

The Collector

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Dear Collector

New Year greetings to one and all! I hope that 2020 will bring good health, happiness – and rewarding stamp collecting – to you and yours. We look forward to a busy and stamp filled year ahead, featuring great Irish art, design and topics representing significant aspects of Irish life, past and present.

To kick off the year, we have four very interesting offerings during Q1. On January 23, we collaborate with our sister organisation in Croatia, Croatian Post, to bring you two stamps that mark the designation of Galway and Rijeka as European Capitals of Culture, 2020.

Galway is certainly synonymous with all things cultural in Ireland and the organisers have an ambitious programme of events planned for the year ahead. The same applies to Rijeka, which is the third-largest Croatian city where a major international carnival takes place each year. Turn to Page 4 to read about the many famous landmarks and symbols associated with both cities that are featured on the two stamps.

Our love stamp is one of the most popular each year and, for 2020, we have a very distinctive design that features an imaginative graphic treatment of the word LOVE incorporating an Irish dimension. Widely used for all forms of stationery, greeting cards and letters, the holographic stamp for issue on January 30 also features the famous love-heart sweet – turn to Page 6 for details.

The Irish War of Independence (1919-1921) is one of the major events in Irish history that is being marked as part of the country's Decade of Centenaries programme of commemorations currently. To mark the centenary of the halfway point in the war, we are issuing a stamp on the theme of the 'Struggle for Sovereignty' – see Page 8 for details. A further two stamps to mark the war will be issued later in 2020.

The Irish abroad and those who have Irish roots move centre stage globally each year when Ireland's national day is widely celebrated in centres all over the world. Irish emigrants have made a huge impression on their adopted societies and on world affairs. Two of our five stamp-series on the theme of 'The Irish Abroad' for issue on 27th Feb acknowledge six such people.

The remaining three stamps focus on different aspects of the emigrant experience for the people who left and those remaining at home: leaving/departure, communication with home and networking. For full details of all five stamps, turn to Page 9.

Our last issue of the first edition shines a light on Irish women who have long been pioneers and innovators both at home and abroad. Learn about five of these women on page 10.

Aileen Mooney, An Post Stamps

News and Information

Stamp Suggestion Programme 2022

Collectors, please remember we are interested in getting your suggestions for the Stamp Suggestion Programme 2022. If you have an idea that you'd like to be considered, simply send it to us at:

Stamp Suggestion Programme 2022

An Post,
1st Floor, GPO, O'Connell Street,
Freepost, Dublin 1,
D01 F5P2.

The closing date for receipt of suggestions is 31 March, 2020.

2020 Stamp Programme

This year's Stamp Programme has been carefully put together by our Philatelic Department and consists of 13 issues for you to add to your respective collections. While it may be subject to change throughout the year I'm sure you'll agree, there's something for everyone in 2020.

Date	Description	Stamps
23 - Jan	Galway and Rijeka - European Capitals of Culture 2020	2
30 - Jan	Love & Marriage	1
20 - Feb	War of Independence (Struggle for Sovereignty)	1
27 - Feb	The Irish Abroad	5
05 - Mar	Pioneering Irish Women	5
09 - Apr	Centenary of the birth of Liam Cosgrave	1
16 - Apr	25th Anniversary of Father Ted	4
16 - Jul	EUROPA - Ancient Postal Routes	2
11 - Jun	Ireland's Pride Movement	2
25 - Jun	Ninth Definitive Series 'A History of Ireland in 100 Objects' - Phase IV	12
Aug TBC	GAA/ County Colours	4
Sep TBC	War of Independence (Civil Society)	2
8 - Oct	U2 - A Celebration	4
29 - Oct	Christmas	6

New An Post Shop

Collectors please note that all new issues will be available to purchase on our new Online Shop at anpost.ie/shop!

irishstamps.ie will be phased out over the coming weeks and all your philatelic needs will be available to view and furthermore purchase online from this new shop.

International Stamp Events 2020

COLLECTA 2020

13th & 14th March
Slovenia

NZ2020 Exhibition

19th - 22nd March
Auckland

LONDON 2020 Exhibition

2nd - 9th May
London

TAIPEI 2020 Exhibition

23rd - 27th Oct
Taiwan

Price change to FDC and FDC Miniature Sheet

From the first stamp issue in 2020, the price of all FDC products will increase from €1 to €1.50. The pricing of these products has not changed in over 12 years and reflects a sustainable cost base in terms of design and production for An Post. There will be no further price increase in the short to medium term.

