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Waiting in joyful hope!

St. Mary's Church alone has over 120 baptisms each year, over 400 children for First Holy Communion and a similar number for Confirmation. That scenario is repeated in the other Lucan parishes as well as every parish throughout Ireland and beyond. This past year however all have been put on hold. The backlog continues to grow and the numbers for the current year are rapidly adding to that logjam.



At present it's impossible to say anything definite about possible dates and times for anything, all will depend on how the numbers stack up when a significant number of the population have had the vaccine. Much as we would like it to change quickly we have to be guided by the public health advice. When we can return to public worship it is likely that it will be with severely restricted numbers. This will necessitate a multiplicity of celebrations of the Sacraments to get through the huge numbers; it's not ideal but we will have to work within the public health constraints.

At least our church can remain open for private prayer and it was wonderful to see the steady stream of visitors over the Easter Week-end, all mask wearing and making good use of the hand sanitizers at the church doors. Social distancing within the church also makes for a safe environment for all. The chairs and kneelers are sanitised regularly also. St. Mary's is open from after Mass

each morning at 10:30am until 6:00pm each evening Mon – Sat. When a funeral occurs, this is usually at 11:00am and the Church is also closed at that time.

When the situation changes we will put a Baptism booking facility on the Parish website offering a range of dates. Dates for the other Sacraments will also be published online.

When the housebound, who prior to the pandemic had been having holy communion brought to their homes, have had their vaccination we hope to resume home visits by ministers of the Eucharist who have also been vaccinated, as this will be permitted under guidelines soon to come into force.

A word of thanks.

Church income has taken a huge drop in the past year, in particular the Sunday collections – people have responded generously with their online contributions and we are deeply appreciative of that support. In particular we are relying on Easter Dues Offerings at this time and again we are grateful to all who have responded in these difficult times.

*Philip Curran
St. Mary's Lucan*

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

www.citizensinformation.ie

COVID-19 has changed the service we offer to the public. Our drop-in service is not currently available, but we are taking phone calls, answering emails, and providing a call back service.



Call us on 0761 07 5090, leave a message with your name and number and an Information Officer will return your call within 2 working days.

Or you can email your query to us at dscis@citinfo.ie and someone will reply.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS) **0761 07 4000** operates on Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm.

MABS The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over twenty years. MABS Clondalkin, phone 0761 07 2270 or email clondalkin@mabs.ie

Know your rights: Treatment Benefit Scheme

A work colleague told me that there is a payment to help with the cost of my hearing aids. How do I get this?

You can get help with the cost of your hearing aids under the Treatment Benefit Scheme run by the Department of Social Protection.

From 27 March 2021, you get the full cost of a hearing aid up to a maximum of €500 or €1000 for a pair. Before this date, you had to pay at least half the cost of a hearing aid and repairs.

For example, if a hearing aid costs €600, you now only pay €100 for one aid or €200 for a pair. The scheme also covers the full cost of repairs to aids, up to a maximum of €100.

The Treatment Benefit Scheme is available to workers (both employees and self-employed) and retired people who have enough social insurance (PRSI) contributions. The amount of PRSI contributions that you need depends on your age. You can find out more about the PRSI contributions you need on citizensinformation.ie.

If you do not have enough PRSI contributions of your own, you may be able to qualify using your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant's PRSI record. In this case, you must have been dependent on

them before you started work or your gross income must be €100 or less per week. You are not classified as a dependent if you are getting certain social welfare payments.

You should check your eligibility for the Treatment Benefit Scheme before buying your hearing aids. Your audiologist or hearing aid provider can do this for you.

To find out if you qualify for the Scheme, your hearing aid provider or audiologist will need some information about you, such as your date of birth and your PPS number. Before your treatment, you will need to sign a consent form agreeing to them having your information and giving it to the Department of Social Protection.

If you are claiming as a dependant on the PRSI record of your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant both you and your spouse or partner will need to sign the consent form.

There are also dental benefits and optical benefits available under the Treatment Benefit Scheme.

You can read more about the Treatment Benefit Scheme on citizensinformation.ie



PLEASE NOTE:

We are **NOT** operating from the Newsletter Office at the moment, but leave your ads, queries or notices in the **letter box at St. Mary's Parish Centre, before 10pm on Wednesday night**, and we'll collect and look after them.

