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### Little did we know what lay ahead .....

Back in 1969, the most exciting thing we were commenting on was the landing of men on the moon. The event happened on 20<sup>th</sup> July, and because very few organisations closed for summer, Lucan Newsletter didn't take a break either. It was a time when not too many people went on holidays, and those who did went on, what these days are called 'Staycations'.

The moon landing was blamed for '*climate change*' back then, with many claiming that the heavy rain that followed over Ireland, was as a result of that lunar event.

Over the summer of 2021, we've witnessed real Climate Change with many of its horrors – wild fires, floods, drought, and earthquakes, all over the world. Modern technology allows us to almost be at these events, where we witness thousands of people losing their lives, families starving and fleeing from their homelands, not knowing where they will end up.

We've seen maps predicting coastal towns in Ireland being under water within the next 30 years! It's like looking into the future, but those who understand these things tell us it is not too late to change our ways. We really do have to get our act together!

### Magical places to visit .....

Here in Lucan, we had quite a good summer with great temperatures in July, and while August was fairly showery, we were able to get out and about. Thankfully, this last week has been very pleasant.

My grandsons lost themselves in a field of Sunflowers in Carlow - the first time I ever saw a field of Sunflowers was on holidays in Italy many years ago, but here they are now on our doorstep.

There are lots of brilliant places for all ages to visit, many of them not an hour from Lucan. Just check out [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie) while we still have a bit of summer left!

It seems that Staycations have wakened us up to what has mostly been there all along!

Mary Mulhall



## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

[www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

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



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

**Or you can email** your query to us at [dscis@citinfo.ie](mailto:dscis@citinfo.ie) and someone will reply.

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

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

**Women's Aid 24-hour Freephone on 1800 341 900**

**Rape Crisis Centre 1800 778 888**

**Men's Aid 01 554 3811 - 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.**

### Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance

The closing date for applications is 30th September 2021.

### School terms in primary and post-primary schools

Schools in Ireland are obliged to open for 183 days per year at primary level and 167 days per year at post-primary level. At one time, schools had a good deal of flexibility about the start and end of school terms. This meant that there was considerable variation about when students returned to school after holidays such as Christmas and mid-term breaks.

Since 2004 school terms have been standardised under a series of agreements made between representatives of schools, teacher unions, parents' organisations and other relevant bodies.

The dates for the start and the end of the school year are not standardised so schools have some discretion about when students finish school in the summer and when they start school in the autumn. All schools are closed for July and most

(or all) of August. The dates for the Christmas, Easter and mid-term breaks are standardised.

At the start of the school year, parents/guardians will get a list of days that the school will be closed during the year, including holidays and training days for teachers. If there are other unexpected closures the school will let you know in advance.

The Department of Education circular 0005/2020 deals with the standardisation of the school years from 2020/21 to 2022/23. The circulars also provides guidance about how schools can make up any time that is lost due to unforeseen closures.

### COVID-19 and school

You can find information about school during the COVID-19 on our website. The Department of Education also provides information about going to school during Covid 19.

### Start and end of the school year

The dates for the start and the end of the school year at both primary and post-primary level are not fixed. However, due to the start of State exams, post-primary schools are usually not open after the Friday before the June public holiday (the first Monday in June) in any year. The school year generally starts in the week in which 1 September falls

### Discretionary days

Every school must be open for a minimum of 183 days at primary level and 167 days at post-primary level. Schools can use any remaining days at their discretion to extend the summer holiday period or to close on religious or other holidays.

However, schools cannot use these days to extend the Christmas, Easter or mid-term breaks (unless a religious observance day(s) falls at that time for schools of a particular denomination or faith). If a school does not have enough discretionary days left for a religious holiday, it can denote that day a non-tuition day.

### October 2021 mid-term break

All schools close from Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021 inclusive.

### Christmas 2021

All schools close on Wednesday 22 December 2021, which is the final day of the school term. All schools re-open on Thursday 6 January 2022.

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## Local 14 weeks STEPS for Women Skills Programme

national collective of  
community based  
women's  
networks



**S** Skills  
**T** Training  
**E** Equality  
**P** Participation  
**S** Supports



**What is it:** It is a fun workshop based programme in your community focusing on women returning to employment and education. Supporting women to support themselves. Topics include: Steps to Success, Career Planning, IT Skills, Women's Health and Wellbeing, and Gender Equality Training.

**Who is it for:** This programme is for women over 18 years wishing to explore their future options. Did you give up paid work to have children, become a homemaker or look after a family member? Are you considering going back to work and enhancing your work related skills?

We are looking for women who are NOT in receipt of 'Job Seekers Allowance or Benefit', to participate (other Social Protection Payments are eligible including Lone Parent and Disability Benefit).

