics 2023 Five restaurant critics compete in the MasterChef kitchen.
9.00 Agatha Christie's Murder Is Easy Part two of two. The village is shaken by another death.
10.00 BBC News at Ten A round-up of today's headlines.
10.25 BBC Newsline; Weather
10.30 Give My Head Peace New series. Da is haunted by three Christmas ghosts.
11.00 The Blame Game Best Bits Comedy clips from the series. Last in the series.
11.30 Dawn French Is a Huge Tw*t The comedy star lays bare the most stupid mistakes of her career.
12.45 The Cleaner Wicky faces a blood-soaked crime scene in an ice-cream parlour.
1.20 Michael McIntyre's Christmas Wheel Rylan Clark, Peter Crouch and Nicole Scherzinger compete for charity.
2.15 Weather
2.20 BBC News A round-up of the latest headlines.

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6.05 The Simpsons.
6.30 The Simpsons.
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7.45 The Simpsons.
8.10 FILM: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel Comedy, starring Zachary Levi. (2009)
9.50 FILM: Aliens in the Attic Children's sci-fi comedy, starring Carter Jenkins. (2009)
11.35 Channel 4 News Summary.
11.40 Junior Bake Off.
1.10 FILM: The Ten Commandments Biblical epic, starring Charlton Heston. (1956)
5.30 Channel 4 News A headline round-up. With sport and weather.
6.00 A Place in the Sun A couple seek a permanent home in the town of Albufeira, Portugal.
7.00 The Dog House at Christmas The team at Woodgreen Pets Charity do some festive matchmaking. Identical twins Noah and Toby don't like sharing but spaniel cross puppy Jeff loves to overshare as much as possible.



8.00 Fur Babies Vet Bolo Eso helps 11-year-old Bessie to hatch chicken eggs. Last in the series.
9.00 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)
11.20 FILM: The Godfather A crime boss entrusts control of his business to his three sons after an attempt is made on his life. Francis Ford Coppola's gangster drama, starring Marlon Brando and Al Pacino. (1972)
2.30 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back
3.20 24 Hours in A&E A 14-year-old boy is rushed in after falling from a swing.
4.15 Couples Come Dine with Me
5.05 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It

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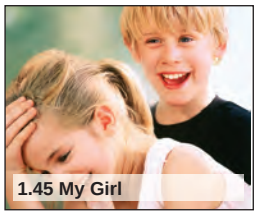
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FRIDAY December 29 TV

RTÉ ONE HD



6.00 EuroNews. 7.20 Teleshopping. 7.55 The Kelly Clarkson Show. 8.50 Bridge of Lies.
9.40 FILM: Yentl Musical drama, starring Barbra Streisand. (1983)
12.10 EastEnders
12.45 Telly Bingo
1.00 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather
1.10 Fair City
1.45 FILM: My Girl Drama, starring Anna Chlumsky and Macaulay Culkin. (1991)
3.50 FILM: My Girl 2 Comedy drama sequel, with Anna Chlumsky and Dan Aykroyd. (1994)
5.45 Nuacht
5.55 RTÉ News with Signing
6.00 The Angelus A moment of reflection.
6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather The latest national and international headlines.
6.30 Séamus Begley - The Bold Kerryman The extraordinary journey of an unexpected musical virtuoso.
7.30 Fair City Vicky reels an oblivious Dean deeper in, causing him to compromise himself.
8.00 EastEnders Elaine sets out a plan to bring the Walford residents together.
8.30 Pat Shortt's Entertainment from D'Telly More entertainment highlights from the RTÉ archives.
9.00 RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock and Weather
9.30 Callan Kicks the Year 2023 Oliver Callan offers up his take on the events of 2023.
10.30 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special Agnes wants a nice, peaceful Christmas but her family have other ideas.
11.10 Cloch Le Carn Celebrating the late Christy Dignam. Followed by Weather.
12.10 FILM: Postcards from the Edge Comedy drama, starring Meryl Streep. (1990)
2.10 Sam Smith Live in London Fearne Cotton presents as Sam Smith performs tracks from 2017 album The Thrill of It All as well as hits including Stay With Me and the Oscar-winning Writing's on the Wall.
3.10 Telly Bingo Lottery game show.
3.25 EuroNews Headlines update.

RTÉ 2 HD



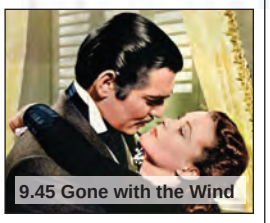
6.00 EuroNews. 7.50 TRTÉ. 7.50 Tabby McTat. 8.15 Thomas & Friends: Race for the Sodor Cup. 9.15 Ben 10 vs. The Universe: The Movie. 10.40 Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave.
11.15 FILM: The Witches Children's fantasy, starring Anjelica Huston. (1990)
1.00 Racing from Leopardstown Jane Mangan presents live coverage of day four of Leopardstown Christmas Festival alongside Lisa O'Neill and Ruby Walsh.



3.20 FILM: The Longest Day Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Richard Burton. (1962)
6.40 The Simpsons Sideshow Bob gets a job as a Santa at a mall.
7.05 FILM: The House with a Clock in Its Walls A 10-year-old orphan goes to live with his oddball uncle and accidentally awakens the dead. Fantasy comedy, starring Jack Black, Cate Blanchett and Owen Vaccaro. (2018)
9.00 FILM: Casino Royale James Bond pursues an international criminal responsible for financing terrorist organisations across the world. Spy thriller, starring Daniel Craig, Eva Green and Mads Mikkelsen. (2006)
11.40 FILM: Rocky III World heavyweight boxing champion Rocky Balboa's title is threatened by a challenge from an ambitious rival fighter. Drama, starring Sylvester Stallone, Mr T and Burgess Meredith. (1982)
1.30 The Ballycotton Sessions Featuring the music of J Yellow L.
2.00 The Ballycotton Sessions Featuring the music of Saint Sister.
2.30 EuroNews Headlines update.



