

TIME TO NAIL IT

If your feet need a treat, Dublin's newest hand and foot spa in Donnybrook offers luxury pedicures as well as manicures. Mink's menu lists seven different types of foot treatments (including a male pedicure), from a simple polish change to de luxe marine therapies. Clients are installed in cream leather armchairs with motorised footbaths, imported from LA. Manicures and nail enhancements are carried out at desks with velvet tub chairs designed by owner Orla Verling, an artist. She and her husband Jim (the former wine merchant) got the idea for Mink following a trip to New York, and they intend to open further outlets around the country. Customer appeal is wide. A chic boutique owner was having her nails done, a party of 11-year-olds was due in for "Little Princess" mini manicures (with sparkling lotions, rose petals and polish of their choice), and as we left, a young man was booking in for a pedicure. Amazing how

uplifting a little kindness to the feet can be. Mink is at 45 Main Street, Donnybrook, Dublin 4, 01-2603076. Prices are from €20 to €90. www.mink.ie. **Deirdre McQuillan**

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