



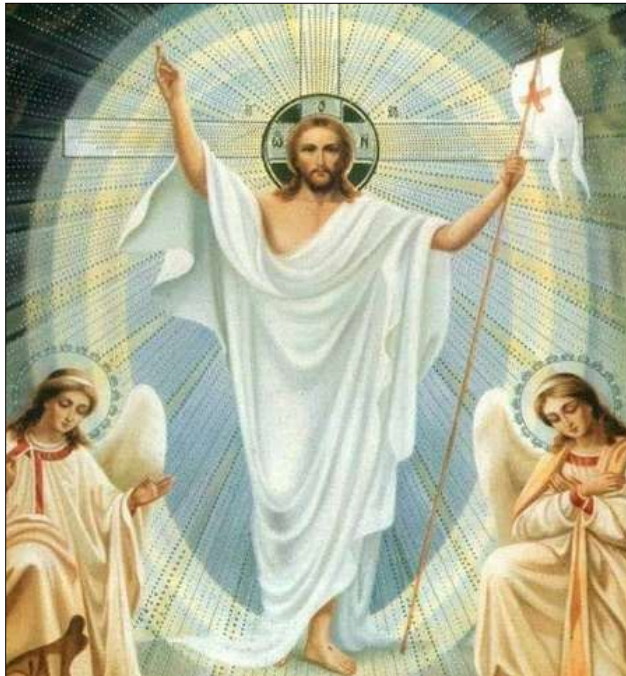
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Easter Day **Feast of Triumph and Joy**



We have emerged from the Covid's dark days of isolation and fear and our lives have begun to return to some degree of normality. Sadly, the reality of the Russian invasion of Ukraine has cast a huge dark shadow all across Europe and the awful spectacle of fleeing refugees has moved us all to pity and more importantly to practical action.

The Feast of Easter that we celebrate during these days is a powerful celebration of the triumph of good over evil, of light over darkness. The horror of Calvary give way to the radiant light of Resurrection and brings us hope amidst the darkness. Let us pray in these Easter Days that the triumph of the Cross may fill us all with fresh heart and hope, and dispel the darkness that threatens the lives and well-being of some many displaced millions.

Risen Lord, shine your healing light on all who are caught up in the violence of war, turn their thoughts to the ways of peace.

Answer us, O Jesus Prince of Peace.

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is 0818 07 5090

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 0818 07 5090, leave a message with your name and number and an Information Officer will return your call as soon as possible and arrange a meeting if necessary.

Or you can email your query to us at lucan@citinfo.ie

Our Reception Desk in Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre is open from 10 am to 4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays (excluding lunch 1 – 2pm) for collecting forms, etc.

The Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS) 0818 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 20 years.

MABS Clondalkin phone 0818 07 2270

Coming to Ireland from Ukraine

Our website has regularly updated information on this topic under the following headings:

[Introduction](#)

[Visas](#)

[Immigration and international protection](#)

[Ukraine Support Centres](#)

[Social welfare](#)

[Accommodation and housing](#)

[Healthcare and medical cards](#)

[Working in Ireland](#)

[Education](#)

[Pets, driving and other issues](#)

[I want to help](#)



Further information

You can read about:

[Supports for Ukrainians in Ireland](#)

[The Temporary Protection Directive](#)

The following organisations have further information in English, Ukrainian and Russian:

[Immigration Service Delivery](#) - Frequently Asked Questions for Ukrainian nationals and residents of Ukraine

[The Irish Refugee Council](#) - Ukraine information note



The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - Travel to and arrival in Ireland

Information for school leavers

The Citizens Information Board publishes a guide called Information for school leavers - on the following website.

Guide to information for school leavers (citizensinformation.ie)

Darkness Into Light Corkagh Park

Corkagh Park has been established as a venue for the annual Darkness into Light walk.

Join thousands all over Ireland who will walk or run from darkness into light in the early hours of Saturday May 7th for Pieta.



You can register to attend on darknessintolight.ie (choose Corkagh as your venue) or drop into to the Mill Shopping centre in Clondalkin on Sat 23rd between 10.30am and 3.00pm.

Any queries please email corkaghpark@darknessintolight.ie

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Reports and Ads. etc may also be left at the usual addresses:

St. Mary's Parish Centre

Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.



Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.

LARA – Lucan Active Retirement Association

Happy Easter to all our members!

Our fundraiser for the Irish Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal raised a total of €800, well done everyone.



Last week we had a draw for the Aintree Grand National and we had 6 lucky winners, the race was as unpredictable as usual.

Our club will meet as usual on Thursday 21st April.

New members welcome – you are welcome to visit our club as a guest on a Thursday.

We meet from 11.30 am to 2.30 pm on Thursdays at St Andrew's Church Hall in Main St., Lucan. Free parking is available.

LARA meetings start with some exercises and then we play bowls, Scrabble and cards and light refreshments are served at 1.15 pm approx.

While the wearing of face coverings is no longer mandatory please wear one if you feel safer doing so.

LUCAN TOASTMASTERS

Are you as quiet as a mouse?

Do you hate speaking in public?

Do you want to make new friends?

If so, then Lucan Toastmasters is the place for you.

We meet on alternate Thursdays in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m.

Admission is free for new guests.