2019 An Post Yearbooks



YEARBOOK 2019

Code 19YB **€80.00**

The 2019 Irish Stamp Yearbook is the perfect gift for stamp collectors or anybody with an interest in Irish Culture and History. This book contains every Stamp, Miniature Sheet, Full Technical Details and First Day of Issue Cancellations from 2019.



SPECIAL LUXURY EDITION YEARBOOK 2019

Code 19YBS **€230.00**

A special luxury edition of the Yearbook is also available. Only 80 copies are produced and this edition features gold leaf embossing and edging with a cover made in full sheep's leather. These are highly sought after and will be treasured for years to come.



YEARPACK 2019

Code 19YP **€48.00**

The Yearpack contains a brief overview of each subject in the 2019 programme, together with the commemorative stamps in a single, high gloss folder.



FIRST DAY COVER COLLECTION 2019

Code 19FDCYP **€80.00**

This year's collection of our First Day Covers is the perfect way to own every commemorative Irish Stamp FDC issued for 2019.

Galway and Rijeka - European Capitals of Culture 2020

Often regarded as the 'cultural heart of Ireland', Galway is featured in a special commemorative stamp to be issued on January 23 to celebrate its designation, with Rijeka, Croatia, as European Capitals of Culture, 2020. Croatian Post has joined with us in producing a stamp to honour Rijeka also on that date.

A treat awaits all those with a love for the 'City of the Tribes' as our stamp depicts

famous landmarks and symbols associated with Galway. These include NUI Galway, Claddagh seafront buildings, Spanish Arch, Galway Hooker boat, Claddagh ring emblem, city coat of arms, Macnas giant puppet representing theatre and a guitar to symbolise Galway buskers.

The Rijeka stamp depicts famous features associated with the city, known as the gateway to Croatia's islands.



GALWAY 2020 STAMP

Code 2001N1 €1.00

GALWAY 2020 SHEETLET OF 16 STAMPS

Code 2001N1 PRICE: €16.00



RIJEKA 2020 STAMP

Code 2001N2 €1.00

RIJEKA 2020 SHEETLET OF 16 STAMPS

Code 2001N2 PRICE: €16.00



GALWAY 2020 MINISHEET Code 2001MS Price €1.00



GALWAY AND RIJEKA 2020

COLLECTORS FIRST DAY COVER

Code 2001FDC €3.50

Technical Specifications

Date of Issue	January 23, 2020
Values & Quantities	N – Galway (150k)
	Rijeka (94k)
	Miniature Sheet (20k)
Design & Illustration	Steve Simpson
Size	42mm x 36.25mm
	153mm x 90mm (Miniature sheet)
Paper	TR 102gsm Yellow Green Phosphor PVA gum
Colour	Multicolour
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations	13.25mm x 13.75mm
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Royal Joh. Enschedé

Love and Marriage



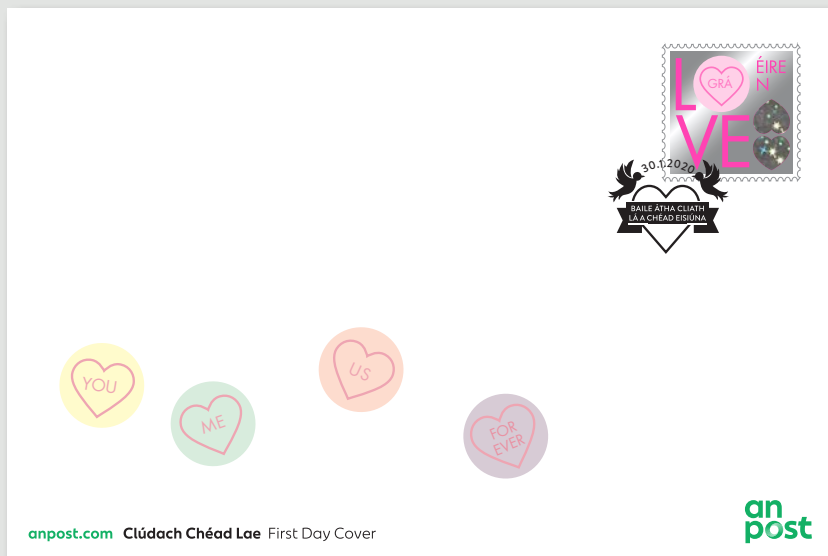
If you wish to add a special sparkle to your mailings in the New Year, then our latest Love and Marriage holographic stamp for issue on January 30, 2020 is the perfect answer. It's ideal for wedding stationery or for sending Valentine's Day, birthday or all types of personal cards and letters.

