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# COLLECTOR...

Hello and welcome to the fourth and final edition of The Collector for 2017. Inside, we are very pleased to bring you six new stamps and four First Day Covers to add to your collection.

The new stamps will be issued in October and November and, as usual, celebrate and commemorate a variety of Irish and international events, These range from the 50th anniversary of the death of Che Guevara, and the Centenary of the apparitions at Fatima, to the new Postcrossing postcard movement around the world and, of course, Christmas 2017.

Did you know that Che Guevara's was of Irish descent and that his ancestors actually hailed from the Kilkee area of West Clare? Ireland's very own Jim Fitzpatrick created the instantly-recognisable black and red image of Che Guevara that you see on t-shirts and in posters on student walls everywhere has since become one of the world's top 10 most iconic images. Now it features on a stamp this year which you can learn all about on page 4..

Postcrossing, on the other hand, has a much more obvious reason for getting its own stamp. Postcrossing is a movement that encourages the use of sending postcards around the world – over 50 million of them so far – and that's worthy of a salute from Ireland's postal service. One hundred years ago, three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, told the world they had been visited by the Virgin Mary six times over six months in 1917. She had revealed three great "secrets" right in the middle of the Great War, World War I. The apparitions and messages have had importance for the 1.28 billion Catholics in the world and so we have issued a beautiful stamp to mark the centenary.

Finally, we have Christmas again. Our busiest time of the year is marked with three beautiful new stamps for your collection. All feature original illustrations from Dublin-based illustrator Liz Rackard.

And as always our Last Chance Saloon section gives you one last opportunity to order stamps that were featured in our 04/16 edition. Those stamps were the Commissioners of Irish Lights and our 2016 Christmas stamps.

So, until the New Year and the next edition of The Collector, everyone here at Irish Stamps would like to wish you and yours a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Joanne Ferris,

Irish Stamps

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# NEWS & INFORMATION



STAMPA, the Irish National Stamp Exhibition, takes place from Friday, October 6 to Sunday, October 8, 2017 from 11am to 6pm (5pm on Sunday) and entry is €5. This three-day event is a wonderful opportunity to see stamp collecting in action. With competitive displays, special exhibits, advice on collecting and the main stamp societies present, it all adds up to an exciting philatelic event which is now in its 45th year.

Once again, An Post will be there with a very large selection of philatelic material, and will provide some special exhibits from the archives along with a display of miniature model post boxes. There will be three postmarks available at our stand on the themes of Trains (October 6), 100 Objects (October 7), and the Commissioners of Irish Lights (October 8). In addition, there will be stamp dealers from both home and abroad in attendance.

STAMPA 2017 will once again be located at the Griffith Conference Centre, Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. The College is located close to Leonard's Corner Post Office and beside the National Boxing Stadium.

Details of Stampa membership is available on **www.stampa.ie**. Member souvenirs this year include a special overprinted version of the Easter Week miniature sheet from the 1916 set issued last year, an overprinted pane from the Commissioners of Irish Lights booklet and a specially printed vintage postcard featuring Kingsbridge (now Heuston) Station. The public souvenir will be an overprinted version of the Irish Railway Stations Miniature Sheet issued by An Post in July which will be on sale at the show.



### **Cork Stamp and Coin Exhibition**

The Cork Stamp & Coin Exhibition will take place on Saturday, November 18 from 10.00am to 4.00pm at The Imperial Hotel, South Mall, Cork. Admission on the day will be €3.00 for adults and any accompanied children will be admitted free of charge.

There will be a large range of products and stamps from the last 12 months at the Irish Stamps stand. Dealers from all over Ireland are booked to attend and in addition to having their extensive stocks for sale they will also provide free valuations on stamps, coins and postcards.

This year a souvenir booklet featuring the Jack Lynch stamp and overprinted Irish Railway Stations Miniature Sheet souvenir will be available at the door and a special postmark will be in use at the exhibition with illustrated covers also on sale.

