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For the first time since Holy Week 2019 we will this year have public ceremonies to mark these sacred days of the church calendar. Holy Week is a special time of celebration when we commemorate those last days of the Lord's earthly life, his passion, death and resurrection.

Holy Thursday celebrates the night before his death, when Jesus gathered around him those special friends and instituted the Eucharist. It is an opportunity for the Christian community to come together to consolidate faith in the Eucharist and to strengthen the bonds of communion among us. The Solemn celebration of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday night incorporates the ritual washing of feet. Jesus on that night took on the role of a servant and washed the feet of his disciples. In those times visitors to a home were greeted by a servant who would wash their dusty feet before they were shown in to join the family. In assuming this role, Jesus was making an important statement. He was giving an example of humble service that the disciples were to emulate. In choosing his moment at the last supper Jesus made a link between Eucharist and the call to service of others, a call that we are all called to answer. The whole celebration of Holy Thursday prefigures the events of the following day when self-sacrificing love would express itself in total giving.

The Holy Thursday liturgy ends with the removal of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose which in St. Mary's is located in the parish centre, this recalls the time spent by the Lord in the garden at Gethsemane. A guided 'Watch and Pray' hour takes place here from 10:00 – 11:00 PM. (Mk 14:34 "Could you not watch one hour with me.")

Good Friday remembers that day on which Jesus made the supreme sacrifice of his life on the cross for us. At 12:00 noon the four Christian Churches of Lucan, Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Methodist come together to walk in united witness to Christ. The walk begins with prayer in St. Mary's and proceeds down the hill to the Methodist Church where we again pause for prayer and reflection, we then move to the Presbyterian Church for prayer and finally on to St. Andrew's Church of Ireland for the concluding prayers. St. Andrew's kindly host a cuppa for all in the parish centre adjacent to the church. It is a lovely opportunity for us to bear united witness.

Holy Saturday night sees the celebration of the Easter Vigil, when we gather to keep vigil in preparation for the celebration of the triumph of Christ's Resurrection. This Liturgy begins at 9:00 pm in St. Mary's 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 offers another opportunity for Ecumenical witness when members of the four churches are invited to a sunrise service in Hermitage Golf Course. Sunrise is at 6:19 am The gathering will be about 6:10 am. All are welcome.

The past two years have been strange and difficult times for all of us. As we prepare for Holy Week and Easter we pray that our celebration of the Christ's life death and resurrection may fill us all with fresh heart and hope.

Philip Curran, St. Mary's Lucan

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

Census 2022

The next census will take place on **3 April 2022**. This is a year later than planned because of COVID-19. Following a consultation process and pilot survey, the CSO announced the introduction of eight new questions for the next census.

These include questions on:

Renewable energy sources, Internet access and devices, Smoke alarms, Smoking, Working from home, Volunteering, Childcare.

Travelling home from work, school or college
You can read the new questions on census.ie.

Changes were also agreed to 25 existing questions on disability, ethnic groups, religion and the Irish language.

The census in 2022 will include an optional 'time capsule' question for the first time. This will allow members of the public to write a confidential message of their choice which will be securely stored for 100 years.

Further information and contacts:

Central Statistics Office

PO Box 2016, Freepost F4726, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 D2X4. Tel: 01 895 1321.

Locall: 1890 236 787. Fax: 01 895 1399

Homepage: <http://www.census.ie/>

Email: census@csocio.ie



What is the €200 electricity account credit?

Domestic electricity customers, including pay as you go customers, will get a one-off, exceptional payment of €200 in 2022.

The payment will be automatic, and you will not need to apply for it. The €200 credit (including VAT) will be paid between April and June 2022. The Electricity Costs Emergency Benefit Scheme is part of the package of supports to combat the cost of living. The Commission for the Regulation of Utilities (CRU) will oversee the scheme.

Am I eligible for the credit?

The scheme applies to all domestic electricity accounts registered with an electricity supplier in the Republic of Ireland.

You will be eligible for the scheme if, on 29 March 2022, you are registered as either:

An urban domestic customer (classified as DG1)

A rural domestic customers (classified as DG2)

Can I get the credit for my holiday home?

The credit will apply to every domestic electricity account. This means that if you have multiple homes in Ireland with a domestic electricity account you will get the credit for each account.

When will I get the credit?

The payment will be automatic, and you will not need to apply for it. The €200 credit (including VAT) will be paid between April and June 2022. You will see a 'credit line' on your bill in the amount of €176.22 (this is €200 excluding VAT). It will have the identifier 'Government Electricity Credit' or an abbreviated version of this depending on your supplier (for example Govt. Credit, Govt. Cr, Gov CR). Suppliers will have information on their websites with the exact dates the credit will show on their customers' bills.

I use pre-pay electricity

Your supplier will contact you by letter or email between April and June, to explain how you will receive your credit. Most pre-pay electricity meters will accept the €200 credit in full.