Come along on Thursday next, April 28th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

Check our Facebook page for more details.



Lucan Drama

'The Playboy of the Western World' will be performed in the Lucan Spa Hotel on Wed 18th, Thurs. 19th. Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May.



The cast, under the direction of Donal Downes, are working hard and enjoying the rehearsals as they learn the fabulous poetry and wonderful language that is particular to Synge's writing.

The play is set on the North West coast of County Mayo.... which boasts fabulous austere scenery, striking locations and a wild almost savage vocabulary. This type of imagery sets the background for Synge's characters and is reflected in the daily conversation of the inhabitants of this area where the wildness and infertile ground contribute to the poverty of these people.

The harsh rural poverty depicted displays a drudgery from which there is little escape, except for drinking and sport for the men and gossip and romantic illusions for the women.

It is both a comedy and a tragedy. There is a cast of 11...lots of laughter, aggression, tenderness and action

Aoife Gately has taken on the role of Pegeen Mike with great courage and integrity while Brian Whitney is thoroughly absorbed in becoming the 'larger than life' playboy!!

The Widow Quinn, played by newcomer Grace Stenson, is a lonely but very cunning character. Her loneliness is based on the isolation of rural life and her struggle for survival with all that widowhood entailed at that time.

Thanks to Frank Colgan and the Staff in the Spa Hotel for all their support; it is never ending Looking forward to seeing our audiences in May and having great conversations!

Check this space in the coming weeks for further details re tickets, times etc.

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Happy Easter to all!

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Good Friday:

Remember that day on which Jesus made the supreme sacrifice of his life on the cross for us.

3pm: Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion; this includes Veneration of the Cross.

8pm: Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday:

Confessions: Holy Saturday: 2 to 4pm

9pm: Easter Vigil with Blessing of Easter Candle. This Liturgy begins at 9:00 pm with the outdoor blessing of the Easter Fire. The Paschal Candle is blessed and lit and a light from that candle is passed to every member of the congregation. John 1:5 says, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it". Tonight we renew our Baptismal commitment and embrace our faith renewed by the light of the Resurrection.



Easter Sunday:

Masses: 9am, 10.30am, and 12 noon.

No Evening Mass or Holy Hour

Weekday Masses: Monday – Saturday: 10am

Note: Although the Government's recommendation is that masks are no longer mandatory, we would recommend the continued use of same.

All Services will be live-streamed on
www.lucanparish.com



Christian Meditation:

There will be **NO** meditation meeting this Tuesday. We will be back again **Tuesday 26th April at 7.30pm** in the Bungalow. *All welcome,*

Happy and Blessed Easter to everyone.
Keep on praying.
Sr Geraldine.

Praying with Scripture:

There will be **NO** Praying with Scripture this Monday. Next meeting will be on **Monday 25th April at 7.30pm** in The Bungalow. (masks optional). **Zoom meetings** will continue on a temporary basis for those uncomfortable meeting in bungalow. Meetings will take place on **Wednesday at 7.30pm.**

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet **every 2nd Monday at 10.45am and 4th Thursday at 8pm of the month** in the Bungalow. We are available to listen to or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. *Sr Geraldine.*

Baptisms:

Dates are bookable on line up to the end of **June 2022**. If you need to cancel a booking contact: secretary@lucanparish.com

Visits to the housebound:

If you are housebound you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **John O'Rourke**, Hermitage Road, to the family and friends of **Kathleen Travers**, Beech Park, and to the family and friends of **Eamonn Geoghegan**, St Raphael's, Celbridge and formerly of Esker Lawns. **May they rest in peace.**



Ecumenical Way of the Cross Good Friday 12pm:

Departing St Mary's processing to Lucan Methodist, Presbyterian and Church of Ireland Churches.

Dawn Ecumenical Sunrise Service: Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday offers another opportunity for Ecumenical witness when members of the four churches are invited to a sunrise service at the **Hermitage Golf Club**. Sunrise is at 6.19am. The gathering will be about **6.10am.**



All are welcome

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Good Friday:

12 noon: Stations of the Cross for Children

3pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday:

NO morning or 6.30pm Mass

9pm: Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday:

Masses: 10.15am and 12.15pm



Weekday Masses: Mon.-Fri.9:15am. Sat.10am

Stations of the Cross:

Thank you to our volunteers for the work on the Stations of the Cross video. It will allow the people in our community who are housebound, sick or with a hearing impairment to access it through our website www.lucansouthparish.net



Divine Mercy Sunday 24th April 2022

“Blessed are the Merciful”

Confessions

Thursday 21st April 7pm – 8pm

Saturday 23rd April after 10am morning Mass

Sunday 24th April 2pm – 3pm

Friday 22nd April – Exposition and Prayer

11am – 1pm: The St. Faustina Chapel will be open for private prayer to prepare for the Feast of Divine Mercy.

1pm – 3pm: There will Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and 3’clock prayer.

Sunday 24th April – Divine Mercy Sunday

2-3pm: Priests available for confession

2-3pm: Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Divine Mercy Devotions

3.00pm: 3 o’clock Prayer

3.30pm: Holy Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Ubaldo Muhindo

Special Guest speaker:

Fr. Dominik Zeierychowski OMI

Followed by Veneration of The Divine Mercy Image and individual blessing with Relics of St Faustina.

