

# *Weather Forecast*

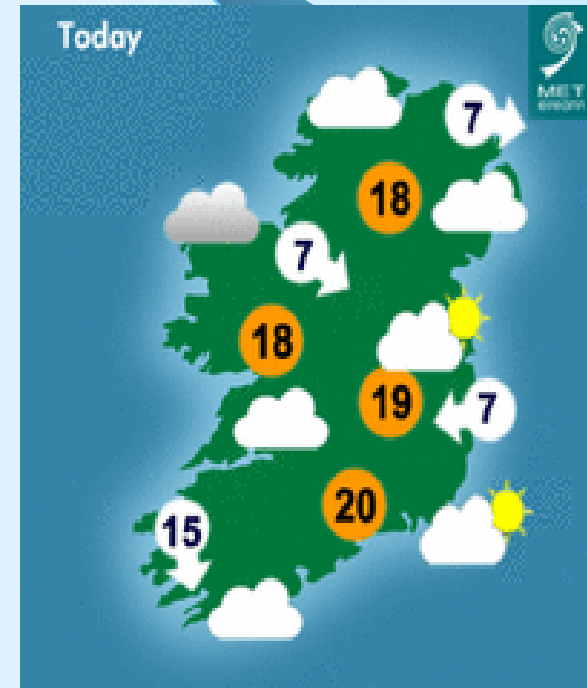
# The forecast for the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2003

## Gale Warning

**The following Gale Warning has been issued by Met Éireann at 05:00 hours on 04-Mar-2003 South to Southwest winds will reach gale force at times today on all Irish Coastal waters and on the Irish Sea**

## Today

Very mild and humid today. Generally cloudy, with extensive hill fog, and a risk of coastal fog in the South and West - but some bright spells may develop, mainly over the Eastern half of the country. Scattered outbreaks of rain and drizzle at first, with many areas becoming dry this morning. More persistent rain spreading into the Southwest, West and Northwest during the morning and early afternoon and slowly extending Eastwards to all parts later today and early tonight - may turn heavy locally. Clearer colder weather following from the Atlantic during the night (reaching the West coast soon after dark), with scattered heavy showers, and with winds veering Westerly and easing. High today 11 to 14 C. Low tonight 3 to 6 C - perhaps a touch of ground frost later in sheltered areas.



## Tomorrow

A cool, blustery day tomorrow, with sunshine and scattered heavy showers.

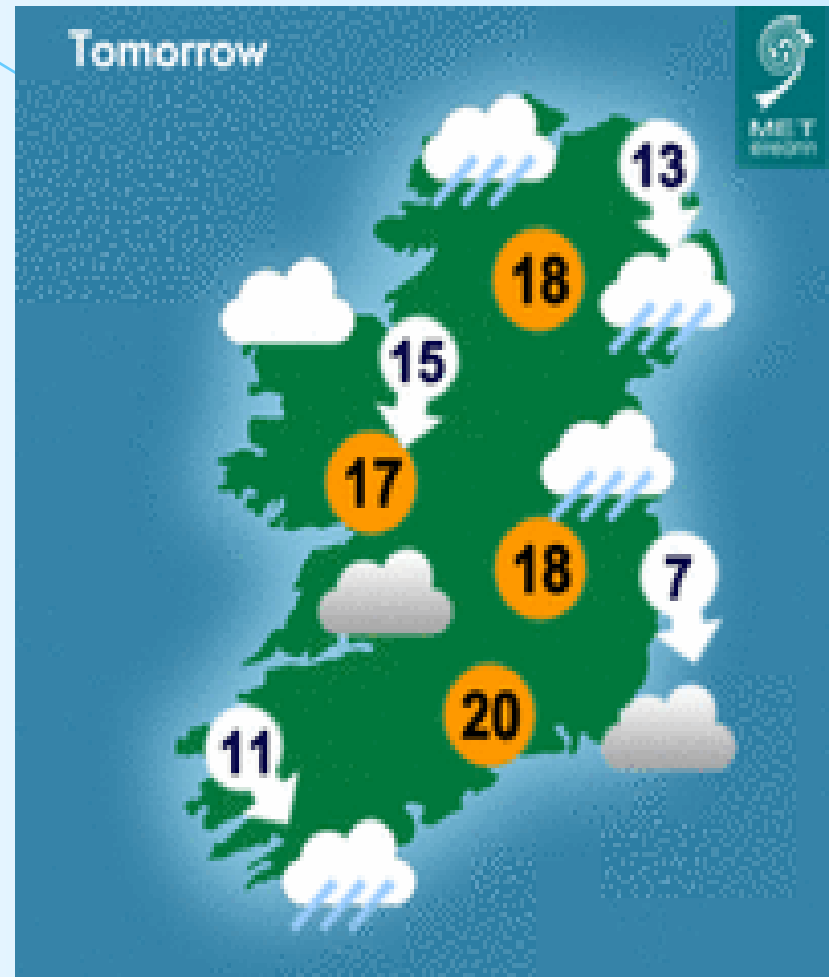
## 3-Day Outlook

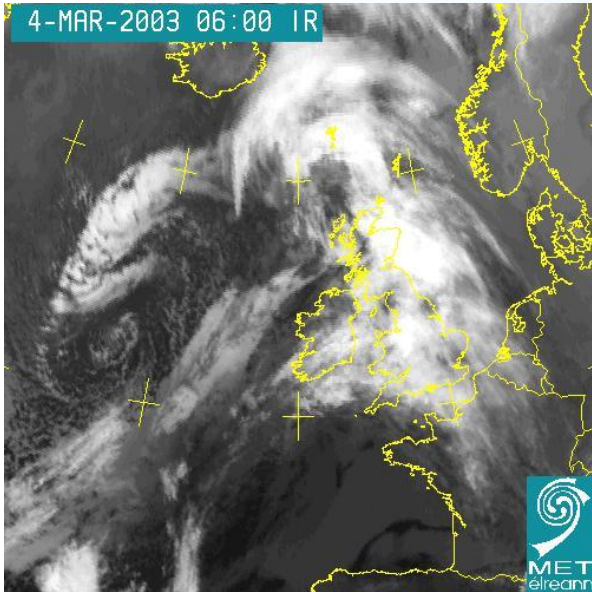
Wednesday night: Dry on Wednesday night with good clear spells. Rather cold with ground frost developing in the midlands and East. Some fog patches also.

