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Merry Christmas from all at your local newspaper – *The Echo*



Seasons Greetings to all our readers and a very Happy Christmas to our community families.

As we celebrated 45 years in Business this year we want to say a huge THANK YOU to you all, The local businesses and our community are at the heart of *The Echo* and you're constant support enables us to continue to tell your stories every day and all year round. Here's to the next 45 years!!

This Christmas we wish only for peace and happiness for all, and that the children in our communities are cared for more than ever, lets ensure that their futures are bright and that they get access to all they need in 2026 and beyond, we wish that you all 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 within our county.

The community spirit knows no bounds and is even stronger within our local areas. 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.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh agus Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir.



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

Cllr Mick Duff

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To all my constituents in Tallaght Central, wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous 2026



Mayor pays tribute to SDCC, overall Council of the Year

I would like to begin by wishing you, your family and friends a very happy and peaceful Christmas period. And to all those who have recently arrived in the country I extend my warmest wishes and welcome to our county. I want to take the opportunity to update you on some of the amazing work that has been taking place to make our county the best place to work, live, raise a family and do business.

I was delighted to recently attend the Chambers Ireland awards where your council won the overall Council of the Year Award. A fitting tribute to our CEO and all our amazing staff both at executive level, administration and frontline, it is a truly deserved accolade for all their work on your behalf. I know next year will bring even more exciting projects that will have you, the citizens of the county best interest at its heart.

I am very proud to be your mayor and will continue to do my best for you all. On behalf of me and all my Councillor colleagues I want to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Happy and peaceful New Year.



Mayor Pamela Kearns

GOAL Mile

GET YOUR CHRISTMAS OFF TO A CHARITABLE START

by **Michael Howley** / michael@echo.ie



GOAL MILE: At the launch of the Tallaght GOAL Mile were John Cullen, Alan Vard from GOAL, Gerry Woods, Eddie Donegan, Sharon Tighe, Alan McCabe and Viv O'Hanlon

GOAL are once again organising the GOAL Mile event this year with a variety of locations all across South West Dublin.

Tallaght AC will be hosting an event at their track on Christmas Day from 9:30am to 12:30pm as will Lucan Harriers on their track from 10am to 2pm.

An event will take place in Eamonn Ceannt Park in Crumlin on Christmas Day from 10:30am to 12pm.

In Knocklyon at Cherryfield Pitch, opposite Ballyboden St Endas an event will be held from 10am to 11:30am on Christmas Day.

Richmond Park in Inchicore will be hosting an event, partnered with St Patrick's Athletic the run will take place from 11am to 1pm on St Stephen's Day.

Marlay Park will also see an event on St Stephen's Day from 11am to 1pm, as will Terenure College with the same time schedule.

There will also be a run held in Corkagh Park with participants meeting in the main car park. This will be held on St Stephen's Day at 12pm.

More than 200 GOAL Mile events will take place all across Ireland over the Christmas period with the proceeds going to fund children in need in areas such as Gaza and Sudan.

GOAL Senior Fundraising Manager, Nafisa Brennan spoke on the importance of the event.

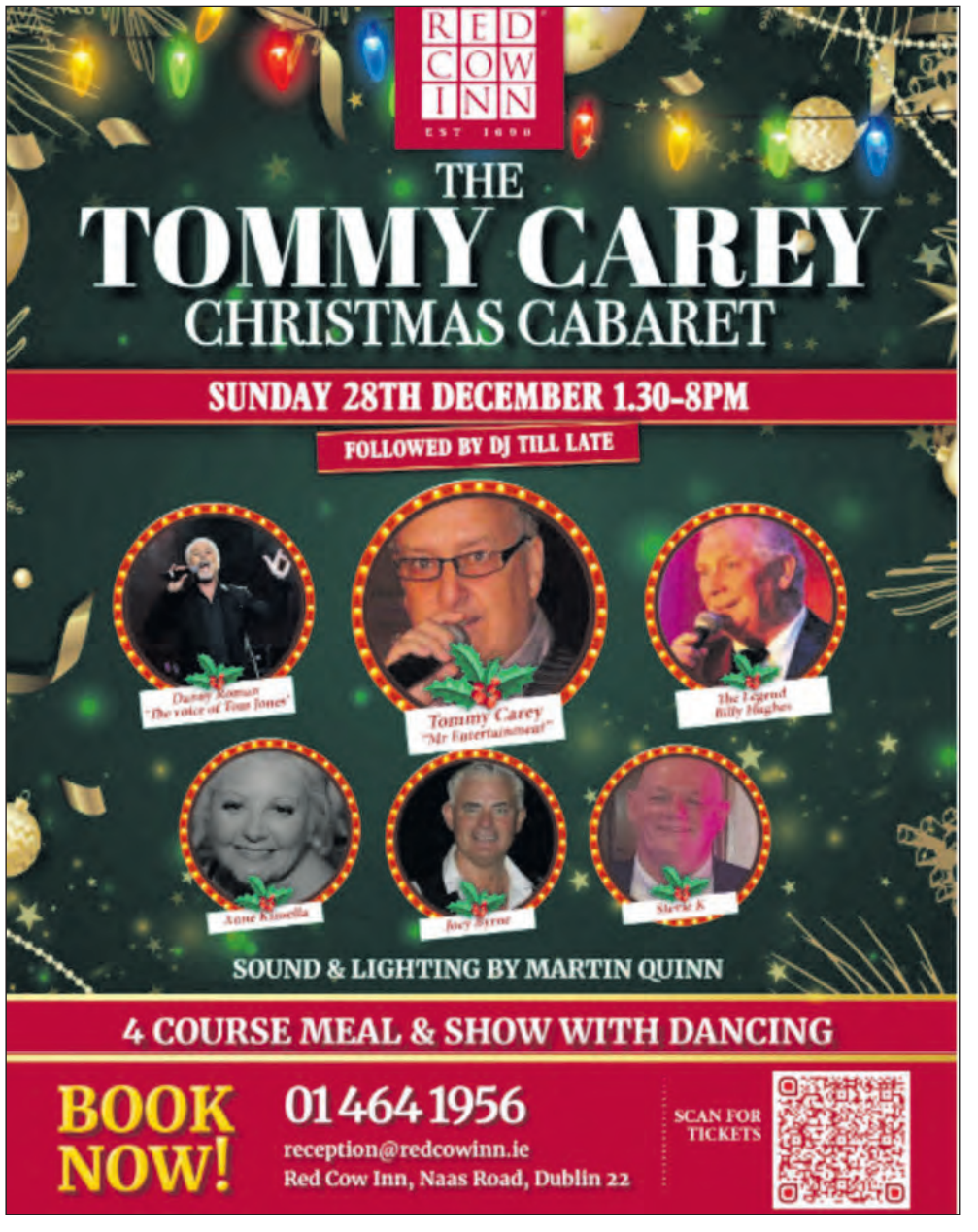
"Your participation in this simple, family-friendly event helps GOAL make a real, tangible difference on the ground where our teams work. For example, funds raised through the GOAL Mile help provide Plumpy'Nut, a Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) formulated to combat severe acute malnutrition in both children and adults. This peanut-based, nutrient-rich paste requires no water, and just three sachets a day can be enough to save a child's life.

"We encourage everyone in Dublin to come out and find their local GOAL Mile this Christmas and help GOAL raise vital funds for our work with the world's most vulnerable communities."

GOAL Ambassador and former Ireland Rugby International Bernard Jackman touched on the upcoming GOAL Mile events.

"Christmas is about coming together, and there's no better way to do that than the GOAL Mile. It's a brilliant tradition, where communities lace up and move for something much bigger than us. I've seen what teamwork can do on the pitch.

The GOAL Mile is that same spirit, helping families in need across Gaza, Sudan and beyond. So, grab the kids, the dog, the whole crew and make your MILE matter. Organise, register, or donate today at goalmile.org.





Have a safer Christmastime by heeding our firefighters' advice

'D' WATCH FIREFIGHTERS: Dan, Stephen, Paul, Cormac, Derek, Karen, Jane, Killian and (in the truck) Tom and Gareth 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 2025. 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.

TUH Looks Ahead to 2026 with continued progress – Nolláig shona daoibh go léir

2025 has been a year of preparation and planning at Tallaght University Hospital. Work continues on the long awaited 192 bed block, which will significantly improve patient flow once complete.

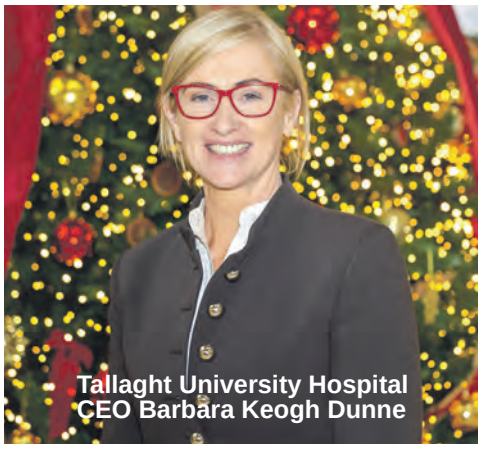
We have also advanced our plans for the Innovate Health Building, with a formal submission made to the Government for funding. This project will create a dedicated space for staff and industry partners to collaborate on patient-centred innovations.

While the Aging Well Centre in Clondalkin remains in development, it represents another important step in expanding services for our community.

As the year closes, we thank our patients, local community and staff for their ongoing support. Together, we are building a hospital that not only delivers excellent care but also drives innovation for the future.

We wish everyone a health and peaceful New Year.

Go raibh an Athbhliain Sláintiúil agus siochánta do chách



Tallaght University Hospital CEO Barbara Keogh Dunne

Christmas greetings from Ballyfermot Youth Service

To all the fantastic staff of *The Echo* and their readers, wishing you a very happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, from all the Management and Staff of Ballyfermot Youth Service.





Kevin Dolan, Ballyfermot Youth Service

A great year for donations at Ballycullen Foodbank

2025 was a great year for Ballycullen Foodbank in relation to donations but unfortunately the numbers needing our service has increased exponentially.

We're seeing more working families struggling with everyday bills, which means they've less to spend on essential food items.

Despite the generosity of our community, we are struggling to meet the demands. We have a great team of volunteers that help us out when they too are able, and we're very grateful for all they do.

We'll be forever grateful to Sean Culligan who ran Dublin City Marathon for his 1st ever marathon raising much needed funds for Ballycullen Foodbank.

We're ending our year on another high after yet again another successful "SPONSOR A CHILD"

No child or parent that we support will be without a gift this Christmas thanks to the generosity of our wonderful community and people from outside our community that have contributed to this fantastic appeal.

From Sue Tracy and our Volunteers Happy & Peaceful Christmas



Ballycullen Foodbank, Paula, Deirdre Sue and Tracy

A World of Festive Magic

THE CHRISTMAS CIRCUS OF WONDERS AND CURIOSITIES

This Christmas, the historic grounds of Lucan House will transform into a world of festive magic as Broken Theatre, proudly supported by South Dublin County Council, presents The Christmas Circus of Wonders and Curiosities. From Friday, 21st November 2025 to Sunday, 4th January 2026, this thrilling, family-friendly production promises breath-taking acrobatics, dazzling performances, and a journey into the heart of the holiday spirit.

Taking inspiration from Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, the show follows the transformative adventure of Mr. Scrooge as he rediscovers the joy of Christmas through the wonder of the circus. Audiences will be treated to a spectacular mix of aerial acts high in the big top, contortion, clowning, dance hoops, fire performances, and beautiful live music.

Mairéad Murphy, Senior Staff Officer at South Dublin County Council comments on this cultural milestone:

"At South Dublin County Council, we are thrilled to see Lucan House taking its next steps as a vibrant cultural and community hub. This collaboration with Broken Theatre highlights the estate's creative potential and its ability to host world-class performances. We are especially delighted to welcome families, friends, and visitors to Lucan House for The Christmas Circus of Wonders and Curiosities, a festive spectacle that brings people together and celebrates the magic of the season. This event marks an exciting new chapter in the history of Lucan House and demonstrates how this historic site can be enjoyed by the community for generations to come."

From 21st November 2025 to 4th January 2026, the grounds of Lucan House will be transformed into a world of spectacle, wonder, and festive magic. Step into The Christmas Circus of Wonders and Curiosities, where breathtaking aerial acrobatics, contortion, fire performances, hilarious clowning, and enchanting live music come together to create an unforgettable family experience.



Broken Theatre Christmas Circus

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An interview with Santa . . .

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

AS HE PREPARES FOR HIS BUSIEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

Before his trip across the world on Christmas Eve, Santa Claus took some time out of his busy schedule to talk to *The Echo* for his annual interview.



Santa sounded cheerful and relaxed as he polished Christmas boots in his busy workshop in Lapland while talking to *The Echo*. He was getting ready for his overnight global present drop.

Santa told us in this exclusive interview that he can't wait to visit all the kids in South Dublin County who have been very good this year.

He also discussed a time when his reindeer travelled to see all of their deer pals that dwell in the Dublin Mountains.

The Man in Red also told us that he is on track with his plans and had to stop checking his list twice to talk to us before he leaves for his trip.

Santa's workshop was very loud because elves were singing Christmas carols while they worked tirelessly to finish their goods.

The Echo had a lovely conversation with Santa, who seemed very excited about seeing all the kids in our area.

How have things been for you over the past year?

We have been quite busy. Christmas only comes once a year, but my workshop is busy throughout the year making toys for children all around the world.

We'll all take a break in January, which we need. We do, however, have to return to the workshop in February to clean up. After Christmas, we will have a lot of cleaning to do because some of the elves are very messy.

What does Christmas mean to you?

For me, Christmas is a time to demonstrate how thankful you are for everything you have and to think about the people who matter most to you, such as your family and friends.

It's a moment to reflect on and appreciate all the wonderful things they do for you throughout the year.

Have you ever got lost?

You learn the route by heart after delivering gifts for as long as I have been doing it. It takes a long time to reach South Dublin County, but my job is much easier because many countries are in different time zones.

We will also practice until Christmas Eve to make sure the kids are well-behaved.

Some kids are wondering how you get into homes that do not have chimneys.

Kids should know that Santa and his reindeer are magical and can enter any house, even if it doesn't have a chimney.

What does Mrs Claus do when you're at work?

I may be the face of Christmas, but Mrs Claus is the brains. She makes sure my filing is up-to-date, organises all my Christmas wish lists, and plans my travel routes for Christmas Eve.



She also makes sure that all of the elves are happy while they work, and she likes taking the reindeer for walks.

What do you do to get ready for the big night the day before?

I do everything possible to make sure my trip around the world goes well.

The elves check the Christmas lists again to make sure that no gifts are missing and that the reindeer (Prancer, Dancer, Donner, Blitzen, Dasher, Vixen, Comet, and Rudolph) are all fed, happy, healthy, and ready to travel.

Would you need more than one Santa costume for all the trips you have to make on Christmas Eve?

I have multiple suits for different weather conditions because I travel all over the world on Christmas Eve.

All of my suits look the same; however, some have more white fluff on them for colder places.



I also need to change suits sometimes when I eat too many mince pies and my buttons come off, or when I get stuck in a chimney and get covered in soot.

Have you ever been stuck in a chimney?

Once, while in Tallaght, I got stuck in a chimney. I was really lucky that the fire wasn't going.

I had eaten a lot of Christmas pudding at a lot of different places, and my huge tummy wouldn't fit down the chimney!

To help Rudolph push me through, the reindeer had to grasp his back legs and lower him down the chimney.

It must have been a very funny sight, and in the end, Rudolph helped me get free so I could continue delivering all of my gifts.

How many snacks do you plan to have on Christmas Eve?

I don't eat all the treats on Christmas Eve. Instead, I take many of the biscuits back to Lapland and use Christmas magic to keep them fresh all year.

That way, everyone in the Lapland workshop can enjoy some of my favourite snacks, like cookies, mince pies, and milk.

What kinds of sweets do you like for children to leave out for you?

For sure, I would enjoy Christmas pudding or a mince pie. The reindeer enjoy carrots. I used to like drinking Guinness, but now I try not to drink and fly, so I would appreciate it if kids could leave me a glass of milk instead.

I need to be careful about what I eat so I don't get stuck in a chimney again. This one year, I ate too many treats at Christmas, and all the buttons on my red suit jacket came off.

I lost one of my buttons in a house in Clondalkin, but I couldn't find it. It might still be there?

What do you do on Christmas Day?

I love spending Christmas Day with Mrs Claus, the elves, and the reindeer. The Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy, who are our friends, often come over for Christmas dinner as well.

I enjoy my sweets, but I'm particularly looking forward to my turkey and veggies for Christmas dinner. After a busy Christmas Eve, I can't wait to put my feet up in front of the fire and watch TV.

What do you want to say to the kids?

Of course, I want them to enjoy their new toys, but what I truly want is for all the kids to do something special for their parents this Christmas.

Santa isn't the only one who takes care of Christmas. All the mammies, daddies, nannies, and granddads help make Christmas a delightful time, so children should give their parents a huge Christmas hug and say "thank you".



I wish all the kids who read *The Echo* and their families a very Merry Christmas, and I wish you all a delightful 2026. Don't forget to go to bed early on Christmas Eve! Ho, Ho, Ho!

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Safe home this Christmas!

CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER SGT. CIARAN MCLOUGHLIN'S ADVICE

by **Ellen Gough** / ellen@echo.ie

Keep a light on and don't store large sums of cash in your home is just some of the advice to keep your home safe from burglars this Christmas period.

Sergeant Ciaran McLoughlin, An Garda Síochána's crime prevention officer for the DMR South region, has advised homeowners to leave "one or two lights" on a timer to help your home to look occupied on dark evenings.

"The most vulnerable time for burglaries is between 4pm and 9pm in the evenings, it's not actually in middle of the night when you're asleep," he said.

He said people should allocate a "time in the evening to lock up and light up".

"So if anyone is elderly, living on their own, if they could even have one or two lights on a timer switch that it comes on and maybe stay on for a few hours to give the illusion that the house is occupied".

Christmas can be a time of year when people take out large amounts of cash to have on hand to give to family or to spend on gifts.

Sergeant McLoughlin recommended against doing so, and said that if people really need to keep cash at home, they should install a safe.

"If you're keeping large amounts of cash, which we don't recommend, get an adequate safe that's bolted to a solid wall, so that no one can pick it up and walk away with your safe as well," he said.

He also warned about online scams and fraudulent shopping websites, saying that if a Christmas deal looks too good to be true, it probably is.

"A common fraud online would be where you might see a lovely pair of boots that were €300, and for a limited time only, they're down to €35, so they will take €35 from a number of people," he explained.

"It's not always a huge sum of money to you, it adds up and €35 is still hard earned," he added.

Sergeant McLoughlin also advised people to make sure they don't leave any valuables lying out visible in parked cars.

"We can't control the opportunistic perpetrator who's around, but all we can do is try and reduce the opportunity for somebody to make you a victim of crime," he said.

"I'd also like to wish everybody a happy and safe Christmas from everyone at An Garda Síochána," he added.

The quickest way to contact the guards for emergency or report a crime is to call 999 from a landline and 112 from a mobile.



SAFETY FIRST: Crime prevention officer Sergeant Ciaran McLoughlin

Christmas Opening Hours

The Echo office will close on Friday December 19 at 2pm and reopen on Monday January 5 at 10am.





Reception will be working remotely on Mon Dec 29th, Tue Dec 30th, Wed Dec 31st & Fri Jan 2nd from 10am to 2pm.

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Switching on the festive lights

DORY AND JESSICA HUDSON AT CHILDREN'S HEALTH IRELAND

Irish Mum and Daughter TikTok Stars, Dory and Jessica Hudson marked the start of the festive season by officially switching on the festive lights at Children's Health Ireland in Tallaght this week. The event was part of Children's Health Foundation's Save a Smile campaign

Dory brought smiles and festive cheer to some very special patients when she turned on the Christmas lights at Children's Health Ireland at Tallaght on Wednesday.

She joined patients, families, CHI staff and Ms Claus for the festive celebrations which rounded off a week long calendar of light up event's across Children's Health Ireland hospitals and urgent care centres.

The festive event forms part of Children's Health Foundation's Christmas fundraising campaign 'Save a Smile'. Which is a timely reminder that not all children will enjoy Christmas at home this year. Hundreds of children will be spending the festive season in one of the Children's Health Ireland hospitals. We want every child, wherever they may be, to feel some magic of the season.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, Children's Health Foundation can support with festive decorations, toys, and special Christmas events across CHI hospitals and urgent care centres.

a Smile captures the warmth, generosity, and hope that donations bring to children and families cared for at Children's Health Ireland hospitals and urgent care centres in Crumlin, Temple Street, Tallaght, and Connolly.

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CHI at Tallaght staff with Dory and Jessica Hudson

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Wishing you and your families a very Happy Christmas & Peaceful New Year



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 are 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.

1 GOAL Mile Run

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.

2 The Civic Panto

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 'Tickles, Beauty & the Beast' to life in a humorous and involving way and promises to be a treat for the whole family. It's on until January 4.

3 Take a stroll

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.

4 E-lax with local libraries

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.

5 Make a donation

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.