St. Patrick’s Esker/Doddsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Good Friday:

10am: Morning Prayer of the Church.

12 noon: Stations of the Cross for Children

3pm: Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

7pm: Stations of the Cross for adults

8pm: Prayer around the Cross
(Church closes 8.30pm)

Holy Saturday:

10am: Morning Prayer of the Church.

There is no 7 p.m. Mass

9pm: Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday:

Masses: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon



Wishing you the graces and blessings of a Happy Easter!

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

St. Andrew’s Church of Ireland

St Andrew’s, Lucan: Sunday: 9am and 10am.

Wednesday: 10am

St Mary’s, Leixlip: Sunday: 11.30am.

Tuesday: 10am

Services are available on our parish

Facebook pages:

[St. Andrew's Church, Lucan](#) or [St Mary’s Church, Leixlip](#)

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship: 11am.

You will need a face covering (unless exempt) and your own Bible.

Services will be streamed online and available on Youtube



When the news broke that the councillors of South Dublin County Council voted down the scheme to redesign Lucan village by 20 votes to 15 on Monday last a communal sigh of

relief could be heard all over Lucan.

On a more general note, given that, according to the political notes in last weekend's newsletter, the plan was submitted by the Executive to the council without amendment despite there being more than 7,000 objections to the scheme one must ask what serious consideration was given to these objections. If the vote had gone the other way there would seem to have been a strong case for a judicial review of the matter by the courts. It is impossible to believe the traffic studies used to justify this scheme. Apparently, the traffic counts were done during one of the COVID lockdown periods when there was little or no traffic in the village. The council statement as reported in Monday's Irish Times that traffic studies have shown ***"there was no hour in the week when there was no parking available, either across the whole of Lucan or within this section of Main Street"*** is just laughable.

The citizens of Lucan may have won this battle but the war is not yet won!

Michael Grant

**Alzheimer's Tea Day
5th May 2022**

**On Thursday 5th May, The
Alzheimer Society of Ireland is
calling the nation to Tea!
(we've waited a long time for this
cuppa)**

**Whether it's online, in your home,
garden, workplace, school or local
community centre, how and
where you host Tea Day is up to
you!**

Sign up now on teaday.ie

TUSLA

Ireland's Child & Family Agency

TUSLA in South Dublin are looking for foster Carers. Right now, in your community there are vulnerable children and young people who need a safe and supportive place to live. We are looking for carers in communities like Rathfarnham; Lucan; Clondalkin; Inchicore and Adamstown. Become a foster carer today to help a child realise just how amazing they are...

For more information:

Freephone: 1800 226 771

E: tusla.fostering@tusla.ie

Find out more at fostering.ie

Mr Nobody

I know a funny little man,
As quiet as a mouse,
Who does the mischief that is done
In everybody's house!
There's no one ever sees his face'
And yet we agree
That every plate we break was cracked by
Mr Nobody.

"Tis he who always tears our books,
Who leaves the door ajar,
He pulls the buttons from our shirts,
And scatters pins afar;
That squeaking door will always squeak,
For, prithee, don't you see,
We leave the oiling to be done by
Mr Nobody.

He puts damp wood upon the fire,
That kettles cannot boil;
His are the feet that bring in mud,
And all the carpets soil.
The papers always are mislaid,
Who had them last but he?
There's no one tosses them about but
Mr. Nobody.

The finger marks upon the door
By none of us are made;
We never leave the blinds unclosed,
To let the curtains fade.
The ink we never spill; the boots
That lying round you see
Are not our boots – they all belong to
Mr. Nobody.

Author Unknown



Happy Easter to all our Readers at home and abroad. Thankfully, the warmer weather has arrived, so we'll have no problem walking off those pounds after all those Easter Eggs!

Imagine, this is the first Easter in three years that we are in hard copy – the past two years were online only given the Covid situation in the country.



Thank you to all those who sent us Easter greetings, and a special thank you to those of you who drop interesting pieces in to us from time to time. We keep them all on file, and use when space permits.

Them horses! None of us at Lucan Newsletter had any luck at Aintree – hopefully we'll be luckier at Fairyhouse on Easter Monday.

Cars breaking lights! A reader asked us to mention the number of motorists and indeed cyclists who are regularly going through red lights at busy junctions. One particularly bad spot is the junction at Spar Dodsboro / Woodview Heights, where pedestrians need to be very careful before crossing even with the green man! Please take care!

Have you ever seen anything like the food recalls these days! From Easter eggs to ice cream, biscuits and cereals. You would certainly need to keep an eye on what is going into your shopping basket. Thankfully, it is easy enough to return such items to the place of purchase and get a refund.

St. Catherines Park Residents!

