



*Christmas in
Limerick*

Event Guide 2022

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Mayor's Welcome



Welcome to Christmas in Limerick and our packed programme of festive events and activities! I hope you enjoy browsing through this guide, which will give you lots of inspiration and information about 'what's on' in Limerick this festive season.

With traditional food and craft fairs, an exciting entertainment line-up, an impressive display of dazzling lights, an incredible hospitality offering and some seasonal favourites, as well as sensational new events; Christmas 2022 is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever before!

We look forward to welcoming you to Limerick and encourage you to think local this Christmas.

Happy Christmas!

Cllr. Francis Foley,
Mayor of the City and County of Limerick



Getting Around



Getting to Limerick this festive season has never been easier! Christmas shoppers and visitors to Limerick can avail of more than 8,000 on and off street car parking spaces, 40 km of dedicated cycle lanes and over 30 bus routes serving the city, county and region.



★ PARK & STRIDE

- **FREE** parking in Council Car Park behind Merchant's Quay.
Access is via Nicholas Street
- **9am - 10pm Saturdays & Sundays 26 Nov - 18 Dec**
- **9am - 6pm Christmas Eve**

★ CITY CENTRE ON-STREET PARKING

- **Over 3,000** on-street parking spaces in Limerick City
- Parking is from **50c per half hour** (Monday to Saturday)
- **FREE** after 5.30pm daily
- **FREE** on Sundays as always

★ ABBEYFEALE, KILMALLOCK & NEWCASTLE WEST

- **First hour FREE** between 9.30am – 5.30pm as usual
- **Additional 2 hours FREE** on-street parking
from 2.30pm daily 03 Dec – 31 Dec
- **FREE** on Sundays as always



[Find out more »](#)



Christmas Crackers



FRI 25 – SUN 27 NOV | THU – SUN 01 – 18 DEC |
MON 19 – THU 22 DEC | 10AM – 10PM

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

Where: Arthur's Quay Park



Arthur's Quay Park is Christmas central this year! Enjoy delicious seasonal treats, vintage carousel and carnival games, ice skating, festive stalls or a tasty tippie from the Christmas Village bar!

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SAT – SUN 26 NOV – 18 DEC | 10AM – 6PM

CHRISTMAS TREE MAZE

Where: Arthur's Quay Park

Prepare to be a-mazed!

Little ones and the young at heart, are invited to wander through the magical maze, discover all its secrets and make it through to the other side!

Age: up to 8 years

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FRI 25 NOV – THU 22 DEC

MON – WED 12PM – 8PM | THU – SUN 10AM – 8PM



LIMERICK FESTIVE FAIR

Where: Bedford Row & Thomas Street

Pop by the Festive Fair where local artisan traders will showcase handmade crafts and sumptuous seasonal treats, with festive fun for the kids and traditional carnival rides. Each weekend, carolers, choirs and bands will take to the stage to provide musical merriment, sure to get shoppers into the Christmas spirit!

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FRI 25 NOV – SUN 08 JAN | 10AM – 10PM

LIMERICK ON ICE

Where: Arthur's Quay Park

Experience the magic of real ice at one of Limerick's most celebrated Christmas attractions. Whether you're a seasoned skater or a complete beginner, this is the ultimate winter fun activity for all to enjoy!

[Limerickonice.com](https://limerickonice.com)



SAT 26 NOV, SAT 03 DEC & SAT 17 DEC

FESTIVE FOLKTALES FROM FAR AWAY

Where: City Library, Dooradoyle Library
and Newcastle West Library

Huddle in for a festive storytelling
session as Simone Schuemmelfeder
from StoryGate shares some heart-
warming tales about winter traditions
from around Europe!

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FREE
FAMILY
FUN



SAT 26 NOV – WED 21 DEC | 5.30PM, 6.30PM, 7.30PM

A CHRISTMAS TALE AT THE CASTLE

Where: King John's Castle

Spend an enchanted evening at King John's
Castle this Christmas! The medieval walls
will come to life with colourful illuminations
in an immersive 3D audio visual festive
animation show. Soak up the festive
atmosphere in the castle courtyard and
enjoy a Christmas tale for all the family!