6 The Tommy Carey Christmas Cabaret Show

A dazzling night of festive music, laughter & cabaret sparkle! Celebrate Christmas in style at this spectacular show. Join the Red Cow as they deck the halls with an incredible lineup of talent! Featuring Danny Roman, The Legend Billy Hughes, Anne Kinsella, Joey Byrne, Stevie K & Martin Quinn. Followed by a DJ to keep the party going late into the night! Tickets are available on Eventbrite and the event runs from 1:30pm to 8pm on December 28

7 The merriest of music

Are you in need of some exciting and joyous music this Christmas time? Are you looking for something to enjoy with family and close friends to warm your hearts for the Christmas season? Well, look no further! Exciting News! Avanti are thrilled to announce this year's 'The Merriest of Music' concert following last year's sold-out shows! Join The Christmas Quartet, accompanied by Ksenia Walsh, for a warm, festive evening of all your favourite Christmas carols and operatic classics, with one or two other treats throughout the night! The event takes place in St Andrew's Church in Lucan on December 19 from 8pm to 10pm; tickets are available on Eventbrite

8 Take a music class

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.

9 GOAL Mile Run

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.

10 Festive Food

Channel your 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.

Happy Christmas Wishes from Clondalkin's Local Vocal Choir



Knockmitten Clondalkin Local Vocal Choir

The choir was started in 2017 by the late Tom O' Flaherty who just wanted to share love music songs to all souls.

And now over 50 local people have sang these performances to - Nursing homes, Libraries, Mill centre, the Laurels the Aras etc and make a huge positive impact to all.

If you do see us please do sing with us as the vocal voice are sharing to everybody.

All Best wishes for the New Year 2026 and please do sing along.

Message of gratitude, forgiveness and giving

Happy festive season everyone. I can't believe it's that time of the year-Chrismas which happens to be the last month of the year aswell. As a result my Christmas message is based in 3 folds which are gratitude, forgiveness and giving.

Gratitude to God for the gift of life and being alive to celebrate another beautiful Christmas with our family and friends while we pray for the souls of the departed. During the course of the year from January to December people including our family and friends must have offended us, it's imperative that we forgive even as we are preparing for the new year 2026.

Finally giving is part of Christmas celebration but we must give in moderation according to what you have, avoid borrowing which can lead to substantial debt that can lead to stress. Another form of gift is a gift of genuine love, spending quality time with family and friends. As a Christian remember the reason for the season which is the gift of Christ to the world.

Merry Christmas and a Happy new year in advance from all of us at South Dublin Migrant Integration Forum-SDMIF and IACI-Integration of All Children in Ireland.


Yemi Ojo, Chair- SDMIF & IACI

Immense gratitude for spirit of giving in our community

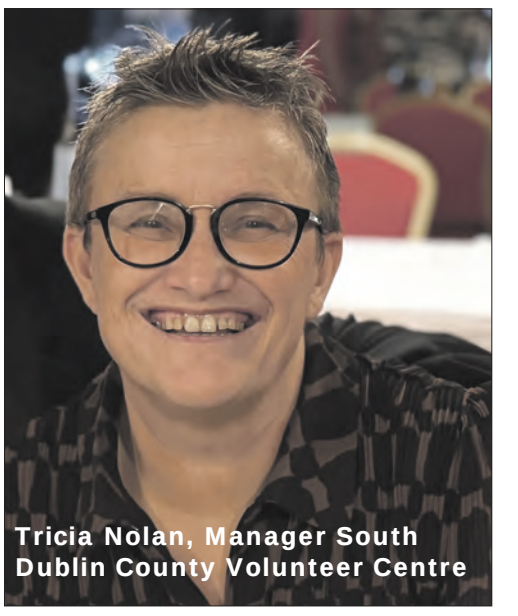
As the year draws to a close, the Volunteer Centre reflects with immense gratitude on the spirit of giving in our community.

A massive thank you to the 1500+ new volunteers who registered this year. We are especially moved that over 65% of you are from migrant backgrounds or seeking international protection. Your generosity is inspiring, and you are most welcome here in South Dublin.

To the coaches on the sidelines in the rain, the Tidy Towns crews keeping us proud, the charity workers supporting the vulnerable, and the committee members working behind the scenes—thank you. You are the heartbeat of this community. Your time, energy, and kindness make South Dublin a warmer, better place for us all.

We also wish a Happy Christmas to the charities and organisations across South Dublin. Thank you for delivering vital services and making a tangible difference in people's lives.

May 2026 bring us all peace, health, happiness, and a continued spirit of community.


Tricia Nolan, Manager South Dublin County Volunteer Centre

A wonderful festive season wish for a safe new year from An Cosán

As the year draws to a close I want to thank all our wonderful community in Tallaght for being part of our story. An Cosán has had yet another incredible year - we have supported more than 1,400 learners as they work toward a brighter future, and helped more 350 little ones have the best start in life through our early years programmes.

We have also been delighted to receive such wonderful recognition of the impact of this work, just recently receiving the award for Best Not-For-Profit Organisation at the South Dublin County Business Awards.

All of this would not be possible without the continued engagement and support we receive from the wonderful community we call home - Tallaght. Thank you to everyone for being part of this work and wishing a Happy Christmas and we hope the New Year brings even more opportunities.


Heydi Foster, CEO, An Cosán



Ciaran Carr Christmas Busk

HUNDREDS EXPECTED TO TURN UP FOR ANNUAL EVENT

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

It's been a whirlwind of a year," begins Clondalkin-born singer-songwriter Colm Gavin, who is organising the 12th annual Ciaran Carr Christmas Busk.

Originally organised in 2014 by Colm, the Busk has taken on a life of its own, with audiences appearing in the hundreds and performers descending upon Clondalkin Village from all over Ireland.

The Star Newspaper voted the Busk as one of the 'Top 10 Things To Do In Ireland At Christmas'. Hot Press Magazine, The Irish Independent, and more have all championed this charitable showcase.

This year will feature guest MC Enya Martin, along with performances from Kiera Dignam, Bridín, CARRON, Colm Gavin, Kylabelle, Ailsha, Cailíní Lua, Daoirí Farrell, Orla Monelle, and so many more.

Colm goes on to remark that he views the Busk as a "ritualistic event, an offering of some kind to those in attendance but to the other world too."

He elaborates by stating that when you're there, it is "as though there's a protective halo around everything, because it's an offering handed up with deep respect, honesty and empathy."

Regarding organising the lineup, Colm explains that he picks up the phone around the same time every year and calls a handful of people: "I'm deeply fortunate that, on each occasion, people respond with vigour and enthusiasm."

He believes that every year, it is the "ultimate musical showcase" in Clondalkin and in Dublin for that matter.

Colm would like to thank his uncle, Brian, and his "very dear friend", Emmett Myler, for helping him organise this event. The 12th Annual Ciarán Carr Christmas Busk will take place on December 20 at the Clondalkin Credit Union at 7.30pm.

All proceeds go directly to the Ciarán Carr foundation; visit www.roundtower.ie for more information.



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Gift your child your full attention

Christmas is a time for children,

I think we can all agree on that. Santa checking his list, sleepy children listening for the reindeer; Christmas crackers and silly hats; watching reruns of 'Home Alone' and overeating; placing the star on the top of the festive tree and pretending not to check out the parcels beneath it.

These are all part of the twinkly picture that makes Christmas such a wondrous time for children, and in turn, so full of joy for those of us observing them.

It can be a stressful time for families too. Financial pressure, wanting to give our children what they want, the normality of excessive alcohol, and even the unusual amount of time spent with wider family members, can all contribute to stress, tension and potentially unsafe scenarios.

The memories which children cherish are rarely about what was under the tree but are much more likely to focus on quality time with their loved ones. As Maya Angelou said, 'They'll forget what you said, they'll forget what you did, but they'll never forget how you made them feel'.

Christmas is a time to get out the board games or deck of cards; to play charades and get to the park to kick a ball; leave the phone aside and gift your child your full-on attention. They won't forget it.



Marian Quinn, CEO, Childhood Development Initiative and Grainne Smith (former CDI staff member)

Christmas message from the CARP team celebrating 30 years serving the community


The CARP Team

We are proud to have celebrated 30 years supporting Killinarden and the wider community in 2025.

There has been an expansion throughout of the year of not only what is provided within each of the 13 services offered, but also individuals attending those services. Although there has been a variety of things to celebrate in 2025 it does not go unsaid the loss that has been experienced in the community through the passing of clients throughout the year.

CARP is proud of all that it had to offer in 2025, and we look forward to what 2026 has in store.

Resilience, leadership and connection where young people come together





As the festive season approaches, everyone at The Connect 4 Project would like to wish our community a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Young people – your community, your space, your future – continue to inspire us. This year, we've witnessed incredible resilience, leadership and connection across the spaces where young people come together. Your energy and voice shape everything we do, and we are proud to walk alongside you.

We are also grateful for the continued support and community spirit shown by our partners, community members and local residents. Thank you for being part of a community that believes in possibility, inclusion, and positive change.

Wishing you and your families a joyful Christmas, and we look forward to building new initiatives together in 2026.

Play cards this Christmas



Childhood memories of card games at home and in friends houses keep flooding in. Friendly flutters, stories and catching up on news were the commercial breaks.

In this "Aslam's Crazy World" the stakes are high; major world leaders deal suits of power, aggression, greed and what "makes me great".

The poor and the call of Jesus are outside in sheds with cattle and their compost. Things can change once we start fair dealing with no jokers wild or(not and) hidden aces.

When the powerful try to bully with their "all inn" May the pair of Aces (of justice) and eights (of respect")win over the hollow house of slippery cards. This Christmas bring God out of the stable with a place at the table of inclusive cards.

Peace and love to all your readers.


Eamonn Walsh (Emeritus Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin)

Christmas greetings from Ballyfermot Heritage group

The Ballyfermot Heritage Group wish both the people at home and our diaspora a very Happy Christmas and New Year, and thank you to all the staff in *The Echo* for their help throughout 2025.




Ken Larkin, Secretary, Ballyfermot Heritage Group



Gift Yourself Tomorrow

NATIONAL DRINKAWARE CAMPAIGN FOR 2025

A Drinkaware, the national charity working to prevent and reduce alcohol misuse, launched its 2025 Christmas campaign, 'Gift Yourself Tomorrow'.

The campaign invites adults across Ireland to consider a simple idea this festive season: that by drinking mindfully today, you're giving yourself the gift of a better tomorrow — waking up refreshed, present, and ready to enjoy everything that makes Christmas special.

With December's social calendar filling up, many people feel pressure to overindulge — but Drinkaware's message this year is that small, mindful choices can have a significant impact.

"By drinking more mindfully this Christmas, you're giving yourself the gift of a better tomorrow," said Dearbhla O'Brien, CEO of Drinkaware. "Whether that's being up early with the kids, making memories with extended family, or simply feeling good enough to enjoy cherished traditions, moderation gives adults more of what they really want from the festive season."

A growing appetite for healthier drinking — and gaps that must not be ignored

The new Drinkaware Barometer 20251 shows that a growing number of adults in Ireland want to drink in healthier ways. Nearly half of adults say they would follow the HSE low-risk weekly guidelines if they were aware of them — a steady rise in recent years — and interest is especially strong among younger adults, with almost two-thirds of 18–24-year-olds saying they would do so.

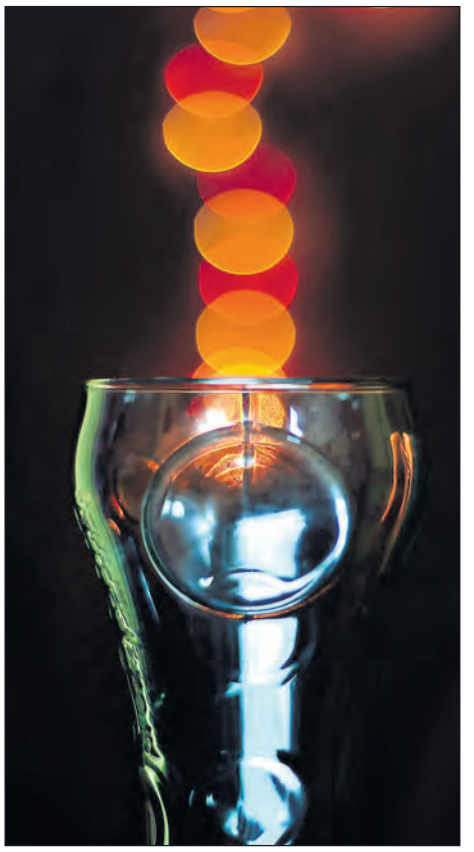
But the research also highlights a challenge: awareness of the guidelines remains very low. Just over a quarter of adults have even heard of them, and fewer than five per cent can correctly identify what the guidelines actually are. Many people expect the recommended limits to be lower than they actually are, suggesting uncertainty but also a growing instinct toward moderation.

At the same time, a significant number of adults— particularly men, weekly drinkers, people who binge drink, and those at higher risk of harmful alcohol use — say they would not follow the guidelines even if they knew them.

"This tells us something important," Dearbhla O'Brien notes. "People genuinely want to make healthier choices, but crucially, the information isn't reaching those who need it most. We need clearer communication and more tailored support to close this gap."

Making room for the moments that matter

This year's 'Gift Yourself Tomorrow'



campaign focuses on helping adults experience everything they value about Christmas without the downsides that sometimes follow a heavy night of drinking. The campaign encourages simple strategies — planning alcohol-free nights out, alternating drinks, or setting intentions before a night out — all of which can help people stay in control.

Dearbhla O'Brien also emphasised that moderation is not about restriction but about enhancing the Christmas break.



Recycle more this Christmas

Déan níos mó a athchúrsáil an Nollaig seo

Wrapping paper, Christmas cards, Glass, Cans, Plastic, Christmas trees, Batteries and WEEE can all be recycled, so this Christmas South Dublin County Council is encouraging everyone to recycle. Please visit www.sdcc.ie for Christmas Tree recycling locations.

For more information on how these items & more can be recycled go to www.sdcc.ie
Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais maidir leis an athchúrsáil, tabhair cuairt ar www.athcliaththeas.ie

Ballymount Civic Amenity, Christmas and New Years Opening Hours 2025/2026

- Mon 22nd & Tue 23rd Dec 9am - 5pm
- Wed 24th Dec 9am - 3pm
- **Thurs 25th Dec - CLOSED**
- **Fri 26th Dec - CLOSED**
- Sat 27th Dec 9am - 5.30pm
- Sun 28th Dec 9.30am - 5pm
- Mon 29th & Tue 30th Dec 9am - 5pm
- Wed 31st Dec 9am - 3pm
- **Thurs 1st Jan - CLOSED**
- Fri 2nd Jan 9am - 5pm
- Sat 3rd Jan 9am - 5.30pm
- Sun 4th Jan 9.30am - 5pm

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SHOULD YOU LOWER YOUR STANDARDS THIS CHRISTMAS?



11 Adult women should drink less than 11 standard drink per week

17 Adult men should drink less than 17 standard drink per week

KNOW WHAT A STANDARD DRINK IS



Pint of beer / stout / cider

Pub measure of sprirts

Bottle of wine

Large can of beer

Bottle of alcopop

Small glass of wine

TO IMPROVE YOUR...



Studies suggest that when we understand what counts as low risk drinking, we're more likely to make healthier choices, especially at Christmas.

Clondalkin
Drug & Alcohol Task Force

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.



Christmas wishes from Tallaght Community Council

Liz Kennedy
(TCC Voluntary Chair)



Tallaght Community Council was delighted to celebrate the 42nd Tallaght Person of The Year in 2025.

Congratulations to Emer Lamon who was announced Tallaght Person of The Year 2025 at a gala evening in the Plaza hotel in November.

This year saw Tallaght Community Council's Tidy Towns volunteers increase their score in the national competition.

The group have made many very positive and visible improvements to Tallaght village.

We held over 100 clean-up events – two every week – and removed tonnes of rubbish.

We were joined on our weekly clean-ups by individual volunteer residents and businesses.

We would like to thank everybody who supported us throughout the year and we would especially like to thank all our local sponsors, without whose generosity we would not survive.

Our Christmas wish is to go into 2026 with a renewed commitment to the future development of our town.

A huge heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers and indeed to all volunteers out there, your contribution to our community is invaluable.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful new year.

Reflecting on how others support us and express gratitude for that

In CDATF Christmas reminds us of the power of community, connection and kindness. This Christmas we will reflect on how others support us and express gratitude for that. We are lucky to work in such a caring, accepting and diverse community alongside truly inspirational people.

To those who are struggling this Christmas, you are not forgotten. We remain committed to supporting you and helping building pathways to wellbeing and recovery. We hope that 2026 will bring you and the whole community a future filled with possibilities, belonging and peace.



Trevor Bissett, Coordinator, Clondalkin Drug & Alcohol Task Force CLG

Stepping away from TDATF

BUT NOT STEPPING AWAY FROM THE WORK

by **Ellen Gough** / ellen@echo.ie

After 20 years with the Tallaght Drugs and Alcohol Taskforce, co-ordinator Grace Hill is stepping away from Tallaght, though not from the work.

"I'm actually going to do a similar role in Kildare where I live, anything to avoid the commute on the N7," she said laughingly.

Grace joined the Tallaght Drugs and Alcohol Taskforce (TDATF) as a development worker, but working with people suffering from addiction and substance abuse is her family's trade in a way.

Her parents helped set up the Ballyfermot STAR project, started in 1998 as an initiative in response to heroin use and its impact on individuals, families and their community.

"That started off as a support group for families that were struggling in the 90s, I suppose I took the inspiration from them in terms of working in this sector," Grace told *The Echo*.

After working in the community in Ballyfermot, she then moved to working in Tallaght in 2005, and "never looked back".

"It's amazing the growth that's happened, that was really the formalisation of community drugs services that had started in the early 90s," she explained.

"I was at the CARP anniversary recently, it's just amazing to see what they've done in 30 years and projects like it, it's just hugely humbling."

Grace has been involved in setting up many projects to help the Tallaght and wider area, including the Connect 4 Project, a street-work youth team based in Killinarden/Jobstown, and was involved in a research project in 2021 around crack cocaine that resulted in two pilot projects to help treat addiction, to name a few things she's "really proud of".

"I was with my projects recently at their own funding meetings with the HSE and I'm just so proud of the work they do.

"I just think to commit to that work, frontline community drug work, it's not easy, and it's very challenging," she said.

"It's very rewarding as well, but I suppose, in some ways, it's a bit of a vocation."

The lack of resources that Grace sees for community drug work makes things harder again.

"I don't think it's adequately resourced, I don't think the government are giving it enough attention, I think there's a lot of talk about it, and, you know, a health led approach, but we're always out with a begging bowl," she said.

Grace noted that Christmas can present a particular challenge for people in recovery "both in terms of finances but also emotionally".

"Let's be honest, we're a culture that likes to dabble in the national substance, which is alcohol, so that can be very hard to be around and but you're thinking of people that aren't there, of regrets you might have, you're thinking maybe you didn't prioritize Santa or your children's presents or whatever, and you might feel guilt around that," she said.



"It can be quite seasonal, you go through peaks and troughs throughout the year and I suppose Christmas is one of those times that is so hard when you're trying to avoid certain things."

"You see the community drug projects trying to do everything they can to help people at Christmas, just trying to give comfort where they can in quite chaotic and sad situations, but just sending that message that hope is there and recovery is possible."

Though she is moving to a new role in another county in the new year, Kildare falls under the South West Regional Drug Task Force, so she will still be working alongside her former colleagues.

"I'm sad to be going but I think Tallaght is in a really good place, we have issues, but we have an array of amazing services," she said.

"I'm leaving with lifelong friends as well, and I'm not too far away, we're still going to be colleagues and work together on those issues."

Where to recycle your Christmas Tree



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

South Dublin County Council has arranged for Christmas Tree recycling at the following locations from Friday, January 2, to Monday, January 12 2026. This service is free and intended for domestic household trees only, with a limit of one tree per household or vehicle. Signage will be placed at each location to indicate it as an official recycling point. For more details and to find a location near you, please visit www.sdcc.ie.; information is available in their Winter newsletter.

Greenhills
- Tymon Park – Limekiln Road car park
- Tymon Park – Tymon North Road car park

Firhouse
- Dodder Valley Park / Firhouse Road (car park opposite Woodlawn Estate)

Rathfarnham
- Rathfarnham Castle Park – car park

Old Bawn
- Oldbawn Church – car park

Lucan
- Beechpark Open Space
- Sarsfield Park open space
- Griffeen Valley Park – Haydens Lane car park
- Foxborough open space

Palmerstown
- Glenaulin Park
- Woodfarm Acres

Clondalkin
- Corkagh – Green Isle Road car park
- Corkagh – St Johns car park
- Collinstown Park
- Foxdene Open Space
- Quarryvale Park

Christmas Greetings

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Providing comfort to people in their time of need





Tallaght Community First Responders (CFR) would like to wish our community a very Happy and Safe Christmas.

We would like to thank all the communities and businesses who have supported us throughout the year. We are delighted to have trained over 100 people in how to do CPR and use a Defibrillator in our communities as well as installing 6 new Public Access Defibrillators.

Our last thanks goes to our team of volunteers who make themselves available to respond day and night to serious medical incidents in the Tallaght and surrounding areas in support of the National Ambulance Service and Dublin Fire Brigade. We are thrilled to be able to help and provide comfort to people in their time of need.

Tallaght CFR Paramedics Craig Wade and Graham Ball, founders of Tallaght CFR

May 2026 bring you nothing but joy



Bishop Donal Roach and members of the Vine community

The Vine Group would like to thank everyone for their support and participation over the years especially in our charity programme help us help others and our Vine Masses and Vine Services.

We would like to thank all at *The Echo* for your continued help in announcing or various events and programmes and also local businesses like Lidl Fortunestown, Comans Beverages and The Square shopping centre for their continued support in our community work and all Churches in the Deanery of Tallaght for welcoming the Vine group in to continue our faith ministry.

But most of all we would like to wish each and every one of you a safe, happy and blessed Christmas and may 2026 bring you nothing but joy.