All details and enquiries are available from Padraig O' Shea, Raven Stamps, 12 Washington Street West, Cork. Telephone (021) 427 1750, Email *ravenstamps@gmail.com* 

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## 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF CHE GUEVARA

Revolutionary, Physician, Author and Diplomat.

50 years ago this year, Argentinian Marxist revolutionary Che Guevara died. To commemorate this event An Post issued this beautiful stamp which is based on the iconic image created by Irish artist Jim Fitzpatrick.

Born in Rosario, Argentina in 1928, Ernesto "Che" Guevara de la Serna was a revolutionary, a doctor, an author, a guerrilla, a diplomat and a military theorist. He came from a wealthy family which had aristocratic roots but also socialist ideals: His father was Ernesto Guevara Lynch, a civil engineer of Irish descent while his mother, Celia de la Serna, had Spanish ancestry. As a young medical student, Guevara travelled throughout South America and was deeply moved by the poverty, hunger and disease he witnessed.

In the late 1950s, Che Guevara helped Fidel Castro to overthrow the government of U.S.backed Cuban dictator, Fulgencio Batista. Following the Cuban Revolution, Guevara held a number of key positions in the new government where, amongst other achievements, he instituted agrarian land reform as Minister of Industries, and spearheaded a successful nationwide literacy campaign. He was also a prolific writer and wrote a seminal manual on guerrilla warfare together with a best-selling memoir about the continental motorcycle journey he undertook in his youth and which moved him towards Marxist sympathies.

In 1965, Guevara was fighting alongside guerrillas in Bolivia when he was arrested, and subsequently executed by the Bolivian army on October 9, 1967.

The stamp features an iconic portrait of Che Guevara in red and black that was created by Irish artist, Jim Fitzpatrick, in 1968. **Technical Details** 

Date of Issue: Value & Quantity:	October 5, 2017 €1 (122k)
Illustration: Design:	Jim Fitzpatrick Red&Grey
Stamp Size:	29.8mm x 40.6mm
Colour:	Multicolour
Paper:	TR Yellow Green Phosphor PVA Gum
Make-up:	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations:	14.1 x 14.3
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Cartor Security Printing



PRODUCT CODE 1717FDC PRICE €2.00

This image of Che, who has become an iconic cultural idol, appears everywhere on t-shirts and posters, and is rated among the world's top 10 most iconic images.

The stamp was designed by Red&Grey Design.

You can buy this stamp and also the First Day Cover by using the Order Form attached, by calling our sales team on +353 (1) 705 7400 or by visiting our website at **irishstamps.ie** from October 5, 2017.



## **6** The worldwide postcard initiative.

If you haven't heard of Postcrossing before, we think that you'll find this very interesting: Postcrossing is a postcard exchange project that helps complete strangers to send postcards to each other from random locations all over the world.

So how does it work? It's quite easy – just go to the website (www.postcrossing.com), register your details and request an address and postcard ID to use when sending your first postcard. Mail the postcard to that address and when the other member receives it they will register it on the site using the postcard ID that is on your postcard.

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Now you will be eligible to receive a postcard from another user and this continues on for as long as you like (we are told that it can become addictive!). At any one time you can have up to five postcards travelling around the world and each time one of your postcards is registered by the receiver, you can request another address. The number of postcards allowed to travel at any single time increases with the more postcards you send.

To date, and incredibly, there are around 700,000 Postcrossing members in 213 countries writing and sending postcards to each other. Between them they have mailed nearly 50 million postcards and are averaging over 1,000 postcards every hour.

The highest concentration of Postcrossing members reside (in order) in the United States, Russia, China, Taiwan, the Netherlands, Germany, Poland, Finland, Belarus, Ukraine and Brazil. Globally, most Postcrossers reside in North America, Europe, and East Asia.

To celebrate the success of this movement An Post will issue a Postcrossing stamp. It has been designed by Design HQ using an illustration by Cathy Dineen and features a colourful display of postcards being passed from person to person around the world.

In addition to the stamp and First Day Cover, you can also purchase two Postcards, each showing an illustration of the stamp and First Day Cover images by using the Order Form attached, by calling our sales team on +353 (1) 705 7400 or by visiting our website at **irishstamps.ie** from October 5, 2017.