TG4



6.00 Cúla 4. 6.00 Cúla 4. 6.02 Zou. 6.14 Finny an Siorc. 6.26 Rita & Crogall. 6.30 Balloon Barnyard. 6.39 Pip and Posy. 6.45 Daisy & Ollie. 6.53 DinoCity. 7.00 Clifford óg. 7.12 Elmo Anseo. 7.18 Abby's Amazing Adventures. 7.24 Pikwik Pack. 7.47 Petronix Defenders: Mission. 7.59 Cúla 4. 8.00 A Monsterous Holiday. 8.50 Pat an Madra. 8.59 Cúla 4. 9.01 Seal le Timmy. 9.07 Super Simple Amhráin. 9.11 ó a Sheáin. 9.15 Bia Linn. 9.30 Lá Le Mamó nó Daideo.
9.45 FILM: Gone with the Wind Epic romantic drama, starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable. (1939)
1.45 Turas i mBaol: An tSibéir
2.45 Ceol ón Chlann
3.15 Heartlands
3.47 An Aimsir Láithreach
3.50 GAA Beo - Na Scéalta 2023
4.20 Cluichí na Bliana
5.20 FILM: Ice Age 3: Dawn of the Dinosaurs Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of John Leguizamo. (2009)
6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach
7.00 Nuacht TG4 The day's main news stories.
7.15 Underdogs The Underdogs face the might of Galway United. Plus, a look back at the highlights of the 2023 series.
8.15 Steip na nÓg 2023 New series. A look back on the main individual Sean-Nós dancing competition for adults from Oireachtas na Samhna 2023.
9.15 Bagatelle - Ómós do Liam Reilly Feature-length documentary telling the story of Irish rock band Bagatelle. This film features the classic songs of the group performed by many well-known musicians.
10.17 An Aimsir Láithreach
10.20 FILM: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid Two notorious outlaws are pursued by a formidable posse as they flee from America to start a new life in Bolivia. Western, starring Paul Newman, Robert Redford and Katharine Ross. (1969)
12.25 Billy Joel Live at Yankee Stadium
2.00 Nuacht TG4
2.10 Steip na nÓg 2023 3.10 Bagatelle - Ómós do Liam Reilly
4.05 Underdogs The Underdogs take on Galway United. Last in the series.
5.00 France 24

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6.00 Cash Trapped. 6.50 Born to Be Wild. 8.00 The Masked Dancer. 9.30 Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy. 10.00 America's Got Talent: Extreme.
12.00 10 Years Younger in 10 Days
12.58 Virgin Media News Update
1.00 Alan Carr's Epic Gameshow Christmas Special
2.00 Celebrity Catchphrase
2.58 Virgin Media News Update
3.00 The Big Deal
4.00 Gino's Italian Escape: Islands in the Sun
4.30 Judge Judy
5.00 Judge Judy
5.28 Virgin Media News Update
5.30 Big Year in Big School
6.30 Celebrity Catchphrase Stephen Mulhern hosts another charity edition of the game show, with Dianne Buswell, Ria Hebden and Neil Morrissey trying to guess the familiar phrases.
7.28 Virgin Media News Update Your 2-minute news update from the Virgin Media News team.
7.30 Emmerdale Tom presents Belle with his mum's ring. Nicola convinces Bob to help her. Heath and Cathy have a plan.
8.00 Coronation Street The discovery of Ed's gambling relapse causes ructions in the Bailey family, Stu's confession horrifies Yasmeen, and Jenny and Daisy celebrate reclaiming the Rovers.
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9.00 Nolly To save her career, Noele returns to the stage in one of theatre's hardest roles, and must overcome her insecurities. Last in the series.
10.00 Snowden and Margaret: A Scandalous Affair
11.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?
12.00 Lucy's Puppy Problems Lucy Kennedy looks at the consequences of the surge in demand for dogs.
1.00 Posh Pawn A behind-the-scenes look at life with the kings of high-end pawnbroking.
2.00 Close

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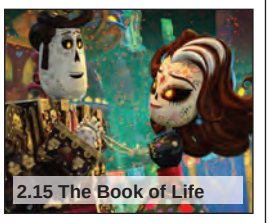


7.15 Dress to Impress. 8.00 Tipping Point. 9.00 Sport Stories: Eamon Dunphy. 10.00 Don't Look Back in Anger. 10.30 Don't Look Back in Anger. 11.00 The Hotel Inspector.
12.00 Cash Trapped Quiz, hosted by Bradley Walsh.
1.00 FILM: Are We There Yet? Family comedy, starring Ice Cube. (2005) 3.00 Unbeatable General knowledge quiz, hosted by Jason Manford.
4.00 Tipping Point
5.00 Tipping Point Quiz, hosted by Ben Shephard.
6.00 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh.
7.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on one of the ruthless Chasers and secure a cash prize.
8.00 Beat the Chasers Contestants take on a team of five Chasers.
9.00 The Graham Norton Show The host reviews trending news stories before inviting another group of Hollywood A-listers and British TV big shots to chat about what they've been up to recently.
10.20 The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills Teddi goes shopping for a new sports car.



11.10 The Jonathan Ross Show The host subjects another batch of celebrity guests to no-holds-barred questioning. Plus, musical performances by A-list bands and solo artists.
12.15 The Real Housewives of Dallas Brandi and Stephanie go undercover.
1.05 The Real Housewives of Dallas LeeAnne reveals that Cary cannot be friends with her and Stephanie any more.
2.02 Close

BBC One HD



6.00 Breakfast.
9.00 FILM: The Good Dinosaur Pixar animated adventure, with the voice of Raymond Ochoa. (2015)10.30 Dodger.
11.25 FILM: Big Hero 6 Animated adventure, featuring the voice of Ryan Potter. (2014)
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather
1.20 BBC Newsline; Weather
1.25 Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures
1.55 FILM: Trolls Holiday in Harmony Animated short, with the voices of Anna Kendrick and Justin Timberlake. (2021)
2.15 FILM: The Book of Life Animated adventure, with the voice of Diego Luna. (2014)
3.45 FILM: Alice Through the Looking Glass Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Mia Wasikowska. (2016)
5.30 Pointless Celebrities
6.15 BBC News at Six; Weather
6.35 BBC Newsline; Weather
6.45 Celebrity Escape to the Country Alistair Appleton is joined by TV presenter Cheryl Baker and her husband. Last in the series.
7.30 EastEnders Elaine sets out a plan to bring the Walford residents together.
8.00 Ghosts Kitty becomes convinced that Santa has made an early stop at Button House.
8.30 Would I Lie to You? With panellists Alex Jones, Chris McCausland, Su Pollard and Rav Wilding.
9.00 Men Up Drama based on the story of the first medical trials for Viagra.
10.30 BBC News at Ten A round-up of today's headlines.
10.55 BBC Newsline; Weather
11.00 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special Agnes wants a nice, peaceful Christmas but her family have other ideas.
11.30 Not Going Out Christmas Special Lee and Lucy invite a lonely pensioner to join them for Christmas dinner.
12.10 FILM: Game Night Black comedy, starring Jason Bateman and Rachel McAdams. (2018)
1.45 The Weakest Link: Christmas Special
2.35 Weather for the Week Ahead
2.40 BBC News A round-up of the latest headlines.