Citywise programmes supported 2,000 young people in 2025

This year, Citywise supported over 2,000 young people in our community across our programmes. We would like to thank our staff, leaders and volunteers who made this happen.

Our Fast Track Academy programme had great success, with 95% of students progressing to further and higher education.

This year we had a sod-turning event to launch our Climate, Science and Language project which is now underway. We're looking forward to opening our new outdoor sports facilities in the new year!



Daire Hennessy, CEO Citywise

Do you want the good news or the good news?





Happy Christmas to all our readers, now that's good news!

Scan the QR code to subscribe online

The *Echo* – Telling the whole story

A peaceful and hope-filled Christmas message from Fr Frank



As we look back on 2025, our parish has much to be thankful for. Early in the year, replicas of the Shroud of Turin were placed in both St Kevin's and St Kilian's, and many in our community have found peace and inspiration praying before them.

New street lighting was installed at the back of St Kevin's Church, making the walkway to the schools and the Family Resource Centre safer during the darker months.

Sadly, the year has brought challenges too. The shocking attack on an Indian man in Kilnamanagh, along with other racist incidents in Dublin, left many in our neighbourhood unsettled. Canon Deverell and I visited the Indian community in Kingswood to offer support and to express our shared concern.

We were also blessed to secure a relic of the True Cross for St Kevin's Church. A small shrine to house it will be built in the coming year, and any support towards the project is very welcome.

I wish everyone in Kilnamanagh and the wider Tallaght area a peaceful and hope-filled Christmas, and every blessing for 2026!



Fr Frank Drescher, Parish Priest of Kilnamanagh-Castleview

Fifty years of Faith and Prayer

St Aengus Church was blessed and opened by the Archbishop of Dublin, Most Rev. Dermot Ryan on the 14th of December 1975. A week later five young parishioners were baptised by Fr Pat Lucey OP at the newly blessed baptismal font. Since then 5,585 celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism have taken place. A great outpouring of grace!

This Christmas we're giving thanks for all the graces and blessings received in this Church over the 50 years. We're inviting all to come and celebrate with us in a spirit of thanksgiving and especially at our Christmas Masses.

Cead mile Fáilte! Happy Christmas.



Fr Ben Moran (St Aengus Parish)

A happy Christmas and peaceful new year both nationally and internationally

I was so proud when The Priory Street Food Indoor Market opened behind Bryan S Ryan in Tallaght village at the begining of the summer. With about a dozen different nationalitys' food, I love the cosmopolitan buzz.

You can imagine my shock at the height of the summer with the attacks on the New Irish especially when they are not only the backbone of our health and service sectors as well as tech and our parishes. Talk about shooting ourselves in the foot financially.

May I wish you a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year both nationally and internationally.



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

KILNAMANAGH & TALLAGHT WEST CREDIT UNION

2025 Annual Report & Notice of Annual General Meeting

Members of Kilnamanagh & Tallaght West Credit Union are notified that this year's AGM will take place on Tuesday 13th January at 7.30pm in The Plaza Hotel, Belgard Road, Tallaght, D24 X2FC.

Refreshments will be provided to attendees after the AGM.

Annual Reports are being circulated via Email, and are available to download from twcu.ie/downloads. Printed copies can be requested at either branch or by calling 01 4510811. As per the Credit Union rules notifications will not be sent by post to members this year.

Kilnamanagh & Tallaght West Credit Union Limited is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

	TALLAGHT WEST	KILNAMANAGH
MON DEC 22ND	9AM – 12.45PM & 1.30PM – 4PM	9:30AM - 4.30PM
TUE DEC 23RD	9AM – 12.45PM & 1.30PM – 4PM	9:30AM - 4.30PM
WED DEC 24TH	9AM - 1PM	CLOSED
DEC 25TH - 29TH INCLUSIVE	CLOSED	CLOSED
TUE DEC 30TH	9AM – 12.45PM & 1.30PM – 4PM	9:30AM - 4.30PM
WED DEC 31ST	9AM - 1PM	CLOSED
THUR JAN 1ST	CLOSED	CLOSED
FRI JAN 2ND	9AM - 6PM	9.30AM - 5.30PM

Wishing all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

‘No Child Without a Home’

LAUNCHED BY FOCUS IRELAND WITH EMMET KIRWAN

by **Aine McEnroe** / news@echo.ie

An urgent Christmas Appeal has been launched by Focus Ireland for donations with acclaimed Irish actor Emmet Kirwan as the charity’s 'No Child Without a Home' campaign ambassador.

5,270 children are now homeless across Ireland according to the charity, which is the highest number ever recorded. With many children facing their second or third Christmas in emergency accommodation.

Focus Ireland is urging the public to support its Christmas Appeal and to sign its petition calling on the Government to act on its Five-Point Plan to end child homelessness for good.

Tallaght actor and playwright Emmet Kirwan said it is “a collective failure of policy and the political system” that thousands of children across Ireland will spend Christmas without a place to call home.

“No child should spend even one Christmas without a safe place to call home, let alone their second or third. Child homelessness is entirely preventable."

"It is shameful that successive Governments have allowed this crisis to deepen. Homelessness was something that was entirely preventable and it’s essentially due to political failure."

The actor and writer has also filmed a performance of his poem 'A Soft Place to Play' from his play 'Accents', to support the Focus Ireland campaign.



Emmet Kirwan is Focus Ireland’s “No Child Without a Home” campaign ambassador

Commenting on the Christmas Appeal, the CEO of Focus Ireland, Pat Dennigan said, “We are delighted to welcome Emmet Kirwan as an ambassador at a critical time of year. His voice and his values align deeply with the mission of Focus Ireland.”

Focus Ireland’s ‘No Child Without A Home’ campaign highlights the impact and long-term harm of homelessness on children, from lost education to emotional trauma and developmental impacts.

The charity’s five-point action plan asks the Government to stop no fault evictions, stop families being evicted because of unaffordable rent, to build enough of the right homes in the right places, prioritise long term homeless families for social housing and protect children by putting their needs and interests first.

The charity aims to raise vital funds for homelessness services through its Christmas Appeal and donations will go directly towards supporting families facing homelessness.

Concluding, Pat Dennigan said, “This Christmas, you can make a difference. Join us and help end child homelessness for good.”

To donate or to find out more about Focus Ireland’s Christmas Appeal and No Child Without a Home campaign visit www.focusireland.ie.

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Richmond Park was filled with festive cheer for a joyful community celebration

Richmond Park was filled with festive cheer as St Patrick’s Athletic FC hosted its annual Christmas Fair.

The club welcomed families from Dublin 8, Dublin 10, Dublin 12 and surrounding neighbourhoods for a joyful community celebration.

The stadium was transformed for the occasion, with Santa’s Grotto, Christmas market stalls, festive lights and costumed elves creating a lively and welcoming atmosphere.

Children met Santa, families browsed the stalls, and neighbours came together to enjoy the day in a relaxed, festive setting. Co-operative Housing Ireland supported the event in partnership with St Patrick’s Athletic FC, reflecting a shared commitment to strengthening local communities.

Ian Dunne, Head of Community Development at St Patrick’s Athletic FC, said: “Richmond Park is a place for the whole community, and the Christmas Fair is about opening the stadium to local families and creating shared moments that bring people together.”



Hywel and Stephanie Martin with Zachary and Blake

New and exciting work for The Civic in 2026

As 2025 comes to a close, we're proud of a year that saw The Civic deepen its connection with our community, from expanding our Education and Discover Digital programmes to bringing innovative new Irish work, like The Quiet Man to the stage, as well as our own productions at Halloween and Christmas... Oh...Yes We Did!

Looking ahead to 2026, we're excited to present more new and exciting work from emerging and established artists across all kinds of art forms and entertainment. Thank you for your continued support; we could not do what we do without you.

From all of us at The Civic, Happy Christmas, and see you in the New Year!

P.S. Keep an eye out for the new season brochure; it's out soon.....



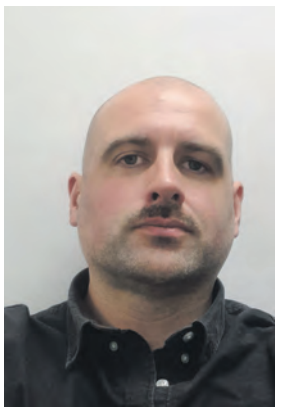
Donal Shiels, Civic Theatre, Artistic Director

Looking forward to developing local leadership potential

Lucy Dubin (Local development manager) Dawn Byrne (ECP Bawnlea) and Anthony Duffy (ECP North Clondalkin) wish all your readers a happy and peaceful Christmas.

We look forward to working with you in 2026 in developing local leadership potential, collaborating with existing services and working closely with residents to craft local responses to local issues. Please visit South Dublin County Partnership website Social Inclusion Section for more information.





Anthony Duffy, Local Development Programme Manager North Clondalkin



Dawn Byrne, Community Engagement Worker Bawnlea



Lucy Dubin, Local Development Manager, Clondalkin

Fettercairn Health Project reflects on strength, kindness and community spirit

As we come to the end of another year, I want to extend warm Christmas wishes to everyone across Tallaght. This season gives us a chance to reflect on the strength, kindness, and community spirit that make our area so special. At the Tallaght Health Project, we are grateful for the partnerships and communities who work with us to support wellbeing throughout the year.

May this Christmas bring peace, joy, and rest to you and your families, and may the New Year be filled with health and hope for all.





Samantha Griffin, Local Coordinator, Tallaght Community Health Project, Fettercairn Community Centre

Clondalkin Camera Club

INSPIRING DISPLAY AT ANNUAL EXHIBITION LAUNCH

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

The Orchard Lodge meeting centre was abuzz with excitement on Wednesday, December 3, as the Clondalkin Camera Club launched its much-anticipated annual exhibition, according to chairperson Mick White.

With a proud tradition of showcasing work created by photographers.

Rooted in the local community, this year's event once again delivered an inspiring display of artistry, technical skill, and a deep appreciation for the Clondalkin area.

Chairperson White opened the proceedings with a thoughtful address outlining the purpose of the exhibition, celebrating the diverse talent of club members and offering the public an opportunity to witness the visual stories captured through their lenses.

He praised the high standard of photographic art on display, acknowledging that much of it reflects the people, places, and everyday life of the community it represents.

White extended his heartfelt thanks to those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to organise and prepare the venue.

These people included Barbara Fitzgerald Skelly, Aoife Finnegan, Kevin Keogh, Dominic Gaffney, Brian McKeown, Gay McGrath, Mick Clemenger, Brendan Kneafsey, and Paul Keegan.



Mick, Kevin and Ted



Gay, Gillian and Suzana

He also expressed sincere gratitude to South Dublin County Council for their significant support throughout 2025, noting that their commitment to community-based initiatives has been crucial to the club's growth and continued success. Looking ahead, White confirmed the club's intention to expand its community engagement further in 2026.

Councillor Francis Timmons officially launched the exhibition, emphasising the cultural importance of photography in capturing and preserving local history.

He spoke warmly of how organisations like Clondalkin Camera Club act as custodians of community memory, offering future generations a visual record of their shared past.

The launch attracted club members, family, friends, and members of the wider public, making it not only an artistic success but a meaningful celebration of community spirit.

Congratulations to all involved.

Huge crowds gathered at Áras Chrónáin's 'Beithilín Beo'

It was another huge success!" beams Brian O Gaibhin, organiser of Aras Chronain's 'Beithilín Beo' (Live Crib) in Clondalkin this past weekend.

Huge crowds gathered at Aras Chronain on the days and evenings of December 13 and 14 to create another "magical" experience, as has been the case every year.

Brian jokes that after all the preparation and work that went into the production, "the gas thing is that you come in and the whole thing is gone today!"

It seems there is no rest for the wicked with Aras Chronain, as Colm Gavin and Kenan Flannery are performing a concert there this Friday, December 19, followed by the 12th Annual Ciaran Carr Christmas Busk on Saturday, December 20.

Brian sings the praises of all involved in a successful weekend, from the actors to the crew handling lights, sound, costumes, sets, etc., as well as anyone who came to support them and allowed their children to participate.

The Beithilín Beo has been entertaining the community of Clondalkin for 20 years, having hosted its first performance in 2005.

This year marked the 20th edition of the show, performed every year since 2005 with the exception of 2020 due to COVID restrictions and lockdown.

When asked about how many people were in attendance, Brian remarks that he would estimate there were over 1200 audience members across the two days and nights. He is "so grateful" to everyone who volunteered to contribute their time and efforts to this year's 'Beithilín Beo' and aided in making it a success.

Congratulations and Merry Christmas to all involved.



Some of the performers at the Live Crib in Áras Chrónáin

Seasonal Recycling

SDCC CHRISTMAS DECORATION RECYCLING COMPETITION

The Mayor of South Dublin County, Cllr Pamela Kearns presented the winners of the SDCC Christmas Decoration Recycling Competition with their prizes in County Hall.

Mayor Kearns said "Every year the fantastic response to this competition amazes me and this year was no different. Handmade decorations are so precious. Every time you make a decoration from ordinary household recyclable materials, you help the environment and create something unique that can be given as gifts to your family. Once you get into the habit of thinking this way, there is no limit to your creativity, the amount of recycling you can do and the money you can save. Congratulations to everyone"

This Christmas Mayor Kearns asks you to pass on the important message of recycling to your family and friends.

South Dublin County Council would like to congratulate everyone who took part in the annual competition. All the decorations created are fantastic and all made from recycled materials.



Polina Petrova from St Ronan's National School came 1st in the under 9 category



The Sugarloaf Class from Pobalscoil Iosolde, Palmerstown Community School came 1st in the over 9 category: Jessica Dunne, Caelan Brothers, Bill Elegboeun, Turlough O'Brien and Cassie Mc Donnell with Mayor Pamela Kearns

Greenhills Community College filled with festive cheer

by **Leon Craine** / 6th year student

The canteen of Greenhills Community College was filled with festive cheer last Wednesday as students staff families and primary school students from The Holy Spirit gathered for the school's annual Christmas Market Day.

Visitors enjoyed stalls run by students, homemade bakes, craft stands, and games.

A raffle and prize draw were held by the parent's association.

Several students were recognised for their contributions and achievements.

Prize Winners Included:

First: Jason (1st Year student) – overall winner for his fantastic sustainable and creative product, Joint Second: Leo (TY student) & Joshua (6th LCA student) and Third: Tyler and Keelan (TY students)

One of the highlights of the day was Calum, a third-year student, who dressed up as a cheerful Christmas elf. Stationed beside Santa's grotto, Calum helped welcome excited pupils and families, posing for photos and adding plenty of holiday magic to the occasion.

The event was a wonderful success thanks to Ms Leahy who organises it every year.

This year's Christmas Fair was a memorable way to begin the holiday celebrations.



Elf Callum Joshua and Ethan



Jason and Logan



Leo and Ryan



Tyler and Keelan

Thanks to all after a busy year for Tallaght Rehabilitation Project

2025 has been a very busy year for Tallaght Rehabilitation Project and all our staff here at Kiltalown House. We were delighted to offer all our services throughout the year to people from the Tallaght wide community, many clients and families that TRP supported have greatly benefited because of their engagement with our programs.

Like so many other projects in Tallaght, funding of our services is paramount to the sustainability of our organization and to what supports we can continue to offer people in the community.

TRP CLG would like to thank all of our great staff, all of the board of management of TRP, and all the clients who engaged with us in 2025. We would also like to thank all of our funders and all of the other great agencies and organisations we have collaborated with throughout 2025.

Happy Christmas and a happy, peaceful, healthy new year to you all from all at Tallaght Rehabilitation Project CLG, Kiltalown House.



A celebration of recovery drama in the Tallaght Theatre where we put on a show in collaboration with TU Dublin for the social care students

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.







A blessed and hope-filled Christmas to all



Fr Michael Murtagh

At Christmas we meet God as he comes face to face with us in the natural excitement of a new-born baby. God and humanity come closer together, embrace and bring warmth to a manger where poor shepherds and rich kings befriend one another, because, whenever Jesus is the focus of our attention, we are changed.

However you may be feeling at this time or whatever is happening in your life, may the attention we give to the new-born Jesus lift our hearts and lives to the God who never gives up on us.

A blessed and hope-filled Christmas & New Year to all. God Bless, Fr Michael Murtagh

Reduce, re-use, recycle

I'M DREAMING OF A GREEN CHRISTMAS

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.



Bringing festive cheer into the homes that need it most



Christmas can be a difficult time for many families in Jobstown and the surrounding areas, especially for those affected by addiction.

While it's a season often associated with joy and celebration, the financial pressures, isolation, and emotional strain that some families experience can become even more pronounced in December.

For children in particular, the absence of routine and the realities of family challenges can make the festive period feel overwhelming rather than magical.

This year, JADD is supporting local families by providing Christmas hampers and Santa gifts to help ease some of that pressure and bring a bit of festive cheer into homes that need it most.

Alongside our community events and family activities, these supports ensure parents and children can experience moments of joy, laughter, and comfort during the holidays.

The kind donations that we receive from people and companies locally remind families that they are not alone, and that the Jobstown community stands with them at Christmas.



JADD manager Thomas Gilson

Fantastic year would not have been possible without the support of parents and community

What a fantastic year it has been for our band. We proudly launched our new uniforms and enjoyed incredible performance opportunities, from the Dublin Parade on St Patrick's Day to the Limerick International Band Championships, the Rose of Tralee Festival, our annual Christmas Carol Service, and the unforgettable 3 Bands – 1 Stage concert with St Joseph's Pipe Band and Lucan Concert Band.

We were also honoured with an invitation to compete in the prestigious World Music Contest. None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our parents and community. We wish all members, families, and supporters a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



Clondalkin Youth Band

Christmas Greetings

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS



Garda Sergeant Emer Lamon, Tallaght Person of the Year 2025

Christmas message of hope for the year ahead from Garda Sergeant Emer Lamon

As we celebrate Christmas, we are reminded of what truly makes Tallaght special: kindness, resilience, togetherness and willingness to look out for one another.

Be kind. Check on your neighbours. Reach out to those who may be alone or less fortunate.

Even the smallest act, a call, a visit, or a warm smile, can make a world of difference.

To all the emergency services working over Christmas— Gardaí, paramedics, firefighters, nurses, doctors, carers, and hospital staff—thank you for your dedication and taking time away from your own families to continue to protect, support, and care for the community.

To those spending Christmas in hospital, especially children and some of our own Little Blue Heroes, we are thinking of you. Wishing you healing and hope. You are never forgotten.

Wishing everyone in the community a peaceful, safe, and joyful Christmas filled with hope for the year ahead.

Nollaig Shona!

NSPCA thank you for your support, generosity and trust



Suzanne McGovern, Director of Operations at NSPCA Dublin

This year has shown, once again, how much kindness exists in our community. Every animal we rescued, treated or rehomed was helped along the way by people who chose to care. On behalf of the NSPCA, thank you for your support, generosity and trust. Your compassion has changed hundreds of lives and given countless animals the second chance they deserve. We are deeply grateful. Wishing you and yours a peaceful Christmas and a hopeful New Year.

There's still time to make a Christmas gift. Donate online at www.dspca.ie/donate

or phone 1800 911 190

You can be the reason an animal finds warmth, safety and love



This year you can be the reason an animal finds warmth, safety, and love, it's been an insane year full of cruelty and sadness for so many.

Your support helps us rescue the forgotten, care for the injured, and offer hope to the abandoned.

All of us at My Lovely Horse Animal Rescue, animals and humans would like to say thank you to everyone that has supported us. From our rescue family to yours, Merry Christmas.



Martina Kenny, co-founder of My Lovely Horse

Tallaght Community Council
Comhairle Phobail Thamlachta

Nollaig Shona Dhaoibh go léir i dTamhlacht!

2025 - Our Year in Review

Meaningful Strategic Engagement
We met our local representatives and key agencies such as the Gardai, SDCC, TUD Tallaght, TUH, Family Carers Ireland, IBAL, Focus Ireland and local schools to discuss areas of concern and to suggest collaborations that will help raise the quality of life in Tallaght.

Tallaght Tidy Towns
Our bi-weekly litterpicks attracted high praise from the judges; 100+ picks, collected 623 bags of rubbish and clocked up 1,200 volunteer hours.

National Campaigns
We marked many national campaigns in Tallaght throughout the year.

National Heritage Week
A Heritage Council programme

Tallaght Person of the Year 2025
Thanks to our outgoing TPOTY 24 Glenda Murphy Smullen who was a powerhouse during her tenure. Fáilte to Emer Lamon, our new TPOTY. Go raibh maith agat to all our sponsors.

Báin taitneamh as an nollaig. Go n-eiri linn le chéile i dTamhlacht i 2026.
Tamhlacht Abú!



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"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 adore this time of year; planning and preparing what I am going to cook for my family and while this Christmas may be a little different than others; the good news is I will still get to cook what is my favourite meal of the year, twice, on both Christmas day and Stephen's day; albeit for smaller gatherings than in years before. 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 much further. 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 all I have to do is score and stud each intersection with cloves and then dress with brown sugar, orange zest, Dijon mustard and maple syrup and pop back into the oven for 30 minutes to become burnished and golden! It's simply delicious I promise you!

Turkey & Ham – ingredients:
Caters for 12- 14 People



14lb Turkey – Full bird
11lb Heritage cured ham – part boned, makes for easier carving
1lb unsalted butter
1 packet of streaky bacon
200g 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 – 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 degrees / 350F / Gas mark 4
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, I always do, gives more flavour, place your stuffing inside the cavity but remember not to pack it 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. You are creating an oven within an oven
9. Pop into the oven. A bird this size will take about 4 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 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 or up to 2 hours if required, to give you time to roast your ham and prepare and cook the delicious accompaniments.