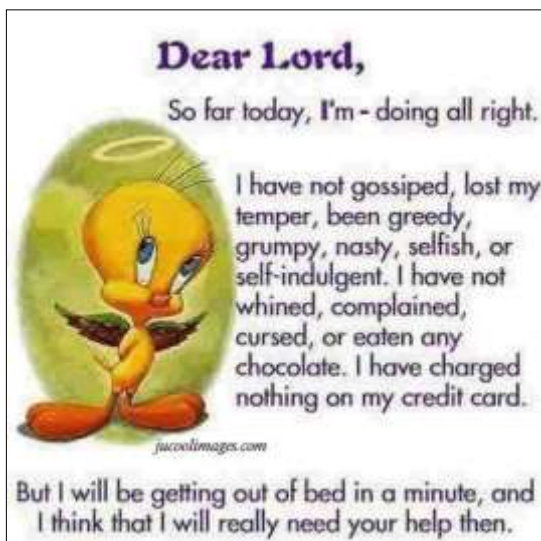


Say Hello to Ted Lumper!
Have you ever met a Lumper before?
Well this is an Irish Lumper called Ted.

Irish Lumpers are a rare breed. Most live in Scmorgusland, which is very far from here indeed, and there are only a few remaining in some very special spots in Ireland.

They are very shy and usually only come out at night, when everyone is sleeping. A Lumper's favourite snack is a golf ball. It should come as no surprise that they've made their home so close to a Lucan Golf Club.

Ted and Dolly below, like to gather stray balls from the course. They use an enormous mallet to squash them and make porridge!



Lucan Village Business and Services Group

Reaction to adoption of amended Part 8 development plan for Lucan Village
12th April 2022

The Lucan Village Business and Services Group is hugely relieved by the outcome of Monday's SDCC Chamber meeting, where an amendment was passed by councillors to the Part 8 development plan for Lucan Village. The amendment, tabled by local councillors Vicki Casserly and Paul Gogarty, essentially means that Lucan Village will still receive substantial investment, with major upgrades to local amenities such as the Weir Promenade, the Demesne and the Village Green all going ahead, but crucially without the loss of any parking spaces from Lucan Main St.

Over 99% of the 7,317 submissions received by SDCC during the consultation period were in objection to the initial plan. We believe the amended plan is the best possible outcome for all the major stakeholders in Lucan Village, who had clearly voiced their objection to the initial plan. The unprecedented volume of submissions for a project of this scale represented a genuine cross-community sentiment, and included objections from many thousands of residents, multiple residents' associations, all 3 churches located on Lucan Main. St., healthcare providers, sports clubs and of course, businesses.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our local representatives who invested a huge amount of their time and energy on this complicated and at times contentious issue. We would especially like to thank councillors Vicki Casserly and Paul Gogarty who ultimately tabled the amendment that was passed by the chamber, as well as those councillors from the local area committee who spoke out and voted in favour of the amendment and the need to respect the wishes of the vast majority of local people. These include Councillors Liona O'Toole, Gus O'Connell, Alan Hayes and Shane Moynihan.

Councillor Paul Gogarty summed it up well in a Facebook post this morning in response to an article which appeared in the Irish Times. "The article writer believes it's about 10 parking spaces, not true; it's about removing 24 spaces at a sensitive location beside a very busy GP surgery and the only remaining convenience store out of 10 that were in Lucan village area 20 years ago. It's a specific argument about parking spaces at a specific location in a plan that offered nothing to stop cars rat-running to Lucan bridge to avoid the

M50 and thus would not have quietened the area one iota."

Finally, we are now looking to the future and are hoping for a speedy and successful delivery of the parts of the development plan that were given the go ahead at yesterday's SDCC Chamber meeting. We are excited that Lucan is set to receive such a substantial injection of investment and we genuinely hope it stands to benefit residents, visitors and businesses alike.

LVBSG Committee



Lucan ICA

Sample of crafts done last week in An Grianan. Carrickmacross Lace, Sachiko, Japanese embroidery, Candlewick embroidery with a twist, Chicken scratching, Parchment craft, Appliqué, Nativity scene, Tunisian crochet, blackwork and smocking. We had a very enjoyable week.



We had a visit from the local Community guard Ann Gabbett who was impressed by our craft work.



Next Monday we are closed for Easter.

President Pauline wishes all members a very happy Easter. Happy Easter to Deirdre and all in Parish Centre.



Women's
Collective
Ireland
LUCAN

Women's Collective Ireland Lucan (Formerly Lucan Women's Network)

April to June Activities

New Art Course - Combating Isolation Post Covid Recovery Art Programme. Come along & learn a variety of arts & crafts with Christine Lennon Carey & Guest creatives. The aim is to have great fun & give your inner child some nourishment. Places are limited so book your spot. *Start Date: 25th April. Time: 10.00am—12.00pm*

Bealtaine Festival POSITIVITY POTS

There are many ways to practice gratitude, and bring positivity into our lives. Come join us decorate your very own positive pot. Fill your positive pot full of thankyou's, happy and joyful moments! Bring your jar home & each time you feel/experience gratitude write it on a piece of paper & put it in your pot then@ the end of the year you can empty your pots and see all the wonderful things you have experienced. The more grateful you are, the more present you become. The more joy you bring, into your life All materials supplied on the morning. Over 55s *Date: 31st May. Time 10.30am—12.30pm*

Restorative Yoga and Meditation with Donna FREE 7 week program.

A tranquil introduction to Yoga and meditation. This Gentle Restorative Yoga is deeply relaxing. *Start date: 27th April. Time: 10.30am - 11.30am*

Once a month on a Wednesday Evening

Book Club: Open to new members *Venue: ONLINE. Time: 7-8 pm.* Looking for a fun way to enjoy books and meet new people? Are you reading/Listening to books more? Come join our book club. New folks are always welcome. Each month the group reads a book and hold a session to review the main points and discuss the issues raised but mostly to have a chat and a laugh.