Alternately email any of the following:

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Due to present restrictions, we will continue publishing online only for the next few weeks, when we will review the situation.

Our weekly block and small ads, which are not normally carried online, may be viewed on our 'Community' Page at www.lucannewsletter.ie

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

During Level 5 Masses will be livestreamed on www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday: 6.30pm, Sunday: 11am

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday 10am

Praying with Scripture:

Praying with scripture is continuing on zoom. If interested please contact Cheryl Murphy at 086 8343754 to register.

Private Prayer:

The Church will be open daily for private prayer on weekdays from **10.30am to 6pm** (funerals permitting) and on Sundays from **12 noon to 6pm**. Please enter by the Main Porch Door and exit by the side door (near the Nun's Chapel). Please ensure social distancing when visiting the church and use hand sanitizers provided when entering and leaving.

St. Patrick's

Esler/Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

All Masses are now streamed live on the Parish You Tube channel during Level 5

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,
9am, 10.30am Family Mass and 12 noon.

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday at 10am.

Private Prayer: Church is open for private prayer, weekdays from 10.30 to 12.30 and access through church door at the bell tower.

View the following on www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Mass Readings for the week

Morning Prayer – Lauds

Evening Prayer – Vespers

Take five at 10 - Reflections–Weekdays: 10am

Taizé – Watch and Pray



Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

All Masses will be livestreamed only on www.lucansouthparish.net

Divine Mercy Sunday

Friday 9th April: Confessions and Prayer:

There will be a **Penitential service at 9.15am**

ONLINE ONLY Holy Mass to fulfil your obligation for the feast of Divine Mercy.

The St. Faustina Chapel will be open for private prayer to prepare for the Feast of Divine Mercy from **11am – 3pm**

Saturday 10th April: Prayer: **The St. Faustina Chapel will be open for private prayer to prepare for the Feast of Divine Mercy from 11am – 3pm**

Sunday 11th April: **Divine Mercy Sunday:**

2:00pm – 3:00pm: Silent Adoration and readings from St. Faustina's Diary

3:00pm Hour of Mercy: 3 o'clock prayer and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:30pm Holy Mass: Celebrant Fr. Dominic Kwikiriza. Followed by Veneration of The Divine Mercy Image and Blessing with the Relic of St. Faustina

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday 9:15am
Saturday 10am.

Medjugorje Mass

Monday 12th April 2021

St. Mary's Lucan

Time: 6.15pm - Rosary at 5.45pm

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on lucanparish.com

or marian pilgrimages facebook page.

At 7pm Marian Pilgrimages

Prayer Meeting Marian Pilgrimages
facebook page

Donate a shrub

Some weeks ago I asked would you like to donate a shrub to St. Mary's garden. I would like to thank Collette and Michael Grant, Phil Colgan, Ann Byrne, Mary and Michael Murphy who donated a large sum of cash.

Ann O'C supplied us with plastic bags for the rubbish, also thanks to Jim Doyle who bought shrubs and delivered to us.

Thanks and God Bless

Pat 087 223 8911



Acknowledgement

RANKIN (TONY - CHUBBY)

1st Anniversary - 8th April

Late of Dodsboro and Booterstown.

The family of the late Anthony (Chubby) Rankin wish to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following our very sad loss.

A heartfelt thanks to the family, friends and neighbours who stood outside the funeral home on the day of the funeral. We are most grateful for the Mass cards, sympathy cards, phone calls and beautiful text messages.

We would like to say a big thanks to his buddies from both the golf club and The Punch Bowl for all they did for Tony. Thanks also to his GP and the staff at St. James Hospital for their care and support. To Cunningham's Undertakers, thank you for your sensitivity and professionalism handling the arrangements.

To use Tony's own words, "Suck my ankle socks", "It was smashing" and "I'm going now". He was a legend and he will be in our hearts forever.

Mass will be offered for all as a token of our appreciation.

The Rankin Family



Anniversaries

BRENNAN (BRIDGET)

8th Anniversary - 14th April

Late of Cooldrinagh Road, Lucan.

We have treasured memories

Of Bridget's time with us

And years passing by

Will never take those memories away

May she rest in peace.