. . .with JP passion

WITH DELICIOUS ROASTED CHRISTMAS VEG AND GRAVY

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.

The Ultimate Christmas Gravy – serves 6 (if catering for more double the recipe)

Ingredients



100ml red wine
600ml Chicken stock
1 sprig of fresh rosemary
50g flour
50g butter
100ml of cream (optional)
Sea salt and cracked black pepper

Method

1. When you remove the turkey from the roasting tin skim off any of the excess fat and then pop the remaining juices into a large pan.
2. On a medium heat, then add the red wine and whisk together with the juices from the turkey and leave to simmer for about 5 minutes to allow the alcohol to evaporate.
3. Then add the chicken stock and rosemary and bring back to boil. Whisk in the butter and flour to thicken the gravy and then pour in the cream – this adds a lovely richness.
4. Allow it all to bubble up until the flavour is concentrated then season with salt and pepper and pass through a sieve into your gravy boat – serve and enjoy.

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.

This is how I prepare and cook my Christmas Turkey and Ham, my Nanny Rena's delicious homemade stuffing and delicious gravy 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 fool proof method for the perfect turkey and ham served with the ultimate Christmas gravy.!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas - JP

Christmas Window Display

WITH MOVING SKI LIFTS AND FUNFAIR

by **James Roulston Mooney** / jamesrm@echo.ie

A Clondalkin resident has created another Christmas window display to mark the holiday season, adding to a long line of creations spanning decades.

Clondalkin Village local John McEvoy has created a three-tiered Christmas display, showcasing ski slopes with moving ski lifts and figures descending a snowy mountainside.

John starts working on his creations each year around October in the workshop in his home and his niece Nicola Johnston has fond memories of them from when she was a child but thinks this is her uncle's best work yet.

Nicola said: "The ski slope actually works! It has like a conveyor belt, you know when you're going on the ski slope and you sit on the carriages? It actually has that!...

"…The work he put in this year was just phenomenal, like he carved out the Styrofoam to make it look like a ski slope.

"The chairlift is rotating above, and you see the people in it and then you see the people coming down the slopes and it's just unbelievable."

Over the years, the 69-year-old has been collecting pieces from Johnstown Garden Centre in Naas to use for his displays and create his window Winter Wonderlands.

The Winter Wonderlands created by the local come in the form of box displays and neighbours and passers-by have come to anticipate them over the years.

Nicola said that her uncle's creativity in making these displays for everyone to enjoy, as well as his passion in doing so is heartwarming.

She remembers heading over to her uncle's years ago to see the creations with the wonder never lost on the eyes of a child.

"We would have spent a lot of time there. My aunt and uncle are my godparents - they didn't have their own kids so they kind of involved all of us and we'd have Christmas nights up there."

McEvoy has also created a "real-life funfair" fit with a ferris wheel and other working rides.

The displays have given Nicola and her family a special set of holiday season memories over the years to cherish. Those memories continue to be made, with Nicola's children now able to take in the magic that John creates each Christmas.

"My kids now, like I'd bring them up and they'd get to turn on the light. He's just magical, he's just amazing."









John McEvoy with his three-tiered Christmas display

A big thank you from Homeless Street Leagues

Christmas is a special time for all in the community. The work *The Echo* does in supporting local communities, telling the stories and highlighting the issues plays a huge role in bringing communities together.

Communities working together is what it's all about, your support for the Irish Homeless Street leagues and what we are trying to achieve is testament to that.

Wishing you and your readers a Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.



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

Warmest wishes to everyone in our community for a safe and happy Christmas



Bróna O'Reilly (Superintendent Tallaght Garda Station)

As we approach Christmas and the New Year I wish to extend my warmest wishes to everyone in our Community for a safe and happy Christmas. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support throughout the year – it truly helps in our commitment to keeping our community safe.

Please take extra care on the roads over the festive period, plan nights out responsibly and look out for vulnerable neighbours or anyone who may need support.

Gardaí at Tallaght and Rathfarnham Garda Stations, will continue to provide a visible presence and assistance over the Christmas period and we wish you a safe, peaceful and Happy Christmas, and a healthy New Year.

A special thanks to those working over Christmas from South Dublin Chamber CEO



ENCOURAGEMENT: Peter Byrne (CEO South Dublin Chamber)

At this time of year our thoughts turn to family, friends, shopping, going out and enjoying a good time.

This is made possible by the many people who work over Christmas both in the services we see and use and those behind the scenes.

A special thank you to everyone who is working over the Christmas and a special shout out to those who provide medical, care and safety services, we greatly appreciate what you do.

For those having a break, I hope you get to enjoy it, the year has been long with much work done.

Many have had a successful year and some have not. 2026 brings a new opportunity to those who need to reset and for all our members I truly hope that you enjoy the Christmas, it is a special time and let us always remember also that many need our support so they too can have a good Christmas.

Saoirse thanks the community 'for everything you've made possible this year'



Saoirse's Nadine O'Brien

Saoirse Domestic Violence Services would like to thank our local community for everything you've made possible this year.

Your support helped us provide emergency accommodation, a 24/7 helpline, outreach, court support, and child & youth services to families experiencing domestic violence. Demand for our services continues to rise, but your kindness ensures women and children can gain safety, hope and freedom.

Please donate at sdvs.ie/xmas to help more women and children find safety, comfort and joy this Christmas.

And remember — if you're in an abusive relationship, we're here for you 24/7. Even at Christmas. Call 1800 911 211 for free, day or night, or email helpline@sdvs.ie

Saoirse 24-hour Freephone helpline 1800911221

Stephen encourages all to get outdoors and walk and talk over the Christmas holidays



Stephen Brennan, Walk & Talk

2025, what an amazing year for our group!! So many great walks and hikes completed. Highlights for many in the group would be travelling to Scotland, Wales and England to climb Ben Nevis, Mount Snowdon and Scafell Pike, each one a huge achievement with friendships and memories made.

2025 also marked 3 years of Walk & Talk and I couldn't be prouder. Our group has grown so much over the years, and our online following has been amazing.

Followers enjoying our hike pictures and supporting us. It's been incredible, people getting out and helping their mental health. We are excited for 2026 and aim to take on more challenges.

I'd like to wish all our members and supporters a merry Christmas and happy New Year. I know the holidays can be tough for people for lots of reasons, I'd encourage anyone struggling to get outdoors if they can as we know it can help.



Bridget with Lexi and Darcie



Aishling and Hannah



Greenhills Girl Guides at the panto



The Creagh Family



Lily and Cardy



Declan, Daniel and Chrissie



Hugh, James, Peter and Eva



Mark, Eimear, Eli and Marcie

Tickles, Beauty and The Beast

PANTO IN THE CIVIC THEATRE

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Ruby and Marian



Pearl, Aimee and Julie



Deborah, Oriana and Zoe



Some of the cast performing in Tickles, Beauty and The Beast



Rian and Iarla



Irene, Sinead and Shauna



Breege, Laoise, Tadhg and Seán

COLOURING BOOK



Colouring Competition

To be in with a chance to win a prize in January colour in this Christmas drawing, take a picture of it and email it to reception@echo.ie

Make sure you include your contact details.

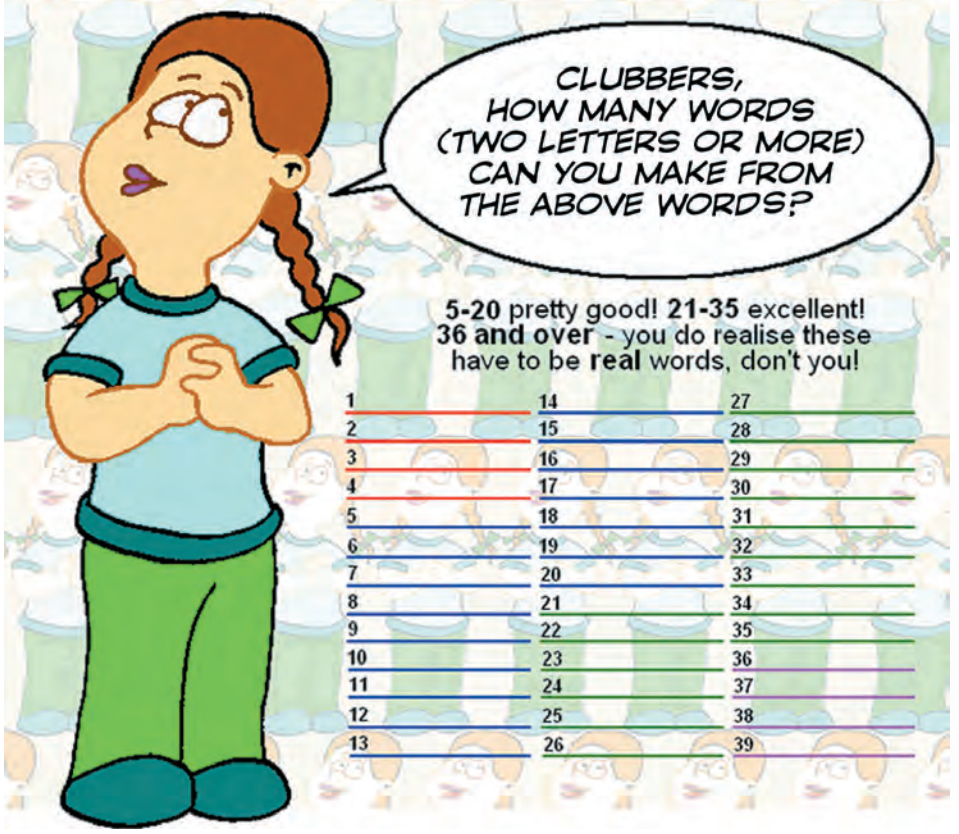
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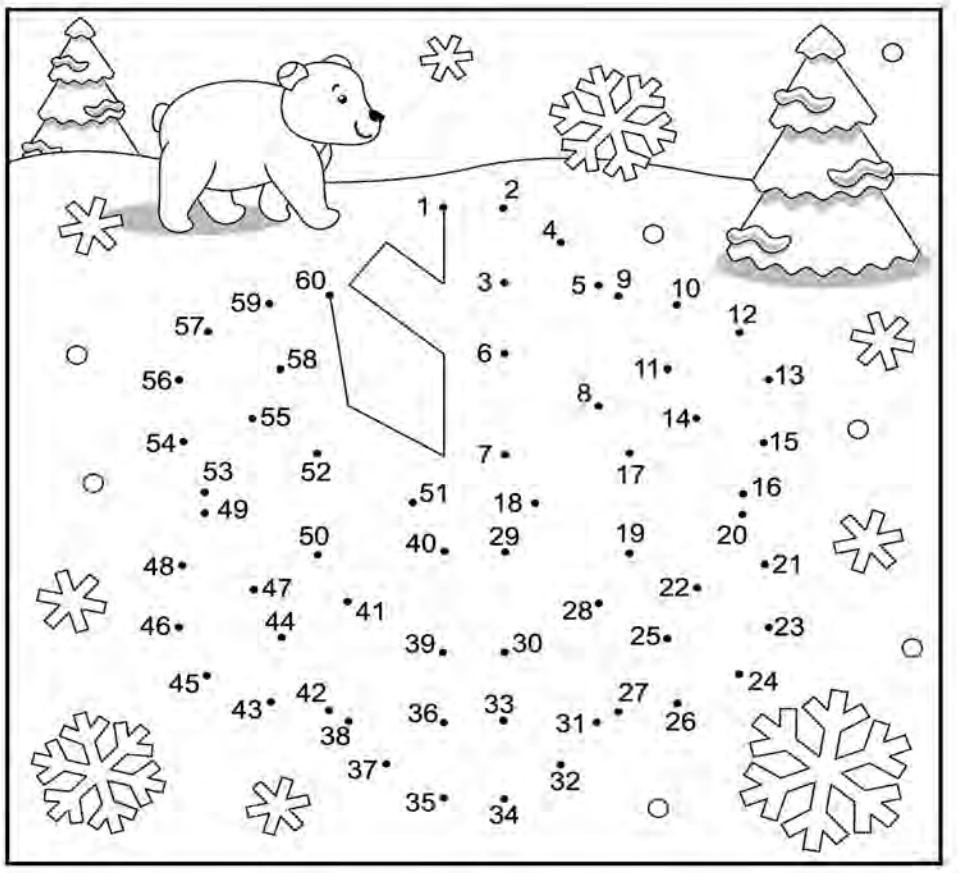
Santa Claus



5-20 pretty good! **21-35** excellent!
36 and over - you do realise these have to be **real** words, don't you!

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Draw a line from dot number 1 to dot number 2, then from dot number 2 to dot number 3, 3 to 4, and so on. Continue to join the dots until you have connected all the numbered dots. Then color the picture!



Help the little elves to find the way to the Santa's sack.



Christmas Jokes

Why did the scarecrow get a big Christmas bonus? **Because he was outstanding in his field.**

What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party? **Freeze a jolly good fellow!**

Elves use what kind of money? **Jingle bills.**

What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar? **He got 25 days!**



MERRY
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SANTA CLAUS
DECORATION
CELEBRATIONS
SNOWFLAKES
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PRESENTS
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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.

White Christmas - 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

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Just like the ones I used to know
May your days be merry and bright
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Away in a Manger

Away in a manger
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky
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 You, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
Until morning is nigh
Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask You to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray
Bless all the dear children
In Your tender care
And fit us for heaven
To live with You there

Here comes Santa Claus Here comes Santa Claus Right down Santa Claus Lane

Here comes Santa ClausHere comes Santa Claus
R ight down Santa Claus Lane
Vixen and Blitzen and all his reindeer
Pullin' on the reins
Bells are ringin', children singin'
All is merry and bright
So 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's filled with toys
For boys and girls again
Hear those sleigh bells jingle jangle, Oh, what a beautiful sight
So jump in bed, and cover 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 rich or poor, He loves you just the same
Santa Claus knows we're all God's children
That makes everything right
So fill your hearts with Christmas cheer
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight

Here comes Santa Claus, Here comes Santa Claus
Right down Santa Claus Lane
He'll come around when chimes ring out
That it's Christmas morn' again, Peace on earth will come to all
If we just follow the light
So let's give thanks to the Lord above
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight

Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer - by Robert L. May and Johnny Marks (c) 1947

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer
Had a very shiny nose
(like a light bulb)
And if you ever saw it
You would even say it glows
(like a light bulb)
All of the other reindeer

Used to laugh and call him
names (like Pinochio)
They never let poor Rudolph
Join in any reindeer games
(like Monopoly)
Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say

Rudolph with your nose so bright
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?
Then all the reindeer loved him
And they shouted out with glee
Rudolph the red-nosed
reindeerYou'll go down in history!
(like Columbus)

I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus - T Connor 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
(tickle, 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

Silent Night Joepeh Mohr 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 Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night
Wondroud star, lend they light
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King
Christ the Saviour is here,
Jesus th 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

Rockin' Arouund The Christmas Tree Brenda Lee 1958

Rockin' around the Christmas tree
At the Christmas party hop
Mistletoe hung where you can see
Every couple tries to stop
Rockin' around the Christmas tree
Let the Christmas spirit ring
Later we'll have some pumpkin pie
And we'll do some caroling
You will get a sentimental feeling
when you hear
Voices singing, let's be jolly
Deck the halls with boughs of holly
Rockin' around the Christmas tree
Have a happy holiday
Everyone dancin' merrily
In the new old-fashioned way
You will get a sentimental feeling
when you hear
Voices singing, let's be jolly
Deck the halls with boughs of holly
Rockin' around the Christmas tree
Have a happy holiday
Everyone dancin' merrily
In the new old-fashioned way



It's beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas Meredith Willson 1951

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
Everywhere you go
Take a look at the five and ten,
it's glistening once again
With candy canes and silver lanes that glow
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
Toys in every store
But the prettiest sight to see is the holly that
will be on your own front door
A pair of Hopalong boots and a pistol that
shoots is the wish of Barney and Ben
Dolls that'll talk and will go for a walk
Is the hope of Janice and Jen
And Mom and Dad can hardly wait
for school to start again
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
Everywhere you go
There's a tree in the Grand Hotel,
one in the park as well, It's the sturdy kind
that doesn't mind the snow
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
Soon the bells will start
And the thing that'll make 'em ring is the carol
that you sing right within your heart
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
Toys in every store
But the prettiest sight to see is the holly that
will be on your own front door
Sure, it's Christmas once more

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 Yuletide 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,
Follow me in merry measure
Fa la la la la, la la la la,
While I tell of Yuletide 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, ye lads and lasses
Fa la la, la la la, la la la,
Sing we joyous all together, oh
Heedless of the wind and weather
Fa la la, la la la, la la la



Christmas Sing-Along

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas 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 (Merry little Christmas)
Make the Yuletide gay (Make the Yuletide 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

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

Santa Claus is Coming to Town J. Fred Coots, Henry Gillespie (1934

You better watch out, You better not cry,
You better not pout, I'm telling you why...
Santa Claus is coming to town!

He's making a list, And checking it twice,
He's gonna find out, Who's naughty or 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!

Oh...You better watch out, You better not cry
You better not pout, I'm telling you why...
Santa Claus is coming to town!

With little tin horns, And little toy drums.
Rooty-toot-toots, And rummy tum tums.
Santa Claus is coming town!

And curly-haired dolls, That toddle and coo,
Elephants, boats,
And kiddie cars too.
Santa Claus is coming to town!

The kids in girl and boy land, Will have a jubilee.
They're gonna build a toyland town
All around the Christmas tree.

Sooo. . . . You better watch out, You better not cry.
You better not pout, I'm telling you why...
Santa Claus is coming...Santa Claus is coming...
Santa Claus is coming to town!

I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday - Wizzard 1973

When the snowman brings the snow
Well, he just might like to know
He's put a great big smile
on somebody's face
If you jump into your bed,
quickly cover up your head
Don't you lock the doors,
you know that sweet
Santa Claus is on the way

Well, I wish it could be
Christmas every day
When the kids start singing
and the band begins to play
Oh, I wish it could be Christmas every day
Let the bells ring out for Christmas

When we're skating in the park
If the storm cloud paints it dark
Then your rosy cheeks going to light my merry way
Now the frosticles appear and t
hey've frozen up my beard
So we'll lie by the fire 'til the sleep simply
melts them all away

Well, I wish it could be Christmas every day
When the kids start singing
and the band begins to play
Oh, I wish it could be Christmas every day
Let the bells ring out for Christmas
Why don't you give your love for Christmas?

The Christmas Song Mel Thorme (1946)

Chestnuts roasting
on an open fire
Jack Frost nipping at your nose
Yuletide 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 reindeers
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
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

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!

All I want for Christmas is you

I don't want a lot for Christmas
There is just one thing I need
I don't care about the presents
underneath the Christmas tree
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
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
Oh, baby, all I want for Christmas is you
You, baby

All I want for Christmas is you, baby
All I want for Christmas is you, baby
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

Thanks to everyone who entered the Christmas Tree competition. This is just a small selection of the 400 entries we received!



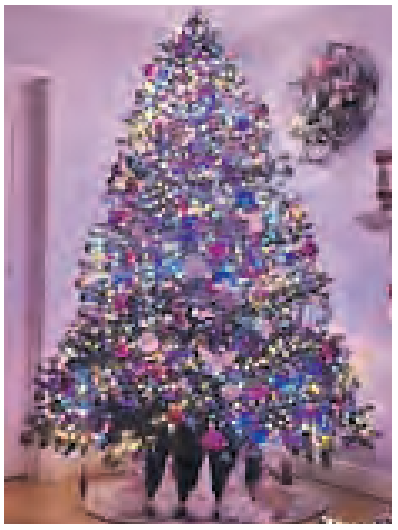
Caroline Ryan



Danielle Kavanagh



Dempsey Demo



Karl Nicholson



Laurna Regan



Lynsey Lynch



Maria Carey



Jessica Halvey



Rachel Core



Sean Ritchie



Shane Giffen

And the winner is....

by **James Roulston Mooney** Jamesrm@echo.ie

A Clondalkin woman is this year's winner of the *The Echo's* annual Christmas tree competition. Louise Twamley is this year's lucky winner of the Christmas tree competition and is over the moon with her success.

She entered the competition without realising that she had a chance of winning this year's instalment and now has a €100 shopping voucher as her prize.

Louise said: "I couldn't believe it! I was like 'oh god, really?' I never win anything…I might treat myself."

The Clondalkin local took a day to decorate her tree, hit by a perfectionist bug that afflicts so many at Christmas, trying to find the right spot for each decoration.

She had several tries at getting all the decorations in the right place and with the help (and mischief) of her children created our winner.

"The tree took me about a day, in fairness, because kids kept putting them on when I was taking them off and putting them back on…I have to go outside to make sure you can see all the lights."

The work complements other decorations put up outside of the house on the window ledges and on the door frame and also complements the room it resides in.

The sitting room's colour was brought into the brainstorming and the tree's lights complement it.

Louise recalled her mother's strategy every Christmas that had no such coordination of colour involved in the lighting.

Louise noted that she will miss her mother, Elizabeth, this year, after she passed in April, and felt her competition victory was the little lift that she needed.

Her win only adds to her favourite part of the holiday season, watching the joy that materialises under the tree she put so much time into.

"It's putting up the tree and then Christmas morning, seeing the kids opening all the presents under it and just the excitement like."



WINNERS: Louise, Poppy and Leighton

A glimpse of Christmas with warmth and imagination at Tallaght University Hospital

Each year, staff across Tallaght University Hospital bring a little extra light to the wards and outpatient areas by creating and decorating Christmas trees for the annual Christmas Tree Competition.