Community Craft Group

Craft group every Thursday morning. Join us for this fun creative crafty morning learning new skills. Get in touch to save a spot. *Start Date; 28th April. Time: 11.15am - 1.15pm*

For more information contact:

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Palmerstown Camera Club



At Palmerstown Camera Club we hold a weekly meeting online at present, every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm. People interested in joining the club or even attending one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting secpcc@mail.com.

Last week in Palmerstown Camera Club we had Jane Lazenby a UK based photographer specializing in portrait human and animal in to do a talk on her equine and canine portraits.

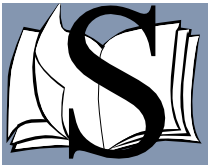
Next week we have Gabriel O'Shaughnessy an award-winning photographer based in the northeast of the Ireland. Gabriel has been taking photographs for over twenty years and has a wealth of knowledge. So, this should be an interesting evening in the club.

A few weeks ago, we had the judging night for last month's themed competition "Water", and right, we have Elaine Butler's winning image in the advanced section "Snow & River at Night" and she won in the mono category.



Also, in the mono category in the novice section we had Orla Brady who won with this image called "Piece of Mind"





CHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Concern Debating: On Thursday of this week our Concern Debaters will compete in the All-Ireland Semi Final against Mount St Michael, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork. This is a fantastic achievement to make it to the last 4 schools in Ireland in this prestigious debating competition and the group gave an excellent performance. Unfortunately they have not progressed to the final but they can be very proud of their achievements.



Transition Year: On Friday all of our TY students went on a Trip to Maynooth University, this visit was to enable students to see the grounds and lecture halls of a Third Level institution and to become familiar with the location and distance of our closest university. It is of general educational value to have seen the inside of a university and to experience a little of what student life is like at third level. Here are some of the group pictured sheltering from the rain under the oldest Yew Tree in Ireland on the Maynooth campus.



Leaving Certificate: Our Leaving Certificate Student are completing Modern Foreign languages and Irish Orals this week. Students that study Music will also complete their practicals. Good luck to all the students and teachers involved.

Rosie's Garden & Documentary: Great progress has been made with Rosie's Garden & Joey's Outdoor Classroom over the months of March & April. While our garden is taking shape with new additions to the flower beds and planting area, we were delighted to see the rain coming to keep everything hydrated & moist! As part of our Rosie's Garden project, we are creating a documentary to feature the life of Sr. Rosario

through the stories, memories, photographs & songs of those who knew her & taught with her. We will also document the creation of the garden and the different features in it. We were delighted this month to have many familiar faces and friends of St. Joseph's return to the school to be filmed for it. The stories & memories of Sr. Rosario and the features of the garden are an important link to the past while reminding us of the benefits of nature and being in the outdoors, of supporting one another and keeping alive the story of those who came together in 1955, where it all began!

We were delighted to raise over €12,000 for Joey's Outdoor Classroom & Rosie's Garden in our recent fundraising school walk. A huge thank you to all our students, parents, staff, Parents' Association & wider community who supported us through the GoFundMe Page, student sponsorship cards and donations.



Filming with teacher Pat Rochford



Catherine & Kevin O'Loughlin of Lucan Tidy Towns filming with Rosie's Garden students Aleena Saji & Isabella Carty

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Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Lucan Community College

Class Freeman go on Walking Tour of Lucan

Report - Amy O'Sullivan

On Thursday 31st March 2022 Class Freeman went on a Walking tour of Lucan with our Social Education Teachers Ms. Redmond and Ms. Gregory. We left school at 9.00am and headed to our first stop, King John's Bridge, beside Arthur Griffith Park. It was built in 1210 to allow the people from the village of Esker to cross the River Griffeen to Esker Church. It is said to be the oldest surviving bridge in Ireland.

Next we went to the ruins of St Finian's Church Esker which is on our school crest. This church is dedicated to St Finian who had a school and monastery in Clonard. It was built in the 12th Century. Father James Mc Carten is buried there. He was murdered in 1807 on Chapel Hill in Lucan.

We then went to Esker Graveyard and had a conversation about the trams in Lucan. We found out that the first electric trams came to Lucan in 1900 from Dublin city centre. The tram was called Number 25. However, the trams ceased operation in 1925 when the company who owned them went bankrupt. We also learned that Annie Young, who is buried in Esker Graveyard, was the last person to be killed by a tram in Ireland. On our way to Lucan village we stopped outside Cannonbrook House to learn about the architect James Gandon. He is famous for designing the Four Courts and Customs House in Dublin. As we walked from here toward the Weir we passed the site of the original Lucan Community College.



At the Weir where the River Liffey was in full flow, we learned about two famous mills in Lucan that gave great employment to the people of

Lucan, Hill's Mills and Shackleton's Mills. We also found out that in the past they tried to build five bridges across the Liffey in Lucan in 1220, 1725, 1771, 1786, until the current, stable bridge in 1814.