Hardship meters

If you have an older pre-pay meter that has a pre-pay limit, you can redeem your electricity credit over 3 separate top-ups (vends), over the space of a few days. This means the €200 electricity credit will be applied over 3 separate top-ups.

For example, customers using hardship prepay meters have a €300 credit limit, and the €200 credit could put the meter over the limit. Instead, the €200 credit will be broken down into 3 smaller credits of €90, €90 and €20.

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Lucan Citizens Information Centre *cont'd.*

To redeem your 3 smaller credits, you should pay €10 towards your electricity. Your credit will then be automatically added to the top-up. You should allow one day between each €10 payment.

I am in rented accommodation: If you are a tenant in rented accommodation and you pay your landlord directly for your electricity (rather than the electricity provider), your landlord should pass the credit on to you.

If there is a dispute between you and your landlord, you should try to resolve this informally. If you cannot come to an agreement, you can contact the RTB's free mediation service, where an independent mediator will help you reach an agreement. Or, you can apply for 'adjudication' with the RTB, where an independent adjudicator will look at all the evidence and make a decision about your case. Read more about the Electricity Costs Emergency Benefits Scheme on the RTB website.

What if I switch suppliers? If you switch electricity supplier between 29 March 2022 and 30 June 2022, the supplier you were with on 29 March 2022 is responsible for giving you the credit.

A supplier can apply the credit to your closing bill or credit you back through the same method pay your bills.

If I don't get the credit: Suppliers will have information on their websites with the exact dates the credit will show on their customers' bills. Contact your electricity supplier if you have not received your credit by 30 June 2022. You can find the contact details for your electricity supplier on your most recent bill or statement

If there is a dispute: If you cannot resolve the issue with your supplier, you can contact the CRU's Customer Care Team for help. You can contact the CRU Customer Care Team on 1800 404 404 or email customercare@ctu.ie.

More information: The CRU has a detailed Guidance document (pdf). You can read the FAQ section from page 16.

Tenants can get more information about the Electricity Costs Emergency Benefits Scheme on the RTB website.

LOST

Gold Wedding Band lost between
Newcastle Road – Hillcrest
Estate – Dodsboro Road area.
Contact Kevin: 087-1433286



Daffodil Day 2022

I would like to thank my family and all my friends and neighbours for their help in Tesco and Supervalu in selling our Daffodils and raising €7,580.



*Thank you and God bless
Margaret Hynes*

Sarsfield Park & District Resident Association

On February 7th the residents association held their AGM and three new officers were elected Tom McMorrow Chairperson, Teresa Ellis Treasurer and Dave Marten Secretary. Thanks to all who came along.

We hope to have a meeting in Kennys back lounge Mon 7th March at 8pm all are welcome. Reminders will be posted here in newsletter, social media and letterboxes.

Annual subs are now due and we'll be collecting these on the night for 2022 as well as calling door to door.

A massive thank you to our outgoing officers for their trojan work for the past few years Caroline, Helen and Naomi.

If you would like to help contribute to the residents association please contact us or pop down to the meeting

Thank You for Hosting our Drive & Drop Appeal

I am writing to thank you most sincerely for allowing us the use of your grounds for our Drive & Drop donation day collection on Saturday last, and for your assistance in promoting the event to your congregation.

The donation day was very successful, and we gathered many much-needed essential items for mothers and babies around the country. Every donation will go directly to a family in need, in the local surrounding areas.

All your support is very much appreciated.

*Elaine Noonan
Programme Manager*

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday 10am

No Evening Mass during Lent.

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

Masses will continue to be live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com



Holy Hour:

There will be a Holy Hour every Sunday from **4pm to 5pm** to pray for the success of the Synod in Rome in 2023.

Confirmation

Best wishes to the pupils of *St Mary's Boys N.S.* who will be confirmed next Thursday 7th April.

Please keep them in your prayers.



St. Mary's Readers' Roster April 2022:

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil and Sunday masses for the month of April 2022 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.



Christian Meditation:

Mediation every Tuesday at **7.30pm** in the Bungalow.

All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

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.

Praying with Scripture: Praying with Scripture every Monday 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**.

Altar Servers: Girls and Boys who have received their First Holy Communion can join.

The commitment is to serve at one week-end Mass and on special occasions like Easter and Christmas. A full training will be given by Dee Gillen who looks after the servers. Those interested should phone Dee on 086 816 9522

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of *Mary O'Brien*, St Finian's, Lucan.
May she rest in peace.



The Annual St. Vincent de Paul SUNSHINE

Collection will take place at all Masses
NEXT Saturday/Sunday
9th/10th April.

This collection goes directly to head office, funding a much-needed holiday for needy children.

Many thanks for your generosity.