Kingjohnscastle.ie

 Subject to change in the event of extreme weather.



KING JOHN'S
CASTLE

SAT 03, SAT 10 & SAT 17 DEC | 7.30PM

LIMERICK OPERA FESTIVAL - Al Fresco Seasonal Sessions

**Where: Mother Macs Public House,
High Street**

Wrap up in your winter woollies and join Limerick Opera Festival for a free series of on-street festive operatic performances in the heart of the city centre.

Supported by Birra Moretti in conjunction with Mother Macs Public House and Limerick City and County Council.

Limerickoperafestival.ie



SUN 04 – SAT 24 DEC

CHRISTMAS AT LIMERICK MILK MARKET

Christmas cheer is in the air with a range of themed markets, handmade crafts and gifts, seasonal foods, local fashion and festive fun! To add to the Christmas cheer, children can post their letters to the North Pole in a special Santa's Postbox from 10 December!

Milkmarketlimerick.ie



WORKSHOPS: FRI 09 – SUN 11 DEC & FRI 16 DEC

PARADE: SUN 18 DEC | 5PM – 7PM

FREE
FAMILY
FUN

LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS & PARADE OF LANTERNS

Where: UL City Centre Campus, Sarsfield St

Make your very own magical lantern in a fun-filled festive children's workshop with Lumen Street Theatre!

Pre-booking essential »

All participants are invited back to be part of the **Parade of Lanterns** along Nicholas Street to show off their creations!

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FRI 09 & FRI 16 DEC | 4.30PM – 9.30PM

TREATY CITY BREWERY NIGHT FAIR

Where: Nicholas Street

Join family and friends for an evening of festive fun in Limerick's Medieval Quarter. Complete with Christmas gift ideas from local artisan producers, tasty treats to tempt the tastebuds and Treaty City brews on tap!

Treatycitybrewery.ie



SAT 10 DEC | 12PM

CHRISTMAS FASHION ON THE STREETS OF LIMERICK

Where: Thomas St/Catherine St junction

The Holman Lee Agency presents a festive fashion show on the streets of Limerick, showcasing the latest trends from Limerick's top fashion houses and designers, with plenty of spot prizes on the day!

In association with Limerick City and County Council

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SUN 11 DEC | 11AM – 5PM

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS IN LIMERICK

Where: Hunt Museum

Come celebrate Christmas traditions and non-Christmas winter traditions with our international communities in Limerick! There will be presentations from Mexico, Poland, Germany, Austria and more.

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Ha Ha Ha!



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

FRI 18 NOV – FRI 23 DEC

SANTA'S MAGICAL CABIN AT JETLAND SHOPPING CENTRE

It has been a very busy year in the North Pole and Santa and his elves have been working hard to ensure every family has a wonderful visit to his magical cabin!



**SAT & SUN 03 – 18 DEC
MON – WED 19 – 21 DEC**

SANTA'S GROTTO AT CASTLEOAKS HOUSE HOTEL, CASTLECONNELL

Santa's elves have booked Santa into the hotel to meet all the boys and girls before his big trip around the world!



FRI 25 – THU 22 DEC

SANTA'S FESTIVE FUNLAND, RADISSON BLU HOTEL

Spend some quality time with family, friends, your furry friends and of course, the leading man himself, Santa, all while enjoying the magic of Christmas.



SAT 26 NOV – SUN 18 DEC
SENSORY MORNING SAT 3 DEC

LOUGH GUR SANTA EXPERIENCE

Meet Mrs. Claus and her helpers, enjoy the playground and sit in Santa's Sleigh overlooking the enchanting lake, before meeting Santa and enjoying all his jokes and stories!



SAT 3 – THU 22 DEC

SANTA'S GROTTO AT STONEHALL WILDLIFE PARK, KILCORNAN

Walk in the park, play in the indoor area and visit all the animals, including Rudolph, as he rests up ahead of his big adventure on Christmas Eve!