### What you will do:

- Explore career and employment options and enhance your work related skills.
- Explore and determine your life goals.
- Identify barriers and develop strategies to support your progress.
- Gain information on our health and wellbeing.
- Work with other women to support each other.

**What does it cost? NOTHING – It's Free!**  
Childcare subsidies available.

*The NCCWN will follow all HSE Government guidelines around COVID-19*

**NCCWN Lucan Women's Network**  
For more information contact Joanne or Marie  
by email: [developworkerc.l@gmail.com](mailto:developworkerc.l@gmail.com)  
or on Facebook / Instagram / Twitter /  
WhatsApp 083 8607947



### PLEASE NOTE:

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

Alternately email notices/reports to any of the following:

**Community / Schools/ Local History**  
[marylucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:marylucannewsletter@gmail.com)

**Sport / Politics**  
[roselucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:roselucannewsletter@gmail.com)

**Parish Notes / Fund Raising**  
[annalucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:annalucannewsletter@gmail.com)

**Anniversaries etc / Advertising Queries**  
[catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com)

## Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club are excited to kick off the new season with the club starting on **Sept 8<sup>th</sup>** and invites new and returning members to join us.

We are a group of photographers that meet **every Wed from 8-10 pm**, from **September to June** each year.



Members join to develop their photographic skills. We are a club that serves all levels of photograph - Novice, Intermediate and Advanced.

We run a **FREE 6 week Beginners Photography Course** for members on a **Wednesday evening 7-8 pm, from Oct 6th to Nov 10th**. This course is given by an award-winning photographer within the club. The tutorials are informative with great tips on how to get the best out of you and your camera.

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](mailto:secpcc@mail.com)

# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

[www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)



### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigils: 5pm and 6.45pm

Sunday: 8.45am, 10.30pm, 12.15pm and 7pm.

**Notice:** We ask those who have already booked Masses for the weekends to please phone the Sacristy 01 6281487 and check whether the time of their Mass is different due to changes in Sunday Mass times.

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Saturday 10am

**All Masses will continue to be live-streamed on [www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)**

Our churches are open for Public Masses. While number will continue to be restricted and social distancing enforced it does mean that in St Mary's we can have a maximum of **69** people in attendance for Masses.

**There are 27 places on the individual chairs** (11 as you enter from the porch, 12 at the Sacristy side and 4 at the front of the altar.) **There are then 42 in the pews.** There can be no movement between these two areas. Each area will have separate entrances and exits.

**Admission to all Masses** will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Enter at the main porch door, queueing from the left across the front of the old part of the church maintaining social distance at all times. We rely on your understanding to make this work. Masks must be worn.

### Stewards Required:

As all Masses continue to be restricted. St. Mary's urgently require stewards to ensure that the guidelines are adhered to. If you would be willing to help, please contact Deirdre in the Parish Office. (01- 6217041) or by filling in the form online.

### Private Prayer:

The Church is open daily for private prayer on weekdays from 10.30am to 6pm (funerals permitting) and on Sundays after the 12.15pm Mass to 6pm. Please enter by the Main Porch Door and exit by the side door (near the Nun's Chapel).

### Praying with Scripture:

Praying with scripture will recommence via zoom from **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**. If interested please contact Cheryl Murphy at 086 8343754 to register.

### St. Mary's Readers' Roster September:

The roster for readers at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses for the month of September 2021 was sent to all readers by email on 23<sup>rd</sup> August. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.



### Baptisms:

New Government guidelines permit Baptisms. Dates are bookable online to the end of October. Dates will be added as the need arises. If you need to cancel a booking contact: [secretary@lucanparish.com](mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com)

### First Holy Communion /Confirmations:

Please note that St. Mary's will not be holding First Holy Communion or Confirmations before September 2021. Dates will be published on the website.

This decision is to adhere to the best practice policy proposed by the public health authorities.

We look forward to some lovely celebrations with the young people in the Autumn.

### Visits to the housebound:

If the housebound person has been fully vaccinated and at least two weeks have elapsed since the second dose, either Fr. Tom or Fr Philip and/or any ministers of the Eucharist who are also fully vaccinated can call once again. As a precaution we will wear face coverings and ask those to whom we are calling to do the same. If you are housebound and are not already on the list you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

### Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

Monday and Wednesday after 10am Mass  
Saturday after the 10am and 5pm Masses

**Deepest Sympathy** to the wife, family and friends of **Eddie Coughlan**, Mount Gandon, to the family and friends of **Teresa O'Connor**, formerly of Esker Lawns and to the family and friends of **Mary (May) O'Neill**, Dodsboro. **May they rest in peace.**





## St. Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro /Adamstown

[www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)



### Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm, Sunday: 9am, and 12 noon.  
**10.30am Family Mass – live streamed only** This online 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.

