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increase the number of new social homes built each year.

“Through initiatives such as this from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, we are reaffirming our commitment to expanding housing provision and fostering vibrant, inclusive communities.”

Completion of this development is expected by late 2028.

DUBLIN CITY

Talk on Ireland's First Floodlit Soccer Match

Historian in Residence Dr. James Curry will present ‘Tolka Park and Dublin First Floodlit Soccer Match’ at 11.30am this Sat May 16 in Dublin Central Library, Ilac Centre, Henry Street. All are welcome - admission is free but booking is required via <https://dublincity.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSEENQ?SETLV=L&RNI=25033147>.

Dublin Fire Brigade welcomes 35 new recruits

The newest members of the Dublin fire brigade took part in the passing out parade at the training centre in Marino, writes *James Dillon*.

After 18 weeks of intense training, it was time to celebrate.

Among the guests were Lord Mayor of Dublin cllr Ray McAdam, chief fire officer Greg O'Dwyer, senior fire officers, invited guests and the recruits' own families.

The lord mayor said:

“Dublin Fire Brigade is one of the great institutions of our capital city, trusted, respected and loved by Dubliners in every community.”

Following the parade the Firefighters become probationary-firefighters and will develop their skills and experiences operationally.

They will go on to complete a two-year paramedic programme which includes a 15 weeks classroom-based course and mentored field internships in partnership with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

The Parables Tour

American catholic priest, speaker, author, and podcast host Fr. Mike Schmitz has announced additional shows to The Parables Tour which includes a show in The National Stadium, Dublin at 7pm on Mon July 20 in the National Stadium. Tickets €44.20 - €54.85 are available from Ticketmaster.

Council partners up to celebrate everyday cyclists

Dublin City Council, in collaboration with Humans of Dublin, is delighted to announce a new nine-part social media storytelling series to mark Bike Week 2026. The series celebrates the people who cycle across the capital every day and highlights the role cycling plays in their daily lives.

The Humans of Dublin x Dublin City Council Bike Week Series 2026 features nine Dubliners from a range of backgrounds, each shar-

ing their personal story, experiences and relationship with cycling in the city. Told through Humans of Dublin's distinctive portrait-and-narrative format, the series places lived experience at the centre of Bike Week and presents cycling as a practical, positive and human part of everyday life in Dublin.

The stories will be published daily over the nine consecutive days, building momentum throughout Bike Week and culminating on its closing day. Through personal, first-hand accounts, the campaign puts a human face on everyday cycling in Dublin and aims to normalise cycling and cyclists contributing to safer roads for all users.

Council announces eight Luke Kelly Bursary recipients

Dublin City Council has announced the eight recipients of the inaugural Dublin City Council Luke Kelly Bursary, a new initiative designed to support emerging voices in Irish folk music.

Originally intended to support six artists, the bursary was expanded to eight recipients following the exceptionally strong standard of submissions received from across the country.

Chosen from a significant nationwide response, the eight bursary recipients span generations of emerging folk talent, reflecting the depth and diversity of voices currently emerging within the Irish folk tradition.

The youngest recipients include 10-year-old Johnny

Joyce, who attends Mullingar Educate Together National School, and 13-year-old Julia McCarthy Dillon, who attends Mountmellick Community School and is part of Portarlinton Comhaltas, alongside 19-year-old Daniel Doherty Ashbourne, Co Meath.

The recipients also include artists in their 20s and 30s, including Finglas musician Jack Nico, Jacqui Ni Fhaoláin from Wicklow, who studied Modern Irish and Music at Trinity College Dublin and holds an MA in Traditional Music Performance from the University of Limerick. Christina Collins from Leap in West Cork, Aoife Maguire, from Marino, Dublin, and works as a primary school teacher in Dublin 9 and David Harris from Blessington, Co Wicklow.

Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Ray McAdam, said, “I warmly congratulate each of the eight inaugural Dublin City Council Luke Kelly Bursary recipients. They should be very proud of what they have achieved. To be selected from such a strong field is a real mark of their talent, their promise and their commitment to the great Irish folk tradition. This year, my theme as Lord Mayor is Celebrating Dublin.”

Beginning Experience

Beginning Experience is a peer support group dedicated to helping those who are navigating life following the loss of a life partner. Structured programmes are run by a team of trained facilitators, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced. The Dublin Beginning Experience Team is planning a Three Day Coping with Life Alone Programme which will take place over three Saturdays: June 6, 20 and 27 (Advance Booking Essential). Venue is the Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar Street. For further information contact 086 087 7379 or email: bedublin@gmail.com

FOXROCK

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish

First Holy Communions will take place at 11.30am this Sun May 17 for Holly Park Boys.

The church car park is being relined next Tues May 19 and Wed May 20 and should take 2 days to complete. Please note that parking may be restricted during these works.

For the month of May the Rosary is recited at the Grotto in the Church grounds at 9pm every evening. Please feel free to join in when you can.

Local History Club Talk

Shabnam Vasisht will present ‘Digging up the Raj in the Attic’ at 8pm next Tues May 19 in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre. All are welcome - admission is €5.

HOWTH

Church of the Assumption

This Sat May 16 and subsequently on a monthly basis, the celebration of our 5.30pm Vigil Mass will be enhanced by a newly formed Choir under the direction of Fionnuala Howard.

Our monthly Family Mass takes place at 11.30am this Sunday May 17. At this month's Mass we welcome the children and families from 6th class Scoil Mhuire who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Fri May 22. We gather together for our Confirmation preparation Mass with music, readings and prayers led by the Confirmation candidates. Everyone is welcome to join this special celebration of Mass and join us afterwards for refreshments in St. Columbanus Hall.