Channel 4



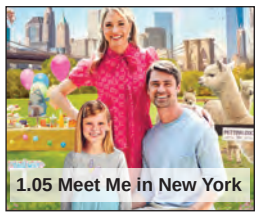


6.00 The Simpsons.
6.25 The Simpsons.
6.50 The Simpsons.
7.15 The Simpsons.
7.40 FILM: Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked Comedy sequel, starring Jason Lee. (2011)
9.20 FILM: Barnyard Animated comedy, with the voice of Kevin James. (2006)
11.05 Channel 4 News Summary.
11.10 Junior Bake Off.
12.45 FILM: Close Encounters of the Third Kind Sci-fi drama, starring Richard Dreyfuss. (1977)
3.25 FILM: Planes, Trains and Automobiles Comedy, starring Steve Martin and John Candy. (1987)
5.15 Channel 4 News Analysis of the day's headlines. With sport and weather.
5.40 FILM: Hidden Figures Fact-based drama, starring Taraji P Henson. (2016)
8.00 FILM: Cast Away A courier service manager is forced to fend for himself when a plane crash leaves him stranded alone for years on a desert island. Adventure drama, with Tom Hanks and Helen Hunt. (2000)
10.45 FILM: The Godfather Part II A Mafia don's rise to power is threatened by a traitor within the family. Francis Ford Coppola's Oscar-winning gangster drama sequel, starring Al Pacino and Robert De Niro. (1974)
2.25 FILM: Petite Maman Fantasy drama, starring Joséphine Sanz. (2021)
3.40 Come Dine with Me
4.05 Come Dine with Me
4.30 Come Dine with Me Sheepdog trainer Katy Cropper hosts the third dinner party in Cumbria.
4.55 Come Dine with Me
5.25 Come Dine with Me
5.50 Find It, Fix It, Flog It



SATURDAY December 30 TV

RTÉ ONE HD



6.00 EuroNews. 6.10 Teleshopping. 6.40 Teleshopping. 7.15 The Mallorca Files. 8.10 Fair City Omnibus; Weather. 10.45 Monarch of the Glen. 11.45 MasterChef.
12.55 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather National and international news.
1.05 FILM: Meet Me in New York Premiere. Romantic drama, starring Brooke Nevin and Corey Sevier. (2022)
2.45 FILM: The Bridge on the River Kwai Oscar-winning Second World War drama, starring Alec Guinness. (1957)
5.45 Nuacht The latest news headlines.
5.55 RTÉ News with Signing National and international news.
6.00 The Angelus
6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather The latest national and international headlines.
6.35 FILM: My Spy Nine-year-old Sophie blows the cover of a secret agent and blackmails him into training her for active duty. Comedy, starring Dave Bautista and Chloe Coleman. Includes Lotto. (2020)
8.30 The Way We Were The recent history of Irish housing.
9.30 RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock and Weather The latest national and international news.
10.00 FILM: Respect Premiere. The rise of Aretha Franklin's career from a child singing in her father's church's choir to her international fame, Biopic, starring Jennifer Hudson. (2021) Followed by Weather.
12.45 FILM: Psycho Hitchcock thriller, starring Anthony Perkins and Janet Leigh. (1960)



2.45 The Split A divorce lawyer finds business is personal when she leaves the family firm.
3.40 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.

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6.00 EuroNews. 7.45 TRTÉ. 7.45 We're Going on a Bear Hunt. 8.10 Room on the Broom. 8.40 The Gruffalo. 9.10 The Gruffalo's Child. 9.40 The Highway Rat. 10.10 Ben 10 vs. The Universe: The Movie. 11.35 Gangsta Granny.
12.55 FILM: Buona Sera, Mrs Campbell Comedy, starring Gina Lollobrigida. (1968)
3.05 Ariana Grande: Live in London
4.00 The 1% Club Quiz, hosted by Lee Mack.
4.55 Top Gear Paddy McGuinness reviews the Aston Martin Victor.
6.00 FILM: Thunderball **James Bond sets out to foil a plot by crime syndicate Spectre to detonate two nuclear warheads off the US coast. Spy adventure, with Sean Connery, Claudine Auger and Adolfo Celi. (1965)**
8.25 Dogs in the Wild: Meet the Family A look at wild dogs' secrets to success, from leaping jackals and sneezing African wild dogs to grey foxes that climb trees. Chris Packham narrates.
9.30 FILM: The Last Letter from Your Lover Premiere. A journalist discovers secret letters from 1965, and becomes determined to solve the mystery of the forbidden affair at their centre. Romantic drama with Shailene Woodley. (2021)
11.30 FILM: The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas The son of a concentration camp commandant befriends an imprisoned Jewish boy, while remaining oblivious to the horrors around them. Drama, with David Thewlis and Asa Butterfield. (2008)
1.10 FILM: Sleeping with the Enemy Thriller, starring Julia Roberts. (1991)
2.55 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.



TG4



6.00 Cúla 4. 6.00 Cúla 4. 6.02 Zou. 6.14 Finny an Siorc. 6.26 Rita & Crogall. 6.31 CoComelon. 6.34 CoComelon. 6.38 Digley & Dazey. 6.41 Digley & Dazey. 6.46 Pip and Posy. 6.53 Balloon Barnyard. 7.00 Clifford îg. 7.12 Elmo Anseo. 7.18 Elmo Anseo. 7.24 Deer Squad. 7.36 DinoCity. 7.41 Woozle & Pip. 7.46 PJ Masks. 7.58 Cúla 4. 8.00 The Garfield Show. 8.13 Miraculous: Tales of Ladybug & Cat Noir. 8.36 That's Joey. 8.47 That's Joey. 8.58 Zak Jinks. 9.12 Dónall Dána. 9.25 Angelo Rules. 9.36 Angelo Rules. 9.48 Pat an Madra.
10.00 FILM: Calamity Jane Musical comedy Western, starring Doris Day. (1953)
11.55 Domhan an Dúlra - Iontais an Gheimhridh.
12.55 FILM: The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep Children's fantasy adventure, starring Alex Etel. (2007)
2.50 Ceol ón Chlann
3.20 Heartlands
3.53 An Aimsir Láithreach
3.55 Cluich' na Bliana
4.55 Rugba' Beo
6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach
7.00 Nuacht TG4
7.15 Capercaillie @ Celtic Connections 2022 Recorded at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall in June 2022, new orchestral arrangements of music from Capercaillie's celebrated back catalogue.
8.10 The Three Amigos Live in Concert Country music special, featuring the vocal talents of Jimmy Buckley, Robert Mizzel and Patrick Feeney.
9.17 An Aimsir Láithreach
9.20 Paddy na Meachain Ireland's native honey bees are under threat due to hybridisation with non-native strains of honey bees. This film documents efforts to protect them.
10.20 FILM: There's Something About Mary A lovesick man hires a seedy detective to track down his high-school sweetheart - but discovers he has many rivals for her affections. Comedy, starring Cameron Diaz and Ben Stiller. (1998)
12.30 Neil Diamond: Greatest Hits Live
1.45 Nuacht TG4
2.00 Paddy na Meachain
3.00 Heartlands
3.30 Cluich' na Bliana
4.25 Ceol ón Chlann
4.50 France 24
5.30 France 24

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6.10 Yes Chef. 7.00 Yes Chef. 8.00 Yes Chef. 9.00 The Masked Dancer. 10.30 Gino's Italian Escape: Islands in the Sun.
11.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special.
12.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special
12.56 Virgin Media News Update
1.00 Live Racing Coverage from Newbury, Haydock Park and Taunton.
3.58 Virgin Media News Update
4.00 The Big Deal
5.01 Big Year in Big School
5.58 Virgin Media News Update
6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase Christmas Special Stephen Mulhern hosts a celebrity special of the classic game show, with three contestants all guessing well-known phrases for the chance to win £50,000 for their chosen charity.



