

779. Ó Cróinín (Dáibhí): The oldest Irish names for the days of the week?

In Ériu 32 (1981), pp. 95–114.

Transcription and discussion of list of early stratum of Irish days of the week from MS Oxford, St. John's College 17 with accompanying plate: *dies scrol*, *Diu luna*, *Diu mart*, *Diu iath*, *Diu ethamon*, *Diu triach*, *Di satur[n]*. Some discussion of archaic OIr. form *díu* 'day'. Suggests these names could be as old as the 6th c. Appendix: poem beg. *Secht meic áille Oéngusa* (9 qq.), ed. from the Book of Leinster with English translation and notes.

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Classifications:

- D 2.1: Semantics
- H 4.1.2: Verse: Particular poets and poems: Early Irish: Anonymous, authorship uncertain

Indexes:

First Lines of Verse:

- Secht meic áille Oéngusa

Words/Proper Names:

- Di satur[n]
- dies scrol
- díu
- Diu ethamon
- Diu iath
- Diu luna
- Diu mart
- Diu triach

Manuscript Sources:

- Dublin, Trinity College, H 2. 18 (1339) [Book of Leinster]
- Oxford, St. John's College, 17