Fondly remembered by her family, grandchildren and friends and greatly missed everyday by each of us

FINN (DEREK)

42nd Anniversary - 14th April

In loving memory of a dear son and brother

Derek. Also his pals Declan, Victor and David.

There is no night without a dawning

No winter without a spring

And beyond death's dark horizon

Our hearts once more will sing

For those who leave us for a while

Have only gone away

Out of a restless careworn world

Into a brighter day.

Always loved and never forgotten by Dad, Angela, Edward, Les, Ken and their families x



Birthday Remembrance

LALLY (JOHN)

12th April

On Your Birthday Dad.

There are so many precious memories

That throughout my life will stay

Of a very very special Dad

Whose birthday is today

Even though I miss you

You're not too far away

Because my heart is full of memories

And I treasure them every day.

Happy Heavenly Birthday Dad.

Dearly loved and greatly missed, Alison, Andy, Alisha, Ruth, Craig and Caden xxx



What would we do without technology these days!

Fr Philip saying Mass on Easter Sunday in St Mary's surrounded by the magnificent floral arrangements by our Flower Fairies Hannah and Geraldine.

The Baptismal Font is always very special this time of year. Hopefully we will be able to be back at Mass and having baptisms very soon.

Sheep and Lambs

by Katherine Tynan

All in the April evening,
April airs were abroad;
The sheep with their little lambs
Passed me by on the road

The sheep with their little lambs
Passed me by on the road;
All in the April evening
I thought on the Lamb of God

The lambs were weary, and crying
With a weak, human cry
I thought on the Lamb of God
Going meekly to die

Up in blue, blue mountains
Dewey pastures are sweet;
Rest for the little bodies,
Rest for the little feet

But for the Lamb of God
Up on a hilltop green,
Only a cross of shame,
Two stark crosses between

All in the April evening,
April airs were abroad;
I saw the sheep with their lambs,
And thought on the Lamb of God.

The above poem, “Sheep and Lambs” was set to music by Sir Hugh Robertson, as “All in the April Evening”, and is sung by choirs all over the world at Easter time.



A ewe with her lamb in St. Catherine's Park last week.

Sheep and Lambs, and Katherine Tynan

Katherine Tynan, born in Ranelagh in 1861, spent her girlhood at Whitehall, between Clondalkin and Tallaght. In spite of having poor eyesight, she was an avid reader and writer, having her first book of poems “Louise de la Valliere”, published at the age of seventeen. This brought her into contact with a circle of other writers and notables of the day including W.B. Yeats, Charles Stewart Parnell, Michael Davitt etc.

She married in London in 1893, but returned to Ireland when her husband was appointed Resident Magistrate for Mayo. He died in 1919 leaving her with three children and little money. She moved to the Continent and later London, in search of a cheaper living.

Katherine produced over a hundred novels, and much poetry. She campaigned for humane conditions for shop girls and unmarried mothers, and also against capital punishment. She worked for votes for women, and in 1914 attended the World Congress of Women in Rome, packing a multitude into her seventy years, before her death in 1931.

Lucan's Memorial

Many old Lucanians will remember the water trough beside the Ball Alley Pub in Lucan. This was dedicated to the memory of the poet, who was renowned for her kindness to animals, and was situated at this spot so that the horses, asses etc, might enjoy a drink, having pulled their load up the hill from Lucan. In May 1969, this landmark was removed by developers.

“The Aerodrome” was written by Katherine Tynan, bemoaning the loss of some of her father's fields, when Baldonnell was being constructed. That was ‘development’ of those days!

T'was well he did not stay to know
defaced and all defiled,
the quiet fields of long ago,
dear to him as a child.

But when the tale was told to me
I felt such piercing pain,
They tore my heart up with the tree
That will not leaf again!

*(Ref: South County Scrap Book by Mary McNally).
Mary Mulhall*



Thank you to all who sent Easter greetings and nice compliments to Lucan Newsletter over last weekend.

It is nice to know how much the publication, and associated history articles are appreciated by so many, and give incite of our beautiful place to newcomers.

We are so lucky to have our beautiful parklands. Just looking at the trees this week, the wintery grey is all but gone, giving way to a wonderful greening, for all to feast on.