6.58 Virgin Media News Update Your 2-minute news update from the Virgin Media News team.
7.00 The Masked Singer New series. Joel Dommett hosts the return of the singing contest in which the celebrity panel must guess the famous faces performing behind elaborate costumes.
8.30 The Voice UK Final Emma Willis presents the climax of the singing contest, in which the last four acts compete for the chance to win a recording contract. Last in the series.
10.20 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Big-prize quiz, hosted by Jeremy Clarkson.
11.20 The Graham Norton Show The host reviews trending news stories before inviting another group of Hollywood A-listers and British TV big shots to chat about what they've been up to recently.
12.35 FILM: Deadly Cuts Black comedy, starring Angeline Ball. (2021)
2.35 Close



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6.45 Cash Trapped.
7.35 Gift Wrapped.
8.30 Cash Trapped.
9.30 Cash Trapped.
10.30 WWE SmackDown.
11.35 The Voice UK.
1.05 The Voice UK The blind audition phase continues.
2.30 Britain's Brightest Family
3.00 Fota: Into the Wild Documentary following the staff and animals of Fota Wildlife Park in Co Cork.
4.00 Tipping Point
5.00 Cash Trapped
6.00 Cook Me the Money! Three teams of amateur chefs from Chesterfield are challenged to target, market, price and sell their own food to the general public.
7.00 Unbeatable General knowledge quiz, hosted by Jason Manford, in which four contestants vie to find the Ôunbeatable' answer and streak ahead of the rest to win a cash prize.
8.00 Dress to Impress Three suitors from London compete for the affections of dancer Kea.



9.00 The Restaurant Broadcaster Anton Savage becomes head chef for the day, serving Dover sole with Dublin Bay prawns and samphire, and slow and low-braised beef cheek.
10.00 Fanning at Whelan's Dave Fanning showcases the best of Irish music talent.
11.00 The Group Chat Virgin Media News' hit podcast with Richard Chambers, Gavan Reilly and Zara King. The trio sit down together and discuss the main news stories of the week.
12.00 FILM: The Blind Side Fact-based drama, starring Sandra Bullock. (2009)
2.47 Close



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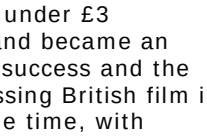
6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen. 11.30 Nigel Slater's New Year Suppers.
12.00 Football Focus
1.00 BBC News; Weather
1.15 FILM: The Secret Life of Pets 2 Animated sequel, featuring the voice of Patton Oswalt. (2019)
2.35 FILM: Finding Dory Animated sequel, with the voice of Ellen DeGeneres. (2016)
4.05 Final Score
5.20 FILM: Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers The animated duo fall foul of a villainous penguin. (1993)
5.45 BBC News
5.55 BBC Newsline; Weather; Weather
6.00 FILM: Paddington 2 The lovable bear's search for the perfect birthday present for his aunt leads to being framed as a thief. Comedy adventure, with Ben Whishaw providing the voice of Paddington. (2017)
7.40 The Weakest Link Joe Pasquale, Krishnan Guru-Murthy and Beth Tweddle are among the contestants.
8.25 Pointless Celebrities Colin Salmon, Chizzy Akudulo and Rosie Marcel are among the contestants.
9.15 Casualty Stevie is tested to breaking point after taking on more responsibility.
10.05 BBC News; Weather
10.25 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Luton Town v Chelsea at Kenilworth Road and Manchester City v Sheffield United at Etihad Stadium.
11.45 FILM: The Martian An astronaut left stranded on Mars has to find a way to survive for years on meagre resources. Ridley Scott's sci-fi drama, starring Matt Damon and Jessica Chastain. (2015)
2.00 Weather for the Week Ahead
2.05 BBC News A round-up of the latest headlines.



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6.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip. Family comedy sequel, starring Jason Lee. 7.30 The Simpsons. 7.55 The Simpsons. 8.25 The Simpsons. 8.55 The Simpsons. 9.25 The Simpsons. 9.55 The Simpsons. 10.25 The Simpsons. 10.55 The Simpsons.
11.25 FILM: Father Goose Comedy drama, with Cary Grant. (1964)
1.45 FILM: Lawrence of Arabia **Oscar-winning epic drama, starring Peter O'Toole. (1962)**
6.00 Channel 4 News



6.25 The Festive Pottery Throw Down Siobhán McSweeney hosts a special Christmas episode, joined by celebrity contestants Hugh Dennis, Sophie Duker, Alice Levine and Joe Swash. Judges Keith Brymer Jones and Rich Miller set two festive challenges - hand-building a Christmas birdhouse and a surprising second task where speed is of the essence, as the celebrities take to the wheel to see who can throw the most festive nibbles bowls.
7.40 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)
10.00 FILM: Four Weddings and a Funeral A man's misfortunes in love look set to change when he meets an American beauty at a wedding. Richard Curtis's romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant, Andie MacDowell and John Hannah. (1994)
12.15 FILM: The Godfather Coda: The Death of Michael Corleone Director's cut of The Godfather: Part III, starring Al Pacino. (2020)
3.00 Couples Come Dine with Me
3.55 Sarah Beeny's New Life in the Country
4.30 Hollyoaks Omnibus



Four Weddings and a Funeral
Channel 4, December 30 10.00pm

TFour Weddings and a Funeral is a 1994 British romantic comedy film directed by Mike Newell. It is the first of several films by screenwriter Richard Curtis to star Hugh Grant, and follows the adventures of Charles (Grant) and his circle of friends through a number of social occasions as they each encounter romance. Andie MacDowell co-stars as Charles's love interest Carrie, with Kristin Scott Thomas, James Fleet, Simon Callow, John Hannah, Charlotte Coleman, David Bower, Corin Redgrave, and Rowan Atkinson in supporting roles. The film was made in six weeks, cost under £3 million,[1] and became an unexpected success and the highest-grossing British film in history at the time, with worldwide box office total of $245.7 million, and receiving Academy Award nominations for Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay.