Numbers continue to be restricted to **50 people** in the church building. Admission will be on a first-come first-serve basis

**For Sunday Masses only: When capacity is reached parishioners can remain in their cars in the car park behind the church and receive communion.**

**All Masses are streamed live on the Parish You Tube channel**

**Confessions:** Confessions can be requested after Mass. The confession box is not to be used. However, a space that respects open privacy is available in the Church to receive the Sacrament.

**Private Prayer:** Church can continue to be accessed daily for private prayer. Access is through the **side door at the bell tower** 10.30am and 12.30pm

**View the following on [www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)**

Mass Readings for the week

Morning Prayer – Lauds

Evening Prayer – Vespers

Take five at 10 - Reflections–Weekdays: 10am

Taizé – Watch and Pray

## Lucan Presbyterian Church

**Morning Worship:** 11am. (Maximum 30 people)

**Reserve a place for church services:** You can either register via our simple online booking form or give us a call on 0858231123. There will be 2 spaces available for anyone who drops in. But these will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

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

**Services will be streamed online and available on Youtube?**

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

### Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday 9:15am. Saturday 10am

**Admission will be in a first-come first-serve basis to a max of 50 people**

Follow the instructions of the Church stewards – they have purple hi-vis vests so easily recognized.

**All Masses will be livestreamed on**

[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

### Private Prayer:

The Faustina Chapel is open for private prayer from 10am to 12 noon Monday to Friday.

### Daily Readings on website:

Under our Welcome menu you will find links for the Daily Mass Reading which updates every day as well as Sunday Mass Reading for the following Sunday's Mass. It is a great way to be able to read along during Mass if you so wish or take time to reflect on the passages during the week and see what message they have for you. One quick note is that if it is a Sunday and you want to see the Gospel for today then click on the Daily Mass Reading link as the Sunday listing will be for the following week.

## St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

**St Andrew's: Sunday** 10am. **Wednesday:** 10am

**St Mary's: Sunday:** 11.30am. **Tuesday:** 10am

Numbers limited to **50**. Please follow the directions of the Church Wardens.

**Bookings** for both church services can be made at [bookleixlip@gmail.com](mailto:bookleixlip@gmail.com), please indicate which service you are booking for and the number of people.

**Services** are available on our parish Facebook pages: [St. Andrew's Church, Lucan](#) or [St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)



## Birthday Remembrances

**Raymond Carey**

**55<sup>th</sup> Birthday - 31<sup>st</sup> August**

Of our much loved and missed son Ray

**Forever Young**

We are sending a dove to Heaven Ray  
With a parcel on its wings  
Be careful when you open it Ray  
Because it's full of precious things  
Inside are 55 kisses  
Wrapped up with 55 hugs  
To wish you a Happy Birthday Ray  
And they are sent with all our love  
Missing you and loving you so much sweetheart  
*Mam and Dad xxx*



**Ray Carey**

**Forever Young**

Memories are the loveliest things  
They last from day to day  
They can't get lost  
They can't wear out  
They can never be taken away  
Missing you so much Ray  
*Loving you always your brothers, sisters,  
nephews, nieces and grand-nephew. xxxxxx*



**Maureen Lally**

**30<sup>th</sup> August**

Treasured memories of a wonderful mother and grandmother on her birthday.

Wishing you were here today for even just a while.

So I could say Happy Birthday and see your beautiful smile.

Today is your birthday in Heaven above,  
My blessings I send on the wings of a dove.

Not just for today but everyday hereof,  
I think of you always with all of my love.

*Dearly loved and greatly missed  
Alison, Andy, Ruth, Craig, Alisha and Caden. xx*



## Anniversaries

**Oliver (Olly) Kearns**

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Late of Mill Bank, Lucan and Airlie Heights  
A bright light went before you Olly  
On that morning God called you home  
Leaving us beautiful memories  
Of your laughter, your wit and kind soul.  
*Loved and remembered always Bernadette and  
May and extended family and friends*

**Robert (Bobby) McCabe**

**41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 24<sup>th</sup> August**

Late of Sarsfield Park.  
*Sadly missed and loved always by  
Catherine, Robert, Anne, Eileen and  
their families.*

"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day."