It's a long standing tradition that showcases the creativity, teamwork, and spirit of our colleagues.

Christmas can be a challenging time for many, for patients spending time in hospital, and for staff who are caring for others while away from their own families.

These trees offer moments of colour, comfort, and connection, reminding everyone who passes by that the Hospital community is thinking of them.

Here are a selection of this year's creations, so that patients, families, and the wider community can see how TUH marks the season with warmth and imagination.



CDU - Buzzin Bee Tree



Gogarty Ward - Post Op Express



Medical Short Stay Unit - The Tree of Unity



Intensive Care Unit - The Gift of Life - Celebrating Care & Renewal



Cardiac Care Unit - Rhythm of Christmas



Theatre Tree
- Hats off it's Christmas



Dermatology Department
- The Positive Tree



William Stokes Unit - Working Around the Christmas Tree



Occupational Therapy 3



Speech & Language Therapy - The Wicked Tree of Defying Limits



Lane Ward - PRESENTing Lane



Ormsby Ward - Bucket List



Pastoral Care - Angles of hope



Vartry Renal Unit - The Eternitree

Christmas Church Services

TALLAGHT AND DISTRICT

Parish of Castleview
Christmas Eve: (Wednesday)
- 6pm Vigil in St. Kevin's (Families with children)
- 7pm Vigil in St. Kilian's
- 9pm Vigil Mass in St. Kevin's

Christmas Day: (Thursday)
- 11am Mass in St. Kilian's

St. Stephens Day: 26th Dec (Friday)
- 11am Mass in St. Kilian's

Saturday, 27th Dec:
- 6pm Vigil in St. Kilian's

Sunday, 28th Dec:
- 10am Mass in St. Kevin's
- 12 noon St. Kilian's

Wednesday 31st Dec:
- 11.30pm Midnight Mass to welcome the New Year with God's Blessing in St. Kevin's Church

St Mary's Priory
Wednesday, 24th December 2025
- 8:00am.; 10:00am.; 1:00pm.

Christmas Eve Masses:
- 6:30pm-Vigil Mass
- 9:00pm-Vigil of Readings;
- 9.30pm-Night Mass;
- 12:00 Midnight-Mass in Polish

Christmas Day
- Christmas Masses:8:00am; 10:00am; 12:00 Noon; 4:30pm (in Polish)

St Stephen's Day
- St. Stephen's Day Masses: 10:00am; 11.15am (in Polish); 1:00pm

St Mark's Parish Belgard, Fettercairn, Springfield
Christmas Eve,
- Springfield Vigil Mass 6pm & 9pm,
- Fettercairn Carols 7.10pm, Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Christmas Day,
- Fettercairn 9.30am mass
- Springfield 12.30pm mass
- No mass on Stephens Day, Weekend Mass as normal,

Thursday Jan 1st
- Springfield 10am mass

Feast of the Epiphany
- Vigil Monday 5th January - Springfield 7pm
- Epiphany Tuesday 6th January - Springfield 10am

St Thomas Jobstown
Christmas Eve
- 8pm Vigil Mass

Christmas Day
- 11.30am Mass

St Stephens Day
- No Mass

Sunday 28th December
- Mass at 11.30am

St Aidan's Brookfield
Christmas Eve
- 8pm Vigil Mass

Christmas Day
- 10.30am

St Stephens Day
- No mass

St Martin De Porres
Christmas Eve
- Week of Advent Mass 10am
- Vigil Masses 7pm & 9pm

Christmas Day
- Mass 12 noon

St Stephens Day
- Mass at 11am

December 27th
- St Johns Evangelist 11am
- Feast of Holy Family Vigil Mass 7pm

December 28th
- Feast of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph 12.30pm

Tuesday 30th to Friday 2nd
- Mass at 11am

Jan 3rd
- Vigil Mass 7pm

4th January
- Vigil Mass 12.30pm

Jan 5th
- Vigil Mass 7pm

Jan 6th
- The Epiphany of the Lord 11am

Confessions
- December 20th 6.15pm- 6.45pm
- December 24th 10.30am - 11.30am

St Anne's
Christmas Eve
- Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Christmas Day
- Mass 8.30am

December 28th
- Feast of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph 8.30am

January 4th
- Mass 8.30am

Tuesday 6th
- Epiphany of the Lord 10am

Confession
- Dec 19th following 10am Mass

Holy Rosary
Christmas Eve
- Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Christmas Day
- Mass 10.30am

December 28th
- Feast of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph 10.30am

December 29th • Mass 11am

4th January • Mass 10.30am

Confession
- December 22nd following 10am Mass

St Jude's The Apostle
Christmas Eve
- Vigil Family Mass at 5pm.
- 8pm Vigil Mass Folk Group

Christmas Day
- 10am morning mass Parish Choir

Stephens Day
- 11am Mass

December 27th/28th - Feast of the Holy Family
- Saturday Vigil 5:30pm mass
- Sunday 10am morning mass

Normal Mass TImes resume from 29th December

St Aengus's Church Balrothery
Christmas Eve
- Christmas Vigil Mass at 4pm and 7pm.

Christmas Day
- Mass at 10am & 12noon

St Stephen's Day
- Mass at 11am

Saturday & Sunday
- Normal weekend Masses

New Year's Day
- Mass for World Day of Peace at 11am

St Maelruains
Christmas Eve
- 'Midnight' Holy Communion at 11.30pm

Christmas Day
- family Holy Communion at 11.00am

Sat 27th December
- Taize style ecumenical Service and Dialogue Sermon with the Archbishop

Sun 28 th December
- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 11.00am Family Service

Followed by Coffee in the Main Hall

New Year's Eve
- Watch Light Service at 11.00pm (Gabby's 11 th Birthday)

Saggart Parish
Christmas Eve:
- Saggart - 5pm & 9pm
- Rathcoole - 5.30pm and 7.30pm
- Newcastle - 9pm

Christmas Day
- Saggart - 9am
- Rathcoole - 12 noon
- Newcastle - 10am

St Stephen's Day
- Saggart 11am

Monday 29th:
- Newcastle 10am

Tuesday 30th
- Rathcoole 10am

Wednesday 31st
- Saggart 11am

Thursday 1st Jan
- Rathcoole 10am

Friday 2nd Jan
- Saggart 11am

Confession after all masses Sat/Sun 20-21 and Christmas Eve in Saggart

Greenhills Holy Spirit
Christmas Eve
- Mass at 7:30pm

Christmas Day
- Masses at 10am & 12pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Firhouse
Confessional (Rite 1), Saturday 20th December (revised times)
- 5.00p.m. -5.45p.m

Wednesday 24th December
- 10.30a.m. – 12 Noon

Christmas Masses 2025
- Family Mass 6p.m. Christmas Eve.
- Night Mass 9p.m. Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day Masses-
- 9.30a.m & 11.30a.m.

Friday 26th – Saturday 27th December -
- Mass 10a.m. 11.30am-12.30pm

Knocklyon Parish
Christmas Eve Masses
- 5.00pm, 7.00pm and 9.00pm

Christmas Day
- 9.30am and 11.00am

WALKINSTOWN, CRUMLIN AND DRIMNAGH

Church of Assumption Walkinstown
22ndDecember.
- Mass at 10am

23rd Dec 2025
- Mass at 10am

Christmas Eve.
- No 10am Mass

Christmas Eve
- Vigil Mass at 6pm

Christmas Day
- Mass 11:30am

The church closes after 11:30 Mass.

St Stephen's Day.
- Mass at 10am

Saturday 27th December
- Vigil Mass at 6pm

Sunday 28th December
- Mass at 11.30am

Monday 29th December
- Mass at 10am

Tuesday 30th December
- Mass at 10am.

Wed 31st December
- Mass at 10am.

New Years Day -1st January
- Mass at 10am

Christmas Church Services

St Pius Templeogue
Saturday 20th December
- Individual Confessions 12noon - 1pm

Christmas Eve
- 6pm vigil Family Mass
- 9pm vigil Mass - Parish Choir
- (Carols from 8.30pm)

Christmas Day
- 11.30am Morning Mass - Folk Group

Saturday 27th December
- Saturday vigil - 7pm Mass

Sunday 28th December
- Sunday - 11.30am Mass

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th December -
- 10am Mass

Thursday 1st January - New Year's Day -
- 11am Mass

St Agnes's Church Crumlin
Christmas Eve
- Vigil Masses at 5.30pm & Mass with blessing of the Crib at 7.00pm

Christmas Day:
- Mass at 9.30am, 11.00am & 12.30pm

St. Stephen's Day:
- 9.00am only. The Church closes after Mass

Weekend Masses
(Sat 27th / Sun 28th December):

Saturday 27th
- 9.00am and Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Sunday 28th:
- 9.30am, 11.00am & 12.30pm

Mon 29th; Tues 30th & Wed 31st:
- Mass at 9.00am Church closes at 2.00pm each day

Thurs 1st/Fri 2nd Jan:
- Mass at 9.00am, Church Closes immediately after Mass

Weekend Masses (Sat 3rd / Sun 4th January)
- Masses as normal

Feast of the Epiphany
- Monday 6th January 2026 at 9.00am and 10.00am

Our Lady of Good Counsel Drimnagh
Christmas Eve
- 5.00pm Family Vigil Mass with Festive Music & Carols

7.30pm Vigil Mass
(Also Confession sessions earlier: 10.30–11.30am and 2–3pm

Christmas Day
- 9.00am: Mass at Dawn
- 12noon: Sung Mass During the Day with the Parish Choir

Feast of Saint Stephen
- Mass at 10.00am

Saturday 27th December
- Mass at 10.00am

Feast of the Holy Family – Saturday 27th / Sunday 28th December
- Vigil Mass (Saturday) at 6.30pm
- Mass (Sunday) at 9.00am
- Mass (Sunday) at 12.00noon

Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th December, New Year's Eve & New Year's Day
- Mass at 10.00am

Feast of the Epiphany – Tuesday 6th January 2026
- Mass at 10.00am

St Philomena's Palmerstown
Christmas Eve
- First Mass of Christmas: 6 pm
- Mass at Night-Time: 9 pm

Christmas Day
- Mass 09.30 am
- Mass 12 Noon
- **No Evening Mass on Christmas**

St Stephen's Day
- Mass at 10 am

27th December 2025
- Mass at 10 am
- Vigil Mass for Sunday at 6 pm

28th December 2025
- Mass at 9.30 am
- Mass at 12 noon

29th December 2025
- Mass at 10 am

30th December 2025
- Eucharistic Prayer Service 10 am

New Year's Eve
- Mass at 10 am
- Sunset Service at 5 pm

New Year's Day
- World Day of Peace
- Mass 10 am

CLONDALKIN

Bawnogue Church of Transfiguration
Christmas Eve
- Vigil mass at 6pm & 9pm

Christmas Day
- Mass at 10.30am and 12 noon

Usual Weekend Masses on 27th and 28th

New Years Day
- Mass at 10am

Rowlagh
Christmas Eve
- Children's Mass Rowlagh 5.30pm
- 8pm - with Adult Choir

Christmas Day Masses:
- Mass at 10 am

Friday 26th
- Mass at 10am

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th
- Mass Times as usual.

Clondalkin Village Parish
Confessions
Monday 22nd
- Reconciliation Service

(Knockmitten) Confessions after mass each weekday (village church)

Christmas Eve
- Village – Mass at 7.30pm
- Knockmitten – Mass at 6pm
- Clonburris – Mass at 9pm

Christmas Day
- Village – Mass at 9am (in Irish), 10.15am and 12 noon
- Knockmitten – Mass at 11.30am
- Clonburris – Mass at 10.45am

St Stephens Day
- Village - Mass at 10am

December 27th
- Village - Mass at 10am and Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

December 28th
- Village – Mass at 9am (in Irish), 10.15am and 12 noon
- Knockmitten – Mass at 11.30am
- Clonburris – Mass at 10.45am

December 29th to 31st
- Village - Mass at 10am

January 1st
- Village - Mass at 10am

Neilstown
Christmas Eve
- 4.30pm Children's Choir
- 7pm - with Adult Choir

Christmas Day Masses:
- Mass at 11.30 am

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th
- Mass Times as usual.

Sacred Heart Sruleen
Christmas Eve
- Mass at 10am
- Children's Mass at 6pm
- Mass at 9pm

Christmas Day
- Christmas Day Mass at 11am

Friday 26th December
- Stephen's Day Mass at 10am

Sat 27th December
- mass for the feast of st john the evangelist at 10am
- Vigil mass for feast of the holy family at 6.30pm

Sun 28th December
- Mass for feast of the holy family at 11am

Tuesday 30th December
- Mass at 10am

Wednesday 31st December
- Mass at 10am

Thursday 1st January
- Mass: feast of Mary the Holy Mother of God at 10am



LUCAN

Lucan South Parish Church of Divine Mercy
Christmas Eve
- Mass at 5pm & 8pm

Christmas Day
- Mass at 10.30am and 12 noon

St Andrew's Church Lucan
Sunday 21st Dec
- 5pm Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 25th Dec
- 9am & 10am Service of Holy Communion

St Mary's Church Leixlip
Sunday 21st Dec
- 7pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve
- 11.30pm Service of Holy Communion

Christmas Day
- 11.30am Service of Holy Communion

BALLYFERMOT

Most Holy Sacrament Church Cherry Orchard
Christmas Eve
- Outdoor Christmas Prayers & Blessing of Crib at 5.30 pm (A child friendly event)
- Mass 7.00pm

Christmas Day
- Mass 11.00am

St Stephen's Day
- Mass 11.00am

Then Normal weekend masses resume on Saturday 7pm vigil &



Church of Assumption Ballyfermot
Christmas Eve
- First Christmas Masses at 5pm & 7pm

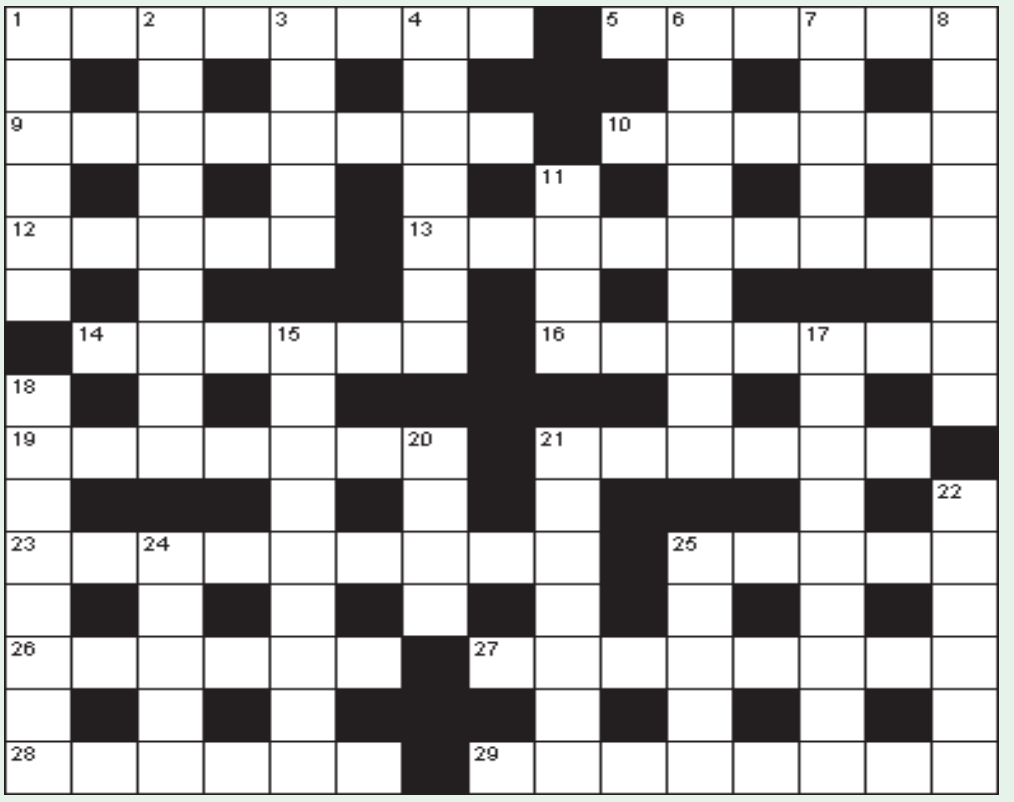
Christmas Day
- Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am & 11.30am

Friday, 26th December and Saturday, 27th December
- Mass each morning at 10am

27th and 28th December, Feast of Holy Family
- Vigil Mass at 7pm on Saturday, 27 th
- Masses at 9.30am & 11.30am on Sunday, 28 th

Thursday, January 1 st , 2026 – Mary, Mother of God
- Mass at 10am

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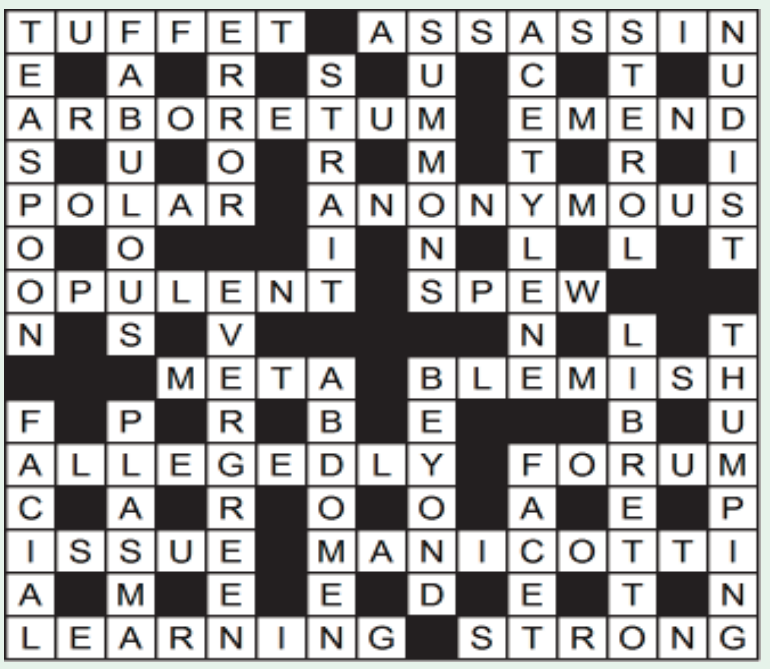
ACROSS

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5. A four-wheel covered carriage (6)
9. Third (8)
10. Annoy (6)
12. A Finnish steam bath (5)
13. Detailed (9)
14. Altercation (6)
16. Thronged (7)
19. Nervous (7)
21. Appraise (6)
23. He doesn't use garbage bins (9)
25. A freshwater fish (5)
26. Tastelessly indecent (6)
27. Lazy (8)
28. Frustrate (6)
29. Varied (8)

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1. Most recent (6)
2. Commotion (9)
3. Nigerian monetary unit (5)
4. A medical operation (7)
6. Corresponding in function (9)
7. A highly-emotional play (5)
8. Faltering (8)
11. Secular (4)
15. A review course (9)
17. Disconcert (9)
18. Sewer water (8)
20. A rounded projection (4)
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS 1112



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SUDOKU 2

Christmas Eve TV

RTÉ ONE HD



6.00 EuroNews. 6.40 Teleshopping. 7.15 FILM Ben Hur starring Charlton Heston and Stephen Boyd. (1959)
11.15 Today Show Christmas
12.15 How to Cook Well at Christmas with Rory O'Connell
12.45 Telly Bingo
1.00 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather
1.10 FILM: It's a Wonderful Life Starring James Stewart and Donna Reed. 1946)
3.30 FILM: Despicable Me 3 Dismissed from the Anti-Villain League after botching a mission, Gru sets off to meet his long-lost brother. With the voice of Steve Carell. (2017)
5.15 Santa's Holiday Dutiful elf Maeve and her dog Rocket are faced with an impossible task - to get hard-working elf Arthur to put down his tools and enjoy the Christmas holidays at Santa's Village.
5.45 Nuacht
5.55 RTÉ News with ISL
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
6.20 Christmas in Kilmainham Marty Whelan presents a Christmas celebration from the royal Hospital Kilmainham.
7.20 EastEnders Once alone in the Vic, Nigel confuses old memories with the present as his dementia symptoms intensify.
8.30 RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock and Weather
8.45 FILM The Miracle Club Some close friends venture on a pilgrimage to the sacred town of Lourdes. Starring Maggie Smith, Kathy bates and Laura Linney. (2023)
10.15 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special 2015 The doting mother yearns for peace and quiet.
11.00 Midnight Mass Coverage of the Midnight Mass from the Church of the Nativity, Rathfarnham. Followed by Weather.
12.15 FILM: Here Today Drama, starring Jamie Dornan. (2021)
2.20 FILM: Witness Starring Harrison Ford. (1985)
4.10 Telly Bingo
4.20 EuroNews

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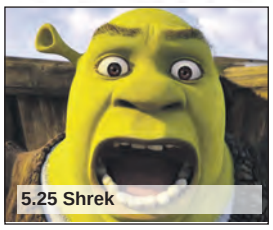


6.00 Euronews 7.15 Twelve Storybuds of Christmas 7.20 The Snail and the Whale 7.45 Superworm 8.10 The Great Northern Cady Drop 8.35 Stick Man 9.00 Twelve Storybuds of Christmas 9.05 The Christmas Letter 9.35 Twelve Storybuds of Christmas 9.40 The Rubbish World of Dave Spud 10.10 The Unstoppable Yellow Yeti 10.35 Danny & Mick 10.50 Twelve Storybuds of Christmas 10.55 The Curse of Clara: A Holiday Tale 11.20 Twelve Storybuds of Christmas 11.25 Showkids 12.25 Twelve Storybuds of Christmas
12.30 FILM The Silver Brumby Starring Caroline Goodall. (1993)
2.40 FILM: Richie Rich Comedy starring Macaulay Culkin, John Larroquette and Jonathan Hyde. (1994)



4.20 The Christmas Letter
4.55 Shaun the Sheep: The Flight Before Christmas
5.30 Pat Shortt's Music from D'Telly
6.30 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)
8.30 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.
9.35 Gavin & Stacy: The Finale Seventeen years of marriage has found Gavin and Stacey in a bit of a rut so they are looking for ways to spice things up, while Nessa is launching anew business now that Neil the Baby is starting an apprenticeship.
11.30 FILM: Anchor Man A Chauvinistic newsreader faces a battle of the sexes when an ambitious female reporter threatens his status. Starring Will Ferrell an Christina Applegate. (2004)
1.15 FILM: Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery Starring Mike Myers and Elizabeth Hurley. (1997)
3.00 EuroNews European and international headlines live via satellite.