The St. Fintan's Cemetery Mass will take place at 12noon on Sun Jun 14. Volunteer Stewards are needed on the day and Eucharistic Ministers. Please call into the sacristy with your name and telephone number if you can help.

St. Mary's Church of Ireland Parish Fete

This event takes place from 12noon to 4pm this Sat May 16. Bric-A-Brac stall, Cakes, Teas & Bumper Raffle Prizes, Toys, Books, Plants, and much more. Parking is limited. St. Mary's Church of Ireland is located close to Deerpark Main Gate, 5 minutes walk from Howth Dart Station. All are welcome.

KILBARRACK

Church of St. John the Evangelist

An Afternoon of Mercy Prayer with Deacon Don Devaney will take place from 2.30pm to 4pm this Sun May 17. Deacon Don Devaney is the Spiritual Director at Radio Maria Ireland. He hosts the popular programmes ‘Chatechesis’ with Deacon Don Devaney and ‘God's Healing Grace Power Hour’, and is well known for his teaching on the Catholic faith, healing ministry, and pastoral care. There will be Benediction, healing prayer, and beautiful music. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to this graceful time of prayer.

MALAHIDE

Community School Plant Sale

The Parents' Association of Malahide Community School is holding their annual fundraising plant sale in the school canteen on tomorrow Fri May 15, this Sat May 16 and Sun May 17. There will be lots of great quality bedding plants, hanging baskets, bee-friendly plants, perennials and many other flowers

available for sale, just in time to brighten up your garden for any Communion or other special occasions. The times are as follows: Friday May 15: 3pm to 6pm Saturday May 16: 10am to 6pm, and Sun 11am to 3pm. Everyone is welcome so please come along.

DARNDALE

Tesco's superstore creates 65 jobs

The new Tesco superstore is a boost for jobs with as many as 65 create at the Northside complex, writes *James Dillon*.

It is open from 8am to 9pm daily and extends to 20,000 sq. ft.

Cadbury's, Freshways, Butlers chocolates and Golden Bake are there for your delectation. Also there are latest F&F fashion ranges, an in-store bakery, an off-licence, and a DRS machine.

Store Manager Pamela Geraghty, who has been with Tesco for 28 years, says: “The response from the community has been fantastic”

Through the Tesco Community Fund, the store's first donations will go to Scoil Fhursa (Kilmore), St Joseph's NS (Bonnybrook) and St Francis Senior School (Priorswood).

The store will also participate in Tesco's food surplus redistribution programme, working with FoodCloud and OLIO Food Waste Heroes to ensure good food never goes to waste.

The team will also support Tesco's charity partner, the Children's Health Foundation, which helps sick children in CHI hospitals at Crumlin, Connolly, Temple Street and Tallaght.

PORTMARNOCK

Spring Time Concert

Takes place at 5pm this Sun May 17 in St. Anne's Church, featuring The

Third Day Chorale Ladies, Killestars, Cappella, Portmarnock Singers, Cormac Ó hAodáin & Peter Mullen (homs). There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Dublin Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. All are welcome.

RATHMINES

Talk on the 1970s Refugee Crisis

Jessie Walsh will present ‘Seeking Refuge: The refugee crisis of the early 1970s: the management of the refugees from Northern Ireland’ at 8pm on Thurs May 21 to the Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road. All are welcome - members are free / visitors €5. The Swan Car Park Rate is €3.50 for the first 2 hours; €3.50 per hour thereafter.

SHANKILL

St. Anne's Parish

The Parish Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Sat May 23 - the Feast of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles. The cost is €35 per adult and €20 per child with a stop on the journey for tea and scones included in the price. Call the St. Anne's Parish Office on 01-822704 to book a place.

NORTH WICKLOW

Parent Support Evening

Anam Cara, which supports parents after bereavement, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening at 7.30pm next Mon May 18 in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy. All are welcome.

Talk on the Liberties and its links with Bray

Liz Gillis, South Dublin County Council Historian in Residence, will present ‘The Liberties: A Melting Pot of History, and Brabazon links’

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ACQUISITION NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ACQUIRE LAND UNDER SECTION 45 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (AS AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED)

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2024

AND ALL OTHER ACTS THEREBY ENABLING ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE LANDS AT TORCAILL, PORTMARNOCK, COUNTY DUBLIN

Notice is hereby given that Fingal County Council in exercise of the power conferred on them by Section 45 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, intend to acquire by Order that section of the land described hereunder.

A copy of the map referred to in the Order may be seen and inspected at the offices of Fingal County Council, Reception Desk, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2 and Fingal County Council, Reception Desk, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638, Monday to Thursday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm, Friday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm (excluding Bank Holidays) from 14th of May 2026 to 12th of June 2026.

The map is also available on the Fingal County Council website www.fingal.ie/vesting-order.

Further information may be obtained from Aisling Doyle, Senior Staff Officer, Property Services Division, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2. Telephone no. 01 890 5000, E-mail: property.mgt@fingal.ie.

Any person having an interest in the land to which this acquisition notice relates, may before the **12th day of June 2026** appeal to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND INTENDED TO BE ACQUIRED

Open Space at Torcaill, Portmarnock, County Dublin.

Dated this the 14th day of May 2026.

Natalie Dineen,
Administrative Officer,
Property Services,
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SECTION 75 OF THE ROADS ACT 1993 TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BALLYBRIDE ROAD, SHANKILL

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has approved an application from DM Morris Ltd to temporarily close Ballybride Road, Shankill from its junction with Crinken Lane to its junction with Sylvanmount from **Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026**.

A Traffic Management Plan will be in operation and pedestrian and local access will be maintained at all times. Diversion routes will be clearly signposted.

The purpose of the closure is to carry out works under the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Road Maintenance Works Scheme.

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