The word LOVE is the focus of the graphic design, which contains the well-known 'love-heart sweet' superimposed in the position of the letter 'O'. The word 'GRÁ', meaning 'love' in Irish, features on the sweet. Two small love-hearts in a decorative sparkle foil are also included and each of these three hearts can act as fun stickers on the outer envelope to create a personalised, unique look.



LOVE AND MARRIAGE COLLECTORS PAIR

Code 2002SAS Price €2.00



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Code 2002FDC €2.50

10 stamps for postage in Ireland



LOVE AND MARRIAGE
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LOVE AND MARRIAGE BOOKLET OF 10 STAMPS

Code 2002BK €10.00

DID YOU KNOW?

Love Heart sweets were invented by a man named David Dee and first produced by the confectionery manufacturer, Swizzels Matlow Ltd in 1954.



Technical Specifications

Date of Issue	January 30, 2020
Value and Quantities	N (2.4m stamps)
	Strip of 2 (12k)
Design	Design HQ
Size	31.75mm x 31.75mm
Paper	TR 240gsm Self-adhesive Litho
Colour	Metallic Silver (PMS 877) and Fluorescent Pink (PMS 806) with phosphor tagging
Special Finish	Kurz SB Stella (heart shape) and die-cuts
Make-up	Booklet of 10
	Collectors' strip of 2
Perforations	11.3 x 11.3 (approx.)
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Royal Joh. Enschedé

War of Independence (Struggle for Sovereignty)



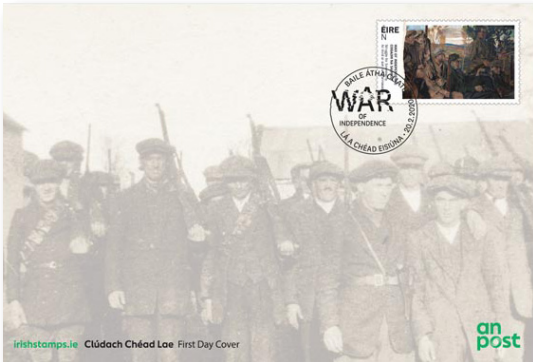
WAR OF INDEPENDENCE
'N' RATE STAMP Code 2003N €1.00

On February 20, 2020, An Post issued a stamp to commemorate the War of Independence marking the halfway point in the War, 100 years ago. The Irish War of Independence is generally accepted to have taken place between the British Crown forces and the Irish Republican Army (IRA) between January 1919 and July 1921. Violence extended both before and after these dates.

Designed by Ger Garland, the stamp features a detail from the painting 'Men of the South' by Seán Keating, representing the military aspects of the struggle for sovereignty. The painting portrays a 'Flying Column' of the IRA lying in wait to ambush the British Crown forces.



WAR OF INDEPENDENCE SHEETLET OF 16
Code 2003N €16.00



WAR OF INDEPENDENCE
FIRST DAY COVER Code 2003FDC €2.50
Men of the South image courtesy of the Crawford Art Gallery, Cork. © Estate of Seán Keating, IVARO Dublin, 2020

DID YOU KNOW?

Limerick-born Sean Keating (1889-1977) studied under the famous artist, William Orpen and worked as his assistant in London before returning to Ireland. He is noted for his iconic images of the War of Independence and the pioneering Ardnacrusha hydro-electric scheme.

Technical Specifications	
Date of Issue	February 20, 2020
Value & Quantities	'N' (122k)
Design	Ger Garland
Size	51mm x 30mm
Paper	TR 102gsm Yellow Green Phosphor PVA gum
Colour	Multicolour
Make-up	Sheetlet of 16
Perforations	13.25 x 14
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Royal Joh. Enschedé

The Irish Abroad



THE IRISH ABROAD

'N' RATE STRIP OF THREE Code 2004NST €3.00

'N' SHEETLET OF 12 STAMPS Code 2004NST €12.00

On St Patrick's Day each year, people all over the world celebrate Irish identity and the role of Irish emigrants. It is fitting, therefore, that we issue a series of five stamps ahead of our national day of celebration, honouring the contribution of emigrants to their respective communities and mark their experiences. Three stamps focus on key aspects of the emigrant experience: leaving/departure, communication with home and networking.

Featured are a photograph of families waving off their loved ones at Dublin Airport; detail from the painting 'An Emigrants Letter and Envelope' by Geraldine O'Reilly to highlight the importance of communication with home and a photograph of people in 'The Galtymore' dance hall in Cricklewood, London to reflect the role of Irish Centres and hubs abroad.