TG4



6.00 Cúla 4. **9.40 FILM: Some Like it Hot Starring jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis. (1959)**
12.05 Ceol ón gCré
1.05 FILM: Westside Story Two teenagers rom Rival New york street gangs fall in love. Starring Natalie Wood. (1961)
3.50 bibeanna na Nollag An insight into the changes to women's lifestyles over the past 100 years, focusing on memories of youth and Christmas traditions.
4.20 ANÚNA: A Whisper of Paradise A selection of winter themed music, including some of the world's best-known Christmas carols, recorded at Dublins St Bartholomew's Church in Ballsbridge.
5.22 An Aimsir Láithreach
5.25 FILM: Shrek A grumpy ogre is forced to rescue a princess from a dragon, aided only by a wise cracking donkey. With the voices of Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz and Eddie Murphy. (2001)
6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach
7.00 Nuacht TG4 The day's main news stories from a regional, national and international perspective.
7.15 The Foster & Allen Show Mick Foster and Tony Allen perform a selection of songs, including a Buck Owens medley starting off with 'Love's Gonna Live Here'.
7.45 Buildings Beo Carie Crowley visits the town of Macroom, where the Briery Gap theatre had been left derelict since a devastating fire. Now a restoration team is overcoming the challenges to breathe new life into the building.
8.45 Fleadh 25 Highlights and music from the 12 céilí bands competing in the Senior Céili Bands competition at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. Hosted by Freda Hatton.
9.45FILM: Die Hard New York cop John McClane visits Los Angeles to see his family over the Christmas holiday. Stopping off at his wife's place of work, he realises armed men have taken over the building and are holding the corporation's staff to ransom - and only he has the ability to fight back. Starring Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman and Bonnie Bedelia. (1988)
12.08am An Aimsir Láithreach 12.10 The Pogues in Paris - 30th Anniversary Concert A concert in the Olympia in 2012. 2.05 Nuacht TG4 2.20 Fleadh 25 3.15 Buildings Beo 4.05 Geantrai na Nollag 2013 4.55 France 24

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6.35am The Six O'Clock Show 7.20 Emmerdale - 50 Unforgettable Years
8.10 FILM A Christmas in Switzerland Starring Jodie Sweetin. (2022)
10.00 This Morning 12.30pm Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs
1.00 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh.
2.00 The Chase
3.00 Virgin Media Update
3.05 Loose Women
4.05 For the Love of Dogs with Alison Hammond at Christmas In a festive edition, the presenter meets a seven-month-old Spaniel.
4.35 Judge Judy Real-life, small-claims cases on issues affecting family life, presided over by outspoken former New York judge, Judy Sheindlin.
5.05 Judge Judy
5.35 Virgin Media News Update
5.40 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars Christmas Special With Len Goodman, Josie Gibson and Mr Motivator. Last in series.
6.40 Doc Martin Christmas Special The grumpy medic has the grotto closed down because Santa is suffering from an itch.
8.05 Virgin Media News Update
8.10 Emmerdale
Kim spurns Joe's attempt at a reconciliation, while there is bad news for April and a dangerous situation arises.



8.40 Coronation Street Becky invites Lisa to revive their marriage.
9.10 FILM: Die Hard 2 A lone cop battles terrorists who have taken over an airport to force the release of a convicted drug baron. Starring Bruce Willis. (1990)
11.35 Help Me Buy a Home Liz helps a former ex-pat family find beach-life bliss.
12.35 Sport Stories: Eamon Dunphy



TWO



7.00am Puzzling with Lucy Worsley 8.00 Tipping Point 9.00 The Chase 11.00 The Chase Australia 12.00pm Think Tank
1.00 Sport Stories: Kevin Doyle Tommy Martin interviews the former Republic of Ireland footballer.
2.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs Vets treat an Akita with an injured nose.
2.30 The Finish Line Quiz contest in. which contestants race in moving podiums across the studio floor to try and win £5,000.
3.30 Tipping Point The quiz in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. **(R, S)**
4.30 Tipping Point
5.30The Masked Singer: Christmas Special Dawn French, Jennifer Saunders, Jonathan Ross and Mo Gilligan try to guess the identities of Christmas Cracker, Star, Turkey Crown and Nutcracker. Hosted by Joel Dommett.
7.00 The Chase Celebrity Special With Tim Lovejoy, Kay Burley, Eni Aluko and Richard Herring.



8.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special Bradley Walsh presents as actor Tony Maudsley, Olympic trampoline champion Bryony Page, actress Kerry Godliman and Pointless presenter Alexander Armstrong take on a Chaser.
9.00 FILM: The Proposal A Canadian publishing editor trying to avoid deportation from America bribes her assistant into a marriage of convenience. Starring Sandra Bullock. (2009)
11.15 Vanderpump Rules Lisa helps out Beau put together a secret engagement party.
12.05am Vanderpump Rules
1.05 Th Graham Norton Show
2.05 Craic Den Comedy Club



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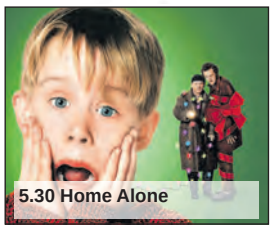


6.00am Breakfast 9.15 CBeebies Panto: Cinderella 10.20 Pudsey and the Thread of Hope 10.45 FILM Puss in Boots With the voice of Antonio Banderas. (2011)
12.05pm FILM Minions With the voice of Sandra Bullock. (2015)
1.30 BBC News at One
1.45 BBC Newsline
1.55 Shaun the Sheep: The Flight Before Christmas
2.25 Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave The animated characters get mixed up in sheep rustling.
2.55 FILM Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse Voiced by Shameik Moore. (2023)



5.10 BBC News
5.20 BBC Newsline
5.30 FILM: Paddington A bear from the Peruvian jungle starts a new life in London, but catches the eye of a sinister taxidermist. Starring Hugh Bonneville, Sally Hawkins and Nicole Kidman. (2014)
6.55 EastEnders Patrick and Chelsea attempt to rally Anthony.
7.25 The Great British Sewing Bee Celebrity Christmas Special Anton Du Beke, Lucy Beaumont, Susan Wokoma and Gladiator Hammer compete.
8.25 Gavin & Stacey: The Finale Pam is stressing out about playing hostess as the group in Barry prepare for a trip to Essex - and a retired Mick practising his golf swings in the living room is not helping.
10.00 Two Doors Down Christmas Special Eric and Beth put their tree up earlier than usual. Starring Arabella Weir.
10.35 BBC News
10.50 Gavin & Stacey: A Fond Farewell Documentary recounting the story of the sitcom.
11.50 Midnight Mass from Our Lady of the English Martyrs, Cambridge Traditional Roman Catholic service of the First Mass of the Nativity.
1.05am The Hit List
1.50 Weather for the Week Ahead
1.55 BBC News

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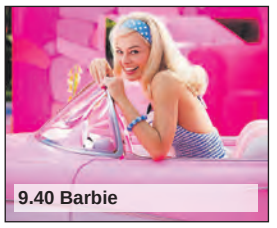


6.10am The Dog House at Christmas 7.05 Terry Pratchett's The Abominable Snow Baby 7.30 The Snowman 8.00 Father Christmas 8.30 The Snowman and the Snowdog 9.05 We're Going on a Bear Hunt 9.35 The Tiger Who Came to Tea
10.10 FILM Babe Starring James Cromwell. (1995)
12.00pm Channel 4 News Summary 12.05 Hamleys: Top 100 Toys of All Time
1.35 FILM Sister Act Starring Whoopi Goldberg and Harvey Keitel. (1992)
3.35 The Snowman Animated adventure.
4.10 Mog's Christmas
4.40The Snowman and the Snowdog Animated sequel.
5.15 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. Starring Macaulay Culkin. (1990)
7.30 Finding Father Christmas A father grows increasingly troubled by his 16-year-old son's contention that Father Christmas exists. Lighthearted drama, starring James Buckley and Lenny Rush.
9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special Jimmy Carr hosts a festive edition of the comedy words-and-numbers quiz, with Jon Richardson and Daisy May Cooper taking on Rob Beckett and Judi Love. Katie Norris is in Dictionary Corner, while Rachel Riley and Susie Dent are on hand to adjudicate.
10.00 The Last Leg of Christmas Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker get into the festive spirit with the help of funnyman Harry Hill, TV presenter Alison Hammond and singer Rick Astley.
11.00 The Big Fat Quiz of Telly Jimmy Carr acts as quizmaster as Babatunde Aléshé, Daisy May Cooper, Natasia Demetriou, Jamie Demetriou and Russell Howard compete to see who knows the most about television.
12.55am First Dates at Christmas 1.50 Taskmaster: Champion of Champions 2025
2.45 FILM The Craft: Legacy (2020, Horror)
4.15 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
5.05 Handmade: Britain's Best Woodworker



Christmas Day TV

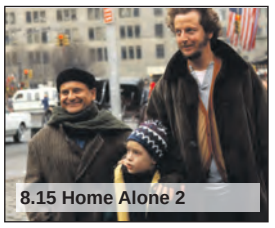
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9.40 Barbie

6.00 Euro News 6.40 EastEnders 7.10 Christmas in Kilmainham presented by Marty Whelan
8.05 FILM: White Christmas Musical, starring Bing Crosby. (1954) 10.00 Mass for Christmas Day 11.00 Service for Christmas Day 11.45 Urbi Et Orbi: Pope Leo's Christmas Message 12.10 The Archbishops' Christmas Message 12.25 The kilkenny Nativity
12.30 FILM: Ron's Gone Wrong Animated adventure, with Zach Galifianakis. (2021)
2.05 FILM: Paddington Animated comedy. A bear from the Peruvian Jungle starts a new life in London, but catches the eye of a sinister taxidermist. Starring Hugh Bonneville. (2014)
3.35 FILM: Spider Man: Across the Spider-Verse Animation. Miles Morales and Gwen Stacy encounter a team of Spider People charged with protecting the multiverse. Featuring th voice of Shameik Moore. (2023)
5.50 Nuacht
5.55 RTÉ News with ISL
6.00 The Angelus
6.01 RTE News: Six One and Weather
6.15 FILM: Wonka A young sweet-maker attempts to make his mark, despite the plans of three scheming entrepreneurs. Starring Timothée Chalamet. (20232)
8.00 RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock and Weather The latest national and international news.
8.15 Fair City James is determined to win Hayley's heart. Meanwhile Steo gets wind of Paul's betrayal and exacts revenge.
9.05 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special The doting matriarch rediscovers the meaning of family as she gathers those closest to her for a seasonal photo.
9.40 FILM: Barbie The living doll's perfect life is turned upside down when she suffers an existential crisis. Starring Margot Robbie. (2023) Followed by Weather.
11.35 FILM: Belfast A young boy and his working-class family experience life in tumultuous late 1960s Belfast. (2021)
1.05 FILM: Casablanca The owner of a moroccan nightclub is reunited with an old flame. Starring Humphrey Bogart. (1989)
2.45 EuroNews

RTÉ 2 HD



8.15 Home Alone 2

6.00 Euronews 6.35 The Twelve Storybuds of Christmas 6.40 The Gruffalo 7.05 The Twelve Storybuds of Christmas 7.10 The Gruffalo's Child 7.40 The Twelve Storybuds of Christmas
8.15 FILM: Paw Patrol The Movie Animation. (2021)
9.30 The Twelve Storybuds of Christmas
9.35 FILM: Madagascar (2005)
10.55 FILM: The Boss Baby 2: Family Business (2021)
12.30 FILM: Puffin Rock and the New Friends(2023)
1.50 Santa's Holiday
2.20 FILM: The Addams Family 2 With the voices of Oscar Isaac and Charlize Theron and Chole Grace Moretz. (2021)
3.45 Kabin Crew's Christmas Special Celebrate Christmas with Cork City's young rap collective, the Kabin Crew.
4.10 FILM: To Catch a Thief Mystery starring Cary Grant, Grace Kelly and Jessie Royce Landis (1955)
5.55 FILM: Raiders of The Lost Ark Intrepid archaeologist Indiana Jones goes in search of the legendary Ark of the Covenant. Starring Harison Ford. (1981)
7.45 EastEnders A situation escalates at the Vic for the Slaters.
8.15 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)
10.15 EastEnders The Mitchells help make Nigel's Christmas extra special, and Max is still brewing over Oscar's revelation.
10.45 FILM: Fast X Thriller. Dominic Toretto and his family are targeted by the vengeful son of drug kingpin Hernan reyes, starring Vin Diesel. (2023)
12.55 FILM: All The Old Knives Thriller starring Chris Pine and Thandiwe Newton. (2022)
2.30 FILM: Blazing Saddles Comedy drama, starring Cleavon Little and Gene Wilder. (1974)
4.00 EuroNews

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5.20 Kung Fu Panda

6.00 Cúla 4.
8.35 FILM: Curious George Children's animated adventure, with the voice of Will Ferrell. (2006)
10.00 Smidín 10.27 Momonsters 1.35 Zou 10.50 ANÚNA: A Whisper of Paradise
11.45 FILM: Fantastic Mr Fox Animation starring George Clooney. (2009)
3.14 GAA - Cúil na Bliana 2024 The 30 best hurling and football Goals of the Year in 2024.
1.15 Ceol ón gCré
2.10 FILM: The Muppets Take Manhattan Comedy with Liza Minnelli and Joan Rivers. (1984)
3.40 Scoth na gComórtas Ardáin 2025
4.40 Nuacht TG4
4.47 An Aimsir Láithreach
4.50 Nollaí An apparently run-of-the-mill deer accidentally stumbles across a surprise that reveals he is quite possibly the last living giant Irish Deer inexistence.
5.20 FILM: Kung Fu Panda Animated, A lazy panda is forced to master martial arts to protect his valley home from a rampaging now leopard. With the voices of Jack Black and Dustin Hoffman. (2008)
6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach National and international weather forecast.
7.00 Geantraí na Nollag 2025 A Christmas Special from the stunning surroundings of Mount Falcon Estate, County Mayo and brings together an exceptional line-up of artists.
8.00 Ros na Rún Cora is floored to learn that \sonny wants his kids to be involved in the hotel deal.
8.30 FILM: Fidil Ghorm Premiere. A girl believes that if she learns to play the fiddle like her father and wins a music championship, he will wake from his coma. Starring Edith Lawlor and Ruadhán Ó Flatharta. (2024)
10.58 An Aimsir Láithreach National and international weather.
11.00 CU Burn Speisialta a Nollag A gem from the archives. Donegal undertakes Charlie and Vincie Burn are busy fur the th Christmas period. When a local publican dies Charlie decides to 'borrow' his body. Comedy starring Aodg Óg Ó Duigheannaigh and Seán Mac Fhionnghaile.
12.00 Oasis - Live at Barrowlands, Glasgow
1.35 Teach na Céibhe
2.00 Nuacht TG4
2.10 Ros Na Rún
2.40 Gene Kelly - Réalt an Rince
3.35 Slí ma mBeaghlaoich
4.30 Síbín
4.55 France 24

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4.10 FILM: The Grinch

6.20 John and Lisa's Weekend Kitchen 7.10 The Chase Celebrity Special 8.00 FILM Meet me at the Christmas Train Parade starring Emma Johnson and Ryan Northcott. **10.00 This Morning 12.00 Battle of the Christmas Lights**
1.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as contestants Dave, Kate, Tina and Devesh work as a team to take on one of the ruthless Chasers and secure a cash prize.
2.05 The Chase Bradley Walsh hosts as Bean from Teddington, Jack from Morpeth, Pam from Edinburgh and Peter from Bolton take on one of the country's finest quiz brains.
3.00 Loose Women The women pt the world to rights once more and invite a celebrity guest to chat about what they are up to.
4.10 FILM: Dr Seuss' How



the Grinch Stole Christmas A grouchy creature plots to ruin Christmas and seasonal goodwill for the Whoville town residents. Starring Jim Carey (2000)
6.05 Celebrity Catchphrase with Dermot O#Leary, Samantha Barks and kelly Holmes**.**
7.10 Emmerdale The villagers gather for mulled wine on Christmas morning.
8.10 Coronation Street Carl tempts James to a festive fling. Meanwhile Lisa receives a troubling update from Roy.
9.15 FILM The Greatest Showman Musical, a former shipping clerk tries to create and develop a New York circus in the mid-1800s, starring Hugh Jackman. (2017)
11.15 Fanning at Whelan's Dave Fanning showcases the best of Irish musical talent from the Dublin venue.
12.15 Midsomer Murders



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9.00 Den of Thieves

7.00 Puzzling with Lucy Morseley
8.00 Tipping Point
9.00 The Chase
11.00 The Chase Australia
12.00 Think Tank Quiz show hosted by Bill Turnbull
1.00 Sports stories: Paul McGrath The opening part of an interview with the former Republic of Ireland star
2.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs The comedian meets an albino Pekingese riddled with health problems.



2.30 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs Paul meets an agoraphobic dog hat is too scared to go outside.
3.00 The Finish Line Quiz contest in which contestants race in moving podiums across the studio floor to try and win £5,000.
4.00 Tipping Point Contestants answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine. Hosted by Ben Shepard.



5.00 Tipping Point
6.00 The Chase Kieron, Angie, Lyn and Tom take part.
7.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special with Danny O'Carroll, Zoe Williams, Sair Khan and Charlotte Church, hosted by Bradley Walsh.
8.00 Celebrity Catchphrase with Dermot O'Leary, Samantha Barks and Kelly Holmes.
9.00 Gogglebox Ireland's Christmas Cracker Three Irish households living abroad join the fun, with audiences in London Berlin an Auckland tuning in for some traditional Irish Christmas TV.
9,00 FILM: The Magnificent Seven A band of gunmen are hired to save a remote frontier town, whose residents are being used as forced labour. Starring Denzel Washington. (2018)
12.40 Vanderpump Rules



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11.20 Toy Story 3

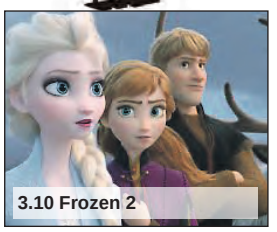
6.00 Breakfast
9.00 The Snail and the Whale
9.30 Stick Man
10.00 Sunday Morning Service from Bardford Cathedral
11.00 Bluey's Christmas Bundle
11.40 FILM: Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl (2024)
1.00 FILM: Roald Dahl's Matilda Musical starring Alisha Weir. (2022)
2.45 BBC News Weather
2.55 Weather
3.00 The King
3.10 The Scarecrows' Wedding Adaptation of the childrens's book, starring Rob Brydon and Jessie Buckley.
3.35 Gladiators: Celebrity Special
4.35 Shaun the Sheep: Fleece Navidad
4.45 The Weakest Link: Christmas Special
5.30 Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special Scarlet Moffatt, Melanie Blatt and Brian McFadden enter the ballroom.
6.45 Michael McIntyre's Christmas Wheel Ricard Osman, Mel Giedroyc and Paddy McGuinness compete.
7.45 EastEnders A situation escalates at the Vic for the Slaters
8.15 Call the Midwife Christmas Special Part one of two. The Nonnatus nuns launch a rescue mission to Hong Kong
9.15 Amandaland Christmas Special The family spends Christmas at the country house of Amanda's aunt, but revisiting the joys of the past is not easy. Mal uncovers a deep secret.
9.45 EastEnders The Mitchells help make Nigel's Christmas extra special.



10.15 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special
10.45 BBC News
11.00 Absolutely Fabulous Patsy is rushed to hospital
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11.35 FILM: When Harry Met Sally Comedy starring Billy Crystal. (1989)
1.10 The Hit List
1.55 Weather for the Week Ahead
2.00 BBC News



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3.10 Frozen 2

6.00 The Dog House at Christmas 6.55 Terry Pratchett's The Abominable Snow Baby 7.20 The Snowman and the Snowdog 7.45 We're Going on a Bear Hunt 8.20 The Tiger Who Came to Tea 8.50 The Snowman 9.25 Father Christmas 10.00 FILM Babe: Pig in the City Family comedy sequel, with Magda Szubanski 11.50 The Snowman and the Snowdog 12.50 Channel 4 News 12.55 FILM Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit Comedy starring Whoopi Goldberg.
3.10 FILM: Frozen 2 Animation voiced by Kristen Bell and Indina Menzel
5.10 The Snowman animated adventure, based on Raymond Briggs' festive tale.
5.45 C4's Alternative Christmas Message Channel 4's Christmas Day address.