SAT 3 & SAT 17 DEC

SANTA'S GROTTO AT THE PEOPLE'S MUSEUM

Join us for an unforgettable Christmas experience. Meet and chat to the big man himself and check out the fascinating collection in this beautifully restored Georgian townhouse.



**Discover all Santa's stops
throughout Limerick city and
county at [Limerick.ie/Christmas](https://limerick.ie/Christmas)**



Panto Time

FAMILY FUN AT CHRISTMAS PANTOS

FRI 9 DEC – SUN 8 JAN



JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Lime Tree Theatre

For its inaugural, homegrown panto the Lime Tree Theatre has chosen the evergreen Jack and the Beanstalk to light up the stage this Christmas.

MON 12 – WED 14 DEC



OLD MOTHER HUBBARD'S CRAZY CHRISTMAS

Friars' Gate Theatre

With some very special appearances from a cast of colourful characters, this panto is set to be fun for all the family!

THU 18 DEC – TUE 3 JAN



PETER PAN

University Concert Hall

This year's panto is back with a bang, so expect to see your favourite characters in a show packed with this year's biggest hits!



TUE 27 DEC – SUN 8 JAN



CINDERELLA

TUS Millennium Theatre

Cinderella has it all, the magic of the Fairy Godmother, the charm of Buttons, the majestic King and Queen and of course the romance between Prince Charming and Cinderella!



JACK AND THE BEANSTALK



Festive Favourites



**CHORAL CONCERTS,
CHRISTMAS CLASSICS &
FESTIVE FAMILY FAVOURITES**

THROUGHOUT NOV & DEC

CHRISTMAS POTTERY WORKSHOPS

**The Painted Pot,
Limerick Greenway**

Create beautiful hand painted ceramic Christmas decorations and gifts to keep forever.

FRI 25 – SAT 26 NOV, FRI 9 – SAT 10 DEC

ADULTS CHRISTMAS DECORATION WORKSHOPS

Lough Gur Pottery

Make your very own set of ceramic Christmas decorations in this fun, festive workshop.

SUN 27 NOV

CHRISTMAS WITH CHAPLIN

University Concert Hall

Enjoy a medley of festive favourites including popular Christmas songs and much loved carols, followed by an organ accompaniment to one of Charlie Chaplin's hilarious films!

Discover more [Festive Favourites](#) »



MON 28 NOV

THE FAMILY STONE (FILM SCREENING)

University Concert Hall

Join the eccentric Stone family for a holiday gathering filled with unexpected surprises. The perfect, feel-good kick start to Christmas!

WED 30 NOV

A WINTER'S TALE

University Concert Hall

Students of Limerick Educate Together Secondary School, together with renowned artists will take to the stage for what promises to be a medley of festive music, song and creative arts.

WED 30 NOV

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

D and M Garden Centre

Ready to create a stunning door wreath and mantelpiece arrangement? The fantastic Richard Haslam will teach you this incredible technique.

**FRI, SAT & SUN THROUGHOUT DEC
(EXCEPT 4 DEC)**

ARTLIMERICK POP UP CHRISTMAS ART FAIR

Nicholas St

With different artists showcasing their work every weekend, this is the ideal spot to get Christmas gifts for the art lover in your life!

THU 1 DEC

IRISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA MOZART & HARTMAN

University Concert Hall

Irish Chamber Orchestra perform two of Mozart's great symphonies, including his melancholic symphony No. 40, adored by audiences globally.





FRI 2 DEC

SCIENCE MAGIC SHOW

Belltable

Want to see a potato rocket launcher? Or conjure dragon's breath? How about a vomiting unicorn? Of course you do! Come along to this hugely popular science, comedy and magic family show back again at the Belltable.

FRI 2 – SAT 3 DEC

NUTCRACKER SWEETIES

Lime Tree Theatre

Gather with friends and family to experience the beauty and magic of ballet live on stage. After all, Christmas only begins once you've seen Ballet Ireland's Nutcracker Sweeties!