Bertie Heron was keeping an eye on things at Weir View, this week!



This fellow was watching passers-by while staying socially distant at Bleach Green.

A host of Daffodils and Tulips are flowering in our parks at the moment, this will be followed by Cammasia & Alliums.

In 2020 290,000 bulbs were planted throughout the county, 85% of the bulb mix are pollinator friendly - South Dublin County Council



Name these Irish Bands

1. 	2. 	3. 	4. 	5.
6. 	7. 	8. 	9. 	10.

**Answers
next
week!**

Have you ever wondered how or why there is a place in Lucan called St. Catherines?

It would seem that places in Ireland associated with the saint, refer to Saint Catherine of Alexandria (Egypt), who from the 12th century was one of the most revered saints in Ireland.

Known in Ireland as the patron saint of seafarers, we have several references to her in places like Donegal and Kerry, where parishes, and holy sites are named in her honour.

In other countries, Saint Catherine of Alexandria is considered the patron saint of unmarried women, millers and archivists.

St. Catherines in Lucan, or St. Katherine's as it appears on the very old maps, has a history of monks dating back to the 1100s, which ties in with the 12th century timeline. The site was most likely named in honour of the saint, and the wells still visible today on the Black Avenue, once had a moulding of a lady's head, assumed to be that of St. Catherine, over the larger well.

As the picture shows, the wells were white washed and kept in good condition back then – sometime later they fell into disrepair, but have since been rescued.

Weston St. John Joyce in The Neighbourhood of Dublin (1912) wrote:

“The wells of St. Catherines are situated along a lane known as the Black Avenue, which forms the county boundary. These wells are protected by stone canopies. The larger well was provided with a wooden door and adorned with a head of modern appearance. It was used for drinking purposes. While the smaller well has for generations enjoyed a reputation for a cure for sore eyes, it is said that neither well has ever been known to run dry.”

Many of today's walkers will be familiar with The Black Avenue which runs between Lucan and Leixlip, beginning at Coldblow, on the Clonee Road, and ending at The Mill Lane in Leixlip.



This photograph was taken in 1936, by Lucan woman May Vallom, and shows from L-R: Phil Brady, Maura Cormack, Pauline Cormack, Paddy Lannigan, Ollie Lannigan and Paddy Brady. No doubt, it was on a Sunday when the men were attired in their suits.

Note the head of the saint (*long gone now*), above the larger well.

As a regular visitor to the Black Avenue in the late 50s/early 60s, (While visiting Granny in The Mill Lane in Leixlip, us children got sent for walks up there while the grown-ups talked!), I don't recall the wooden door still being present, and I think that the lady's head was broken, but there was a metal cup attached to the wall by a chain, and from this the passer-by could quench his thirst.

Mary Mulhall

Political Notes

Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Abbeywood lighting:

I have asked the County Council to examine the provision of public lighting at the entrance to Abbeywood Estate and whether it could be improved. Some concerns have been expressed to me about how dark it is at the entrance to the estate.

Community Grants Programme:

South Dublin County Council has opened its Community Grants Programme for Community and Voluntary Groups. Community Development, Sports Development and Community Events Funding is now being made available. There is no closing date and applications will be assessed on a rolling basis as they are received. You can learn more at this

link: <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/community/funding-and-support/community-grants/>.

Is your Child Car Seat installed correctly?:

The Road Safety Authority is offering virtual appointments to people who wish to check that child car seats are installed correctly. You can register at this link: <http://www.rsa.ie/checkitfits>.

Caitriona McClean

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Hot school meals:

It is unfair, in my view, to choose children by random selection among those who would benefit especially in context of impact of pandemic on families. I have asked the Minister for Social Protection to extend her Department's scheme to all schools that expressed an interest.

Vaccination:

It's really important that we vaccinate those of highest risk first. Age has been shown to make a huge difference to prognosis. I have asked that deliberate queue hopping for vaccinations in a pandemic be made an offence. I am shocked frankly that people would sink so low.

Vitamin D:

I welcome the position of the Oireachtas Health Committee and have again appealed to Ministers McGrath and Donnelly to consider the cost/

benefit of rolling out a free vitamin D provision for seniors and those on medical cards.

Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Canal Loop Urban Greenway:

Virtual Rooms for the Canal Loop Urban Greenway are still available to view online until 20th April. Further details available at <https://consult.s.dublincoco.ie/en/consultation/canal-loop-urban-greenway-concept-route>, or call 014149098 to leave a message

Community Clean Ups:

Individual Community clean ups are taking place locally and all in line with covid restrictions and guidelines. South Dublin County Council are providing cleaning-up materials, such as litter pickers, bags, dog litter/poo signs/bags and gloves. If you would like to avail of these materials, you can contact me directly.

Roundabouts:

I've received requests to have the pedestrian crossings at the two roundabouts between Finnstown Hall apartments, (Esler Road) and the Old Forge/Grange Manor entrance (Hayden's Lane) improved to allow for a much safer crossing for pedestrians and car users. This is now on the agenda for Traffic Management Meeting where I will seek an approval for these improvements.

Count your Blessings instead of your Crosses

Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes.

Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears.

Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean.

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth.

Count your days being the best of yourself.





Lucan Sarsfields are pleased to announce that Josephine Donohue has agreed to assume the role of Club Trustee following the sad passing of Anna Carton. Josephine has been a tireless volunteer and fundraiser over the years and we are delighted that Josephine will join Mick Molloy and Gerry McAndrew as our Club Trustees.

Congratulations to Kate White, who has been named on the PWC 30 Under 30 Young Leaders of Tomorrow for 2021 which highlights the persons making a mark in the Business of Sport in Ireland.

The April edition of the GAA Club Newsletter is now available. This month's edition includes the following:

- **Covid-19 update for clubs: Nearly there**
- **How to avoid injury when returning to play**
- **GAA launch new series of movement break resources for children**
- **GAA launch Community Heart Programme**
- **How regionalisation could grow club hurling**

The latest edition of the Ladies Gaelic Football Association magazine 'Pass It On' is also available. Links to both are available via the online edition on the club website, www.lucansarsfields.ie

Lucan Sarsfields ladies football Referees, Angela Gallagher, Tom Casserley, William Eakins, and Adam Kelly all took part of the run over the Easter Weekend to raise funds for LauraLynn – Ireland's Children's Hospice, So far, over €7500 has been donated, exceeding the €5k target. If you wish to donate, Please go to https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11398409_dubl-in-Igfa-refs--s-page.htm. The portal is open until 11th April.



Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €5400

There was no winner of the Club Lotto held on 1 April 2021 sponsored John Ryan, Accountant. The numbers drawn were **3, 7, 16, 26**.

Lucky Dip winners of €30 each:

- Declan Murphy
- Matt O'Donovan
- Joey Byrne
- Declan Lott
- Donal Flannery

The five winners of the Easter Eggs:

- Tommy & Liam
- Richard Dillon
- Eivan Shanahan
- Maura O'Keefe
- Mary Birnie.

The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 8th April, is €5400, and is sponsored by Feargal McCarthy Ltd. Painter and Decorator. The draw will be held behind closed doors at 9pm and live streamed on our Facebook page. Tickets can be purchased online at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.



Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.





Fáilte ag notaí an chumainn Na Gaeil Óga, áit a gheobhaidh tú an t-eolas is déanaí faoi gach rud atá ag tarlú inár bpoibál bríomhar.

Grúpa Tuistí & Leanaí

Beidh an grúpa tuistí & leanaí ag bualadh le chéile arís ar an 16ú Aibreán ag a 2 a chlog leis an dtéama 'Foinsí tacaíochta, áiseanna & achmhainní úsáideacha' a phlé. Fáilte roimh bail nua i gconaf, cur scéal chuig Michéal ar +353 85 786 7929.

The parent & baby group will be meeting again on March 5th at 2pm to discuss the theme of 'Support sources, facilities and useful resources'. New members are always welcome. Send a message to Michéal on +353 85 786 7929.

Urraitheoir Nua

Faoi láthair, tá tuairim agus 50 imreoir peile fásta againn as gach cearn den tír seo, ó Ghaeltachtaí uile na tíre, agus as tíortha lasmuigh d'Éirinn chomh maith. Bíonn ár bhfoirne páirteach i gcomórtais i mBaile Átha Cliath (an chéad fhoireann in Roinn a 5, an dara foireann in Roinn a 11), chomh maith le Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta. D'éirigh linn cluiche leathcheannais na craoibhe i mBaile Átha Cliath a bhaint amach anuraidh agus tá spriocanna uailmhianacha againn mar ghrúpa do na blianta atá amach romhainn.