**Seán McHugh**

**4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

*Always remembered and never forgotten by his  
loving wife Mary, John, Eda, Michael, Susan,  
Peter, Siobhán and grandchildren. xxx*  
**Anniversary Mass – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September,  
12.15pm**

### Medjugorje Mass

**Schedule: September – December**

St Mary's Church, Lucan

**Rosary: 5.45pm,  
Holy Mass: 6.15pm**



**13<sup>th</sup> September**

11<sup>th</sup> October  
15<sup>th</sup> November  
13<sup>th</sup> December

**To reserve a seat:  
Call Pat at 087 223 8911**

Mass also live at [lucanparish.com](http://lucanparish.com)



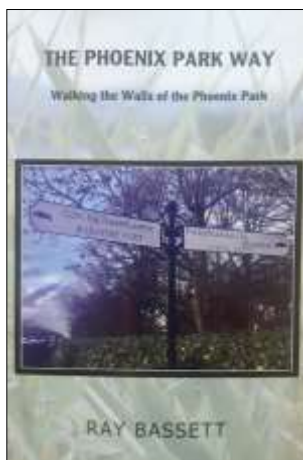
**Back after the break!** We're back after our 3 week sojourn, bright and bushy-tailed, and looking forward to hearing from our readers – let us know how summer was for you in these strange times!



**Our Wildlife!** We spotted this new creation on the box beside the pedestrian lights beside AIB carpark. The previous painting had been defaced, but it's lovely to see this colourful offering. Olan Song is the signature at the bottom – Well done!

### **The Phoenix Park Way**

by Ray Bassett, might be of interest as it describes a journey around the 11km of the Park walls and surrounding villages. Ray, who is a former Irish Ambassador to Canada, Jamaica and Bahamas, grew up in the area, and has now put his memories in a book.



**Some great sporting moments** over the summer, with the Tokyo Olympics, to be followed by the Para Olympics.

**On the GAA front, Limerick** took *Liam McCarthy* home with them, while we must wait to see where *Sam* will go this year.

**The Dubs Ladies** are still flying the flag for the county, and will shortly face Meath in this year's final. Fingers crossed!

All good things come to an end, and while we were sorry to see the Dubs Men lose out, we are confident they will be back. One thing for sure is that we'll be waiting a long time for someone else to break their 6 in a row record!

**Chestnuts galore!** If you remember last year, Chestnuts were very scarce in Lucan – the branches devoid of their fruits. Not so in 2021 where there appears to be an abundance of future Conkers!

**The *Smeara Dubha*** look to be plentiful as well. “*Ag Bailiú Smeara Dubha*” was always the title of the first essay given for homework in Primary School long, long ago!



**Young Cuchulainn** took up residence on the Black Avenue at St. Catherines, just in time for Heritage Week. It is a fine wood sculpture – make sure to bring the kids up to see it.

Wonder which club he plays for!



## All eyes are on Rome...

This week the eyes of the world are focused on Rome. An unprecedented number of journalists from all parts of the world have converged there as Pope Francis convenes a summit of leaders of the Episcopal Conferences from around the world. All kinds of experts and pundits on child abuse have converged as bishops and cardinals assemble for what will undoubtedly be an important moment in church history. Pope Francis will speak twice at the meeting giving both the opening and closing address. Among the other speakers are Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila in the Philippines, Cardinal Rubén Salazar Gómez of Bogotá in Colombia, Cardinal Oswald Gracias of Mumbai in India, Cardinal Reinhard Marx of Munich in Germany, and Cardinal Blaise Cupich of Chicago – it could double as a list of possible future Popes when Pope Francis is called to God.

Archbishop Charles Scicluna of Malta is a leading expert in the field. At a press conference in Rome on Monday last, he stated that a primary aim of the meeting was to end the culture of denial that has dogged the whole issue, and to put an end to “complicity whether criminal or malicious, in all its forms.”

What goes without saying is that the time for words has passed, action is now demanded if the church is to retain some modicum of credibility. This has to include a genuine “zero tolerance” policy regarding the crime of the sexual abuse of a minor ie. permanent removal from ministry for even one substantiated accusation. This “zero tolerance” must also extend to the cover up of such crimes of abuse, this doesn’t mean the quiet stepping down of a bishop found guilty of such a cover up but the application of the same penalty as incurred by the abuser – removal from the clerical state.

It is clear that too many young lives have been blighted by the scourge of the sexual abuse of minors at the hands of those trusted as shepherds, this Roman meeting has to be a real turning point when a new mind-set puts the safety of children above all else, in a church where all clerical office is subservient to this primary consideration.

This meeting won’t be judged on the quality of its speakers or the voluminous handouts to the world media who have gathered, but rather by a

much simpler yardstick – one given us by Jesus himself: “By their fruits you shall know them.” (Matthew 7:16)

Let’s invoke the Holy Spirit to guide and direct all who gather this week, so much depends on it. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

*Fr. Philip Curran*



### Church of Ireland Parish Centre

at  
**St Andrew's Church,  
Main Street, Lucan**

We have a few vacant times in our main sports hall if you or your organisation would be interested in renting.