SAT 3 DEC

HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH'

University Concert Hall

An awe-inspiring oratorio performed many times by Limerick Choral Union, who propel the work forward with great emotional impact and uplifting messages. A 'must' for all during the Christmas season!

SAT 3, 10 & 17 DEC

CHRISTMAS WALKING TOUR OF LIMERICK'S LOST WHISKEY

Meeting point outside TIO on Thomas St

Learn about the rise and demise of whiskey in Limerick, ending at Mother Macs for a Hot Whiskey!

SAT 10 DEC

COME AND SING CAROLS

St. Mary's Cathedral

Get in to the swing of Christmas with a visit to one of Limerick's most historic buildings for some carol singing, a firm favourite in the festive calendar!



SAT 10, SUN 11, SAT 17 & SUN 18 DEC

FEENAGH CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE

Feenagh Park

Meet Santa and play some fun outdoor games including gladiators, bungee run and football darts!

FRI 16 DEC

CHRISTMAS WITH MUIREANN

St. Mary's Cathedral

This fabulous festive showcase sees Irish Chamber Orchestra join forces with one of Ireland's finest voices, Muireann Nic Amhlaoibhor for an evening of Christmas cheer.

SUN 18 DEC

HOME ALONE (FILM SCREENING)

Friars' Gate Theatre

Classic Christmas family comedy at its finest, this much loved adventure, featuring Macaulay Culkin will get everyone in to the Christmas spirit!

FRI 23 DEC

CROONING AT CHRISTMAS WITH LIAM O'BRIEN

Dolans

One of Limerick's favourite nights out during the festive season.



Afternoon Tea

At this time of year, Afternoon Tea gets a festive makeover! Think mince pies, mulled wine and delicious gingerbread spices! Check out Limerick.ie/Christmas for where to spend a perfect winter afternoon.



Seasonal Sporting Limerick



THU & SAT THROUGHOUT DEC

GREYHOUND RACING

Limerick Greyhound Stadium

grireland.ie



SUN 11 DEC

MUNSTER RUGBY V TOULOUSE

Thomond Park

munsterrugby.ie



MON 26 DEC

MUNSTER RUGBY V LEINSTER RUGBY

Thomond Park

munsterrugby.ie



MON 26 – THU 29 DEC

LIMERICK CHRISTMAS RACING FESTIVAL

Limerick Racecourse

limerickraces.ie

Find more festive favourites on
Limerick.ie/Christmas

Lively Limerick

FRI 2 DEC

ABBA FOREVER

University Concert Hall

SUN 4 DEC

**THREE LIMERICK
SOPRANOS
- A CELEBRATION**

University Concert Hall

FRI 9 DEC

**THE STUNNING
- LIVE AT THE BIG TOP**

Limerick Milk Market

FRI 9 DEC

**THE ALVIN PURPLE
EXPERIENCE**

Dolans

FRI 16 DEC

**DAMIEN DEMPSEY
- LIVE AT THE BIG TOP**

Limerick Milk Market

SAT 17 DEC

BIG COUNTRY

Dolans

SAT 17 DEC

PADDY DENNEHY

Dolans

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on Limerick.ie/Christmas





WED 28 DEC

THE 4 OF US ACOUSTIC

Dolans

THU 29 DEC

HERMITAGE GREEN - LIVE AT THE BIG TOP

Limerick Milk Market

THU 29 – FRI 30 DEC

AND SO I WATCH YOU FROM AFAR

Dolans

SAT 31 DEC

THE MARY WALLOPERS

Dolans

City Centre Shopping

★ **OPEN LATE NIGHT FRIDAY**

★ **OPEN EVERY SUNDAY**

(Free on-street parking)

★ **SALES START 26 DEC**

★ **MUSIC ON THE STREETS**

SAT 03, 10 & 17 DEC | 11AM - 1PM

**Where: O'Connell St, William St,
Bedford Row, Thomas St, Little
Catherine St & Parnell St**

Limerick City Centre Traders' Association present a wonderful programme of music from local favourites including Unity Gospel Choir, Shaun O'Dowd, Stefano, The Downtown Dixieland Band and many more!



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