Tá deis iontach urraíochta á tairiscint againn mar fhoirne peile. Tá muid coinsiasach go bhfuil cúrsaí airgeadais achrannach faoi láthair. Chun freastal ar na deacrachtaí sin, áfach, chinn muid mar fhoireann go ndéanfaidh muid tarraingt a reáchtáil chun urraitheoir nua a lorg, a mbeidh a lógó/ branda ar chuid geansaithe na bpeileadóirí don bhliain atá amach romhainn (ar a laghad). Chun an deis seo a thapú, is féidir ticéad a cheannach ar €100 chun a bheith san iomaíocht! Tabhair faoi deara go ndruidfear an nasc an 30 Aibreán, agus déanfar an tarraingt ina dhiaidh sin an 3 Bealtaine Beo ar Facebook Beo agus Instagram Beo an chlub. Má tá speis ag do chomhlacht, cur teachtaireacht chuig Colm ar +353860782639.

At present, we have over 50 active footballers representing every part of this country, all Gaeltacht regions within the country and from abroad also. Our teams compete in both the Dublin league and championships along with Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta. We succeeded in reaching the championship semi-final last year,

and have very ambitious plans for the coming years.

We are offering a very exciting and unique sponsorship opportunity. We are, of course, conscious that money can be very challenging at the minute. To overcome these difficulties, however, we decided as teams that we would have a draw and to find our new sponsor, whose logo/brand would be on our footballers' shirts for the 2021 season (at a minimum). To avail of this opportunity, you can buy a ticket priced at €100 to be in with a chance! Please note that the link will be closed on Friday, the 30th April, with the draw to follow on the on the 3rd May, live on the club's Facebook (Facebook Live) and Instagram (Instagram Live) pages! If your company is interested, send a message to Colm on +353860782639.

Lucan Library

Scribblebot Workshop – 17th April at 2pm. Learn about Design and Engineering and build your own Scribblebot Robot. Ages 7+ with Adult Supervision. Learn about electronics and how circuits can be used to power a gear motor. You will design and build a Scribble Bot.

About this Event: Suitable for children aged 7+. Adult supervision is required throughout.

This is a perfectly activity to introduce design and engineering skills in a fun and engaging way. You will learn about electronics how circuits can be used to power a gear motor. You will design and build a Scribble Bot that makes automatic art. Packs will be posted out to provided address.

Please Note: 1 ticket per team, max 2 children per team. Max 1 device per household. Preference for this event will be given to those who have not booked a similar event previously with South Dublin Libraries. A valid email address is required as the Zoom links to the event will be emailed to the supplied address by the facilitator.

Rhyme & Sign for Toddlers and Babies Monday 26th April at 10 am.

About this Event: Join us for a Rhyme and Sign Storytime as part of the Spring into Storytime programme. The class will be delivered by Claire Glynn of Clever Little Handies via Zoom.



Claire covers the alphabet, spelling out baby's names. 1 ticket per device, 1 device per household. A valid email address is required for this event. Your email address will be forwarded to the facilitator who will send you on the Zoom codes for the live workshop.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

It is hard to believe that it is a year since St. Mary's camera Soiree started what has become a regular feature in the Newsletter.



I am regretting my remark of last week that photographs of robins, swans and squirrels had become scarce because the members of the Soiree have flooded me with photos of robins in particular. I have decided to spare our readers the “pleasure” this week. However the photographers have also been out photographing other species of avian life in particular.



Another bee has been spotted and there have been some beautiful photographs of the spectacular Easter floral display on the altar in St. Mary's. Congratulations to Hanna and her team.

The pity was that not even the smallest of congregation was allowed to be present at the ceremonies unlike the situation in Northern Ireland and England. I understand that Ireland is only one of two countries in the European Union where there has been a total ban on attendance at religious ceremonies as part of lock-down no matter how bad things have got.

With the relaxation in the restrictions on travel due to come into force this week we can expect some great photos from further afield in the weeks ahead.

Until next week stay safe.