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ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Who would believe that another Christmas is upon us with many Covid restrictions still in place?

For SVP, this means still no house visits, still no opportunities to have a chat and offer words of encouragement to our clients, still sending out much needed vouchers by post.



Regardless of restrictions, Christmas, as always, brings stress to families in many, different ways, not least ensuring that there is food on the table. As the season approaches, we receive many additional requests for help to make Christmas a happy time for families, particularly for the children. We rely on your generosity to achieve this goal.

Without our monthly collections at Mass, our funds are very much reduced. We thank those of you who have continued to contribute during the past year by leaving donations in the Sacristy, or by contributing online.

This year, the national Christmas appeal takes place at all Masses this weekend, 11th/12th of December.

Since not everyone will be at Mass as normal, donations can also be left at the Sacristy at any stage.

We wish you and your families God's blessings, peace and good health this Christmas and always.

*St. Vincent de Paul,
Lucan*



PLEASE NOTE:

The Tap & Go System at St. Mary's Church is not to be used for special collections, eg St. Vincent de Paul. This collection will take place in the Church itself.

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

www.citizensinformation.ie

The old 0761 numbers will remain operational in tandem with 0818 until **31 December 2021**. However, from 1 January 2022, **only the 0818 numbers will connect you to the relevant service.**



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 within 2 working days. Or you can email your query to us at dscis@citinfo.ie and someone will reply.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS) 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 twenty years. MABS Clondalkin phone 0818 07 2270 or email clondalkin@mabs.ie

Helplines

Mental Health and Wellbeing Information for children and Young People - this is a website gov.ie - Minding your mood (www.gov.ie) and has information on supports available.

Fire Safety at Christmas

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/dublin-fire-brigade/fire-prevention-and-community-fire-safety/fire-safety-home/fire-safety-tips-christmas-time>

This website has advice and tips on how to avoid fires at home this Christmas, including having your chimney cleaned and ensuring that you have an adequate supply of batteries and never be tempted to remove batteries from smoke or carbon monoxide alarms.

New online system for landlords registering

tenancies: On 15 November 2021, the Residential Tenancies Board's new tenancy registration system went live. Landlords need to create an RTB online account before they can register a tenancy. The RTB has information about how to set-up a new online account and register a tenancy.

Rent Supplement and domestic violence: The special access to Rent Supplement for victims of domestic violence which was due to end on 31 December 2021 will be in place permanently.

CRU protections for vulnerable customers:

The Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) has written to energy suppliers to reinforce the importance of protecting vulnerable customers this Winter. They are also launching a new winter communications campaign to ensure that customers are aware of their rights.

Annual moratorium on gas and electricity

disconnections: The networks (ESB Networks and Gas Networks Ireland) annual Christmas moratorium on gas and electricity disconnections will run from 9 December 2021 to 11 January 2022.



PLEASE NOTE:

Lucan Newsletter Office is **NOT OPEN** 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

Sport / Politics
roselucannewsletter@gmail.com

Parish Notes / Fund Raising
annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

Anniversaries etc / Advertising Queries
catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com

Our Christmas Issue

Next Sunday, 19th
December, will see our
Christmas Edition.



The first issue for 2022, will be for
January, 9th.

Hillcrest Residents Association inc. Beaumont Cottages, Newcastle Road and Dodsboro Road.

We are very happy to see the initial results of our recent deputation meeting with SDCC who have installed additional litter bins in our neighbourhood and commenced the tree stump removal programme.

We continue to monitor and liaise with their Environment Department regarding littering problems throughout the estate, including a recent incident which may result in a fine or prosecution.

We also look forward to seeing more commitments given at our meeting being realised in the foreseeable future.

We are very grateful for subscriptions lodged directly, or via our Committee members, to our account at Lucan Credit Union, which continues to accept lodgements from those who wish to renew their membership.

Rita O'Brien, Secretary
hralucan@gmail.com



Christmas Cards for Sale

In St Mary's Parish Centre
in aid of

The Peter McVerry Trust

Pack (assorted designs) of 12 - €5

NAGARHOPE

€5 for Pack of 12 –
Six beautiful designs.

Also available from
191 Beech Park or contact 087-0666891



Also available

Christmas Novena Masses

€6 - Proceeds go to the Student Priests.

Palmerstown Camera Club



As the festive season is upon us Palmerstown Camera Club is hosting its annual Mince Pie night next Wed the 15th of Dec, it is a quiz night for all its members, and it is just a bit of fun.

Last week we were treated to some presentations from our club members. The presentations were on various projects that they have worked on and achievements they have gained over the years. And it was great to see a wide array of images from them on the night.



A few weeks back we had our People's competition and some super shots from our photographers. Above, we have one of the winning images from Ojesvi Rao who won with her image titled "Walk" in the novice colour category.

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@gmail.com

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls of *Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada N.S.* who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday 11th December.

Hope you all have a lovely day and please keep them all in your prayers.

Christmas 2021

Given the current public health guidelines, the following restrictions will govern our Christmas celebrations at St Mary's

A maximum of **450** people will be admitted to all Masses – the doors of the church will be closed when this number has been reached.

Entry will be on a first-come basis.

Mass Times as follows:

Christmas Eve: 6pm, 8pm and 10pm

Christmas Day: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon

There will be **NO** evening Mass on Christmas Day

Children who are in 3rd Class and above are requested to wear face masks while attending, as are all others.