## **Technical Details**

Date of Issue:	October 12, 2017
Value & Quantity:	€1.35 (94k)
Design:	2b:creative
Stamp Size:	30mm x 51mm
Paper:	TR PVA Gum 102gsm
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up:	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations:	13.3 x 13.3
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Cartor Security Printing



PRODUCT CODE 1719FDC PRICE €2.35

# CENTENARY OF THE APPARITIONS OF FATIMA

100 years ago, three children from Fátima, Portugal reported that an angel had come to Earth to visit them at the nearby Cova da Iria. These shepherd children – Lúcia Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto – claimed that the Virgin Mary had visited them six times in total between May and October 1917.

All of this happened right in the middle of the chaos that was the Great War (WWI) in mainland Europe which had a cost of over 37 million lives. The first visitation occurred on May 13, 1917. The children were tending their parents' sheep when the Virgin Mary appeared and said she had been sent by God with a message for every man, woman and child, requesting prayer, especially that of the Holy Rosary, reparation and consecration.

During the six visits, she revealed herself to be "Our Lady of The Rosary" and imparted three "secrets". The first of these was a brief vision of hell. Lúcia Santos wrote "we saw something like an ocean of fire. Immersed in the fire were the demons and the souls (of the damned), that were like transparent embers, black or bronze, that had human forms."

The second "secret" was that World War I would soon end but another world war would break out if people did not stop offending God and Russia was not converted. These first two "secrets" were made public in 1941, but the third was only revealed in 2000 at the behest of John Paul II. This "secret" predicted the persecution of the church and the assassination of "a bishop dressed in white". The Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima is celebrated each year on May 13.

The stamp was designed by 2b:creative and features a statue from Fatima of the Virgin Mary. The statue was purchased by Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh, and is on display in his oratory.

You can buy this stamp and the First Day Cover by using the Order Form attached, calling our sales team on +353 (1) 705 7400 or by visiting our website **irishstamps.ie** from October 12, 2017.



### **6** Three ways to say "Happy Christmas". **9**

Christmas is always a great time for An Post. It's the busiest and most important posting time of the year, of course, with millions of cards, letters, packages and parcels to deliver to and from all over the world.

It's also wonderful to know that as we work, everyone we meet is happy to see us and they're generally very excited about what we might be bringing them this year.

Every year we try to do something different to celebrate the festive period with new and original designs for stamps and First Day Covers. 2017 is no different and this year we have commissioned Red&Grey Design to create three new stamps for Christmas 2017.

Red&Grey used original artwork by Liz Rackard depicting traditional Christmas scenes. Liz is a well-known and highly respected artist and illustrator with a background in textile design.

The €1 national stamp that she has illustrated features a group of carol singers – something you will still see in some towns and villages throughout Ireland in the run-up to Christmas. Carols were first sung in Europe thousands of years ago, but these were not Christmas Carols. They were pagan songs, sung at the Winter Solstice celebrations. Carols used to be written and sung during all four seasons, but only the tradition of singing them at Christmas has really survived.

The  $\leq 1.35$  international stamp is quite different and depicts a reindeer with Christmas lights on its antlers. The third and final stamp is the one that appears in the Christmas Stamp Booklet and this one shows a scene in which the three wise men follow the Star of Bethlehem while bearing their gifts for the baby Jesus. All three stamps are painted in the traditional Christmas colours that we all know so well.

You can order these stamps by using the Order Form attached, calling our sales team on +353 (1) 705 7400 or by visiting our website **irishstamps.ie** from November 2, 2017 to purchase your Christmas stamps in the many formats we have made available to you.

## TEN OF THE BEST BADDIFS • Disney villains feature on the new Forever stamps. ? ?

At the massive D23 Expo (billed as the ultimate Disney event) in Anaheim, California in July, 2017, there was a major announcement that delighted stamp collectors and Disney fans alike: The issue of the latest Forever stamps from the United States Post Office would feature ten iconic Disney villians.