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](#)

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,
Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

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

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on
www.lucansouthparish.net

Lent Programme:

Every Tuesday: Additional Mass at 7pm
Every Thursday: Holy Hour 7 to 8pm
Every Friday: Stations of the Cross at 8pm



Adoration and Holy Hour:

Monday: 7.30pm

Thursday: 7pm

Friday: 2-3pm

Morning Prayers of the Church:

Monday to Friday: 8.40am.

The Church will now be open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm for private prayers.

Bingo night: Thursdays 7-9pm. In the John Paul II Memorial Hall. Meet up with friends, connect with new people and to assist with fund raising for the Church. All are Welcome!

Coffee Morning: Our Coffee Mornings: Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10am (after the 9.15am Mass) in the John Paul II Memorial Hall. Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits/cakes – or just drop in for a chat!



Divine Bloom: Every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass.

All are Welcome!

Well Done Everyone associated with Divine Bloom! You'll all

notice the flowers popping up around the base of the trees also around the church grounds. Some lovely colours of yellow, purple and white.

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

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families; it is an accessible liturgy for children and enables them to participate more fully in the Sunday Mass.

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday at 10am.

All Masses continue to be livestreamed at
stpatrickslucan.ie

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



The Second Gathering of St Patrick's Parish Esker Synodal Pathway will take place on Saturday 2 April 2022 11am-

1pm in St John the Evangelist NS, Adamstown.

In the second Gathering we'll explore: ***When you think of your experience of Church, what are your hopes & what are your fears?*** This

invitation is for everyone - those who come to Mass always, frequently, seldom, rarely, never. We are keen to hear from everybody along this spectrum/journey - all ages, all groups. This process will be inclusive, safe, and sacred. Our intention is that it will have impact - not only in Rome, **but in our parish.** And it is up to each and every one of us to participate and make that impact. Please note that the gatherings will adhere to the parish's Child Protection and Data Protection policies. All feedback will be gathered anonymously. Check www.stpatrickslucan.ie for further information.



Supporting Parents after Bereavement

**Anam Cara
South Dublin,**

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 11th April at 7:15pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Anniversary

KILDUFF (JACK)

38th Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear father Jack.
Late Chapel Hill.
Silent thoughts of times together
Hold memories that last forever.
Remembered by all the family



ACRE
project

A Community
Rethinking Education

The Acre Project upcoming talks /workshops /coffee mornings begin with a talk from Caroline Morrin from 'Older Voices Kildare'. Caroline will talk about the services they offer, and how they are building the

confidence and capacity of older people in Kildare through the 'Older Voices Kildare' initiative.

The wonderful 'Beanery' vintage barista van will also be here so why not treat yourself to a coffee and a scone and take a relaxing walk around our sensory garden.

Tuesday April 5th

10.00 am -11.00 am: Caroline Morrin 'Older Voices Kildare'

11.00 am-12.00pm: 'Beanery Vintage Barista Van'.

To book a free place for 'Older Voices Kildare' talk please phone 'The Acre' on 085 282 7225 or info@acreproject.com

If you know any old person needing support and friendship please pass on info about our talk and a coffee.



ALONE

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Older people need your support!

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people.

ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

Pilgrimages

Medjugorje 2022

11 Nights - 7th May, Dublin to Split
18th May, Split to Dublin. €795.00

8 Nights - 10th May, Dublin to Split
18th May, Split to Dublin. €745.00

6 Nights - 19th October, Dublin to Mostar
25th October, Split to Dublin. € 685.00

8 Nights – 19th Oct Dublin to Mostar
27th October, Split to Dublin. €745.00

Fatima

5 Nights – 7th September, Dublin to Lisbon
12th September, Lisbon to Dublin

Book early to avoid disappointment.
Pat 087 223 8911.



Koins for Kids

Koins for Kids

have a target of €1,000,000 to raise funds for equipment in the New Children's Hospital!

We accept all types of coinage and all types of notes, old money, new money, old notes, pre decimal, foreign, anything you no longer have a use for and that might be lying in a drawer or a lint filled pocket of an old coat. We can make good use of it.

Contributions can be left in St Mary's Parish Centre, Lucan or the sacristy in St. Mary's Church.

*Many thanks,
Damien Douglas, 0879519222.*

Accord Marriage Care

Relationship and Marriage Counselling

"If you can't talk to one another talk to us"

**Accord Marriage Care, Lucan,
Phone 6010844**

Esker Active Retirement...

Hi everyone,

Well we are just back from our first trip away this year. We left Lucan in McGinley's Tour Coach on Sunday morning, headed north, stayed in the lovely Ballymascanlon Hotel between Dundalk and Carlingford for three nights/four days. Each day we did day trips; first to Warrenpoint, Rostrevor, Kilkeel and Newcastle, all in Co Down. Came back over the Mourne, stopped at Spelga Dam and went through the Silent Valley, back through Hilltown, into Newry and back to our hotel again. Next day, up to The Ulster Transport Museum outside Belfast and then today to Newry to shop in The Quays, then down to Carlingford and Greenore. We were blessed with good weather – thank goodness we got home before the Baltic weather returned. After dinner each night we were entertained by two musicians, called Nice & Easy and we danced each night away to the small hours. Everyone really enjoyed the trip – love all our members – they are just the best. We're like a big family; all get on so well together and mix really well. Now we're back home for a rest. See you all at the club next Wed.