We propose to distribute **Holy Communion directly after the 12 noon Mass on Christmas Day** for those who are nervous about attending Mass because of the covid crisis or for those who may have been unsuccessful in attending because max attendance had been reached.

Please note that Sunday Obligation remains suspended in these Covid times.

To assist with the regulation of numbers Stewards will be required at the start of all Masses.

If you would be willing to help, please contact Deirdre in the Parish Office 01- 6217041 or by email at secretary@lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

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

Notice: If you have a Sunday Mass booked please ring Sacristy to confirm time.
Ph. 01 6281487.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Important: We need to remember that Covid is still very much with us. We must continue to **wear face coverings in the church and use the hand sanitizer on the way in.**

For all Masses, please **enter the Church via the Main Door and exit via the other 2 doors.**

Those in the **benches** please go out through the **back porch door** and those in the **chairs** please exit via the **side door beside the nuns' chapel.** **No exit via Main Porch Door.**

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

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel: After Saturday Morning 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Baptisms: Dates are bookable online to the end of January 2022. Dates will be added as the need arises. If you need to cancel a booking contact: secretary@lucanparish.com

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

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of *Con O'Brien*, Ballydowd Grove.

May he rest in peace.



Please note: The Tap and Go System is not to be used for special collections, e.g. St Vincent De Paul. These collections will take place in the Church itself.

Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan

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

13th December

Mass also live at lucanparish.com



Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

Important: We need to be diligent in continuing with the **wearing of face coverings and hand sanitising upon entering the church.**

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net



**Exposition of the
Most Blessed Sacrament
Friday December
10th, 17th 2021
10am -10 pm**

Please come and join us even for a short while on these special days to prepare for the birth of Our Divine Saviour and as a gift

to Jesus for His Birthday.

If you wish to volunteer for one hour on any of these days please phone 014572900 or 0862209634. There will be Scriptural Reading, Holy Rosary, Silent Adoration and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Advent Food Bank Appeal:

The parish food bank accepts donations of non-perishable food in the plastic containers inside the Church doors and each week delivers this food to the many families in need of assistance.

We are asking our parish to make an extra effort this Advent to support the food bank so we can share the life giving gift of food with those who are in need. Consider including some treats along with the staple foods so we can put more smiles on faces this Advent season.

We have no cold storage so we ask you donate non-perishable food.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Penitential Service and Confessions

Tuesday 21st December

Starting with Reflection at 7.30pm



St. Patrick's Esker/ Doddsboro/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

We must continue to **wear face coverings in the church and use the hand sanitizer on the way in.**

St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

Sunday 10am. Wednesday:10am

St Mary's, Leixlip:

Sunday:11.30am. Tuesday: 10am

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

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship: 11am.

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

Services will be streamed online and available on Youtube



Anam Cara South Dublin, the

organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its

monthly **Parent Evening for Bereaved parents** on **Monday 13th December** at **7:20pm** 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.

(Subject to change in accordance with government guidelines).

Acknowledgement

FARMER (MADGE)

A heartfelt thank you to all our relatives, neighbours and friends and everyone who knew our Mam for all the love and kindness that has been shown to our family.

Mam lived in Lucan for over 60 years and loved Lucan Village and all the people she met over the years.

To Lucan Village Pharmacy, Fiona, Nessa and staff, The Medical Centre, Dr Lombard, Dr Denise Collins and all the staff. It meant a lot the care and kindness that was always given to our Mam will never be forgotten.

Madge loved to drop into Lynch's which is now Centra and have a chat with Tommy and the staff. In Kenny's she was always given a warm welcome by John and Gerry and the best lamb chops were always served up to her in Collins Butchers by Niall, Margaret and staff.

Our Mam was given an amazing send off by the people of Lucan and Kennys provided a beautiful amount of refreshments and food after Mam's Funeral Service.

Cunninghams, Home Instead Agency and Lucan Lodge – there are no words to thank you.

Our Mam's month's mind Mass will be on 11th December at 6.30pm in St Mary's.

God Bless you all. Linda, Mick and David Farmer.



Anniversaries

DAWSON (JOE) - 38th Anniversary

DAWSON (NANCY) - 12th Anniversary

No matter how life changes, no matter what we do
A special place within our hearts,
Will always be kept for you both.

Lovingly remembered by Janet, Lorraine and family

DUNNE (NOELIE)

11th Anniversary – 14th December

70th Birthday – 9th December

A Lucan legend, a cherished husband
A devoted dad, an adored grandad and friend to many.
11 years away from home.

Missed dearly, from all the family

McCABE (ELIZABETH - BETTY)

24th Anniversary 2nd December

Late of Sarsfield Park.

Sadly missed and loved always by Catherine, Robert, Anne, Eileen and their families

FALLON (BERNARD)

4th Anniversary – 7th December

Time slips by and life goes on
But from our hearts you're never gone
We think about you always,
We talk about you too

We have so many memories
But we wish we still had you

*Sadly missed and loved by your wife Betty,
daughters Catherine, Liz and Mary and son Gabriel,
grandchildren and great grandchildren*



MILLER (JIM)

10th Anniversary - 7th December

Formerly of Chalet Gardens and Arles, Co. Laois.

Sunshine passes, shadows fall

Love's remembrance outlasts all

And though the years be many or few

They are filled with remembrance of you.