Monday Afternoon between 12:30 & 17:30

Tuesday Afternoon between 12:30 and 15:30

Tuesday Evening from 18:00

We offer competitive hourly rates to Adult and Youth Groups.

There are also vacant slots in our General Purpose Room which is suitable for smaller groups or meetings.

#### **Please contact**

[leixlipunionparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:leixlipunionparishoffice@gmail.com) for more information



**CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR  
OLDER PEOPLE**

**0818 222 024**

We manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

August did not turn out to be a particularly great month weather wise. I had to turn on the central heating a couple of nights! Our photographers were stymied on a couple of Friday mornings when they had to cancel their “field trips” because of the weather.

Two interesting ones this week are the photo of Frances's nephew on bee keeping duties, and the photo of the “Southern Cross” monument on Portmarnock Strand which was erected in 1999. The work was a collaboration between the artists Remoe De Fouw and Rachel Joynt and their title of this work is “Eccentric Orbit”

I didn't know that Portmarnock strand played an important role in the history of aviation. On 24th June 1930 this beach, known as the Velvet Strand, was used as a runway for the final leg of the first successful East-West circumnavigation of the earth by aircraft.

After a flight from Portmarnock lasting about 32 hours the ‘Southern Cross’ aircraft (*pictured below*), a Fokker F.VII/3m monoplane, piloted by Australian Charles Kingsford Smith landed at Harbour Grace, Newfoundland. The “Southern Cross” then continued to Oakland, California, from where the journey had begun on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1928!





*Till next week stay safe!*





## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

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**February 2022 mid-term break:** Primary schools close for 2 days, on Thursday 24 February 2022 and Friday 25 February 2022. Primary schools may use 3 discretionary days to extend this to a 5-day break starting on Monday 21 February 2022 unless they need these days to make up for time lost due to unforeseen school closures.

Post-primary schools close for a week, from Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022 inclusive, unless changes are needed to make up for time lost due to unforeseen school closures.

If a post-primary school needs to make up such time, it may shorten the mid-term break by staying open up to and including Wednesday 23 February 2022.

**Easter 2022:** All schools close on Friday 8 April 2022, which is the final day of the school term, unless changes are needed to make up for time lost due to unforeseen school closures. If a school needs to make up such time, it may shorten the Easter break by staying open up to and including Wednesday 13 April 2022.

All schools re-open on Monday 25 April 2022

## POLITICAL NOTES

**Cllr. Liona O'Toole Independent**

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[lotoole@cllr.s.dublincoco.ie](mailto:lotoole@cllr.s.dublincoco.ie)

**County Development Plan Public**

**Consultation:** The draft plan is currently on display and the public are invited to make a submission, deadline 15<sup>th</sup> September. I am available to discuss any aspects of the plan and policies that relates to the Lucan area. The following policy is included: *COS11 Objective 8 To prepare a feasibility study for the development of Arts and Culture infrastructure within the County, taking account of transport links.* (page 323 of draft plan). My original motion on this was specific to Lucan, as other councillors submitted similar motions this is the one that was agreed. Its up to you the public to make observations on the draft plan as they will form part of my motions which I will be submitting at the next stage. I will publish more policies over the next few weeks. Link to making a submission: <https://consult.s.dublincoco.ie/en/consultation/draft-south-dublin-county-development-plan-2022-2028>

## SDCC Library Events

**Sustainable Energy Communities Information Seminar - Wednesday Sept 15, 6pm**

Find out about sustainable energy solutions for homes, schools, businesses and communities at this free online workshop!

This workshop will explain how Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) can help the citizens of South Dublin County identify sustainable energy solutions in our homes, schools, businesses, and communities. In this workshop you will hear from South Dublin County mentor Raoul Empey who will give an overview of setting up an SEC and there will be plenty of opportunities to network and ask questions. The workshop will be held online using Zoom. You can book your place here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sustainable-energy-communities-information-seminar-tickets-166969711903>

**Decade of Centenaries Lecture Series 2021  
Commandant Daniel Ayiotis – Officer-in-Charge of the Military Archive.**

The Bureau of Military History: origins and overviews of the collection.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm.

Zoom Event.