Take care everyone.

Marian Egan (Club Secretary)

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Census 2022! This Sunday night is the time when we get our houses in order so to speak! Bet there'll be some very wonderful thoughts in the 'time capsule'!

Welcome April! With March going out roaring like the proverbial lion, hopefully we'll have some gentle April showers, and plenty of sunshine.....



Rapeseed in full bloom – this delightful photo was taken by Marian McCabe at St. Edmundsbury farm.



Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 6th April:

Easter Party

in the **Parish Centre** 10.30 – 12.30.



Quack, Quack!

Lots of ducks in unexpected places these days – but watch out for those fun-loving cats who like to pounce and scare our feathered friends



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 sepcpc@mail.com



A few weeks back we had photographer Brendan Burke from Shoot My Dog.ie and his talk on capturing that special bond between you and your dog. It was a great evening and some heartfelt images.

We also had our judging night last week for this month's themed competition "Water", and we will share with you those winning images over the coming weeks.



One of our advanced photographers Elaine Butler captured this beautiful image of a jogger at Sunset in Phoenix Park, thanks for sharing, Elaine.

Mother and Toddler Group

St Mary's Parish Centre
Every Thursday
From 10.30am to 12 noon.
All welcome



LARA –

Lucan Active Retirement Association

We meet on Thursdays at 11.30 am in St Andrew's Church Hall, Lucan village. We have our usual activities starting with some exercises and then we play bowls, Scrabble and cards. New members welcome. While the wearing of face coverings is no longer mandatory please wear one if you feel safer doing so.

This year 2022, we celebrate our 17th birthday. Thanks to our founder members and past members over the years we have catered for hundreds of retirees, providing new friendships, old acquaintances and overall happiness to our members at all times. Over the years we enjoyed quizzes – both serious and fun, aerobics, outings to the races in Fairyhouse and Naas and forecasting World Cup and Grand National winners. Drama, choir and music also featured along with holidays at home and abroad. We look forward to more activities over the coming months and years.

On Thursday 24th March we had a party to celebrate both St Patrick's Day and our 17th birthday - an enjoyable event with music, a Beetle Drive, a good lunch and birthday cake.

Our fundraising coffee morning to raise funds for Ukraine was held on Thursday 31st March.

Census night is on Sunday 3rd April – please consider including some words of wisdom in the Time Capsule section on page 23 of the form.



Are you as quiet as a mouse?

Do you hate speaking in public?

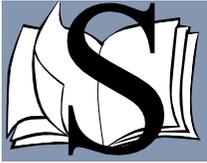
Do you want to make new friends?

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 7th**, where a warm welcome awaits you.

Check our Facebook page for more details.



SCHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

First Year Disco: On Friday our Parents Association ran a very successful First Year Social, it was great to finally have our First-Year socials back after an absence over the past number of years. A huge thank you to the Parents and the Teachers who volunteered their time to supervise on the night. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the night.

Parents Association Clothes Collection: Our Parents Association are organising a Clothing Collection on Saturday 2nd of April. Please bring your unwanted clothes to us to help our Fundraiser.

St. Joseph's College Lucan, Parents Association

CLOTHING Collection

Drop your un-wanted clothing to us

When: SATURDAY April 2nd
Where: Lay-by Car Park
Time: 10am to 1pm
What we collect:
 Clean Clothing
 All footwear (in good condition)
 Belts
 Handbags

No: bedding (duvets, bedsheets, duvet covers etc.)

Co-Ordinated in partnership with *We buy Clothing*

Transition Year: On Monday 10 groups of Transition years competed in our school's student enterprise competition. These groups had earlier in the year set up business and traded at the school's annual Christmas Fair. On Monday they presented their business plans and the progression of their business to the Judges. All ten groups had excellent ideas and it was fantastic to see these young entrepreneurs showcasing their skills

Gaisce Hike: Our TY and Silver Gaisce groups are busy preparing this week for their 2-day hike

for the Transition Year Group and 3-day hike for the Silver Gaisce Group, we wish them the best of luck.

Concern Debating: Our Concern debating team took part in the All-Ireland Quarter final when they faced off against St Columba's College from County Donegal this week, debating against the motion of the environmental impact of fast fashion. Well done to the team as they have won the debate and are through the All-Ireland Semi Final, this is a fantastic achievement for the entire team and their Mentor Mr. Smyth.

Well Walk: We are delighted to announce that we have reached our target in our Outdoor Classroom & Rosie's Garden Fundraiser - reaching €12,339 today! This amount came together from €5,461 on our GoFundMe page, €5,386 from our student sponsorship cards, €742 from staff bake sale & car wash and €750 from local businesses! Well done and thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser. We hope to have the outdoor area available to students and staff after Easter.