*Loved and missed always by your loving wife Peig,
sons Ciarán and Seamus, daughters-in-law Suzanne
and Simone and all your extended family*

O'BRIEN (MARY)

4th Anniversary – 14th December

Late of A.G.P.

A shadow walks beside us

Forever by our side

Always there to guide us

Ever since you died

You're not just a memory

Or part of the past

You're someone to remember

As long as life lasts

Love from your husband Martin

Mam

The gates of Heaven opened wide

The angels lined up side by side

A beautiful guest was on her way

The day God took our loved mother away

Love Mark, Regina, Tracey and Ian

May the wind of Heaven blow softly

And whisper in your ear

How much we love and miss you

And wish that you were here.

*From your loving son Darren, daughter-in-law Olive,
grandchildren Elliot and Isabelle and great
grandson Billy*

Also my grandmother, **Patricia O'Brien**, whose 40th
Anniversary occurs on 17th December.

The saddest day and saddest anniversary

Though you are no longer here, you never left

*Always in our hearts and minds Roy, Elaine, Sam, Mya,
Layla, Noah and Isaac.*

Nanny and Great Nanny

A smile can hide sadness, a tear can be wiped away

But the heartache of losing you Nanny

Will never go away, miss you so much

Love from your grandchildren and great-grandchildren

I will not grieve forever **Mary**

Nor would you want me to

My memories surround me

A word someone might say

Will suddenly recapture

"A time an hour or a day"

That brings you back as clearly

As though you were still here

And if I keep those memories

We will never be apart

And you will live forever

Locked safely in my heart

Love and miss you always

Sleep tight Kiddo - Phyllis xx



Blow, Blow thou Winter wind

Storm Barra certainly kept us all interested for a couple of days this past week. Apart from the schools being closed, we were not too badly affected in Lucan. Spare a thought for those on our western and southern

seaboards, who were without power for a couple of days, and also had to deal with flooding.

Wonder how long it will be before **Storm Corrie** comes our way!

Don't forget! Next week's issue, Sunday 19th December, will be our Christmas Newsletter. We will then take a two-week break, and be back in 2022!



Lucan Planning Council

Lucan Planning council finally had its first meeting this week since Covid-19 disrupted all local activities in March 2020. Several new members have come on board, a very welcome addition to L.P.C with so much now happening in the area.

The following make up the main committee: Chairman – Joe Byrne, Secretary – Caitriona McLean, Planning Officer – Justin Byrne, Transport Officer – Tom Newton, Community Liaison Officer – Áine Byrne, Technical Officer – Dylan Feeney.

L.P.C. will hold a public meeting on Saturday December 18th on the Green outside Spar, Dodsboro, at 11.30am, to discuss possible ways of having the **former 25 and 239 Bus Routes** restored. Support from our politicians and especially bus users will be vital here.



Copies of our Plan for Lucan Village Traffic which would retain all the existing parking space in the village are being sent to the local politicians and South Dublin Council. The Plan would allow 2-way traffic between the Village Green and the Methodist Church. This would cut out the congestion caused by parked cars reversing out on Main Street.

Joe Byrne, Lucan Planning Council.



The First Text Message: Did you know that the first text message was sent on 3 December 1992, English software developer Neil Papworth sent his boss the first commercial Short Message Service (SMS) text message 'Merry Christmas' using a personal computer.

Please Note: Some items have been held over for next week's issue.

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



SOCIETY FOR OLD LUCAN (SOL)

SOL is the **local history group** for Lucan; open to everyone. Free to join - email

OldLucan@gmail.com.

Facebook group; “*Society for Old Lucan (SOL)*” &

Twitter: @Soc4OldLucan.

Website: <https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/>



Our last update was in September and now we're nearly at year-end, hard to believe! We in the committee have been involved in a lot of behind-the-scenes work (lobbying, meetings, queries, and research) so we've quite a bit to report on.

ADOPT A MONUMENT: ST. FINIAN'S MEDIEVAL CHURCH & GRAVEYARD

Have you visited St. Finian's recently? It's looking so much better since it's been cleansed of graffiti (apart from two small pieces that we think were missed and will report to SDCC) and new stones laid in the nave and chancel area.

Elaine Hurley & Helen Farrell (SOL Committee) met David Fennell in SDCC this week to finalise edits to the signage wording for the site. The interpretive sign is due to be installed around the end of January, with an excellent sitemap designed by Jonathan Cully that will educate visitors about the history and archaeology of St. Finian's.

We are awaiting the results of the biodiversity study carried out in September by SDCC and we will share this report with you once we receive it; SDCC told us that it's expected before Christmas.

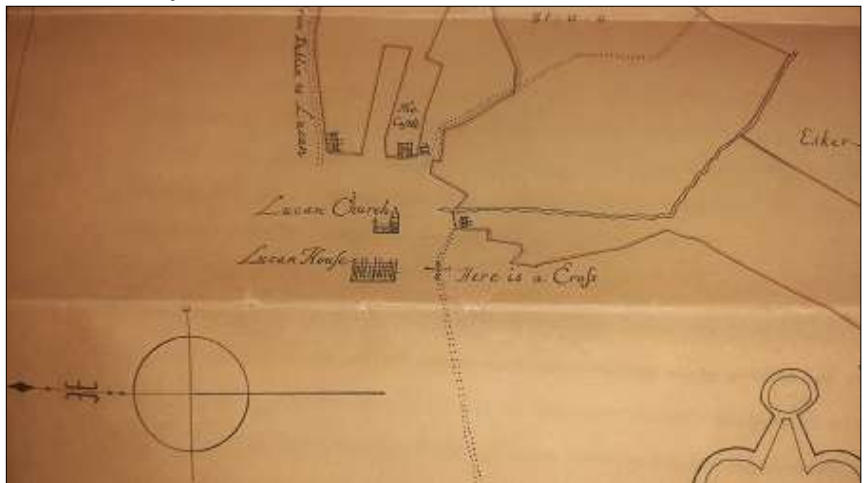
We can report that work on King John's bridge to strengthen and repoint the structure with appropriate lime-mortar has finished up. This was part of the SDCC project “Have your say” back in 2017.