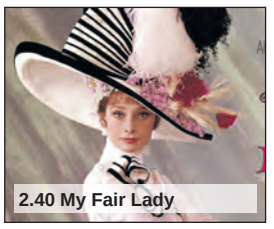
5.50 FILM: Home Alone 2: Lost in New York Comedy starring Macauley Culkin.
8.00 The Great Christmas Bake Off 2025 Ten years following the end of cult Channel 4 comedy PeepShow, stars Olivia Colman, David Mitchell, Isy Suttie, Matt King and Sophie Winkleman reunite to take on a series of baking challenges paying homage to their much-missed sitcom. Hosts Alison Hammond and Noel Fielding join in the fun.
9.15 Gogglebox 2025 As the Goggleboxers hang up their Christmas stockings, a bumper edition of the show takes a very merry look at the best of 2025
11.15 FILM: Notting Hill Comedy , a recently divorced bookshop owner finds love with a glamorous Hollywood film star, but ends up the focus of unwanted media interest, which makes maintaining a relationship a tricky proposition. starring Hugh grant and Julia Roberts. (1999)
1.30 FILM East is East Two asian teenagers in 1970s Salford are horrified when their traditionally minded father plans arranged marriages for them, starring Om Puri and Jimi Mistry
3.10 The last Leg of Christmas Festive edition with guests Harry Hill, Alison Hammond and Rick Astley
4.05 C4's Alternative Christmas Message
4.10 Finding Father Christmas
5.35 Father Christmas



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6.00 EuroNews. 6.25 Teleshopping. 7.00 EastEnders. 8.05 Fair City.
9.05 FILM: Dr Zhivago **Drama starring Omar Sharif** *and Julie Christie*
12.45 Telly Bingo
1.00 FILM: Minions A **prequel to Despicable Me, Driven by boredom, brave Kevin leads friends Stuart and Bob on a quest in 1968 to find a new villain to serve, eventually landing in London to work for the world's first female super-villain, Scarlett Overkill, and tasked with stealing the Queen's crown jewels. . (2015)**
2.40 FILM: My Fair Lady **Professor Henry Higgins, a snobbish phoneticist, bets he can transform Eliza Doolittle, a poor Cockney flower girl from London, into a refined lady who can pass in high society by teaching her proper speech and etiquette. The musical, based on George Bernard Shaw's play Pygmalion, follows Eliza's rigorous training and social ascent, exploring themes of class, identity, language. (1952)**
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
6.30 Westlife 15: Live at the Royal Albert The group take fans on a nostalgic journey through their greatest hits, timeless ballads and unforgettable moments that have defined their career.
7.30 Fair City
8.00 Keys to My Life Brendan Courtney takes Jim Sheridan on a trip down memory lane, as the Oscar-winning movie director revisits some of his old homes.
9.00 RTé News: Nine O'Clock and Weather
9.20 FILM: Oppenheimer **a 2023 biographical thriller about physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer, focusing on his leadership of the secret Manhattan Project to develop the first atomic bombs during WWII, starring Cillian Murphy (2023)**
Followed by Weather.
12.45 FILM: Goodfellas **Starring Ray Liotta, Robert DeNiro and Joe Pesci. (1990)**
3.20 Telly Bingo presented by Declan Buckley.
3.50 EuroNews



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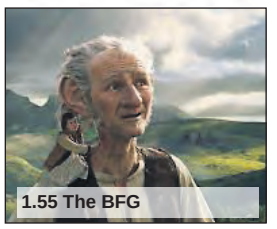


6.00 EuroNews. 6.45 The Snail and the Whale. 7.10 We're Going on a Bear Hunt. 7.35 Open Season: Call of Nature. 8.00 The Big Pet Project.
9.00 FILM: Rango **Oscar-winning animated comedy, with the voice of Johnny Depp. (2011)**
10,55 The Famous Five
12.35 JourneyCam International
1.00 Racing from Leopardstown Jane Mangan is joined by Barry Geraghty, Davy Russell and Lisa O'Neill for live coverage of day one of the Christmas Festival
3.20 FILM: For Your Eyes Only **007 hunts for a sunken British spy ship's ATAC missile command system, teaming up with Melina Havelock, who seeks revenge for her parents' murder by the villains. Starring Rodger Moore (1981)**



5.55 FILM: Spider-Man: No Way Home **With Spider-Man's identity now revealed, our friendly neighbourhood web-slinger is unmasked and no longer able to separate his normal life as Peter Parker from the high stakes of being a superhero Starring Benedict Cumberbatch. (2021)**
8.30 Asia: David Attenborough presents a documentary exploring the wildlife of the world's largest continent, revealing its most remarkable landscapes and animals.
9.30 Eastenders police officers swarm the Square as alford reacts to the fallout of an explosive December 25, Nigel puts preparations in place to make this Christmas a special one.
10.05 FILM: Death on The Nile **Hercule Poirot investigating a murder on a luxury Nile river cruise where a glamorous heiress, Linnet Ridgeway, is found shot dead during her honeymoon. Starring Kenneth Branagh and Gal Gadot. (2020)**
12.20 FILM: A Film with Me in it **Starring Dylan Moran and Mark Doherty. (2008)**
2.00 FILM: Sea Fever **Starring Connie Nielsen and Dougray Scott. (2019)**
3.40 EuroNews

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6.00 Cúla 4.
10.15 FILM: Oliver! **Musical, starring Ron Moody. (1968)**
12.55 Ceol ón gCré
1.55 FILM: The BFG **An orphaned girl named Sophie who befriends a giant who doesn't eat people; he collects and delivers good dreams to children, unlike other child-eating giants. (2016)**
4.00 GAA 2025 - Na Scéalta A look back at the biggest stories and drama of the 2024 GAA, LGFA and Camogie season.
5.27 An Aimsir Láithreach
5.30 FILM: Dr Seuss' The Lorax **A boy who has never seen a tree learns the story of a creature who tried to stop the destruction of his forest home. Voices of Danny DeVito and Zac Efron. (2012)**
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 Clann na nGael Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta, which is widely regarded as one of the most important annual events for Irish speakers and Gelic football fans alike.
8.15 George Best i gCorcaigh The story of George Best and his time with Cork Celtic on the 50th anniversary of his time in the League of Ireland after his 11 years with manchester United.
9.15 Beir Mo Dhúthracht Singers including Ciara de Mórdha and Mhárthain MacGearailt perform songs they associate with West Kerry.
10.15 FILM: Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again **Sophie reopens her mother Donna's hotel in Greece after Donna's death, while also flashing back to Donna's youth in 1979, revealing how she met the three men who could be Sophie's father, all set to ABBA songs. (2018)**
12.23 An Aimsir Láithreach
12.25 Gradam Ceoil TG4@Exp0 25
1.45 Queen: A Night at the Odeon
2.55 Nuacht TG4
3.10 Geantraí na Nollag 2025
4.05 Beir mo Dhúthracht
4.55 France 24

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6.45 John and Lisa's Weekend Kitchen. 7.35 Coronation Street: Happy Birthday Bill.
9.30 FILM: Christmas Plus One **Romance, Emily Alatalo and Corey Sevier. (2022)**
10.15 Nathan Carter Live in Sligo. 11.45 In for a Christmas Penny.
12.20 Racing Ed Chamberlin presents overage of a meeting headlined by the King George V1 Chase from Kempton Park, plus racing from Aintree and Wetherby.
3.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as Angela from Llanelli, Neema from leeds, Stu from Cornwall and Elie from London work as a team to take on one of the Chasers.
4.00 Emmerdale: Soapy Slip-Ups Emmerdale's stars including Lisa Riley, Lucy Pargeter and Claire King share their finniest moments from filming the soap.
9.00 FILM: Sister Act **A nightclub singer is sent to live in a convent for her own protection after agreeing to testify against a brutal gangster. Starring Whoopi Goldberg and Harvey Keitel. (1992)**
6.35 Emmerdale Marlon feels uneasy, while someone has a big decision to make.
7.05 Coronation Street Theo presents Todd with an awkward dilemma.
7.35 The Masked Singer: Christmas Special Four famous faces battle it out in a festive special. Joel Dommett hosts while Jonathan Ross, Maya Jamma, Davina McCall and Mo Gilligan guess who is behind the masks.
9.00 FILM: Titanic **A society girl falls in love with a penniless artist during the liner's ill-fated voyage Starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio. (1997)**
11.10 Gogglebox Ireland's Christmas Cracker



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7.00 Puzzling with Lucy Morseley
8.00 Tipping Point
9.00 The Chase
11.00 The Chase Australia
12.00 Think Tank Quiz show hosted by Bill Turnbull
1.00 Sports stories: Paul McGrath The second and concluding part of an interview with the former Republic of Ireland star
2.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs The comedian meets a Pyrenean mountain dog that has a problem with its bladder.
2.30 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs Paul meets a dachshund who escaped a life of over breeding on a puppy farm.
4.00 Tipping Point Contestants answer questions to win turns on an arcade-stylel machine. Hosted by Ben Shepard.
5.00 Tipping Point
6.00 The Chase with tracey from Middlesex, Geoff from Southport, Duran from Sunderland and Nick from Belfast.
7.00 The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special with Kadeena Cox, Vicki Michelle and Bradley Wiggins.



8.00 Tipping Point: Luck Stars Celebrity Special with Len Goodman, Josie Gibson and Mr Motivator.
9,00 FILM: Death Wish **A surgeon embarks on his own mission for justice following an attack on his wife and daughter, starring Bruce Willis. (2018)**
11.05 Below Deck: Mediterranean Jess confronts Aesha over the guest's' group photograph.
12.00 Below Deck: Mediterranean
12.10 FILM: The Proposal **Comedy, starring Sandra Bullock. (2009)**



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6.00 Breakfast
9.00 The Farmer's Llamas
9.30 Shaun the Sheep
9.45 The Gruffalo
1015 The Gruffalo's Child.
9.00 FILM: Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit **with the voice of Peter Sallis(2005)**
12.00 FILM: Peter Rabbit **Comedy with James Corden. (2018)**
1.30 BBC News at One; Weather
1.50 BBC Newsline; Weather
2.00 FILM: Minions: The Rise of Gru **Featuring the voices of Steve Carell, Alan Arkin and Taraji P Henson. (2022)**



3.120 FILM: Puss in Boots: The Last Wish **Animation featuring the voice of Antonio Banderas. (2022)**
4.50 BBC News
5.10 BBC Newsline; Weather
5.20 FILM: Paddington 2 **The Lovable bear's search for the perfect birthday present for his aunt leads to being framed as a thief. Featuring the voice of Ben Whishaw. (2017)**
7.00 Would I Lie to You? at Christmas Festive edition, with Jools Holland, Swarzy Shire, Helen George and David Walliams.
7.30 The Repair Shop at Christmas Helen Mirren, Rob Brydon and author Julia Donaldson visit the experts.
8.30 Call The Midwife Christmas Special Pat two of two. Sister Julienne and Sister Hilda face down Denzil in Hong Kong.
9.30 EastEnders Police officers swarm the Square.
10.00 BBC News; Weather
10.15 FILM: Four Weddings and a Funeral **Comedy starring Hugh Grant, Andie MacDowell and John Hannah. (1994)**
12.20 Michael McIntyre's Christmas Wheel
1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead
1.15 BBC News Headlines



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6.05 Cheers
7.00 The King of Queens
8.20 FILM: Born Free **Starring Virginia McKenna, Bill Travers and Geoffry Keen (1966)**
10.15 Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts 11.20 Christmas at Lapland UK



12.25 FILM: Turner & Hutch **Comedy starring Tom Hanks, Mare Winningham and Craig T Nelson. (1989)**
2.30 AFCON Egypt v South Africa (kick-off 3.00pm). Group B match at Adrar Stadium. Egypt, who are spearheaded by Liverpool star Mo Salah, are record seven-time winners of this competition.
5.15 The Great Christmas Bake Off 2025 Olivia Colman, David Mitchell, Isy Suttie, Matt King and Sophie Winkleman enter the baking tent. Presented by Alison Hamond and Noel Fielding.
6.30 Channel 4 News
6.45 The Dog House at Christmas The team do some festive matchmaking in hopes of finding new homes for Gigi and the Labrador cross, Mona and Lurcher before Christmas.
7.45 The Festive Pottery Throw Down 2025 McSweeney hosts, as novice celebrity potters Amber Gill, Colin Murray, Sarah Hadland and Tim Vine roll up their sleeves and brave the clay, as they attempt to become champion of the pottery competition.
9.00 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2025 Jimmy Carr invites panellists Johathan Ross, Richard Ayoade, Katherine Ryan, Nick Mohammed, Roisin Conaty and Lou Sanders to battle it out to see who knows the most about 2025.



11.00 Gogglebox 2025 A bumper edition of the show takes a very merry look a the best of 2025.
1.30 The Great Christmas Bake Off 2025
2.05 FILM: Joyland **Drama with Ali Junejo, Rasti Farooq and Alina Khan. (2022)**
4.20 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA Gordan heads to Scottsdale, Arizona
5.10 Handmade: Britain's Best Woodworker



Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again
TG4 December 26 10.15pm

Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again is a 2018 jukebox musical romantic comedy film written and directed by Ol Parker, from a story by Parker, Catherine Johnson, and Richard Curtis.

It is the sequel and prequel to the 2008 film Mamma Mia!, which in turn is based on the 1999 eponymous musical using the music of ABBA.

The film features an ensemble cast, including Christine Baranski, Pierce Brosnan, Dominic Cooper, Colin Firth, Andy García, Lily James, Amanda Seyfried, Stellan Skarsgård, Julie Walters, Cher, Meryl Streep, Alexa Davies, Jessica Keenan Wynn, Josh Dylan, Jeremy Irvine, and Hugh Skinner.

Both a prequel and a sequel, the plot is set after the events of the previous film, and is intersected with flashbacks to Donna's youth in 1979, with some scenes from the two time periods mirroring each other.

New Year's Eve TV

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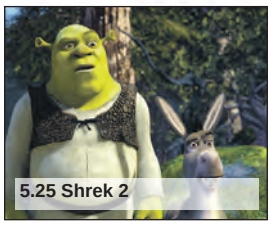
6.00 EuroNews.
6.05 Teleshopping.
7.05 The Drew Barrymore Show
7.55 The Kelly Clarkson Show
8.45 Father Brown followed by weather
9.45 FILM: Around the World in 80 Days A Victorian gentleman wagers he can circumnavigate the glove in just 80 days. Starring David Niven. (1956)
1.00 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather
1.10 Daniel O'Connell: The Emancipator.
2.10 Shortland Street Hospital drama set in an accident and emergency ward**.**
2.40 Fair City Carol is shocked by JJ's suggestion
3.10 EastEnders A situation escalates at Jimmy's christening.
12.25 FILM: The Jewel of the Nile A novelist is abducted on a trip along the Nile, so her boyfriend and his pal rush to rescue her. Starring Michael Douglas. (1985)
5.45 Nuacht
5.55 RTÉ News with Signing
6.00 The Angelus A reflective minute.
6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather
6.30 Meat Loaf: From Hell and to Connaught The US rocker's chaotic Irish tour of 1990.
7.30 EastEnders New Year Celebrations take over Walford (followed by Lotto).
8.00 Cloch Le Carn A profile of actor and comedian Jon Kelly, who worked alongside Pat Shortt in the comedy duo D'Unvelievables, but also appeared in Father Ted, The Van and Angela's Ashes, In Irish.
9.00 RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock and Weather
9.20 Callan Kicks the Year 2025 Oliver callan continues his review of the past 12 months.
9.50 Mrs Brown's Boys New Year Special Tensions are high as Agnes and the gang prepare for an incoming storm. Buster nervously awaits his birthday parachute imp, while a lost nun needs help.
10.25 The Late Late NYE Show Music and chat, hosted by Patrick Kielty.
11.50 New Year's Eve Live
12.20 FILM: Notting Hill Romantic Comedy starring Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant. (1999)
2.35 Ireland 100: An Old Song Resung Commemorating the past 100 years through the lens of Irish Culture.
4.25 EuroNews

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6.00 EuroNews 8.00 Thomas & Friends: The Mystery of Lookout Mountain 9.00 The Rubbish World of Dave Spud 9.25 Millie Inbwtween 10.30 The Twelve Storybuds of Christmas 10.35 Deadly 60 11.40 The Unreal 12.10 New Wave: Ireland's Young Surfers 1.10 United FC As the blitz nears, the tea design jerseys and pick a team name.
1.40 FILM: The Dogfather A Mafia don'sright-hand man - a bulldog - swallows his ring, and chaos ensues as two of the don's best soldiers try to retrieve it. Starring Chris Parnell. (2010)
3.20 FILM: Against the Wild: The Journey Home An Alaskan Malamute leads a shipwrecked blind man out of the wilderness, while the man's children launch a rescue mission of their own. Starring Steve Byers. (2021)
5.05 News2day Review of the Year A look back at the major stories of 2025
5.35 The Simpsons Lisa rekindles her love of jazz when the family end up in New Orleans, where Bart discovers Louisiana's voodoo, and Homer samples its alcohol.
6.05 FILM:Back to the Future Part 11 Teenager Marty McFly travels into the future to save his kids from a terrible fate and ends up changing history. Starring Michael J Fox. (1989)
8.00 Asia The Gobi bear, one of the rarest animals on Earth who communicate by leaving their scent on ancient trees.
9.00 FILM: AIR Nike's basketball talent scout Sonny Vaccaro believes the company should invest its entire annual $250,000 budget in one prospect: 21-year-old NBA rookie Michael Jordan. Vaccaro travels to North Carolina to speak directly to Michael's parents Deloris and James. tarring Matt Damon and Viola Davis. (2023)
11.00 FILM: Sex and The City Journalist Carrie who is preparing for her wedding to fiancé Big is starting to get cold feet. Starring Sara Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis and Cynthia Nixon. (2008)
1.30 FILM: Dating Amber Teenagers Eddie and Amber, best friends who are the only ones who know about each other's sexuality, decide to fake a straight relationship to hide the truth from their friends and families. (2020)
3.05 EuroNews

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6.00 Cúla 4.
10.05 FILM: Pal Joey A roguish nightclub singer struggles to cope with the demands of a wealthy socialite and his love for a chorus girl. Staring Frank Sinatra and Rita Hayworth. (1957)
12.05 Ceol ón Earagail A tribute to fiddle legends Jimmy and Vincent Campbell.
1.05 FILM: Annie An orphan wins the affections of a billionaire, but someone is out to ruin her chances of happiness. Starring Aileen Quinn, Albert Finney and Carol Burnett. (1982)
3.25 Steip 2025 Highlights of Oireachtas na Samhna 2025**.**
4.25 Cluchí Na Bliana The 2025 All-Ireland final between Kerry and Donegal**.**
5.22 An Aimsir Láithreach



5.25 FILM: Shrek 2 The Ogre meets his in-laws, who are decidedly unimpressed with their daughter's choice of husband. Featuring voices of Mike Myers and Cameron Diaz. (2004)
6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach
7.00 Nuacht TG4
7.15 Fadó Fadó Family and friends look back at most scandalous and most entertaining adverts to have graced TV screens in the past 60 years.
7.45 Gradam Ceoil TG4 2025 A celebration of the musical heroes of the age, from the University Concert Hall, Limerick.
9.35 Beo ón Electric Picnic: Buaicphointí Highligts from Electric Picnic 2025, including an interview with Amble as well as music from An Puball Gaeilge with Caoimhín, Clada and the Arbour Hillbillies.
10.08 An Aimsir Láithreach
10.10 Cartlann Christy Moore Folk singer Christy Moore reflects on a lifetime of song.
11.50 FILM: Froggie Two brothers - veteran stage performers - discover their beloved puppet and vital prop has been stolen. (2024)
1.35 Geantraí na hAthbhliana
2.35 Nuacht TG4
2.45 Cuirm@Celtic Connections: Capercaillie & the BBC SSO
3.40 Joe Burke - Ceiliúradh
4.30 Amhráin is Ansa Liom
5.00 France 24

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6.05 Secrets of the Universe
7.10 Cooking with the Stars
8.19 Emergency
9.10 FILM: Christmas on the Alpaca Farm Festive romance, starring Kirsten Comerford and Matt Wells. (2023)
11.00 Vera, Farewell Pet
12.00 Coronation Street Icons: Ken Barlow
12.30 Emmerdale Family Tree: The Sugdens
1.00 The Chase
2.58 Virgin Media News Update
3.00 Celebrity Catchphrase Dermot O'Leary, Samantha Barks and Kelly Holmes.
4.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs A severely wounded young stray is brought in.
4.30 Judge Judy
5.00 Judge Judy
5.28 Virgin Media News Update Latest headlines from the Virgin Media News team.