Sport: Well done to our Minor Soccer team who had an excellent victory over Confey College on Monday last, it was their final group game in the league and it was an excellent team performance. Rachel Barrett and Annalise Lovett both starred scoring a hat-trick each. The girls can now look forward to their next game in the knockout stage of the competition.

Our Minor Camogie team were in action again this week in the league when they faced Loreto Beaufort on Tuesday, they played a great game and eventually came out victorious on a score line of 3-02 to 0-04. Well done to everyone involved.



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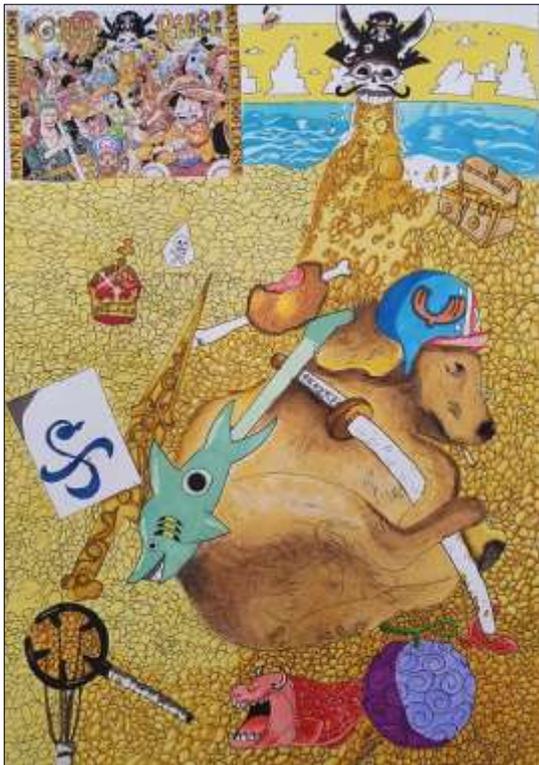
Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Find us on our

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Art: Congratulations to Grantas Matulevicius from 1Water on winning *Artist of the Month*. This month both 1st yr Art classes have been working on a new and exciting Art project. Students were asked to find an artist that they liked and a Primary Source. The idea behind the scheme of work was to show how an artist/style/movement can influence your work without plagiarism.



Grantas was fascinated by the work of Eiichiro Oda, a Japanese Artist who is a professional Mangaka. Oda is best known as the creator of the Manga 'One Piece'. The Primary source chosen was a photo Grantas took of his 1 yr old cocker Spaniel Kobe. Grantas produced a wonderful Artwork showing a magical influence of his chosen Artist and primary source photo that greatly impressed his fellow students and his art teacher Ms. Ryan.

Soccer: Our 1st yr soccer team advanced to the 1-4 finals of the Leinster Shield after defeating a spirited Celbridge CS 3-0 last Thursday on the all-weather pitch at Ballyoulster FC. Lucan dominated the game from start to finish but struggled to convert their superiority into goals in the 1st half despite laying siege to the Celbridge goal. Too many shots were either off target or straight at the Celbridge keeper and the Lucan players became visibly frustrated by their

profligacy and poor decision making in front of goal.

The 2nd half followed the pattern of the 1st with Lucan becoming increasingly desperate for the breakthrough that their complete superiority merited. Eventually the incessant pressure told and Lucan went in front after a speculative shot from distance from Sean Connell was initially saved but the ball squirmed from the keeper's grasp and crept over the line for a somewhat scruffy, but very welcome goal. Lucan visibly grew in confidence and they soon doubled their lead when Aidan Doyle scored with an incisive left-footed finish from inside the box.

Ben Lawless finally got his customary goal when he found space in the box to turn and drill the ball low and hard past the keeper to make it 9 goals in 6 matches for the team's top scorer. Celbridge pushed for a late consolation but with Seán McGillicuddy imperious at the back, they struggled to trouble Lucan's impressively vocal midfielder/turned stand-in goal-keeper Jack O' Dwyer at any stage.



The panel have been training in huge numbers every week for the past five months and they are extremely determined to get the Leinster Final at the very least.

Business: On Wednesday March 23rd, Ms. Gough's 6th Year Business class visited the European Commission office on Dublin's Mount Street. As school Covid policy does not allow for use of Dublin Bus, students had to travel by private bus. The cost of hiring this may have been prohibitive for some students so Ms. Gough secured sponsorship to cover the cost of the bus hire. This was a great example for the students of "Business in Action"! The students attended a talk on the history of the E.U., the E.U. Institutions as well as the Decision Making Process in The E.U. Students then took part in a quiz, where the winning team won some great prizes! Afterwards, they took a walk in the beautiful sunshine to see Government Buildings and Leinster House.