Seen as a tribute to the rich legacy of the Walt Disney Studios Ink & Paint Department, the ten stamps will appear in a sheet of 20, each with one classic villain set against a blue background. Also on each stamp will be the words "USA" and "FOREVER" in the top right or bottom right corner of each stamp, together with, along the left edge, the name of the classic villain and the movie in which that particular character appears.

The ten classic Disney villains featured in this issue are Maleficent from Sleeping Beauty, Honest John from Pinocchio, Cruella De Vil from 101 Dalmatians, Captain Hook from Peter Pan, the Queen of Hearts from Alice in Wonderland, Lady Tremaine from Cinderella, Ursula from The Little Mermaid, the Queen from Snow White, Gaston from Beauty and the Beast, and Scar from The Lion King. There will be two of each per sheet which is retailing at \$9.80 from the usps.com online store. You can also get First Day Covers, framed art, the ceremony program and other collectables from the same site.

Disney's Ink & Paint Department has helped to create classic animated films since 1923 and the list above includes some of the best-known villains from any movie genre.

Postmaster general, Megan Brennan, had this to say about what we think will prove to be one of the most popular sets of Forever stamps yet: "The Postal Service is highlighting the Disney villains and the pioneering spirit of the Ink & Paint Department that brought many of these characters to life. These Forever stamps are our way of saying Disney Villains will forever entertain us and serve as a tribute to Disney's artistry and storytelling skill."

Earlier in the year, the USPS issued a Batman stamp set to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the caped crusader and this was a hugely successful set of stamps. We think this set of Disney villains might well be even bigger.

#### Irish Stamp Yearbook 2017

The 2017 Irish Stamps Yearbook is the perfect gift for philatelists or anybody with an interest in Irish Culture and History. This 52 page book contains interesting and informative editorial and superb imagery on all of the subjects featured in this year's stamp programme, along with each stamp, miniature sheet, full technical details and first day of issue cancellations. The print run is limited to 900 copies, with each book individually numbered. Priced at just €80, order yours today! THE IRISH STAMP YEARBOOK 2017 Complete Prestige Collection BLIAINIRIS STAMPAÍ NA hÉIREANN 2017 Baillúchán Iomlán Ardcháilíochta





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#### First Day Cover Collection 2017



This year's collection of our First Day Covers is the perfect way to acquire every commemorative Irish Stamp FDC issued for 2017. The Centenary of the founding of Lions Clubs International, Irish Railway Stations and 50th Anniversary of the death of Che Guevara are some of the many wonderful First Day Covers in this collection.

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Buy the Irish Stamp Yearbook 2017, Irish Stamp Yearpack 2017 and First Day Cover Collection 2017 from late November by using the order form attached, by calling +353 (1) 705 7400 or by logging onto **irishstamps.ie**.

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#### **Special Luxury Edition Yearbook 2017**



A special luxury edition of the Yearbook, featuring gold leaf embossing and edging and covered in full sheep's leather with a matching leather slip case is also available. Hand finished by skilled craftsmen, only 80 copies are produced. These are highly sought after and make a prestigious gift, which will be treasured for years to come.

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#### **Commissioners of Irish Lights** Issue Date: 06 October, 2016

Withdrawal Date: 06 October, 2017

The Commissioners of Irish Lights (CIL) is a unique organisation that provides an All Island service around the coastal waters of Ireland. These stamps were designed by Vermillion Design and feature the following: CIL staff working on a Buoy; a helicopter at work near Fanad lighthouse in Donegal; the technology CIL offer to the sea user, such as tracking the shipping lanes and transmitting signals to ships about dangers; and the ILV Granuaile, a multifunctional vessel which places and services 150 offshore buoys.