Book at [www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](http://www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie)

### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Departs 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dublin to Mostar, Mostar Airport is only 30 minutes from Medjugorje

**7 nights:** €695 pps (insurance included)

**9 nights:** €755 pps (insurance included)

Terms and conditions apply  
Professional Guide – Spiritual Director  
Tour Operator: Marian Pilgrimages –  
Fully Bonded – Fully Licensed

**Contact: Pat 087 2238911**

Departing and returning tests required in absence of Covid passport. **Pilgrims must arrange and pay for those tests separately.**

A Covid test centre has been opened beside the First Aid Centre in Medjugorje to facilitate people needing a test before returning home.

For more information regarding Pilgrimages and Monthly Medjugorje Mass visit facebook page: Medjugorje Mass Lucan

## The Retreat

Another event that was very special to village life was the annual retreat. The retreat lasted for two weeks, the first week for the women of the parish, the second for the men. Mass was at 6am and the evening sermon at 8pm.

One never knew in advance the subject matter of the following night, with one exception, the night the sermon was to be on 'company keeping'. With that subject you were given prior notice.

As Lucan was a very rural area in those days, most of the courting was done in gateways, which at the time were very numerous around the village. Prior to the opening of the retreat it was not uncommon for Fr. Hooke and the Missioner to do a walk around the known courting posts late at evening. I recall this advice being handed down from the pulpit from a Jesuit Missioner during his sermon on company keeping, "Men, if you have to do your courting in gateways, the correct position to adapt for this purpose is for the man to stand on one side of the gate and the young lady to stand on the other side, and on no account should the man allow the raging lion out of his cage!"

The missions were usually given by the Jesuits or the Dominicans. They used different techniques to spell out their message. The Dominicans would pace up and down in front of the altar as they delivered their sermon, the Jesuits would deliver their sermons from the pulpit. The Jesuits were well known for their fire and brimstone sermons, and they had their audience trembling in their seats. Their last dramatic gesture would be to thump the cushion that covered the top of the pulpit. What the Missioner was not aware of was that Little Joe who cleaned the church was unable to reach up that high to clean the cushion and the result was that at the dramatic climax of his sermon, the Missioner was enveloped in a cloud of dust, which caused him to break into a fit of coughing and sneezing, and the sermon somewhat lost the impact the Missioner had been building up to.

*From Some Lucan Memories by Kevin Murray 1929 – 1995*

## How times change .....

Kevin was the son of the Village Blacksmith, Jack Murray.

He virtually grew up in the forge which was at the side of the present Courtneys Pub, and had a wonderful knowledge of all people and all things local.



**Some Lucan Memories** published posthumously, tell of a Lucan from another era, and in the book, Kevin brings out the humour in potentially very comical instances, though they were far from funny back in the day!

The memories are from a time when people 'knew their place' in society, when the church and the long arm of the law were in charge!

And people didn't really mind – it was the norm back then!

It's often said that looking back is a different country!

*How true!*

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## SDCC History & Heritage

### Palmerstown Heritage – Hugh O'Connor Memorial Walk

**Saturday 4th September 2pm**

Starting at St. Philomena's Church, Old Lucan Road in Palmerstown at 2pm.

Join us for a heritage walk around Palmerstown Village and Mill Lane.

Led by Tomás Maher.

**Booking on**

palmerstownlibrarydigitalhub.eventbrite.ie or 01-467890







## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



During the Newsletter summer break, the Junior A Ladies Football team won the Junior F Championship, the Junior Bs were runners up in the Junior H Championship, Intermediate Camogie captured the Adult Intermediate Cup, Our U14 girls did the league double by winning the Ladies Football U14 Division 1 final, and on Sunday last our Junior A Hurlers (pictured) beat Skerries Harps to win the Go-Ahead Adult Hurling League 5. Congratulations to all!!



newly renovated lounge. The atmosphere was buzzing with conversation. It was like the geriatric equivalent of a teenage disco, but without the females, until the arrival of the successful Intermediate Camogie team, fresh from their Cup success. Some 40 members enjoyed a night of conversation that was so long overdue. Having spent the last 18 months or so self-isolating or cocooning the delight in just meeting face to face was palpable. The delight for some was enhanced with three lotto lucky dip prize winners among those gathered. The work of the clubs volunteers in renovating the club was universally praised, while many felt it was now one of the best locations in Lucan to socialise. We really look forward to a repeat event.

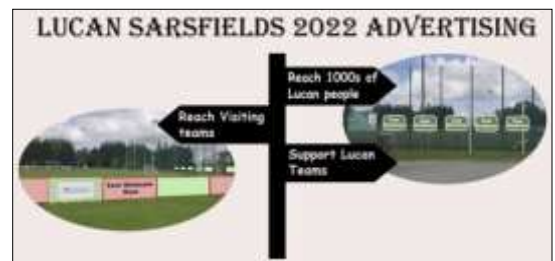


**The club Senior Hurling Championship** gets underway on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> when Lucan take on Setanta at 2pm in O'Toole Park. The same venue and time on the following Sunday (Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>) will see our Senior Footballers face St Judes in round 1 of the football championship.