SUNDAY December 31 TV

RTÉ ONE HD



6.00 EuroNews. 6.55 Teleshopping. 7.30 Teleshopping. 8.10 The Mallorca Files. 9.05 Casualty. 10.00 Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators. 10.55 Framing Irish History - The Sean Sexton Collection; Weather.
12.00 Mass
1.00 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather; Weather
1.10 FILM: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels Comedy, starring Michael Caine and Steve Martin. (1988)
3.25 FILM: The Poseidon Adventure Disaster movie, starring Gene Hackman. (1972)
5.45 Nuacht The latest news headlines.
5.50 RTÉ News with Signing; Weather National and international news.
6.00 The Angelus A reflective minute, where people of all faiths and none may, if they choose, take time out.
6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather
6.30 DIY SOS: The Big Build Ireland Making a family home suitable for the needs of a child with a rare disorder.
7.30 The Full Irish Hidden Camera Show Donncha O'Callaghan, Doireann Garrihy and Carl Mullan play pranks on the public.
8.00 Fair City When Hayley tricks James into a confession, her reaction devastates him.
8.30 Dolores@70 A feature length docu-music programme on Dolores Keane and the Keane family.
9.30 RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock and Weather
9.40 Mrs Brown's Boys New Year Special
10.15 The Late Late Show Patrick Kielty hosts a New Year's celebration.
11.45 NYE Countdown Concert Anna Geary rings in the new year at Dublin Castle for a countdown concert. Followed by Weather.
12.25 FILM: The Silence of the Lambs Thriller, starring Jodie Foster and Anthony Hopkins. (1991)
2.35 FILM: Shirley Valentine Comedy, starring Pauline Collins. (1989)
4.00 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.

RTÉ 2 HD



6.00 EuroNews. 8.00 Superworm. 8.25 The Smeds and the Smoos. 8.55 The Snail and the Whale. 9.20 Stick Man. 9.50 Tabby McTat.
10.15 FILM: TRTÉ (2023)
10.15 FILM: Puffin Rock and the New Friends Children's animation, with the voice of Beth McCafferty. (2023)
11.45 Mr Stink.
12.55 News2day Review of The Year.
1.25 FILM: Madagascar Animated comedy, with the voice of Ben Stiller. (2005)
3.00 Jules Verne's Mysterious Island
4.45 Harry Styles Live in Manchester The singer performs tracks from his debut album.
6.00 The Green Planet The strategy, deception and feats of engineering plants use to thrive in the changing weather of different seasons, when survival is often a question of perfect timing.
7.00 FILM: Johnny English Reborn A bumbling former secret agent is lured out of seclusion to foil an attempt to assassinate the premier of China. Spy comedy sequel, starring Rowan Atkinson and Gillian Anderson. (2011)
9.00 Father Ted Jack is declared dead after drinking too much floor polish.
9.30 FILM: Mile 22 A team of US intelligence officers



attempt to smuggle a police officer with sensitive information out of Indonesia. Thriller, starring Mark Wahlberg. (2018)
11.10 FILM: Borat Subsequent Moviefilm Premiere. Borat returns from Kazakhstan to America intent on giving his fifteen year old daughter to the vice president. Spoof documentary sequel, starring Sacha Baron

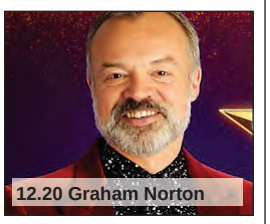


TG4



6.00 Cúla 4. 6.00 Cúla 4. 6.02 Zou. 6.14 Finny an Siorc. 6.26 Rita & Crogall. 6.31 CoComelon. 6.34 CoComelon. 6.38 Digley & Dazey. 6.41 Digley & Dazey. 6.46 Pip and Posy. 6.53 Balloon Barnyard. 7.00 Clifford îg. 7.12 Elmo Anseo. 7.18 Elmo Anseo. 7.24 Deer Squad. 7.36 DinoCity. 7.41 Woozle & Pip. 7.46 PJ Masks. 8.00 Yogi Bear. 9.16 Super Simple Amhráin. 9.20 Super Simple Amhráin. 9.25 Earth to Luna Special. 9.47 Blocuimhreacha.
9.55 FILM: Inherit the Wind Fact-based courtroom drama, starring Spencer Tracy. (1960)
12.20 Bádóir' The Galway hooker sailors prepare for the new racing season.
12.50 FILM: Singin' in the Rain Musical comedy, starring Gene Kelly. (1952)
2.42 An Aimsir Láithreach
2.45 Ceol ón Chlann
3.15 FILM: The Boss Baby Animated comedy, featuring the voice of Alec Baldwin. (2017)
5.00 Cluich' na Bliana
6.00 Ollchlár Ros na Rún Omnibus. John Joe is under pressure to pay up.
6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach National and international weather forecast.
7.00 Nuacht TG4 The day's main news stories from a regional, national and international perspective.
7.15 Boscadóir New series. The lives of three young accordion players from Munster, about their music and how they match up with earlier players, such as Joe Cooley and Paddy O'Brien.
7.35 Gradam Ceoil TG4 2023 The TG4 traditional Irish Music Awards, honours and celebrates the musical heros of our age. This year the awards will be held at the University Concert Hall, Limerick.
9.30 Geantra' The traditional music programme comes from Bofey Quinn's in Corofin, Co Clare.
10.00 An Cabaret Craiceáilte
11.27 An Aimsir Láithreach
11.30 Fáilte 2024
1.15 Take That: Odyssey Greatest Hits Live
2.30 Nuacht TG4
2.45 Ollchlár Ros na Rún
3.40 Geantra'
4.10 Ceol ón Chlann
4.35 Boscadóir
4.55 France 24
5.30 France 24

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6.25 Yes Chef. 7.15 Yes Chef. 8.10 Yes Chef. 9.10 The Masked Dancer. 10.45 Celebrity Catchphrase. 11.45 Born to Be Wild. 12.56 Virgin Media News Update
1.00 The Big Deal
2.00 The Big Deal
2.58 Virgin Media News Update
3.00 The Voice UK Final
5.05 Big Year in Big School
6.08 Virgin Media News Update Your 2-minute news update from the Virgin Media News team.



6.10 Blankety Blank Christmas Special Bradley Walsh hosts a festive edition of the game show, with panellists Jonathan Ross, Alison Hammond, Joanna Lumley, Alex Horne, Guz Khan and Joanna Page.
6.58 Virgin Media News Update Your 2-minute news update from the Virgin Media News team.
7.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars Christmas Special Celebrity edition, in which contestants answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine. Featuring Anton Du Beke, Scarlett Moffatt and Bobby Norris.
8.00 Coronation Street Jenny and Daisy prepare to ring in the new year at the reopened Rovers, Sarah and Adam are drawn back together, and Daniel proves that an auld acquaintance should not be forgot.
8.30 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Big-prize quiz in which another line-up of contestants answer questions that could change their lives.
9.30 FILM: The Shawshank Redemption A banker wrongly jailed for his wife's murder forms an extraordinary friendship with a fellow inmate over the course of their sentences. Drama, with Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. (1994)
12.20 The Graham Norton Show A sofa of stars, sparkling conversation, laughs and live music.
1.25 Celebrity Catchphrase Christmas Special
2.25 Close