Although the bridge is now far more robust, we would love, in time, to see the central arch restored in full to how it was in the 1980's.

RESEARCH UPDATE: MEDIEVAL GRAVEYARD OF BLESSED VIRGIN – LUCAN VILLAGE

You may have seen my update on our Facebook page about using a new photographic technique called RTI (Reflective Transformation Imaging)

on the possible medieval cross-base in the medieval graveyard in the village. View it on YouTube here: https://youtu.be/D7N_09lg9AQ I recently accessed some previously unpublished maps in the National Library manuscript room, both of Esker and Lucan, and I'm currently looking at these with a view to investigating what happened to the cross, mentioned on the 1699 map of Pettycannon lands. The map faces East, North is to the left of the image. “Lucan Church” is the still-standing ruined medieval church, and “Lucan House” is the original Lucan House depicted in the Thomas Roberts' painting (from the late 18th century) in the National Gallery. It is very interesting to see another “Lucan Castle” marked on this map which is separate from Lucan House. It is possibly located in the area (as much as you can trust late 17th C cartography!) of the Circle K garage to the Schoolmaster's House? This is quite feasible, as the first Anglo-Norman fortifications in Lucan village may not have been located where Lucan House is now, and the Lucan-Newlands Road area to the Adamstown Road probably represents a more strategically defensible site than the flat area where Lucan House is located. The Lucan-Newlands Road, marked on the map as a double-dotted line heading to the top right of the image, travelling to Esker (now crossing the N4) is a very ancient road indeed, passing St. Finian's medieval church, which is also marked on the map (not in the photo excerpt).



Excerpt from MS 39,251/3 1699: Original and copy title deeds to the lands of Pettycannon, outside Lucan, so called because originally they belonged to the Petty Canons and Choristers of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. (National Library of Ireland). Reproduced with permission.

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The other road marked on the left of the image, is marked "Road from Dublin to Lucan" and depicts the old into Lucan down Chapel Hill. Sadly, the cartographers didn't include the Liffey on the map, which would aid with orientation. The river Griffen is depicted on the map, just above the site of the cross.

If the possible cross-base, currently in the medieval graveyard is from the same cross that is marked on the map of 1699, the rest of the cross *must* have disappeared sometime between 1699 and 1742, when the base was re-used as a grave-marker for an unknown "Mary", presumably from a socially prominent and wealthy family to be able afford a grave-marker. The remnants of the inscription describe her as "...Mary...wife.....she dyed...Yr 1742....aged 38[?]". Recent investigations using RTI photography by Stephen Callaghan and Paul Butler uncovered this elusive and fragmentary inscription, see below, as it is barely visible to the naked eye. We plan to use this method on the other gravestones that also have inscriptions that are difficult to discern, during 2022. For more information on RTI, see <http://culturalheritageimaging.org/Technologies/RTI/>



RTI image of the grave-marker of Mary [???] who died in 1742. This is inserted into what we suspect is a reused, medieval cross-base. Image: Stephen Callaghan.

But back to our missing cross; in 1837, when Samuel Lewis wrote "A History and Topography of Dublin City and County" he mentioned that "Opposite to the gate of Col. Vesey's demesne was a very ancient and splendid cross, round the site of which it is still the custom at R. C. funerals to bear the corpse previous to interment." Note the use of the past tense here. I have consulted maps of the Toll Road in Fingal's archives and other online historical maps to see if it is mentioned elsewhere, as have members of SOL, but there is no other map with the site of the cross marked, that I have found, so far.

Is it possible that the cross was incorporated into some part of Lucan Demesne? Perhaps it is even lying flat in the graveyard underfoot. Or was it removed by "the powers that be" back in the early 18th century? This period corresponds with much work on Lucan Demesne, when many of the current demesne walls were constructed by Agmondisham Vesey, the 1st. Perhaps we will never know for sure, but it merits at least, an attempt to locate it or decipher what might have happened to it.

If SOL members have feedback or suggestions on this research, please get in touch with us.

[Report from HF]

SOL 2022 CALENDARS: IT'S A WRAP!

We raised €579 from the SOL 2022 calendar sales, with your help! This money will be going towards payment for some historical displays in 2022 for open days, as well as insurance. A massive thanks to Paul Butler (SOL Committee) for organising this successful project. A huge thanks to all the members who sent in photos and particularly to Deirdre Beaugie, Kevin Naughton, Rachel Tuohy, Gerry Keane, and Elaine Hurley, whose beautiful photos were chosen. Lucan Library kindly allowed us to sell the calendar through them; thank you to the staff. Thanks also go to Lucan Newsletter for helping us promote the sales. To all the people who bought copies, we hope you enjoy it during 2022 and thank you for supporting SOL.