Outside Lucan House and Demesne, now the Italian Embassy, we found out about Patrick Sarsfield who was made Earl of Lucan in 1690 and given lands around Lucan as a reward for fighting bravely for King James II. The cottage he built on this land is what we know as Lucan Demesne. When Patrick Sarsfield died his title and lands went to his niece Charlotte. She married Agmondisham Vesey and Vesey family lived in a castle on Lucan Demesne until 1772. Then in 1772 a new house was designed by architect, William Chambers and today this is the Italian Embassy. On the walls that surround Lucan house we found the famine hole, where food was given out to the poor through the hole during the famine. It is also thought to be a viewing hole where people could admire the beauty of Lucan House and Demesne.

Finally, on our way back up to the school we looked in at the first settlement in Lucan, Moat Hill mound. We found out that there was a souterrain, which is an underground passageway that was used for storage. This souterrain was excavated in 1740 and they found carved bone, a spur and other bronze, copper and stone weapons. We also found out that the Irish for Lucan is Leamhcán, this means the place of the elm trees. We all had a thoroughly enjoyable day on our walking tour and we learned a lot about our local area. Thanks to teachers Ms. Gregory and Ms. Redmond.

3rd Year News: Congratulations and well done to 3rd year students on some fantastic mock results. The experience of doing a mock exam will undoubtedly help students in their preparation for the June exam. Students can now focus on timing of questions, not leaving blanks and build on the correctors' recommendations in each subject. We recommend students use some time over the Easter holidays to study and practise exam questions, while of course, benefitting from some down time and getting some rest.

Well done to Aoibhe Fleming from class O'Riordan on her huge achievement representing Ireland in Euro qualifiers U-17 at Tallaght Stadium recently. We are very proud of Aoibhe.

Political Notes

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Lucan Village Improvements:

I spoke and voted in favour of adopting the Village plan in its entirety because I thought a net loss of 10 parking spaces, was necessary, to make the main street safer and more accessible for children, pedestrians, cyclists, and those using wheelchairs. The works would also make the main street more attractive and community oriented and this would result in greater numbers of Lucan residents shopping, eating and drinking, and using services in the village. I was one of 15 councillors on the Council, and one of 3 local councillors, that voted against removing the road and footpath improvements from the plan. Our arguments did not win the day – the vote was 20 to 15. I will work hard to make sure that the plan that was adopted is delivered.



Cllr. Paul Gogarty - Independent

“Not just at election time”

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Lucan village green and parking vote:

Thanks to Cllr O’Toole (who seconded) and colleagues who supported my amendment (taken jointly with Cllr Casserly’s) to proceed with the Village Green upgrade (Weir and Demesne plans passed also) but to reject the removal of 24 parking spaces beside Lucan’s busiest GP service and the only convenience store left serving 6,000 people in the village area. We definitely need workable alternatives, including a decent cycle route and potentially a one-way system, but this was the wrong plan in a pinched area that still allowed cars drive past pedestrians, 70% heading to other towns over the Liffey Bbridge.

Esker Community Initiative:

Delighted to have supported this proposal for a shared community space in the development plan, which has now reached land disposal stage with SDCC. Will continue to work with stakeholders.

Lucan Planning Council

Lucan part8 vote:

Lucan Planning Council thank Cllrs for the vote retaining parking in the village. We look forward to working together with all to improve traffic flow and the aesthetics and practical usability of the Village Green.

Buses:

We received a reply from the Chief Executive of Dublin Bus, and continue to engage in putting forward practical solutions and much needed changes to the C-Spine.

Caitriona McClean, Secretary, 086 3898327

Well done!

Well done to all the Lucan Councillors and others who voted against reducing parking spaces in Lucan Village



Mairèad Hilliard

Big Book

of

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Thursday Night

St Patrick’s Church, Esker

8.30pm – 9.30pm

Any queries Contact Colette 086 0272002

Please note there is no charge for notices re meetings, etc.

Lucan Library Events

Exhibition

With Easter just around the corner we are delighted to present, "**Easter traditions from Pagan to Present**" a fab exhibition for Kids and Adults alike!



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Annual Dinner Dance: The Clubhouse looked great last night for a sold out Dinner Dance, thanks to the organising committee Mary Flannery, Josephine Donohue, Kathleen Roche, Alice White. We were delighted to acknowledge some of our dedicated volunteers, Willie & Cathy O'Neill both received the President's Award and Peter Flannery was elected to the Hall of Fame. Great Night had by all, looking forward to next year already....

Lucan Sarsfield Golf Society: First outing of the year is announced with a visit to Killeen Golf Club on Saturday 23rd April. Tee Time: From 13:30 Contact: Brian Mahon 0879254126 for tee time if interested. New members always welcome.



Please remember to sell you allocation of tickets for the National Club Draw, this is a great fundraiser for the

Club as all the proceeds go directly to the development of the facilities.