Thursday: Thursday will be a bright, fresh day with good sunny spells and it will be dry apart from isolated showers. Cold and clear For much of Thursday night with a sharp frost.

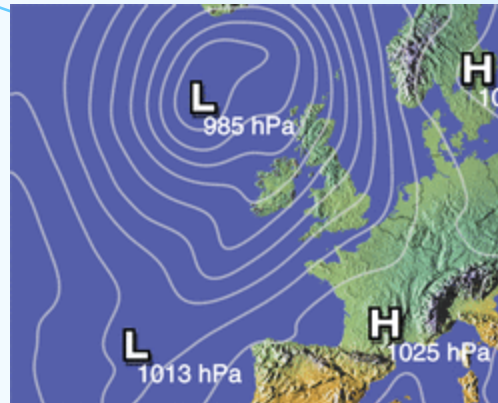
Friday: It will become mild, cloudy and breezy again on Friday with outbreaks of rain developing, turning heavy in places.

Weekend: Mild and windy on Saturday with some bright spells and just patchy rain or drizzle. A spell of heavy rain overnight will be followed on Sunday by cool, bright conditions with a mixture of sunshine and showers.

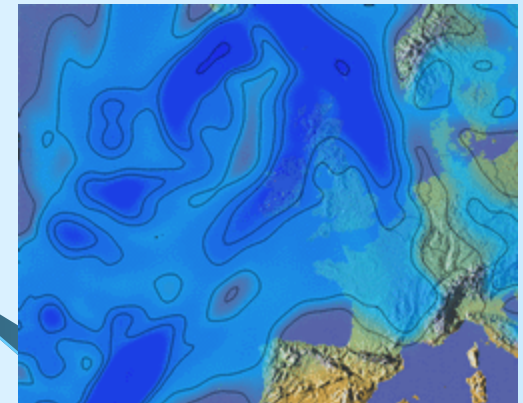




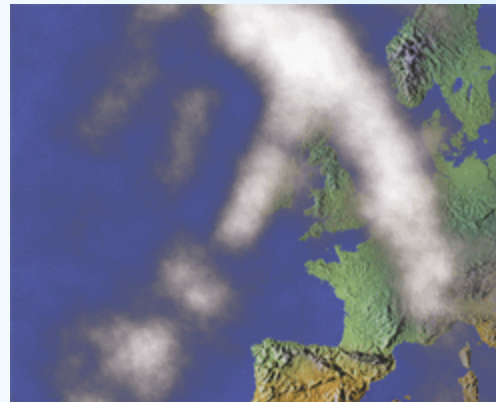
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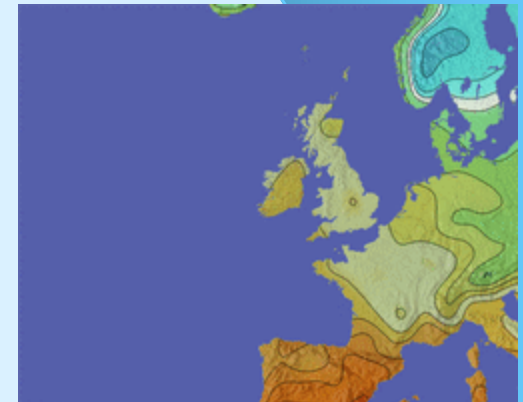
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**Rainfall 12pm**



**Cloud 12pm**



**Temperature 12pm**

# Sea Area Forecast until : 0600 hours Wednesday, 05-Mar-2003

**Issued at 0600 hours Tuesday, 04-Mar-2003**

**Meteorological Situation at 0500 :** A mild, humid South to Southwest airflow covers Ireland. A frontal wave will move Northwards just off the West coast today, and the associated cold front will cross the country this evening and tonight. A colder, unstable Southwesterly airflow will follow.

**Forecast for coasts from :** Mizen Head to Slyne Head to Malin Head

**Wind :** South to Southwest force 5 to 7, reaching gale force 8 at times today. Veering West to Northwest force 4 to 6 this evening and early tonight. Backing Southwest to West overnight. May increase Southwest to South force 5 to 7 later between Loop Head and Malin Head.

**Forecast for coasts from :** Malin Head to Howth Head to Mizen Head and for the Irish Sea

**Wind :** South to Southwest force 5 to 7, increasing force 6 to gale force 8 today, decreasing West force 4 or 5 tonight, backing Southwest later.

**Weather for all sea areas :** Widespread mist, with fog and drizzly rain in places. More persistent rain spreading Eastwards today and early tonight. Clearer weather following this evening and tonight, with scattered blustery showers.

**Visibility for all sea areas :** Generally moderate or poor at first - but possibly moderate to good locally where winds are offshore. Becoming mostly good tonight with the clearance.

**Outlook for a further 24-hours until 0600 hours, Thursday, 06-Mar-2003 :** Fresh gusty Southwest winds, decreasing moderate or fresh Westerly. Scattered heavy blustery showers, dying out later.



# Sea area map