LOOKING FOR A DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS PRESENT IDEA?

Paul Butler's beautiful photographic prints of Lucan make a great Christmas present, so get your orders in now! All prints are 12 x 8 and mounted (11 x 14) and are ready to be framed in standard frames. Free local delivery.

There are 4 prints available, costing €15 each.

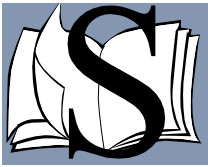
- Sunset at the Weir.
- Under the Bridge at the Weir.
- St. Finian's
- Gate Lodge (Lucan House)

We also have SOL keyrings are €3 each or 2 for €5, with St. Finian's, and the SOL logo on the back.

Free local delivery. All profits go to SOL to help with our running costs and to help run free events. If you would like to order any of these items, please contact us at OldLucan@gmail.com ASAP.

Committee: Helen Farrell (chair), Elaine Hurley, Darren Tully, Paul Butler, Jonathan Cully and Lesley Blairsdale.

Contact us: OldLucan@gmail.com



SCHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in St Joseph's with the Student Council being very busy decorating the school and erecting the Christmas tree on Friday afternoon. The Student Council are extremely busy at this time of year and at the minute they are deep in preparation for the much anticipated Student Extravaganza. The Student Extravaganza is one of the highlights of the school year in St Josephs and is a huge undertaking to organise. Well done to Ms. Banks and the Student Council for all their hard work so far and we look forward to seeing the final outcome. The excitement is starting to build and rumours suggest that the students are not the only group rehearsing but some of the teachers are also busy rehearsing for their parts in the end of term Student Extravaganza.

We would like to say a big Thank You to the Parents Association for their ongoing support and all of the initiatives and ideas that they have brought to make the school a brighter place for all students during the pandemic restrictions.

1st Year Table Quiz: The Cinnire team which are a group of 5th year students organized a fun table quiz for our 1st year students on Friday after school. This allowed the First Year students and opportunity to socially interact with each other over a fun activity in a safe way. The girls had a great time and during the quiz they enjoyed numerous treats and a delicious hot chocolate which went down a treat.

The Cinnire team act as mentors to our first year students and are friendly faces that the first year students can approach about any issues that they may be having in their first year at school. Well done to the Cinnire team for organizing the quiz and to Ms Duignan and Ms Whelan for all of their work and guidance with the Cinnire team.



6th Year Parents/ Guardians: The CAO's guide to filling out the CAO correctly and promptly has been posted on the school's website under the Parents tab, you may find the guide useful in the weeks ahead. The link to this document is also available under the LC Exam Hub section on the website or can be found in the News section on the school App.

Joey's Tidy Towns 2022 Fundraising

Calendars on Sale: Our Joeys Tidy Towns members were busy as ever sweeping up the leaves and picking up litter around our school and Lucan Village on Friday evening. This group of 45 students are made up of students from Transition Year, Fifth Year and Sixth Year. Well done to all involved who give up their free time on a Friday afternoon to keep their local environment clean and tidy. Their fundraising calendar is now available, see below for all the details on where you can get your copy.



We are delighted to have our 2022 Calendars on sale! All proceeds will go to St. Vincent De Paul & are on sale from the school and Centra, Lucan for €10.00! Our Tidy Towns students have created these calendars from their photos while out on duty! Please support if possible. Contact the school to order a calendar on stjosephslucan@gmail.com or 01-6281160. Choice of two calendars available!

Transition Year: Transition Years completed their Differential Aptitude Tests (Dats) on Monday which was conducted by the Guidance Department via zoom. Well done to all involved. A number of students in TY are involved in the Young Social Innovators programme this year. Young Social Innovators (YSI) is a non-profit organisation that empowers young people to use their talents, insights, passion and creativity to come up with innovative solutions to social challenges. On Friday the students involved attended a young social Innovators workshop to help them put their innovative ideas into action to bring about positive social change for the benefit of people, communities and the environment. This workshop was led by our local YSI leader Sara Hakim. There a total of 9 different groups this year with 38 students involved. The groups involved are No is Enough, Homelessness in Ireland, Teenage Mental Health, The Drug Problem in Ireland, Animal Cruelty, Climate Change, Eating Disorders in Ireland, Perfectly Imperfect and Gender Equality and LGBT+ equality.

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St. Joseph's College *continued*

Well done to all the groups involved and also a big thank you to Ms Keena, Ms Hodkinson, Ms Dineen and Mr Murray for all of their work with the YSI groups.

The Transition Year Group are busy getting their stands ready for the upcoming Student Enterprise Christmas Fair, the students have set up their own mini businesses selling a range of goods. They have been using marketing strategies to try to promote their businesses and taking orders over the last number weeks in preparation for the fair which will happen next week.

Camogie: Our Senior Camogie team had a great win in their final championship league match against Loreto High School Beaufort. The game was a tight affair with the girls eventually winning by a single point on a score line of 3-09 to 4-05. They now advance to the Dublin Senior Camogie semi-final as the top seeded team in the group. Well done to everyone involved and also to the coaches Mr. Kirwan and Mr. Quinn. We wish them the best of luck in the semi-final.



School Website: <https://stjosephslucan.com>

Follow us on Twitter: @STJosephs3

Enrolment 2022 St. Thomas' J.N.S. Esker, Lucan, Co. Dublin Junior Infants (2022)

*Closing date for applications
Is January 28th 2022.*



Please see our website www.stthomasjns.com for further information regarding the registration process.