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7.05 Gift Wrapped. 7.55 Dress to Impress. 8.50 Tipping Point. 9.50 WWE: Raw. 10.50 Yes Chef. 11.50 Yes Chef.
12.50 Fota: Into the Wild Bison specialist Aidan Rafferty visits the animals in the wild.
1.50 Cook Me the Money! Three teams compete in Bolton, Greater Manchester.
2.50 Tipping Point
3.50 FILM: The Wizard of Oz Musical fantasy, starring Judy Garland. (1939)
6.00 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot.
7.00 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. 8.00 Celebrity Lingo With Lulu, Lee Juggurnauth, Stacey Dooley, Kevin Clifton, Ugo Monye and Sam Quek.
9.00 The Graham Norton Show With guests Sophie Okonedo, Siobhán McSweeney, Jamie Dornan and James Norton.
10.15 The Jonathan Ross Christmas Show With Ariana DeBose, Katherine Jenkins, Willem Dafoe, Romesh Ranganathan and Kevin Bridges.



11.20 FILM: The Longest Yard An imprisoned quarterback is given the job of forming a team of inmates to play American football against the guards. Comedy remake, with Adam Sandler, Chris Rock and Burt Reynolds. (2005)
1.35 The Real Housewives of Dallas The time for Kameron's Sparkle Dog Launch Party nears, and Dallas' who's who and best in show are Ôdressed to the canines' to be involved.
2.26 Close



BBC One HD



6.00 Breakfast. 8.30 Match of the Day.
9.55 FILM: Cars 3 Animated adventure, featuring the voice of Owen Wilson. (2017)
11.30 The Famous Five.
1.00 BBC News; Weather A round-up of the latest headlines.
1.15 Songs of Praise: Singing In the New Year
1.50 Zog and the Flying Doctors
2.20 FILM: Saving Mr Banks Fact-based drama, with Emma Thompson and Tom Hanks. (2013)
4.20 FILM: The Jungle Book Disney adventure, starring Neel Sethi. (2016)
6.00 BBC News
6.15 BBC Newsline; Weather; Weather
6.25 Countryfile Margherita Taylor takes a wintry stroll alongside the River Lea.
7.25 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents the show from Roundhay Park, Leeds, where highlights include a rare Alfred Wallis painting and a cap made from celebrated racehorse Red Rum's hair.
8.25 FILM: Marry Me Premiere. Two music superstars are preparing to get married, but then she learns - seconds before her vows - that he has been unfaithful. Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Lopez. (2022)
10.10 BBC News; Weather
10.25 The Graham Norton New Year's Eve Show With guests Emma Stone, Mark Ruffalo, Claudia Winkleman and Rob Brydon.
11.30 Rick Astley Rocks New Year's Eve The singer is joined by some very special guests to usher in 2024.
12.00 New Year's Eve Fireworks 2023
12.10 Rick Astley Rocks New Year's Eve
12.40 Elton John at Glastonbury 2023
2.45 Weather for the Week Ahead
2.50 BBC News A round-up of the latest headlines.

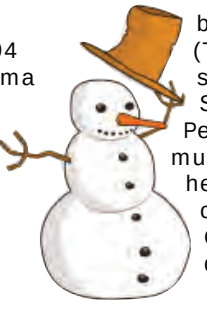
Channel 4



6.10 The King of Queens. 6.35 The King of Queens. 6.55 The King of Queens. 7.20 3rd Rock from the Sun. 7.45 The Simpsons. 8.10 The Simpsons. 8.35 The Simpsons. 9.05 The Simpsons. 9.35 Sunday Brunch.
12.35 A Place in the Sun
1.05 A Place in the Sun Jasmine Harman helps a couple to find a retirement home in the countryside of Valencia.
2.05 FILM: Dad's Army Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (1971)
4.00 FILM: Zulu Fact-based historical drama, starring Michael Caine. (1964)
6.35 Channel 4 News
6.55 FILM: Men in Black: International The intergalactic law enforcers tackle their biggest threat - a mole in the Men in Black organisation. Fantasy sequel, starring Chris Hemsworth and Tessa Thompson. (2019)
9.00 The Last Leg of the Year Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by Richard Osman, Judi Love, Suzi Ruffell, Kiell Smith-Bynoe and Seann Walsh to wave cheerio to 2023 in this special two-hour satirical spectacular looking back at the highs and lows of the past year. With hilarious sketches, joyously raucous debate and some brilliantly stupid songs, the gang poke fun at the past 12 months and look forward to what 2024 might hold in store.
11.00 Gogglebox 2023 Britain's favourite opinionated TV viewers share their sharp, insightful, passionate, and sometimes emotional critiques of 2023's biggest and best shows.
12.55 FILM: Airplane II: The Sequel Disaster movie spoof, with Robert Hays. (1982)
2.20 Sarah Millican: Outsider
3.10 Travel Man: 48 Hours in Antwerp
3.40 Come Dine with Me
4.05 Come Dine with Me
4.35 Come Dine with Me
5.00 Come Dine with Me
5.25 Come Dine with Me
5.55 Countdown



The Shawshank Redemption
Virgin Media 1, New Year's Eve 9.30pm



The Shawshank Redemption is a 1994 American prison drama film written and directed by Frank Darabont, based on the 1982 Stephen King novella Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption. The film tells the story of banker Andy Dufresne (Tim Robbins), who is sentenced to life in Shawshank State Penitentiary for the murders of his wife and her lover, despite his claims of innocence. Over the following two decades, he befriends a fellow prisoner, contraband smuggler Ellis "Red" Redding (Morgan Freeman), and becomes instrumental in a money laundering operation led by the prison warden Samuel Norton (Bob Gunton). William Sadler, Clancy Brown, Gil Bellows, and James Whitmore appear in supporting roles.

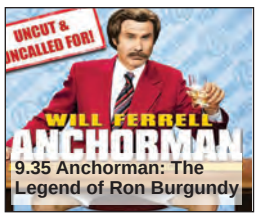
MONDAY January 1 TV

RTÉ ONE HD



6.00 EuroNews. 6.55 Teleshopping.
7.30 FILM: A Snapshot of Forever Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Natalie Dreyfuss and Anthony Konechny. (2022)
9.10 Shortland Street.
9.40 Doctors.
10.15 Vienna Philharmonic New Year's Concert 2024.
1.00 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather
1.05 Neighbours
1.30 Fair City
2.00 EastEnders
2.35 FILM: Around the World in 80 Days Period adventure, starring David Niven. (1956)
5.45 Nuacht
5.55 RTÉ News with Signing
6.00 The Angelus A reflective minute, where people of all faiths and none may, if they choose, take time out.
6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather The latest national and international headlines.
6.30 Cloch Le Carn A profile of songwriter Shay Healy.
7.30 EastEnders Elaine struggles as Cindy tries to insert herself into George's life.
8.00 The Shelter: Animal SOS A feral cat has to have surgery to remove its tail. 8.30 10 Things to Know About
9.00 RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock and Weather The latest national and international news.
9.30 FILM: Tom Clancy's Without Remorse Premiere. An elite Navy SEAL goes on a path to avenge his pregnant wife's murder only to find himself inside of a larger conspiracy. Starring Michael B. Jordan. (2021) Followed by Weather.
11.30 The Late Late Show Patrick Kielty hosts a New Year's celebration.
1.10 FILM: Dance with a Stranger Fact-based drama, starring Miranda Richardson. (1985)
3.00 Doctors Suni gets on Scarlett's nerves and Al has his first therapy session.
3.30 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.