Castletown House, Celbridge

Our Castletown team have been very busy preparing the house for the coming 2022 season!

With our conservation cleaning almost finished, we are delighted to announce, **Castletown House will re-open on 7 April 2022!**

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 tearooms, operated by Brambles are open 7 days from 9:30am to 4:30pm.

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'

Our music and events programme is back!!



We open this season with the wonderful Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra!

Join us in the splendid of **Castletown's Long Gallery on 8 April 2022 at 8pm** and enjoy a wonderful evening's entertainment brought to us by the **Kammerphilharmonie Europa**.

The Kammerphilharmonie Europa is an orchestra of talented young musicians recruited from eighteen European nations, and has performed throughout Europe since its founding in 2006. Soloists Cyrill Gussaroff (trumpet), Michael Kibardin (violin) and Tsai-Chen Juan (oboe) along with the eight-member ensemble, will perform a much loved repertoire, to include Corelli's Concerto Grosso, Op. 6 No.4 in D major, Hummel's Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra E-flat major, and Bach's Concerto for Oboe and Violin BWV 1060.

https://castletown.ie/event/the-kammerphilharmonie-europa-orchestra/?instance_id=1152

Castletown is also excited to welcome back **Handel's Messiah**. On completing Messiah Handel was said to have declared, 'I beheld the Heavens open and the great God appear'

Returning on **23 April 2022 at 8pm** due to exceptional popular demand, OPW Castletown House welcomes Handel's Messiah back to the stunning Long Gallery for what will no doubt be the musical highlight of the season.

A glorious and dramatic work, Handel's Messiah, is firmly fixed in the hearts of music lovers around the world. The work has a particular significance to Dubliners as it received its premiere at Neals Musick Hall, Fishamble Street in Dublin's city centre, 260 years ago in 1742. However, the connections to Castletown House go far deeper than that: the lady of Castletown, Katherine Conolly, was one of the benefactors of Messiah's historical Dublin premiere, where the ladies and gentlemen patrons at Fishamble Street were requested to come without their hoop-framed skirts and swords to increase capacity, such was the demand for tickets!

The beautiful Long Gallery of Castletown House will, once again, welcome home Handel's great masterpiece, Messiah, for a very special performance with choir and full orchestra, featuring a cast of the finest soloists, under the baton of Niall Kinsella. A perfect opportunity to hear the beautiful strains of music that Castletown residents would have enjoyed centuries ago.

Book early to avoid disappointment. No swords or hoop-skirts, please!

https://castletown.ie/event/messiah-3/?instance_id=1153

Biodiversity Garden

We are thrilled to re-open our Biodiversity Garden on **7 April!**

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.



If the bee disappears from the face of the Earth, man would have no more than four years yet to live (quote attributed to Albert Einstein)

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!

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Cycle Path Extension: I'm happy to report that following our March Area Committee meeting, Council management agreed to a motion request that I tabled, asking for the continuation of a cycle track on the Fonthill Road. The area in question is approximately 200 metres and extends from the Thomas Omer Way / Ninth Lock Road Junction as far as the Fonthill train station. This will now be included as part of the overall Cycle South Dublin works.

Eco-Week: Eco week is taking place this week. This initiative is one of the biggest events in SDCC's annual calendar of environment awareness events and aims to engage schools on a range of environmental issues. This is delivered through events, seminars, talks and workshops that educate all on the environment and climate change, biodiversity to become part of the solution to environmental needs.

Gino Kenny TD – People Before Profit

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Thirty Ninth Amendment of the Constitution (NEUTRALITY) Bill: This week People Before Profit submitted a bill on the issue of neutrality. The Bill seeks to explicitly insert Irish military neutrality into the constitution. This would ensure that Ireland constitutionally could not participate in any military conflict, unless there was a direct armed attack on the Irish State- subject to a vote of Dáil Éireann. In light of an ever-growing creep towards increased militarisation in the EU we see the passing of this Bill as a vitally important step to Ireland maintaining its status of military neutrality.

Health Committee- Neurological Alliance of Ireland: This week the Neurological Alliance of Ireland briefed members of the health committee on neurological services in Ireland. Currently, there are 24,000 people on the public waiting list for neurological outpatient care, 8600 of those people have been waiting for over 18 months.

Emer Higgins - TD

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Public Consultation on Lucan Village:

SDCC has launched its public consultation on their proposals for the Village Green and Main Street Lucan, and upgrades to Lucan Weir. Late last year I carried out a local survey to gather public opinion on the proposals and the removal

of car parking spaces was the main concern raised with me by local businesses and local residents. Now is your opportunity to formally have your say on these plans. You can view the full proposal including drawings and maps on the council's website where you can make your submission or you can do so by post to Senior Engineer, Roads Construction & Design, LUPT, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 YNN5. I have asked the Council for an update on their proposal around a one-way-system trial.