Lucan Community College

Reading Week in Lucan CC: The Lucan CC English Department has sent us some

BREAKING NEWS 📢 📖 !

After a busy term, a bit of reading indulgence would be nice in the lead up to Christmas? It would also set us all up for some reading over Christmas.



Reading Week will take place next week (13th - 17th December) at Lucan CC: Details of times to follow! For now, all you need to do is pick out that book you have been dying to read and pop it into your schoolbag and let's all "cook up a storm" as we take on Reading Week next week! From all in the English Department.

Increasing Confidence with Maths: The *Forbairt* project aims to gain insight into parent/guardian attitudes to Maths, and to empower each parent/guardian to leverage their son/daughter's confidence with 1st Year Maths. The project team, 1st Year Maths, SPHE & Digital Wellbeing Teachers, along with Class Tutors, are also working with the 1st Year students to gain insight into their attitudes to Maths, and to empower each of them to leverage their own confidence with Maths.

We have created resources to help you and your son/daughter with this endeavour. There is a helpful video to show you how to get the maximum benefit from the checklist of class content, online videos, and quizzes. Remember also, the Maths Club continues "hail, rain or shine" every Thursday lunchtime!

Anti-bullying and Online Safety Webinar for Parents: Dublin City University Anti-Bullying Centre FUSE team will be hosting a FREE parents webinar for all FUSE participating schools.

This will take place on **Tuesday, December 14th from 7 pm to 8 pm**

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Lucan Community College *cont'd ...*

Girls Basketball

The under 19 Girls have reached the Semi-finals!

Congratulations to the u19 Girls Basketball team who have now qualified to the semi-finals of the C League. They will play St. Finians C.C. of Swords in the semi-finals this week and the final is scheduled for the 9th of December in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght. Best of luck to the girls and thanks to teachers Ms. L. Quirke, Ms. Dowling and Ms. Doherty.

Walking Challenge in Aid of Children Health at Crumlin:

Some of our 6th year students in have put up a challenge to their teachers! It takes the form of a teachers versus students walking challenge this December! This shows great initiative from the students and great to see they want to give something back, while helping those in need. Teachers are “storming ahead” to form teams. We aim to start this Friday and finish Wednesday the 22nd.

The aim: Get a team of 10 teachers (less if you are feeling confident). Do as many steps as you possibly can in a day. Contact Mr. McAnerin to get started.

Why: Raise awareness and support for the Children Health Ireland and its patients in the run up to Christmas.

How?: Use a smart watch/Fitbit or phone to keep track of your steps and log it on the Stridekick app.

Thanks to students and to teacher Mr. McAnerin.

Global Citizenship: Thanks to Clare from Concern who gave an interesting, informative and thought-provoking talk to the Transition Year Global Citizenship class last week.

The Transition Year Global Citizenship students promoted fair trade through a range of activities throughout the week. They donated a FairTrade football to the PE department and organised Fair Trade tea and coffee for staff at break time.



Students also visited Ms. Flanagan’s CSPE class and put posters up around the school to raise awareness. Thanks to teachers Ms. McCarthy and Ms. Flanagan.



SDCC Library Events

Bricks 4 Kidz Lego Themed Workshop

for Boys and Girls aged 8-12years

16th December from 3:30-4:30pm.

Build Ideas include:

Animal builds (Dinos and Cats)

Transport build (Electric cars or Ninjago Bikes)

Along with some Bricks-building with a Christmas Theme!

Booking via Lucan Library Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/bricks-4-kidz-lego-themed-workshop-tickets-216186809567>



Children's Winter Wonderland Storytelling Workshop with Mad4Tales - Ages 7 - 12.

Tuesday 14th December at 3.30 pm.

Online Over Zoom.

As winter descends, the cold and darkness creep across the lands and seas, carrying the sorcery of the season to the towns and cities. The smallest creatures can feel it tickling their ears and whispering a secret that they must tell someone bigger than them. But who will they trust?

Focused on imagination, fun and adventure, this workshop embraces the wonder of the world around us, while exploring the secrets our characters keep and how to reveal them! Storytelling with Mad4Tales.

Book via Eventbrite

<http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com>

CHRISTMAS MORNING 1952

By *Mattie Lennon.*

Forgetfulness seeps from within, cushioning thoughts of yesterday on whims of fancy.

Beginning images anew, filter through, tending them-selves with renewed energy.

Figuratively flying above thoughts on evening stars of enlightenment.

Sensing beautiful oasis's of once grand moments in time, falling asleep within their memories, reliving them once more before final horizons close their doors.

(*RoseAnn V. Shawiak*)

Can one ever really relive a memory or successfully re-capture a feeling? I think so, if only fleetingly and infrequently.

It was Christmas morning 1952. I was being let by the hand to early Mass in Lacken. Why did my mother have me by the hand since, in the words of Patrick Kavanagh, I was “six Christmases of age”? (What child of that age with my surname wouldn't be chuffed with A Christmas Childhood, where the music of the poet's . . . fathers, melodeon called the Lennons).

I was restrained because my mother considered me “wild”; although in later life I would always claim that I was an *cejit* but didn't tick any of the boxes that would constitute “wild.”