#### Christmas 2016:

Issue Date: 03 November, 2016 Withdrawal Date: 03 November. 2017

An Post issued three stamps in 2016 to celebrate Christmas. The stamps were designed by Conor & David. The concept for the SOAR stamps is the idea of "people coming together". This is represented by The Holy Family on the 72c stamp and The Three Wise Men on the €1.10 stamp. The illustration uses simple two-dimensional forms and patterns, lacking perspective, reminiscent of those seen in early Christian manuscripts. There is a common structure to the background and core elements. The style of illustration used in the SOAR stamps is carried through to the booklet stamp. Pattern and bold colour are juxtaposed to illustrate a typical selection of Christmas tree decorations.



## ORDER FORM The Collector 04/17

	DATE OF ISSUE	PRODUCT/ITEM	PRODUCT CODE	UOM	QUANTITY	PRICE VALUE	
LOT 1	05/10/2017	50th Anniversary of the death of Che Guevara €1.00 Stamp	1717100	EA		€1.00	
	05/10/2017	50th Anniversary of the death of Che Guevara €1.00 Sheetlet	1717100	SH		€16.00	
	05/10/2017	50th Anniversary of the death of Che Guevara FDC	1717FDC	EA		€2.00	
	05/10/2017	Postcrossing €1.35 Stamp	1718135	EA		€1.35	
LOT 2	05/10/2017	Postcrossing €1.35 Sheetlet	1718135	SH		€21.60	
	05/10/2017	Postcrossing Stamp Image Postcard	1718PC1	EA		€0.75	
	05/10/2017	Postcrossing FDC Image Postcard	1718PC2	EA		€0.75	
	05/10/2017	Postcrossing FDC	1718FDC	EA		€2.35	
-OT 3	12/10/2017	Centenary of the apparitions of Fatima €1.35 Stamp	1719135	EA		€1.35	
	12/10/2017	Centenary of the apparitions of Fatima €1.35 Sheetlet	1719135	SH		€21.60	
	12/10/2017	Centenary of the apparitions of Fatima FDC	1719FDC	EA		€2.35	
	02/11/2017	Christmas 2017 €1.00 Stamp	1720100	EA		€1.00	
-OT 4	02/11/2017	Christmas 2017 €1.35 Stamp	1720135	EA		€1.35	
	02/11/2017	Christmas 2017 Stamp Booklet	1720BK	EA		€25.00	
P	02/11/2017	Christmas 2017 Stamp Pair (ex booklet)	17205A51	EA		€2.00	
	02/11/2017	Christmas 2017 Stamp SOAR Strip	17205A52	EA		€2.35	
	02/11/2017	Christmas 2017 FDC	1720FDC	EA		€4.35	
		Irish Stamp Yearbook 2017	17YB	EA		€80.00	
		Irish Stamp Yearpack 2017	17YP	EA		€45.00	
		Special Luxury Edition Yearbook 2017	17YBS	EA		€220.00	
LOT 5		First Day Cover Collection 2017	17FDCYP	EA		€75.00	
P		Statue of Cúchulainn	STAU09	EA		€90.00	
		An Post Van Set	03VANSET	EA		€60.00	
		1916–2016 Presentation Folder with 4 Miniature sheets	16DMSPP	EA		€15.00	
		1916–2016 Souvenir Folder including Sheetlet of 16 Stamps	16DPP	EA		€15.00	
	06/10/2016	Irish Lighthouses/Commissioner of Irish Lights 72c Block of 4	161172ST	EA		€2.88	
	06/10/2016	Irish Lighthouses/Commissioner of Irish Lights 72c Sheetlet	161172ST	<b>S</b> 4		€11.52	
ij	06/10/2016	Irish Lighthouses/Commissioner of Irish Lights Prestige Booklet	1611PBK	EA		€13.00	
LAST CHANCE	03/11/2016	Christmas 2016 72c Stamp	161272	EA		€0.72	
	03/11/2016	Christmas 2016 €1.10 Stamp	1612110	EA		€1.10	
	03/11/2016	Christmas 2016 Stamp Booklet	1612BK	EA		€18.00	
	03/11/2016	Christmas 2016 Stamp Pair (ex booklet)	1612SAS1	EA		€1.44	
	03/11/2016	Christmas 2016 Stamp SOAR Strip	1612SAS2	EA		€1.82	

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