**Well done** to John O'Connell and the Dublin Minor Camogie team on reaching the Tesco All-Ireland Camogie Semi-Finals, and to our six representatives, Millie Reid, Sinead Daly, Phoebe Shannon, Hannah Gibbs, Clíodhna Ní Bhuachalla, and Sophie McIntyre. The Semi Final against Cork takes place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

**Lucan Sarsfields Social Initiative.** It was like the cattle being released from their winter sheds to fresh grass, such was the enthusiasm of members of Lucan Sarsfields Social Initiative to their gathering on Thursday evening 12 August, 2021. Some arrived early keen to avail of the fresh grass (or pints), others came for Jackie Foleys sambo's and cocktail sausages. Seaghan O'Lanagain spoke to those assembled on the 10th anniversary of the Mary McAlease founded initiative and on how this was their first gathering since their visit to Kenmare almost two years ago while Chairman Colm Farrell welcomed all to our

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**Lucan Sarsfields Golf Society.** The Golf Society's next outing is Jack Butler's Captain's Day in the wonderful Luttrellstown Golf Club on Saturday 28th August 2021. Great prizes for best scores, longest drive, nearest the pin, 2's club and past Captains. Dinner / presentation is deferred until our Millicent outing on 25th September 2021, - covid protocols permitting, to book please contact/text Jack Butler on 087 258 2780 or Seamus Fagan on 086 816 8984. Thanks for your great support and happy golfing!

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## LUCAN SARSFIELDS *cont'd.*

**A reminder to all members** who enjoy our clubs facilities that they must sign in on arrival. Non-members must also provide contact details and be signed in by a member.

**The LDCU Academy** returns on Saturday 4 September for boys and girls aged between 4 and 7. See our website for booking details.



**12<sup>th</sup> Lock Café** is open from 6pm-8pm weekdays and Saturday 9am-2pm when training is taking place.

**The Club Shop** is open Thursdays 7-9pm and Saturdays (from September 4<sup>th</sup>) 10am to 1pm.

### Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €13,400

There was no winner of the Club Lotto Jackpot of €13,000 held on August 19, 2021. The numbers drawn were: **8, 9, 15, 24.**



### The Lucky Dip winners of €30

each: Claire Joyce, Darragh Ryan, Tony Rigney, PJ Finnerty, TNG. The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August, is **€13,400**, and is sponsored by: **Newcastle Golf Centre**. The draw managed by Josephine Donohue, will be held in the Club house, at 9pm and live streamed on our Facebook page. Tickets can be purchased via the website, ClubForce APP or at the following link:

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

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

## Esker Celtic FC

We are desperately seeking more volunteers and persons to help out with our Academy and underage sides, as we do not have the numbers at present to accommodate all the kids.



If anybody is interested in coming down and helping out - even if it is only for an hour or two a week, they would be very welcome. Volunteers will receive full guidance and support from the club.

Anyone who is interested can either contact Aron Hegarty, Communications Officer, on 087 1131778, or Garrett O'Donnell, Head of the Academy and Football Committee, on 087 400 7293. [www.eskerceltic.ie](http://www.eskerceltic.ie)



## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

### Foireann Iomána (A)



Bhí mí-ádh ar an gcéad fhoireann iománaíochta i gcluiche cheannais na sraithe maidin Dé Domhnaigh i gcoinne Thomás Dáibhís i bPáirc Chaitríona. I gcluiche a bhí an-iomaíocht ó thús go deireadh, ní raibh níos mó ná scór nó dhó

idir na foirne ag aon am. Tar éis chéad leath láidir bhí na Gaeil Óga dhá chúilín chun tosaigh ag leath ama, le scóranna ó imreoirí éagsúla, Killian Everard agus Conleth McGrenaghan ina measc. Ag tarraingt ar an dara sos uisce áfach, bhí na foirne ar ais ar chomhscór. Fuair Tomás Dáibhís cúl go luath sa cheathrú deiridh agus, ina dhiadh sin, bhí síad in ann bearna cúpla cúilín a choiméad idir na foirne go dtí an deireadh. D'imir Tadhg Mac Liam agus Steve Ó Donnacha an-mhaith do Na Gaeil Óga. Tá moladh mór ag dul do na himreoirí ar fad as iarracht den scoth!

