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## Whistleblowers

In recent times, there has been a lot of talk about whistleblowers, but what exactly is a whistleblower?

A whistleblower is any worker in an organisation who reports any wrongdoing he or she believes has taken place in the organisation. Examples of the type of wrongdoing concerned include: illegal activity, misuse of money, putting people's health and safety at risk, and any attempt to cover up any wrong doing.

The whistleblower can choose to report his or her concerns to someone higher up within the organisation. They can also report it to an outsider, for example, to a newspaper journalist, a member of Government or a person who might be affected. The whistleblower can remain anonymous if he or she prefers.

Down through the years, due to the courage of whistleblowers, many cases of wrong doing have been brought to light. Here in Ireland, whistleblowers have highlighted serious cases of misconduct in care homes, childcare centres and in the Garda.

The Protected Disclosures Act 2014 is a law that protects the rights of whistleblowers. This law means that a person who brings evidence of wrongdoing, cannot be fired from his or her job or punished in any way.

However, in the last few months Garda whistleblowers, including Sergeant Maurice McCabe, have claimed that they and their families have been given a hard time by those in authority.

The Government has therefore set up a tribunal which will investigate all of these claims. Judge Peter Charleton will lead the tribunal and so it will be known as the "Charleton Tribunal".

## Turning green

On St. Patrick's Day, everyone wants to be a little bit Irish. In many countries it has become the tradition to turn famous landmarks green on this day.

The Great Wall of China, the Sydney Opera House in Australia, the pyramids of Egypt and the Eiffel Tower in Paris are just a few of the famous places that will be lit up in green on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

For more than 50 years the great Chicago River runs bright green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.



Chicago River

Thousands of people turn up to watch members of the Chicago Plumbers' Union pump 45 pounds of vegetable dye into the river, turning it green.

## Drive-through Ashes

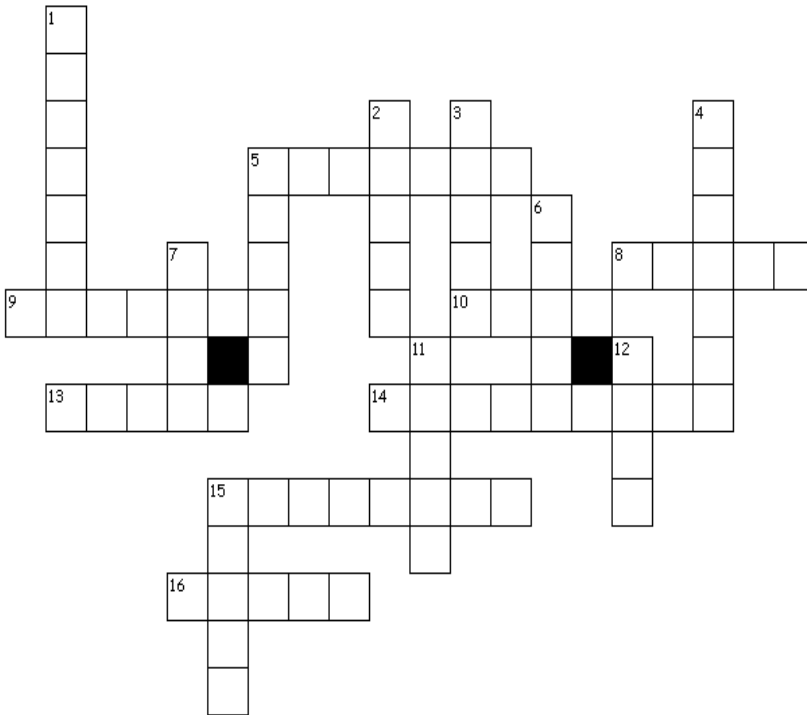
On Ash Wednesday, the parish priest of Glenamaddy, County Galway, Fr Paddy Mooney, came up with the idea of "Drive-through Ashes". People who were busy or unable to attend Mass were able to get ashes by driving up to the door of the church. There, they could stay in the car while the priest and some helpers placed the ashes on their forehead.

Fr. Mooney said that it was a great success with several hundred people receiving ashes in an hour and a half. He said he came up with the idea after hearing about a bishop in County Clare who held confessions in a shopping centre before Christmas.



## Jumbo Crossword

The answers to the clues are all connected with Ireland.



### Across

5. Longest river in Ireland (7)
8. Everything turns this colour on St Patrick's Day. (5)
9. Rosslare is in this county. (7)
10. Musical instrument that is printed on all Irish coins (4)
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Park, our national GAA stadium in Dublin (5)
14. Former US president Barack Obama's great great grandfather came from here. (9)
15. A small leaf worn by people on St Patrick's Day (8)
16. "The \_\_\_\_\_ Man" Film made in Ireland in the 1950's starring Maureen O Hara and John Wayne (5)

### Down

1. Bacon and \_\_\_\_\_, popular Irish dinner (7)
2. Airport in County Mayo (5)
3. Smallest county in Ireland (5)
4. Letterkenny is in this county. (7)
5. Irish name for potatoes (5)
6. Star Wars was filmed in this county recently. (5)
7. Known as "The Rebel County" (4)
11. \_\_\_\_\_ McGregor World champion UFC fighter (5)
12. "Ireland's \_\_\_\_\_" Rugby anthem sung before matches
15. Guinness is known as a "Pint of the black \_\_\_\_\_". (5)

**Maths Answers: Q1. €18, Q2. €24, Q3. €384,**  
**Q4. a) €15 b) €22.50 c) €30**

## Maths

Ann earns €12 per hour in her job. On Saturday, she earns time and a half per hour. On Sunday, she earns double time per hour.

This week she worked 5 hours a day, Monday to Friday. She worked 2 hours on Saturday and 2 hours on Sunday.

**Q1.** What is her pay per hour on a Saturday?

**Q2.** What is her pay per hour on a Sunday?

**Q3.** What is her total pay this week?

**Q4.** If Ann gets a pay increase of 25% per hour:

- a. What will be her new pay per hour?
- b. What will be her new Saturday pay per hour?
- c. What will be her new Sunday pay per hour?

Answers at bottom of page

Fill in the names of these well-known Irish food brand names

G\_\_\_\_\_ rashers

T\_\_\_\_\_ crisps

Cl\_\_\_\_\_ black pudding

B\_\_\_\_\_ Tea

J\_\_\_\_\_ cream crackers

Br\_\_\_\_\_ bread

Mi - \_\_\_\_\_ orange

Bally\_\_\_\_\_ natural water

Bally\_\_\_\_\_ relish

A\_\_\_\_\_ milk

K\_\_\_\_\_ butter

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