Juvenile Section / Coiste na nÓg:

U15 Div 1 Hurling Féile Semi Final, Ballinteer Saint John 0-12 Lucan Sarsfields 1 -7

Ballinteer Community School 10/04/22
Scorers: M. O' Brien 0-2, O. Brennan 0-3, D. Colfer 0-1, K. Costello 1-0, M O' Brien 0-1 (f)

U15 Div 6 hurling Féile Semi Final, St. Vincents 4-6 Lucan Sarsfields 4-5

Scorers: J. Mills 0-1 (F), P. Murphy 0-1, F. Delaney 2-1, J. Mills 2-0, (F) C. O'Gara 0-1, D. Lester 0-1

U15B LGF Fingallions 2-9 Lucan Sarsfields 8-11:

A frantic pace against a strong Fingallians team with scores coming from nearly every attack from each team saw Lucan lead by 3pts at half time. In the second half Lucan went behind for the first time in the game and it was nail biting to say the least but the Lucan girls responded with a barrage of scores to win the game 8.11 to 2.9. Special mention to Shauna Smith for scoring a hat-trick and Rebecca Thomas who came on and scored her first point for us.

U14A Lucan Sarsfields 1-15 vs Na Fianna A 1-09:

The U14 A hurlers played Na Fianna A in Johnstown Park on Saturday afternoon. We'd lost the corresponding U13 fixture last year by 7 points due to a listless performance so had

targeted a better performance regardless of result this year.

Some late changes to player availability meant that the team had to be reorganised shortly before throw in with some players having to play in unfamiliar positions, such as Cian Kelly lining out at wing forward and Charlie Hughes at 14. We played against the wind in the first half but dominated the early exchanges. The defence had a good handle on the Na Fianna forwards. Liam Whelan used his pace to mop up a lot of ball in the full back line and Donncha Mac Fiaich delivered some good cross-field ball from the half back line. James Duffy at 6 and Eoin Murphy at 3 were very solid and ensured that Na Fianna's scoring opportunities from play were kept to a minimum. Henry Greene was returning from injury and took a few minutes to adjust to the pace of the game but gradually got on top in battle with his marker. James O'Neill's ever improving performances in goal are making him a really key player on this team. His puck outs were good again and he was calm and assured between the posts.

Despite being on top in terms of possession we were only 5 points up at half time (3 points to 8). However, some of those scores had been of a very high quality. In particular an over the shoulder shot from Páidí Murphy and monster long ranger from Brian Whelan. Ferdia McDonagh, Cian Kelly and Fionn Delaney got on the end of good team scores.

Na Fianna dominated the 3rd quarter of the game and we found ourselves 1 point down with less than 15 minutes to go. However, the lads responded really well and outscored Na Fianna 1-6 to 2 points coming down the home stretch. Bill Donovan and Jack Mills out worked their markers in the middle third and we got some decent ball in to Charlie Hughes on the edge of the square. We got 1 - 1 (a goal and converted free) from 2 long balls to Charlie in the space of 2 minutes which swung the momentum back to us. Cathal Ryan and Harry Lloyd (who came on as a second half sub) ensured that the late Na Fianna attacks came to nothing. David Coakley played the last 15 minutes as part of his road to recovery from injury and scored a point and caught an opposition puck out. Overall it was a reasonably good, workmanlike performance against a good Na Fianna team. All the lads' skills and team-play are improving. John Dononvan's physical fitness training is also beginning to pay dividends. These guys are good at absorbing the lessons from what doesn't go well in games and they will individually and collectively have learned lots from this game.

Continued over

Squad: James O' Neill, Liam Whelan, Eoin Murphy, Cathal Ryan, Henry Greene, James Duffy, Donncha Mac Fiaich, Brain Whelan (0 - 1), Bill Donovan (0 - 2), Cian Kelly (0 - 1), Ferdia McDonagh (0 - 2), Jack Mills (0-6), Paidi Murphy (0 - 1), Charlie Hughes (1 - 0), Fionn Delaney (0 - 1), David Coakley (0 - 1) and Harry Lloyd.



U11 LGF: AGP0 was packed on Saturday afternoon as over 80 U11 girls from Lucan and Ballinteer, played very entertaining football. It was great to hear so many positive comments from the side line and to see the girls working hard, showing off all their skills and enjoying the game. Thank you to the Lucan referees, especially those who came straight from an U10 match, who gave the girls plenty of encouragement while explaining why they had to blow the whistle. A great afternoon was had by all.



U11 Camogie: A big thank you to Dermot and the girls from the senior camogie team who took time out after their win to talk to and take photos with Dearbhla and Jessica from the U11 group. You made their day!

U9 LGF: Amazing performance from the under 9's football team, away to Erin's Isle Sunday Morning. Some amazing scores and skills on show. Well played girls!

Other Results:

Go Ahead Senior 1 Cup - St. Jude's 1-5 v Lucan Sarsfields Senior Camogie 1-12.

AHL1 Ballyboden SE 1-19 Lucan Sarsfields 1-18.

AHL5 Naomh Fionnbarra 2-13. Lucan Sarsfields 1-19.

AHL10 Garda 1-5 Lucan Sarsfields 4-14.

LGF 2 Lucan Sarsfields 2-07 Templeogue Synge St 4-08.

Club Lotto: Last week's Lotto Prize of €9,800 was not won. The Numbers were **15, 17, 20, 22.**

Lucky Dip Prizes go to Carl Masterson, Maeve, Tommy & Liam Mulhall, Laura Fox & Colm Keenan.

Next week's Easter Lotto will be for a jackpot of €10,200 and will include a draw for 5 easter eggs.. The draw is sponsored by Henley Forklift Group and will be led by Mary Flannery.