5.30 FILM: The Greatest Showman Musical starring Hugh Jackman and Zac Efron. (2017)
7.58 Virgin Media News Update
7.30 Emmerdale There is a dramatic end to the year.
8.00 Coronation Street Kit enlists Asha's help in his investigation, and Ryan voices suspicions of Carl fiddling the hotel accounts..
9.00 FILM: Armageddon SCI-Fi Starring Bruce Willis, Ben Affleck and Michael Clarke Duncan. (1998)
11.50 The Graham Norton New Year's Eve Show Graham guests include Tom Hiddleston, Laura Dern, Will Arnett and Carey Mulligan
1.00 Living with Lucy
5.45 Secrets of the Universe



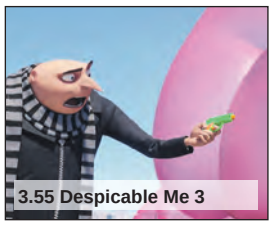
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7.00 Puzzling with Lucy Worsley: The Final
8.00 Tipping point 9.00 The Chase 11.00 The Finish Line
12.00 Think Tank Quiz show hosted by Bill Turnbull
1.00 Sport Stories: Damien Delaney An Interview with former Cyrstal Palace and Republic of Ireland defender.
2.00 Don't Look Back in Anger The highs and lows of 2023.
2.30 Don't Look Back in Anger Archive news stories from 2024.
3.00 The Finish Line Five contestants race in moving podiums across the studio floor to try and win £5,000, hosted by Roman Kemp and Sarah Greene
4.00 Tipping Point
5.00 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the quiz in which contestants answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine. Dropping tokens down a choice of four chutes, they hope to knock piles of them off a moving shelf - and the more they collect the greater the prize fund.
6.00 The Chase Hosted by Bradley Walsh.
7.00 The Chase Hosted by Bradley Walsh.
8.00 The Chase Hosted by Bradley Walsh.
9.00 Inside M&S at New Year A behind-the-scenes look at M&S food as the retailer sets out to develop anew health range.
10,00 Faith & Courage: Sinead O'Connor the life and career of the late musician.
11.00 Million Dollar Listing: NYC Tyler pitches for the biggest listing of his whole career.
11.55 Million Dollar Listing: NYC Fredrik has a confrontation with LA agent Heather Altman.
12.50 Million Dollar Listing: NYC1.50 Craic Den Comedy Club

BBC One HD



6.00 Breakfast
9.10 Superman
9.37 FILM: Marcel the Shell with Shoes On Animation, comedy with the voices of Jenny Slate and Isabella Rossellini. (2022)
11.00 Celebrity Homes Under the Hammer.
12.00 Bargain Hunt.
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather
1.20 BBC Newsline; Weather; Weather
1.30 The Boy, the Mole, he Fox and the Horse
1.05 FILM: Back to the Future 111 Time-travelling teenager Marty McFly is transported back to the Wild West to save his scientist friend from death. Staring Michael J Fox and Christopher LLoyd. (1990)
3.55 FILM: Despicable Me 3 Dismissed from the Anti-Villain League after botching a mission, Gru sets off to meet his long-lost twin brother. (2017)
5.15 Pointless Celebrities
6.05 BBC News at Six; Weather
6.30 BBC Newsline; Weather
6.40 The Weakest Ling: Party Special with Charlotte Crosby, Patsy Palmer, Ian 'H' Watkins and Fatiha El-Ghorri.
7.30 EastEnders New Year Celebrations take over Walford, and Phil offers advice.
8.00 Here We Go Festive special of the comedy which sees the Jessop family celebrating the new year.
8.30 FILM: Mission Impossible A secret agent is accused of betraying his fellow spies, and sets out on a mission to clear his name. Starring Tom Cruise and Jon Voight. (1996)
10.15 BBC News; Weather
10.30 The Graham Norton New Year's Eve Show with Tom Hiddleston, Laura Dern, Will Arnett and Carey Mulligan.
1**1.30 Ronan Keating and Friends: New Year's Eve Party** The former Boyzone frontman presents a New Year's Eve concert.
12.00 New Year's Eve Fireworks 2025
12.15 Ronan Keating and Friends: New Year's Eve Party
12.45 Rod Stewart at Glastonbury 2025
2.15 Weather for the Week Ahead
2.20 BBC News A round-up of the latest headlines.

Channel 4



6.35 Cheers. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 8.50 Frasier. 9.50 Junior Bake Off. 11.20 Chateau DIY at Christmas. 12.20 Channel 2 News Summary
12.25 FILM: Steel Magnolias Drama starring Sally Field, Julia Roberts, Dolly Parton and Shirley MacLaine. (1989)
2.50 Four in a Bed This week's competition begins at Newquay Beach Hotel.
3.20 Four in a Bed Mandy and Elly host the week's second visit at Devon Heaven Hideaways.
3.50 Four in a Bed Stuart and Amy host the third visit fo the week at Tin Can Retreat.
4.20 Four in a Bed Steve and Mandy ost the week's final visit at The Thorverton Arms in Devon.
4.50 Four in a Bed The scores are revealed and the winner of this week's contest is announced.
5.20 Channel 4 News Channel 4's flagship news programme. With sport and weather.
5.50 Nordic Train at Christmas Documentary looking behind-the-scenes on the Bergen Line.
6.40 FILM: Jumanji: The Next Level Players of Jumanji return, but as they attempt to rescue one of their own, they will have to brave parts unknown from arid deserts to snowy mountains to escape the world's most dangerous game. Starring Dwayne Johnson, Karen Gillan, Kevin Hart and Jack Black (2019)
9.00 The Last Leg of the Year Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker look into the year's most ridiculous headlines with Lenny Henry, Phil Wang, Maisie Adam, Dani Dyer, Pete Doherty, Alex James, Lucy Bronze, Hanna Botterman and a surprise Celebrity Traitors star.
11.00 Gogglebox 2025 This bumper edition takes a very merry look back at the best television of 2025.
12.55 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special.
2.45 FILM: Oasis: Supersonic Documentary about the Manchester band's early years. (2016)
4.00 Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it
4.45 George Clarke's Old House New Home.
5.50 Cheers



The Greatest Showman
Virgin Media One, New Year's Eve 5.30pm

The Greatest Showman is a vibrant musical inspired by the rags-to-riches story of P.T. Barnum (Hugh Jackman), a visionary who creates the first blockbuster circus, celebrating the "birth of show business" by bringing together unique individuals and dazzling audiences with spectacle, while exploring themes of belonging, prejudice, and family.

The film follows Barnum's ambition to rise from poverty, form a troupe of "oddities," and find fame, but he risks losing his family and identity chasing acceptance from high society, especially through opera singer Jenny Lind, ultimately learning to value his true roots and found family.



New Year's Day TV

RTÉ ONE HD



6.00 EuroNews.
7.00 Teleshopping.
7.45 FILM:Chariots of Fire Factual starring Ben Cross. (1981)
9.50 Weather
10.00 New Year's Day Concert from Vienna
12.45 Telly Bingo
1.00 RTÉ News: One O'Clock and Weather
1.10 Tommy Sands: Clann an Cheoil Documentary about one of Ireland's most influential folk singer-songwriters, and how he and his family have acquired an international legacy as social activists and storytellers.
2.10 Shortland Street
2.35 Eastenders
3.00 FILM: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang 1968 Fantasy - An inventor finds an old car has magical powers, and a greedy tyrant will do anything to get hold of it. With Dick Van Dyke and Lionel Jeffries.
5.45 Nuacht
5.55 RTÉ News with Signing
6.00 The Angelus
6.01 RTÉ News: Six One and Weather
6.30 Reeling in the Years Bringing back memories of 1965
7.00 High Road Low Road Two celebrities are sent on a mystery holiday - but while one enjoys a luxury break
7.30 Eastenders Max Branning finds himself in a situation which will have huge consequences for not only himself, but also his family.
8.00 Killinaskully Christmas Special Part two of two. The village runs out of alcohol at Christmas and German shelling threatens to ruin the festive mood. Comedy starring Pat Shortt.
8.30 Fair City The Collins and Rafferty families celebrate baby Anthony. JJ learns the trugh about Steo, while Paul is shocked at JJ's demand.
9.00 RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock and Weather
9.30 FILM: Elvis Singer Elvis Presley takes the world by storm while struggling with the influence of his controlling mnaager. Staring Austin Butler and Tom Hanks. (2022)
12.30 Meat Loaf: From Hell and to Connaught
1.40 FILM: Bloodbrothers. Starring Richard Gere and Paul Sorvino. (1978)
3.30 Telly Bingo
3.45 EuroNews

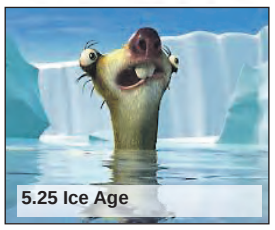
RTÉ 2 HD





6.00 EuroNews. 7.50 Stick Man 8.20 Tabby McTat 8.45 The Twelve Storybuds of Christmas. 9.00 Shaun the Sheep. 9.25 The Rubbish World of Dave Spud. 9.55 Millie Inbetween. 10.55 Deadly 60. 12.00 The Unread. 12.30 New Wave: Ireland's Young Surfers. 1.30 United FC
2.00 FILM: Napoleon With the voice of Jamie Croft. (1995)
2.40 FILM: Loch Ness An American scientist is sent to Scotland to prove that the Loch Ness monster does not exist, to the outrage of the locals. Starring Ted Danson and Joely Richardson. (1996)
5.20 The Simpsons Grampa makes a confession to Homer that proves hard to reconcile.
5.50 FILM: Back to the Future Part !!! Time-travelling teenager Marty McFly is transported back to the Wild West to save his scientist friend from death. With Michael j Fox and Christopher Lloyd. (1990)
8.00 Asia The series concludes with a look at the work of people striving to protect Asia's endangered wildlife, and what routes conservation could take in the future.
9.00 FILM: The Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard A therapist convinces suspended bodyguard Michael Brice to take a sabbatical from the protection business on a recuperative break in sun-kissed Capri. Naturally through things don't quite to plan, and Bryce ends up joining forces with hitman Darius Kincaid and his wife Sonia, to prevent a terror attack on European soil. Starring Ryan Reynolds and Samuel L Jackson. (2021)
9.00 FILM: Apocalypse Clown When a mysterious blackout plunges Ireland into chaos and anarchy, a group of clowns travel the country for one last shot at their dreams. Starring Pollyanna McIntosh. (2023)
12.45 Devil's Peak Crime drama about a detective's mission to track down a vigilante killer. Starring Hilton Pulser and Island Henna.
1.50 EuroNews Headlines update.

TG4



6.00 Cúla 4.
10.00 FILM: Goodbye, Mr Chips A shy schoolmaster woos a showgirl, but they struggle t cope with each other's lifestyle. With Peter O'Toole and Petula Clark (1969)
12.40 Paddy na Meachain
1.40 FILM: Kung Fu Panda A lazy panda is forced to master martial arts to protect his valley home from a rampaging snow leopard. Voiced by Jack Black and Dustin Hoffman. (2008)
3.20 Tráthnóna le Éilís Ní Chinnéide A night of songs and music with Éilís Ní **Chinnéide.**
4.20 Geantraí na Nollag 2025 A Christmas special from the stunning surroundings of Mount Falcon Estate, County Mayo.
5.22 An Aimsir Láithreach
5.25 FILM: Ice Age The prehistoric animals get stuck on a drifting iceberg, and try to find a way home. With the voices of Ray Romano and John Leguizamo. (2012)
6.57 An Aimsir Láithreach
7.00 Nuacht TG4
7.15 Gene Kelly - Réalt an Rince Documentary exploring the career of the actor, dancer, singer and director Gene Kelly.
8.15 Ros na Rún Penny is furious when she finds ot that Michele slept with Dean, but finds comfort in the arms of another.
8.45 Bláth na hÓige An Turas go Lorient Documentary following Bláth na hÓige as they embark on their first ever overseas concert at the Festival Interceltique de Lorient in Brittany. During their travls they get a taste of Celtic culture.
9.45 FILM: Date Night A married couple's romantic evening takes a dangerous turn when a case of mistake identity leaves them on the run from gangsters Starring Tina Fey. (2010)
11.22 An Aimsir Láithreach
11.25 Ros na Rún Penny is furious when she finds ot that Michele slept with Dean, but finds comfort in the arms of another.
11.55 Elvis Costello: Live at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall
1.55 Cailíní Granna
2.10 Nuacht TG4
2.25 Geantraí
2.55 Bláth na hÓige An Turas go Lorient
4.15 Paddy na Meachain
5.05 France 24

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6.40 Animal Emergency
7.30 Cooking with the Stars
8.30 The National Television Awards 2025 11.00 The Masked Singer: Christmas Special, hosted by Joel Dommett **12.30 Emmerdale Family Tree: The Tates**
1.00 Live Racing
3.28 Virgin Media News Update
3.30 Celtic Cosmos The irish scientists and technicians shaping the future of space exploration.
4.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs The comedian meets a neglected boxer that was found chained to a tree.
4.30 Judge Judy
5.00 Judge Judy
5.28 Virgin Media News Update Latest headlines from the Virgin Media News team.
5.30 Don't Look Back in Anger Archive news documentary looking back at the headline stories of the past.
6.00 Farewell Doc Martin Cameras follow the Doc Martin cast and crew filming its final series.
7.00 Emmerdale There is a sinister start to the new year.
8.00 Coronation Street Becky resorts to extreme measures to finally achieve her goal, Todd flees after Theo unleashes his temper.
9.00 FILM: The Snapper A 20-year-old woman from a large family falls pregnant, and becomes the focus of town gossip when she refuses to name the father. Starring Tina Kellegher and Colm Meaney. (1993)
10.55 Fanning at Whelan's Dave Fanning showcases the best of Irish music talent from the Dublin venue.
12.00 Help me buy a home
1.00 Midsomer Murders



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7.00 The Chase Australia
8.00 Tipping Point 9.00 The Chase 11.00 The Finish Line
12.00 Think Tank Quiz show hosted by Bill Turnbull
1.00 Cooking with the Stars Emma Willis hosts the celebrity cookery show, with Johnny Vegas, Harry Judd, Shirley Ballas and Naughty Boy

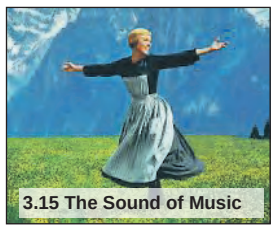


2.00 River Monsters Jeremy Wade investigates the stories behind supposedly deadly freshwater creatures, beginning by discovering if piranhas deserve their fearsome reputation
3.00 The Finish Line Five contestants race in moving podiums across the studio floor to try and win £5,000, hosted by Roman Kemp and Sarah Greene
4.00 Tipping Point
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6.00 The Chase Hosted by Bradley Walsh.
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8.00 Beat the Chasers - Celebrity Special Bradley Walsh hosts as Stephen Mangan, Grace Dent, Sam Quek and Nile Wilson hope to win big for their chosen charities.
9.30 The Graham Norton New Year's Eve Show Graham is joined by Tom Hiddleston, Laura Dern, Will Arnett, Carey Mulligan, Tim Key and Owen Cooper.
10.20 Freddie & Jason: Two Men in a Tent Freddie Flintoff and Jason Manford embark on a wild camping adventure.
11.25 Vanderpump Rules Lisa Vanderpump throws a party. Meanwhile, Lala tries to bring James and Randall together.
12.10 Vanderpump Rules
2.05 Dubai Hustle Documentary Series

BBC one HD



6.00 Breakfast. 8.50 Tiddler
9.00 FILM: Abominable Animation, with the voice of Chloe Bennet. (2019)
10.40 FILM: Minions: The Rise of Gru Animation, with the voices of Steve Carrell and Alan Arkin. (2022)
12.00 Gladiators: Celebrity Special
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather
1.20 BBC Newsline; Weather
1.30 The Archbishop of Canterbury Elect's New Year Message The Rt Rev Sarah Mullally delivers a message of hope, reconciliation and reflection.
1.35 The Scarecrows" Wedding Adaptation of the children's book, starring Rob Brydon.
2.00 The Traitors at the Proms Claudia Winkleman hosts this musical exploration of the hit series, featuring the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra.



3.15 FILM: The Sound of Music A novice nun is employed as governess to the seven children of an austere widower. Starring Julie Andrews. (1965)
6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather
6.30 Wild London Veteran naturalist David Attenborough shares his intimate knowledge of the city's wildlife
7.30 Eastenders One year on from the present day. Max Branning finds himself in a situation which will have huge consequences.
8.00 The Traitors New series. Claudia Winkleman returns with the game of backstabbing and trust.
9.05 The Night Manager Jonathan Pine is led into a violent encounter with a new player. Starring Tom Hiddleston.
10.05 Mrs Brown's Boys New Year's Special The gang prepare for an incoming storm.
11.05 BBC News at Ten A round-up of today's headlines.
11.25 FILM: Mission Imposable 2 Starring Tom Cruise and Dougray Scott. (2000)
2.25 Weather for the Week Ahead A look ahead to the latest forecast.
2.30 BBC News



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6.14 Cheers 7.30 The King of Queens 8.25 Everybody Loves Raymond 9.25 Frasier 10.30 A Place in the Sun
11.30 Four in a Bed
1.00 Four in a Bed Prity and Kyle host the week's final visit at the Pocilington in Leicester. Parking problems soon prove to be an issue for their guests.



2.00 Channel 4 News
2.15 FILM: Raya and the Last Dragon Animation A warrior princess seeks the fabled last dragon to save her father and the land of Kumandra from evil spirits. (2021)
4.25 FILM: Aladdin A street urchin unleashes the power of a genie, sparking a magical adventure. Starring Will Smith, Mena Massaud and Naomi Scott. (2019)
6.40 The Great New Year Bake Off in a first-ever twist hosts Alison Hammond and Noel Fielding welcome pairs of seasoned bakers into the tent, inviting them ot battle it out for the coveted New Year's cake stand.
8.00 Judi Dench:Shakespeare, My Family and Me The actress investigates a story from her family's past, delving into the archives to discover if her ancestors really did meet Shakespeare. The encounter is said to have occurred in 1006, a tumultuous year for the Bard.
9.05 Gogglebox 2025 As the Goggleboxers hang up their Christmas stockings, a bumper edition of the show takes a very merry look back at the best of 2025.
10.35 Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2025 Johnathan Ross, Richard Ayoade, Katherine Ryan, Nick Mohammed, Roisin Conaty and Lou Sanders are quizzed by Jimmy Carr.
12.30 Greg Davies: Firing Cheeseballs at a Dot
1.40 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2.30 Travel Man: 48 hours in the Basque Country
2.55 Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it
3.50 George Clarke's Old House, New Home
4.45 Find It, Fix It, Flog It
5.05 Handmade: Britain's Best Woodworker





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2025 January

From demolition to struggles and storms January 2025 had it all

Mortons set for demolition
(January 9 edition) Morton's or the Firhouse Inn has been set for demolition to make way for two apartment blocks on the Firhouse Road. A landmark for the locals since the 1960s, the pub permanently shut during the Covid-19 pandemic. Shortly after, Bluemont Developments Firhouse Limited was granted permission to replace the building with 100 residential units in three-storeys and five-storeys blocks, also providing a café, office space, a barber shop, a medical unit, a betting office and a creche.

Partas sought planning permission for drone food delivery
(January 16 edition) Partas sought planning permission for a drone food delivery hub in Tallaght, after they were granted permission for a food hub at the site to be called Priory Market. If approved, deliveries will be operated by Bobby Healy's Manna Drones Delivery. According to the planning application, the aerial hub will improve food delivery services in an efficient manner" and not add to traffic congestion.

Hospitals to treat "more patients than ever before"
(January 16 edition) A report released by the HSE showed acute hospitals like Tallaght University Hospital are now called to treat "more patients than ever before." While there has been progress in the overall reduction of healthcare waiting times, between October 2023 and September 2024 there were almost 3.9 million attendances in Outpatient Department, up by over 400,000 since 2022. About 1.9 million attendances in Inpatient and Daycare meant 200,000 more than in 2022. According to the Department of Health, "a growing and aging population is leading to increased demand and unprecedented levels of additions to waiting lists."

World's Toughest Row
(January 23 edition) A Lucan father and his team came third in the World's Toughest Row competition as they honoured the memory of 13-year-old Saoirse O'Driscoll who passed away last year due to a congenital heart condition. With four friends and dads, Saoirse's father John O'Driscoll embarked on a 5,000km row across the Atlantic Ocean to mirror the struggles of all the sick children who "cross the Atlantic every day." Having left from Spain in mid-December, they reached Antigua in the Caribbeans on January 19. They raised some €500,000 for medical research.

Drug dealing documentary
(January 23 edition) A documentary by Ballycullen filmmaker Patrick Doran exposed 'marketing' techniques enacted by drug dealers to intimidate crack cocaine users in West Tallaght, especially young women and mothers. Service users at Community Addiction Response Programme (CARP) in Killinarden have been targeted with texts like "four rocks to your door for a score, quicker than Domino's" on their social media channels. In the documentary, they also discussed dealing with the stigma of being a 'crackhead' within the community, and how they would like to see less discrimination and judgement towards women who suffer from addiction.

Storm Eowyn
(January 30 edition) Tallaght's most popular tree couldn't fight Storm Éowyn as reports of damages kept coming from across South Dublin County on January 24. The Tallaght Community Council Christmas tree, located in Tallaght Village beside The Dancers, blew down after lunchtime on that day, just as the Status Red Wind Warning issued by Met Éireann turned into a Status Yellow. SDCC Public Realm was contacted to respond to the damages.

1,054 new homes built in 2024
(January 30 edition) With 1,054 new homes built in 2024, Clondalkin saw the second-highest number of dwelling completions in the country, according to a CSO report. More than half of the new homes were built in Dublin or the Mid-East region including Kildare, Louth, Meath, and Wicklow. Clondalkin had the second-highest number of homes built nationwide and in the Dublin region, second only to Donaghmede in the northside with 1,178 new builds.

Ralph McTell at Tradfest
(January 30 edition) Folk icon Ralph McTell was "honoured" to be part of TradFest in South Dublin, as he held an "In Conversation" event with his fans in Aras Chronain, Clondalkin. The English composer of the ballad 'From Clare to Here' said the Irish audience is usually "the best part of the experience," as the country has "so much enthusiasm about music and the arts."

STORY ÉOWYN:The Tallaght Community Council Christmas tree, located in Tallaght Village beside The Dancers, blew down during Story Éowyn



HONOUR: Ralph McTell was "honoured" to be part of TradFest in Aras Chronain

MEMORY: Lucan dad John O'Driscoll and his team came third in the World's Toughest Row competition as they honoured the memory of 13-year-old Saoirse O'Driscoll who passed away

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