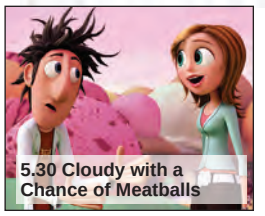
RTÉ 2 HD





6.00 EuroNews. 8.00 TRTÉ. 8.00 Let's Find Out. 8.15 Dizzy Deliveries. 8.30 Peppa Muc. 8.35 Peppa Muc. 8.40 Peppa Muc. 8.45 Body Brothers. 9.00 Space Camp Challenge. 9.25 Storybud. 9.30 Nova Jones. 10.00 Nova Jones. 10.30 Shaun the Sheep. 10.35 Shaun the Sheep. 10.45 Shoebox Zoo. 11.15 Royals Next Door. 11.25 Royals Next Door. 11.40 Storybud. 11.45 Mystic. 12.20 Blasts from the Past. 12.45 Drop Dead Weird. 1.15 Ar Mbia Ar Sli. 1.20 Space Camp Challenge. 1.45 News2day Review of the Year. 2.15 Space Jam: A New Legacy.
4.15 The Simpsons
4.45 URC Live
7.30 The Boxing Day Tsunami The eight hours after the destructive earthquake that caused the tsunami wave. Last in the series.
8.30 The Zoo A look behind the scenes at the daily work of staff at Dublin Zoo. A 23-year-old zebra catches the attention of the zookeepers, and is anaesthetised for examination.
9.00 Sisters Comedy drama, starring Sarah Goldberg and Susan Stanley. Last in the series.
9.35 FILM: Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy A chauvinistic newsreader faces a battle of the sexes when an ambitious female reporter threatens his status. Comedy set in the 1970s, starring Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate. (2004)
11.20 Shortscreen Mia Mullarkey's documentary Mother & Baby.
11.40 Billy the Kid Billy ends up in Chihuahua, Mexico.
12.40 Rise of the Nazis: Dictators at War
1.40 The Tommy Tiernan Show
2.50 Operation Transformation Five leaders are monitored as they try to get fit and healthy. Last in the series.
3.40 EuroNews

TG4



6.00 Cúla 4. 6.00 Cúla 4. 6.02 Dora. 6.25 Rita & Crogall. 6.30 Timmy Time. 6.52 DinoCity. 7.00 Muireann agus an Litir Chuig Daidí na Nollag. 7.25 Pikwik Pack. 7.47 Petronix Defenders. 8.00 My Little Pony: The Movie. 9.35 Lá Le Mamó nó Daideo. 9.45 Is Mise.
10.00 FILM: How to Marry a Millionaire Comedy, starring Marilyn Monroe. (1953) 11.45 Steip na nóg 2023.
12.45 FILM: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes Musical comedy, starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell. (1953)
2.27 An Aimsir Láithreach
2.30 Rugbaí Beo Connacht v Munster (Kick-off 3.00pm).
5.30 FILM: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs Animated comedy, with the voice of Bill Hader. (2009)
6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach National and international weather forecast.
7.00 Nuacht TG4 The day's main news stories from a regional, national and international perspective.
7.15 Abair Amhrán Liam Clancy, Stephanie Makem, Brian Kennedy, Deirdre Ní Chinníide and Cór Ban Chúil Aodha join in a celebration of songs from the past.
7.30 Gael-Linn ag 70 The 70th anniversary of the foundation of Gael-Linn, a transforming organisation that ensured that the Irish language, its people and its culture would be retained.
8.30 Elvis - The 1968 Comeback Special Classic TV show from 1968, including Heartbreak Hotel, Hound Dog, All Shook Up, Jailhouse Rock and Gospel Medley.
9.58 An Aimsir Láithreach National and international weather forecast.
10.00 Fadó Fadó
11.00 FILM: O Brother, Where Art Thou? Three bumbling crooks escape from a chain gang and strive to get their hands on hidden loot. Comedy, with George Clooney, John Turturro and Tim Blake Nelson. (2000)
1.00 Tina Turner: Live! 2009 3.30 Nuacht TG4
3.40 Fadó Fadó The funniest and most entertaining adverts to have graced TV screens since the 1960s.
4.30 GAA Beo - Na Scíalta 2023
5.00 France 24
5.30 France 24

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6.10 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special. 7.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special. 8.00 The Chase. 9.01 The Masked Dancer. 10.30 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars Christmas Special. 11.30 The Chase.
12.28 Virgin Media News Update
12.30 Don't Look Back in Anger
1.00 The Chase
2.00 For the Love of Paul O'Grady
3.00 In for a Penny: Christmas Crackers
3.42 Virgin Media News Update
3.45 Blankety Blank Christmas Special
4.30 Judge Judy
4.58 Virgin Media News Update
5.00 FILM: Are We There Yet? Family comedy, starring Ice Cube. (2005)
6.58 Virgin Media News Update Your 2-minute news update from the Virgin Media News team.
7.00 Emmerdale Bob fears for Cathy and Heath. Rhona confirms Marlon's fears. Amit's attempts to reconcile are unappreciated.
8.00 Coronation Street Damon's return threatens Adam's fresh start with Sarah as well as his life, Daniel and Bethany's reunion upsets Daisy, and Dee-Dee supports Ed's efforts to get back on track.
9.00 Mr Bates vs the Post Office New series. After a new computer system is installed across the country, mysterious financial losses start to appear in village post offices. Fact-based drama, starring Toby Jones.
10.00 FILM: Hercules The legendary hero leads a band of mercenaries in a battle to restore a deposed king to his throne. Mythological adventure, starring Dwayne Johnson and Ian McShane. (2014)
12.00 I Married the **Waiter:** Love in the Sun Stories of enduring holiday romances.
1.00 Living with Lucy Lucy Kennedy interviews GAA player Davy Fitzgerald.
1.54 Close

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7.10 Celebrity Lingo. 8.00 Tipping Point. 9.00 The Chase. 10.00 The Chase. 11.00 The Voice UK. 12.30 The Voice UK Innovative vocal contest where looks don't play a role.
2.00 Dress to Impress Three singletons attempt to win the affections of professional street dancer Aaron.