Rural electrification was just arriving in the area but had not yet been switched on. Post-dawn it would be possible to see poles which had stood, complete with insulators, all summer, sentry-like and were now strung with high-tension cables. An ESB official, one Mr Heavy from Naas, had called to the school to complain about the number of insulators which had been the victim of stone-throwing. The schoolboys from Ballinastockan were the prime suspects. Not because they were more destructive than the rest of us but they were young marksmen with a stone or any small missile.

If you stood close to an ESB pole and looked up it appeared to be falling, an illusion caused by the rolling clouds. The term *opto—kinetic* movement would have meant very little to a young mind. Not every house opted for the “lectric light”. This omission was mainly out of economic necessity and the “cups” on the chimney became somewhat of a status symbol. The switching-on ceremony would be performed in The Parish Hall, Vallemount, in January 1953. O' Connor's lorry

would bring the Lacken schoolchildren across the parish for the ceremony, but since I was only in Infant's class I wouldn't be brought. For now the valley's illumination was confined to candles in windows, some standing in hollowed out turnips and others in jam jars or paint tins filled with sand. Conversation on that pre-dawn morning was dominated by several fanciful theories about the forthcoming power. You shouldn't ever touch a switch with a wet hand. The water out of an electric kettle could electrocute, or as one person pronounced it, “execute”, you. You couldn't wash a light bulb. You could buy a flex in Woolworths for half a crown to bring the light into the cow-house.

Every pole displayed the warning on a yellow background: “Danger. Keep away . . . It is dangerous to touch the electric wires. Beware of fallen wires.”

As the adult Mass-goers spoke of the well-dressed men in Ford vans who were travelling the district selling everything from irons, to kettles to Electric fires my fertile imagination ran riot.

Before the holidays the school Principal, Thomas Keane, had brought in an ESB meter and showed us how it would work, explaining how the wheel would spin to record how much current was used. I have always been as honest as hard times would allow but on that winter's day sixty nine years ago I fell to wondering if said instrument could be “adapted”.

Christmas Day was on a Thursday that year and yet one of our group pointed out the fairly obvious, “Christmas day will be on Friday next year.” A woman answered (and I still don't know if it was for my benefit), “I hope it won't be on Friday the thirteenth.”

Would the feeling come over me that morning ever be repeated? Yes. On Saturday 29th September 1979 I was living in Blanchardstown and working as a Bus Conductor in Conyngham Road Garage. Pope John Paul 11 was arriving that day and it meant an early start for many of us.

As I drove down Knockmoroon Hill at 5 A.M. while the endless line of tail-lights ahead of me barely moved, it came back. That feeling. For a few brief moments I was no longer a thirty-three year old Russ-in-Urbe driving a Japanese car.

It was once again Christmas morning 1952.



Political Notes

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Lucan Village Survey: Thanks to local businesses and residents for their feedback with regards to the council's proposals for traffic management in Lucan Village. If you would like a copy of the report I have produced please contact me directly.

Bus Connects: The NTA have confirmed that they are anxious to secure the operation of route C2 along Shackleton Drive as soon as possible and they will shortly be meeting with the developers of Shackleton in an effort to expedite the delivery of a suitable bus terminus/ turning point at this location. I know this is a matter of great importance for commuters living in these areas.

Lucan's Disability Action Group: Congratulations to Lucan Disability Action Group who were awarded a grant of €9,274 to fund a bus upgrade under the Social Enterprise Small Capital Grants Scheme 2021

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Bus-Connects Lucan: I wrote to the NTA regards changes to buses emanating from Dodsboro and beyond. Issues were raised by residents in regards to these changes. Shortened version of the response by the NTA.

We are also working to bring route C2 into the nearby Shackleton Drive area, as originally planned. This requires a new turning area and we are in discussions with the developers.

With regard to Newcastle Road, Route L51 connects Adamstown to Liffey Valley serving Dodsborough Road, Lucan, Newcastle Road and Esker Lane, enabling residents to access many local amenities including schools.

We did consider the possibility of diverting one of the other local routes (C1, C2 or L53) to additionally serve the Supervalu roundabout by running up and down from the junction with the L1030, but that would go against the wishes of most passengers for services to be reasonably direct.

Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

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Westbrook Park, Hillcrest: Thank you to those residents continuing to raise local issues with me. The council promptly responded to a request for leaf sweep / clean-up and removal of bagged leaves in Hillcrest on Tuesday that I was happy to submit.

Dodsboro Rd Lower & Mill Stream Road:

Last weeks hedge-cutting along the Lower Dodsboro Road and on the corner opposite the Spar has exposed significant previously unseen litter build up within the hedgerow. I have now requested that works are undertaken for a 'deep litter pick'. Separately, I have raised the need to take back the path of weeds along the very narrow Mill Stream Rd.

Storm Barra: Has reminded us just how vulnerable we are, the importance of maintaining our trees and

removal of leaves/debris to prevent drain blockages and potential flooding. Please contact me with any such concerns in this regard.

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Storm Barra: Thanks to all South Dublin County Council staff who were out clearing the damage caused by the arrival of Storm Barra. If you are aware of fallen trees or debris in your area as a result of the storm, please get in touch with me and I will request a clean-up.

Abandoned vehicles: If you are aware of an abandoned or suspicious vehicle in your area, please let me know and I will request inspection, and if warranted, removal.

Leaf-sweeping: If you would like SDCC leaf-sweeping crews to visit your estate or area to clear leaves from roads or footpaths, please get in touch and let me know.

Email newsletter: My most recent monthly email newsletter has been issued. Let me now if you would like to receive a copy.