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Lucan Village Parking Proposals: I've studied this plan and submissions in detail. As a bike-loving, electric car-driving vegan, I totally support measures to get people more active in our community and reduce dependency on fossil fuels. But this scheme will do nothing to deter through traffic or lead to less car use. It will, however, cause problems for vulnerable users of medical services and lead to some people driving further than they currently do.

We need a radical, holistic plan to "green" our village that also protects service users and local businesses. This is not it. I've seen no meaningful response by SDCC to the numerous detailed submissions. I'm concerned that this may be rushed to a vote on Monday 11th next without proper discussion and analysis given the time constraints. I cannot support what is currently proposed.

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Lucan Library

Easter LED Cards.

Book your kit via

lucanlibrarydublin@eventbrite.ie

From Wednesday 6th April at 10am.

Collection from Monday 11th in Lucan

Library. For ages 8-12 years. Limited

numbers available. Max 3 per household.

Snap Circuits Workshop for 9-12 year olds.

Wednesday 20th April at 2.30 pm.

Booking via lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie

From Thursday 7th April 10am.

Electronics Workshop for 9-12 year olds.

About this event: Workshop for 9-12 year olds. Snap Circuits teaches basic engineering, electronics and circuitry concepts by using building components with snaps to assemble electronic circuits on a simple "rows-and-columns" base grid. This workshop takes place in the library.

Signs of Spring all around! It's such a lovely time to be out gardening. Last week we divided into three groups. Some worked at the entrance to the Demesne. The flowerbed was lovingly tended to by Mary, while Pam and Philomena collected a SHOCKING amount of litter! Philomena was actually double jobbing as she also did some appropriate weeding with Catherine, being careful to leave the dandelions for our bees.

Two welcome pairs of helping hands joined for a time, Tracey and her son Jessie. The same young gentleman was celebrating his 12th birthday. What a nice gesture on his part!



In honour of the occasion, we presented Jessie with one of our bare rooted trees which Anne had collected in St Catherine's Park. (South Dublin Co. were distributing bare rooted trees to all as part of National Tree Week.) Josephine, Bríd and Olive worked at Circle K flowerbed as well as newly developed area at steps down to Sarsfield Park. A timely donation of plants from Colette Garvey has now been added to these beds. Meanwhile, down at the Weir, Anthony and Matthew, our father and son team, did a litter pick ('not too bad' was the report), along with plenty of weeding, while Declan ventured along the river picking out some litter.

All in all, a busy but enjoyable sunny Saturday morning! Please do join us on a Saturday, if you feel like it. Extra hands are always welcome. Thank you to the staff of Fingal County Council for supplying us with bare rooted trees - Black Alder, Silver Birch and Hawthorn. Now, where to plant...??

Decisions, decisions....

Lucan ICA

Monday 4th April: **Craft Morning** ongoing from 10asm to 12.30pm.

Come along Ladies, and enjoy the chat and cup of tea while working on your latest project.

Carmel's pillow doll is coming along nicely by those ladies who decided to make it, we're looking forward to the end result.

Hostesses for teas are: Rita Hatton and Maura Kennedy.

We send **get well wishes** to any members who are under the weather at the moment.



Below: Some more **Tidy Towns** creations.....





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Social News

Still one or two tables left for the Dinner Dance, would be a great team night out if you don't have a match the next morning.



Tickets from: Mary Flannery 087 7469143; Alice White 086 0805055; Josephine Donohue 087 9447262; Kathleen Roche 087 9639439; Mary Reynolds 087 2640121.

We also have tickets available for the National Club Draw, this is a great fundraiser for the Club as all proceeds got directly to the development of the facilities. Please try to Support.

Team News. Lucan hurlers enjoyed a good double win over Craobh Chiarán at a sun drenched 12th Lock this lovely Sunday morning. **AHL1 Lucan Sarsfields 0-17 Craobh Chiarán 0-14. 12th Lock, 27/3/2022.** Lucan seniors came out the right side of this hard fought contest. Lucan led from the start but never pulled clear of a dogged Craobh side. Lucan got the first 3 scores and were 0-6 to 0-1 up inside 15mins. However Craobh finished the half stronger and reduced the deficit to two by half time, 0-9 to 0-7. Lucan started the second period well also and stretched the lead out to four again but Craobh refused to give in. Lucan finished the game with 14men after Donal Flannery picked up two yellows, but they held firm to deservedly win by three in the end. **Lucan:** S McClelland, E Seery, P Rigney, P Claffey, A Murphy, J McCaffrey, R Stapleton, R Ward (0-1), C McHugh (0-2), K Fitzgerald, C O'Leary (0-4, 0-3f), C Walsh (0-2), E Dowling (0-4), D Flannery (0-1), C Keher (0-2), C Keenan, E O'Conghaile (0-1).