Tá €10,200 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine: Beidh sé beo ón Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook.

Déan cinnte go bhfuil d'iontráil curtha isteach agaibh roimh 6 i.n. oíche an chrannchuir, chun í a chur san áireamh sa chrannchur na seachtaine sin.

The draw will be held on Thursday 14th April, at 9pm and is streamed from Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse, on our Facebook page.

Make sure your entry is submitted before 6pm on the evening of the draw to be included in that week's draw.



Is féidir libh ticéadaí a cheannacht ar líne leis an nasc seo:

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link:

<http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin

Thank You for supporting **Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.**



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Fáilte chuig an Nuachtlitir is déanaí ó Na Gaeil Óga, áit a bhfaighidh tú an t-eolas is déanaí faoi gach rud atá ag tarlú inár bpobal bríomhar.

Triailacha Baile Átha Cliath

Moladh mór ag dul do Matthew Ó Dúinn & Rioghnáin Ó Briain as a bheith roghnaithe le trialacha a fháil do BhÁC. Seo an chéad uair riamh d'imreoirí ón gclub an seans seo a fháil! Bhain siad an-taitneamh as imirt le himreoirí láidre eile ó fud fad BhÁC ag na trialacha iománaíochta. Nach iontach iad mar eiseamláir d'imreoirí óga an chumainn. Go n-éirí leo san aistear atá rompu.



Well done to Matthew Ó Dúinn & Rioghnáin Ó Briain who were selected to take part in Dublin trials. They were the first players from the club to take part in county trials. They really enjoyed playing with other talented hurlers from across the county. It's great to see such talent in our club.

Cailíní F13

D'éirigh thar barr le foireann na gcailíní faoi 13 in aghaidh Robert Emmets as baile. Bhí go leor imreoirí in easnamh de bharr Chóineartú ach le cabhair ó Shaorla, Ciara & Saoirse ón bhfoireann F11 thug na cailíní sárthaispeántas, le cúl & cúilín ó Tara Connors! Rinne Caoimhe cúpla sábháil iontacha sna cúil agus ar dheis uaithi bhí Leah & Alva an-mhaith i mbun cosanta. Irina a roghnaíodh mar laoch an chluiche agus fuair sí

tacaíocht iontach ó Eabha, a bhí suas síos na páirce le linn an chluiche ar fad! Sár-éacht déanta ag ár n-imreoirí nua Amelia, Olivia & Ava. Bhí Eve ina captaen ar an lá!

The under 13 girls had a brilliant performance against Robert Emmets at the weekend. They were missing a few players due to confirmation but, assisted by Shaorla, Ciara & Saoirse from the under 11's, they were still able to field a strong team. Tara Connors scored a brilliant goal, Caoimhe made some terrific saves and Leah and Alva defended excellently. Irina had a fantastic game, as did Eabha who was busy all over the pitch. The new players Amelia, Olivia and Ava also made a big impact in a team that was led by their captain Eve.



Castletown House, Celbridge

Access to the house will be available through guided tours running daily from **10am to 4pm**.

Castletown's restored 18th century parklands are open 7 days a week and are free to explore. Free Parking available from Exit 6, M4

Castletown's Tremendous Tree Trail

Next time you visit our Parklands, why not try this family-friendly tree trail and discover some of the special trees we have here.

Follow the map, learn the trees and most importantly, have fun!

Make sure to wear appropriate shoes and clothing for the parklands and respect the code: 'leave nothing behind and take nothing but memories'

Biodiversity Garden

We are thrilled to re-open our Biodiversity Garden Restored in 2016, the Bio Diversity Garden creates a tranquil haven beside the house. It is a controlled, dog free area with a small charge to access it. Bring a picnic & relax in the beautiful surroundings of our Bio diversity garden! Listen to the music of the bees in our Speaker's corner or lay a blanket on our back lawn to enjoy some summer sun! All the while, take in our natural wood sculptures that bring our parkland wildlife to life.



Monthly Markets

And of course, our monthly markets are back! All our stalls will be outdoors and in the beautiful surroundings of Castletown! Come and join us!

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

We met last Friday in the Coffee Dock for our last meeting before the Easter break.

There was great competition between the members when the wonderful rainbow appeared over Lucan on Thursday 7th April. Josie's photo of the rainbow over Westmanstown won hands down!

Also this week we have photos from Conor taken in Birr Castle and by Willie around Howth. Conor also submitted photos of a chaffinch in Lucan Demesne.



Given that we are in Holy Week, seeing Conor's chaffinch reminds me of the legend surrounding the goldfish (some versions refer to the robin or the chaffinch) that the bird encountered a suffering Jesus carrying his cross to Calvary and wearing a crown of thorns. The bird flew down to try and remove the thistles (its favourite food) from the crown and as it did so, a drop of blood from Jesus stained the bird's face, in the cases of the Robin and Chaffinch, it's breast. Ever since, the goldfinch in particular has been associated with the Passion of Christ. The bird appears in many religious Italian Renaissance paintings. Examples of these are on display in the National Gallery at the moment in the exhibition entitled "Christ and His cousin", admission free, which runs until 8th May!

The Soiree will be back in business **on 22nd April** when we will enter into the world of macro photography.

Until next week stay safe!