Irish emigrants have made an indelible mark in many walks of life around the world over the centuries and we are delighted to mark their contribution by issuing two stamps that feature six notable examples.

One stamp has Newbridge, County Kildare-born pioneering scientist Dame Kathleen Lonsdale (1903-1971) who lived in England; Limerick-born acclaimed actor Richard Harris (1930-2002) and Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore (1829-1892), the noted U.S.-based composer and musician who wrote the lyrics to the song 'When Johnny Comes Marching Home'.

The second stamp features the accomplished author and Tuamgraney, County Clare-born Edna O'Brien (1930-); Tullamore, County Offaly-born and Zambia-based Fr. Michael Kelly (1929-) who is acclaimed for his work as a priest and aid worker, and Mary Elmes (1908-2002) from Cork, the humanitarian worker particularly renowned for saving the lives of 200 Jewish children in France during the Holocaust.



THE IRISH ABROAD

'W' RATE SE-TENANT PAIR Code 2004WST €3.40

'W' SHEETLET OF 16 STAMPS Code 2004WST €20.40



THE IRISH ABROAD FIRST DAY COVER Code 2004FDC €7.90

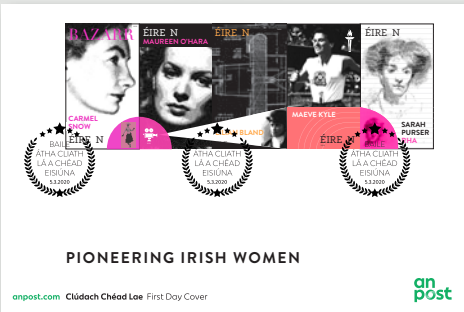
Technical Specifications

Date of Issue	February 27, 2020
Values & Quantities	N Strip of 3 (178k) W Se-tenant (120k)
Design	Zero-G
Size	51mm x 30mm
Paper	TR 102gsm PVA gum
Colour	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up	Sheetlets of 12
Perforations	13.25 x 14
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Royal Joh. Enschedé

Pioneering Irish Women



PIONEERING IRISH WOMEN
STRIP OF 5
Code 2005ST €5.00



PIONEERING IRISH WOMEN FIRST DAY COVER
Code 2005FDC €6.50

On March 5, we issue a series of five stamps that acknowledge in a special way the role of Irish women as pioneers and innovators in various fields of endeavour. The women featured achieved international recognition in the aviation, fashion, art, film and athletic spheres of life over many decades.

Having flown Ireland's first powered biplane in 1910, Carnmoney, County Antrim-based Lilian Bland went on to become the first woman in the world to design, build and fly an aeroplane. Dalkey, County Dublin-born Carmel Snow was considered to be the most powerful arbiter of fashion in the U.S. when she was Editor-in-Chief of the influential Harper's Bazaar magazine from 1934 to 1958.

Sarah Purser had the distinction of becoming the first female member of the Royal Hibernian Academy in 1924. Born in Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin in 1848, the portraitist and stained glass artist exhibited widely in Ireland and the UK. Maureen O'Hara - born Maureen FitzSimons in Ranelagh, Dublin - became a renowned Hollywood film actor noted for her work with director John Ford and actor John Wayne. She received an honorary Lifetime Academy Award in 2014. Maeve Kyle was a highly versatile sportswoman who competed at international level for Ireland in athletics and hockey. Born in Kilkenny, she had the distinction of competing in three successive Olympic Games (1956, 1960, 1964), reaching the semi-finals of the 400m and 800m events in Tokyo in 1964.



PIONEERING IRISH WOMEN
SHEETLET OF 15
Code 2005N €15.00

Technical Specifications

Date of Issue	March 5, 2020
Value & Quantity	N Strip of 5 (238k)
Design	Design HQ
Size	30mm x 51mm
Paper	TR 102gsm Yellow Green Phosphor PVA gum
Colour	Black with various spot colours
Make-up	Sheetlet of 15
Perforations	14 x 13.25
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Royal Joh. Enschedé



An Post's fourteenth consecutive year of Love and Marriage

This year's Love and Marriage stamp design features a graphic of the word Love with a Love-heart sweet superimposed where the 'O' should be. To add an Irish touch, the word 'GRÁ' (Love in Irish) is written on the sweet. Two small love hearts in a decorative sparkle foil are included and these hearts can be lifted out and stuck to the outer envelope for a more unique look.

Both Stamp and Booklet are available for purchase at Post Offices nationwide or online at anpost.com/shop from January 30.





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