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet every Thursday morning at 11.30am at St. Andrews Church Hall, Main Street, Lucan. Free parking available.

We love to see new Members coming to join us and welcoming them to our friendly group.

At present owing to Covid Restrictions we are limited to Bowls, Card Games, scrabble, and light exercise. We have a break around one fifteen for tea and cake when we enjoy good company and laughter.

When the restrictions are lifted we can return to all our usual activities. Dancing, Drama, Singing, Exercise and Days Out. Also, once a month we invite guests to join us to speak on many interesting topics and new activities. In Spring and Autumn we go away for midweek breaks to beautiful parts of Ireland. We will close for the Christmas break on 16th December and will reopen on the 13th January 2022. Looking forward to meeting you.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2021

Christmas party will be on 16th December in St. Andrews church hall from 11.30am to 2.30pm.

We are especially looking forward to seeing all the members who we are missing so much.

The party promises to be great fun and full of good cheer. So come and have a great time with us for lunch, Christmas crackers, chocolates, prizes, music, dancing and much more.

Please pass this information on to members who may not read the newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you.



Please don't forget to bring your
Covid Passport and Identification

with you. They will be checked at the door according to government



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



U21 Hurling: Congratulations to the U21B Hurling team and management who had a 1:21 to 2:11 win over Craobh Ciaran to claim the U21D Championship.

Camogie: Minor A won yesterday against Kilmacud Crokes putting them into a semifinal v Castleknock. Minor B quarter final v St Finians was conceded by St Finians putting them into a semifinal v Round Towers. Minor C finished runner up in their group and await their fate. Under 20 Camogie are through to the Semi Final and await the result of a back match to know who they're opposition.

Christmas Draw: Volunteers have been busy over the past week distributing tickets for this year's Christmas draw. Please return tickets to the club bar on Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday evenings.

The LDCU Academy takes place on Saturdays for boys and girls aged between 4 and 7. See our website for booking details.

12th 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 10am to 1pm.

LATÓ NA SÁIRSÉALAIGH LEAMHCÁIN Lucan Sarsfields Club Lotto

Ní raibh aon buaiteoir phota óir de €2,600 sa chranchnur a tharla ar an Déardaoin, There was no winner of the €2,600 Jackpot held on Thursday 2nd of December. *Tarraingíodh na huimhreacha seo a leanas:* The numbers drawn were: **12, 15, 22, 25** *Buaiteoirí tobair an áidh a fhaigheann €30 an duine ná:* Lucky Dip winners of €30 each: **John Condon MStagg, Gerry/Mary Reynolds, Mary Freeman, Anthony Dooley, Cathy McCarthy.** *Tá €3,000 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn.* The Jackpot for the next draw is €3,000, and is sponsored by Henley Fork

Lift Group. *Beidh sé beo ón Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook. Déan cinnte go bhfuil d'iontráil curtha isteach agaibh roimh 6 i.n. oíche an chranchnuir, chun í a chur san áireamh sa chranchnur na seachtaine sin.* The draw will be held on Thursday 9th December, at 8pm, and live streamed from Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse, on our Facebook page. Make sure your entry is

submitted before 6pm on the evening of the draw to be included in that week's draw.

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

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>, *Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin.*

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



Junior C Football and Healthy Club

BACKPACK APPEAL FOR

Lucan Homeless Donations



We are appealing for members to donate a backpack filled with some essential winter items for rough sleepers in Dublin.

Please put some new items into a backpack of good condition:

- Mini toiletries
- Chocolate/Treats
- Tissues/Wipes
- New Boxers/Underwear
- McDonalds Vouchers
- Large Zip Lock Bags
- Hats, Gloves and Socks
- Pot noodles
- Toothbrush/tooth paste

When Saturday 4th Dec 10am-12pm, Sunday 5th Dec 5pm-6pm
Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th Dec 7.30pm-8.30pm
Saturday 11th Dec 10am-12pm

Where Assigned Dressing Room in the Club House (will be clearly marked)

All donations are greatly appreciated.

For more info contact Michaela @ 0868508553

Backpack Appeal: Junior Football in conjunction with the Healthy Club team are having an unusual fundraiser in aid of Lucan Homeless. Following on from the fantastic response to the Halloween appeal, we are launching our backpack appeal to support Lucan Homeless Donations. So if you have an unused backpack lying around, pop as many items as you can from the list into it and drop it to the club on the dates below. Your support is greatly appreciated.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

We had a good attendance at our Soiree meeting last Friday and two more of our members gave us enjoyable presentations of the photographs they have been taking. We have been fortunate that the weather, at least up to arrival of storm **Barra** (*Finbarr*), has not been at all seasonal so there has been no problem meeting with windows and doors wide open in the Coffee Dock. On the subject of **Barra**, I was not reassured to learn that MET Éireann together with the UK and the Netherlands Weather Services have drawn up a list of 21 storm names to cover the 2021/2022 storm season! I hope this is over preparation!



sure of mounting our annual exhibition was to go on line once again. We are once again very grateful to the priests of the Parish who, for a second year, have agreed to host our exhibition on the Parish website. We are working towards having the exhibition up and running for the weekend of 29th/30th January 2022.

This week Donal has gone nuts again, and Paddy has been up in the Phoenix Park



On the photography front in the light of the uncertainty because of the OMICRON variant we bit the bullet last Friday and decided that the only way we could be

Stay safe until next week!