3.00 Unbeatable
4.00 Tipping Point
5.00 Tipping Point
6.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as contestants Laura, Jill, Jermaine and Dan work as a team to take on one of the ruthless Chasers and secure a cash prize.
7.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as Zoe from Eastbourne, David from Belfast, Diana from Poole and Ibrahim from South Shields take on one of the ruthless Chasers.



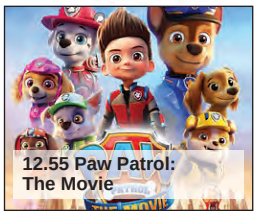
8.00 Beat the Chasers Contestants from across the UK take on Jenny Ryan, Anne Hegerty, Shaun Wallace, Mark Labbett and Paul Sinha, hoping to win big money. Bradley Walsh hosts.
9.00 The Graham Norton Show The host kicks off the New Year with a sofa of stars, sparkling conversation, laughs and live music - plus stories from the audience in the world-famous Big Red Chair.
10.15 The Brit Awards Jack Whitehall hosts the star-studded award ceremony from London's O2. The show features performances from some of the biggest names in the music industry.
12.50 FILM: Tears of the Sun Action drama, starring Bruce Willis. (2003)
3.07 Close

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6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Highway Rat. 9.25 The Farmer's Llamas.
9.55 FILM: A Shaun the Sheep Movie: Farmageddon **Animated comedy, with the voice of Justin Fletcher. (2019)**
11.15 FILM: The Boss Baby 2: Family Business Premiere. Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Alec Baldwin. (2021)
12.55 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message
1.00 BBC News; BBC Newsline; Weather
1.25 The Smeds and the Smoos
1.55 Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures
2.20 FILM: Moana Disney animation, with the voice of Dwayne Johnson. (2016)
4.00 FILM: Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death The duo open their own bakery With the voice of Peter Sallis. (2008)
4.30 Planet Earth III: Wonders of Nature
5.30 BBC News
5.50 BBC Newsline; Weather
5.55 Hope Street
6.45 Suzie Lee: Home Cook Hero Suzie shows how to liven up mince.
7.00 Garden Rescue Charlie Dimmock and Lee Burkhill transform a blank canvas into a Swedish-inspired space.
7.30 EastEnders Elaine struggles as Cindy tries to insert herself into George's life.
8.00 Attenborough and the Giant Sea Monster The discovery of the skull of a giant pliosaur.
9.00 The Tourist New series. Elliot travels to Ireland in search of answers about his past.
10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys New Year Special Mrs Brown and the gang attempt a tough new health and fitness regime.
10.30 BBC News; Weather
10.55 FILM: Ghostbusters When supernatural disturbances occur in New York City, four experts in the paranormal and their dim assistant investigate. Fantasy comedy, with Kristen Wiig and Melissa McCarthy. (2016)
12.45 Pointless Celebrities Colin Salmon, Chizzy Akudulo and Rosie Marcel are among the contestants.
1.35 Weather for the Week
1.40 BBC News

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6.35 3rd Rock from the Sun. 7.00 3rd Rock from the Sun. 7.20 3rd Rock from the Sun. 7.45 The Simpsons. 8.10 The Simpsons. 8.35 The King of Queens. 9.05 The King of Queens. 9.35 Frasier. 10.05 Frasier. 10.35 Frasier.
11.05 FILM: Daddy Day Care Family comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. (2003)
12.55 FILM: Paw Patrol: The Movie Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Tyler Perry. (2021)
2.40 Channel 4 News With sport and weather.
2.55 FILM: Mrs Doubtfire Comedy, starring Robin Williams. (1993)
5.20 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 The Great British Bake Off celebrates New Year in style as we get cosy in the tent with some familiar faces from Bake Off past: 2022's Maxy, 2021's Jurgen



and Maggie and 2020's Mark battle it out to be the first Star Baker of 2024, before seeing the New Year in with a performance from Bone-Afide, featuring JŸrgen on the trombone!
9.00 Gogglebox Festive Special The nation's favourite armchair critics cast their eyes over this year's Christmas telly.
10.30 Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2023 Jimmy Carr presents his annual quiz rounding up the last year with Richard Ayoade, Katherine Ryan, Mel Giedroyc, Mo Gilligan, Rosie Jones and Kevin Bridges competing.
12.30 The Last Leg of the Year
2.10 Travel Man: 48 Hours in Dublin
2.35 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back
3.20 Couples Come Dine with Me
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Year in Review 2023

January

Junk Kouture fashion, bus routes bother, and racism problems . . .

THE beginning of 2023 was predictably busy, with the first month of the year being filled with a variety of events and happenings across communities in South Dublin County.

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Curtailment of bus routes
(January 19 edition)
Garda presence in West Tallaght was ramped up after the curtailment of bus routes in the area every evening due to anti-social behaviour. This saw uniformed gardaí travelling on buses and policing strategic areas along the affected routes.

Racism 'raised its ugly head'
(January 26 edition)
Cllr Francis Timmons declared that racism had "raised its ugly head" amid the "concerning rise of the far-right", following concerns in the community – and the use of incendiary language – about international protection applicants being housed in facilities around the county.

ABACAS Special School
(January 19 edition)
Parents and staff from the ABACAS Special School in Kilnamanagh launched a fundraiser in order to address the school's need for improved facilities.

Operation Transformation
(January 19 edition)
Clondalkin mother-of-two and Crumlin United Football Club coach Stephanie Bowden was announced as a leader on RTÉ's popular health and fitness TV show 'Operation Transformation'.

South Korean teenagers
(January 26 edition)
A group of children and teenagers from South Korea attended local schools for three weeks and lived with host families in Old Bawn. The pupils attended Old Bawn Community School and Citywest ETNS with the assistance of their Tallaght native and Seoul-based English teacher Barry Eustace.

World Final of Junk Kouture
(January 19 edition)
Zuzanna Cieslewicz, 17, a fifth-year Old Bawn Community School student from Belgard, competed in the World Final of the Junk Kouture competition in Abu Dhabi with her arresting creation 'Ex-Static', made entirely of recycled and repurposed materials.

Nursing home approved at St Mary's Priory
(January 19 edition)
Plans for a nursing home and independent living blocks in the grounds of St Mary's Priory in Tallaght have been approved with a number of conditions. The conditions stipulated by South Dublin County Council include a reduction in the height of the independent living blocks from four- to five-storeys, to two-storeys each.



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Ballymount Civic Amenity, Christmas and New Years Opening Hours 2023/2024

- Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Dec 9am - 5pm
- Sat 23rd Dec 9am - 5.30pm
- Christmas Eve 9.30am - 3.00pm
- Christmas Day Closed
- St. Stephen's Day Closed
- Wed 27th - 29th Dec 9am - 5pm
- Sat 30th Dec 9am - 5.30pm
- New Years Eve 9am - 3pm
- New Years Day Closed
- Tue 2nd - Sat 6th Jan 9am - 5pm