### Cluichí na Seachtaine Foirne Fásta

Camogie, Cluain Tarbh, Cluain Tarbh, 31 Lúnasa 19:00

### Faoi Aois

Buachaillí F13 – Peil, Raibíní Fhine Gall, Rolestown, 28 Lúnasa 14:00

Buachaillí F12 – Peil, Naomh Mearnóg, Páirc Naomh Chaitríona, 28 Lúnasa 12:15

Buachaillí F11 – Peil, Baile Buadain Naomh Éanna, Ballycullen, 28 Lúnasa 10:00

Buachaillí F10 – Peil, St Kevins / Killian, Kingswood, 28 Lúnasa 10:00

Buachaillí F9 – Peil, Gaeil Naomh Shéamais/ An Caisleán Iveagh Grounds, 28 Lúnasa 10:00

Buachaillí F8 – Peil, Westmanstown Gaels, Ionad Spórt Westmanstown, 28 Lúnasa 11:00

Cailíní F8 – Peil, Scoil Uí Chonaill, Páirc an Fhionnuisce, 29 Lúnasa 10:00

Cailíní F10 - Peil Ciceam Bhaile Munna, Páirc an Fhionnuisce, 28 Lúnasa 12:00

Cailíní F12 - Peil Naomh Breandán Páirc an Fhionnuisce, 28 Lúnasa 13:00

Buachaillí F12 – Iomáint, Naomh Mearnóg, Páirc Naomh Caitríona 26 Lúnasa 19:00



## LUCAN GOLF

### Junior Girls Inter Club Championship 2021 Lucan Junior Girls reach Leinster Regional Final

Lucan Golf Club can be so proud of their Junior Girls Team following their performance in the Irish Junior Girls Inter Club Championship at Tulfarris Golf Club this week.



The Panel of Ellie Haran, Abigail McSweeney, Aoife Hession, Isabel Cuffe and Lauren Walsh. The team was managed by Mairead Hill with the assistance of Mary Kyne.

Their journey began on 12<sup>th</sup> July when they defeated neighbours Hermitage in the Preliminary Round. Next up we headed to Tulfarris for the Leinster South Regional Finals

Our first match was against The Castle Golf Club which was played on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Having defeated Castle in the morning the team went on to beat Elm Park in the afternoon despite some difficult weather conditions.

On Thursday morning the team faced Dun Laoghaire in the semi-final and once again were victorious. Our run of success came to an end in the afternoon when we were narrowly defeated by a strong Co Louth Team.

The Lady Captain would like to thank all the members who came out to support the girls.

## Westmanstown Bowling Club

Congratulations to Westmanstown Bowling Club Members Emily Slevin, Noel Ward, Paul Hegarty and Brendan Quinn who are now fully-fledged members of the world's biggest bowls club- the Bowls International Hotshots Club.

The Club was launched more than 30 years ago to reward players for achieving a maximum score on one end of competitive pairs, triples or fours. The latest Hot Shots international listings can be found at [www.bowlsinternational.com](http://www.bowlsinternational.com)

The achievement arises from a Vets 3 match against Clontarf, at the Clontarf Bowling Club on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 where the team scored a maximum of 8 shots in a single end.

Emily, Noel, Paul and Brendan received congratulations from 15 times World Champion and legend of the game Tony Hancock, MBE, along with Hot Shots Certificates and Silver Badges.

Their names will be included within the exclusive Hot Shots Club supplement in the September issue of Bowls International magazine, and will also appear in the website for approximately

one month.

Well done to all involved and it's another incentive for "new and old" Westmanstown Club members to be added to the List of many previous Hot Shots winners.



## The Laundry Hole

A little gem hidden well away from the public is The Laundry Hole – a place frequented by local fishermen – along the Liffey behind the boys’ school.

The name arises because St. Edmundsbury Hospital had a Laundry House along here, to which water from the river was pumped. A horse and cart would bring the dirty laundry from the hospital, where it would be washed in Liffey water. Some ruins remain including the gully along which the water ran to the laundry house.



**Jackie Byrne** with one of the last fish he caught along here, before he died at the age of 84, in 1998.

Jackie often recalled that when work was undertaken on the dam at Leixlip in 1947, dirt from the construction floated downstream, leaving the Liffey with very few fish for nearly three years.

*Below:* Old friends, Jackie Byrne and Big Jim Connolly take a break.

## Lucan Trout and Salmon Anglers

are a well-established group of fishermen, with the fishing rights along here.

Local fishermen associated with the club in the old days were Sean Nolan, Larry O’Neill, Kevin Whelan, Denis Byrne Senior, Big Jim Connolly, Sean Poynton, Mick Clinton Senior, Mick Clinton Junior, Jamesie Bennett and John Archibold.

No doubt, they could have had many a fishy tale!

*Photos courtesy Triona Walsh*