AHL5 Lucan Sarsfields 3-26 Craobh Chiarán 0-8. 12th Lock, 27/3/2022. Lucan Junior A's continued their good start to the league with this very comfortable win over Craobh Chiarán. The early stages were closely contested and the visitors led 0-3 to 0-1 after 5 minutes. However,



Lucan gradually started to get on top and a red card for a Craobh mid-fielder after just 10 minutes turned it into a very one sided affair. Lucan took some good scores from distance and a Sean Harkness goal helped them to 1-16 to 0-5 lead at half time. The second half continued to be largely one way traffic and Paddy Ward added two more goals for Lucan. The pace of the game became fairly pedestrian as both sides accepted the inevitable outcome well before the end.

Lucan: D O'Neill, A Sheahan, R Twomey, T Beahan, C Duffy, A McNulty, G Millea, D Kavanagh (0-1), I Crowley, N Stagg (0-3), E Allen (0-8, 0-2f), E Lombard (0-2), S Harkness (1-5, 0-4f), C Keane (0-5, 0-2f), P Ward (2-1), J McCarthy, A Carroll (0-1), K Masterson, D Reynolds, C O'Maolmhána.

Jun C Hurling, Lucan Sarsfields 3-10 Skerries Harps 2-14, AGP3 27/3/2022

Lucan welcomed Skerries Harps to AGP3 on Sunday afternoon. Despite Eoin Power and Finan Breen getting two early goals for Lucan, we actually had the poorer start and though welcome, the scores were slightly against the run of play. The second goal tied up the game at 1-3 to 2-0. Skerries kept the pressure on and scored another 1-1 but luckily Cathal Doody performed excellently in goals and made some crucial stops to keep us in the game. As the half wore on, Lucan came more to the fore and added five scores to lead 2-5 to 2-4 at the interval. Skerries again started well and added four scores with a Shaun Keegan converted free, our only reply. Power netted again to restore our lead but this was quickly cancelled out. A long range Doody free was added to an Eoin Higgins point to retake the lead. Skerries got one back before two Shaun Keegan frees pushed the lead out to three. Skerries rallied and added four points to snatch the lead. Lucan kept battling but were unable to convert and went down by the minimum on a scoreline of 3-10 to 2-14. Skerries gave a great display of fielding throughout the game. Lucan contributed well to the contest and were unlucky to get no return from the game.

Lucan: C Doody (0-1f); D Hassey, C O'Neill; P Farrell, T Swords, S Stapleton; L O'Connor, E Higgins (0-1); C O'Brien (0-1), R Hearne (0-1), S Keegan (0-4: 0-3f); E Power (2-0), F Breen (1-2); L Farrell, C Ryan, J Brant, E Hollowed; A Flanagan, S Egan, C Chambers, R Hazley, R Brant.

Club Lotto. Last week's Lotto Prize of €9,000 was not won. The Numbers were **4, 10, 19, 22.**

Lucky Dip prizes go to Paul Heneghan, Doc Clandillon, Lorraine Byrne, Ian Brogan and Margaret Doyle.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €9,400. The draw is sponsored by Clandillon Motors.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.



Ukraine Goal Green Mile

The colour on the day was so appropriate The Sun was shining the skies were blue on Friday 18th of March for a very special Green Goal Mile. All funds raised going to the Goal Ukraine relief effort. We had a fantastic turn out on the morning, from club members and the community of Lucan. It's always great to see you enjoying the Lucan Harriers running track

Well done and thanks to everyone who volunteered on the day and helped to organise the event, it was a great success. €2260 was collected in the bucket on the morning and as of 27th March the online collection stands at €2060 A grand total of €4320. Lucan you should be very proud. For anyone who still wants to make a donation the link is still open and can be found on our Social media pages



Timekeeper for the day, Lucan's European Champion Carol



Members of Lucan Harriers crew



Jacinta Linehan and family



They're off!



Colm Carey and the new addition

St. Mary's Camera Soirée



I am afraid that Homer nodded last week when I stated that we were back in the Bungalow. We are still meeting in the Coffee Dock in the Parish Centre, wearing masks and with windows open, out of an abundance of caution with the latest variant of COVID19 so prevalent.

This week we have evidence that Spring is in full swing with photographs of beautiful displays of blossoms in St. Catherine's Park and in the grounds of Maynooth College provided by Joe and Josie.

Conor has given wild life a miss this week. Instead, he has submitted a lovely photograph of sunrise somewhere in Roscommon, while Willie has been to Glendalough and Dun Laoghaire.



In the Coffee Dock we have been mastering the art of putting borders on our photographs and this Friday we will hopefully be looking at photographs on the subject of "old buildings".

Now a date for your diary! Next Wednesday afternoon, 6th April 2022, on Lucan's Community Radio Station, **Liffey Sound 96.4FM**, the programme Lucan Live which is broadcast from 3pm to 4pm (repeated that evening at 8pm) will feature a piece on St. Mary's Camera Soiree. So be sure to listen in!

Until next week stay safe!