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TIME TO CONTROL ANGER?



We have lived now for two years in a hateful Pandemic; we have been constantly lured by talk of it all ending and by disappointment as another unexpected complication arises to dash our hopes of meeting, talking and celebrating again with our families. A further complication is the spread of false facts and some will always believe a contrarian view.

We all feel pity and give support to those carers on the frontline who see the casualties and the deaths and deep down we know that if we remove our guard and our basic defences that those carers will reap a further whirlwind.

Of note, however is the degree of anger we now hear on the airwaves. People are pilloried for not knowing facts there were unknown at the start of this plaque, and media types are quick to lambaste and criticize those that are doing their best and those who never suggested that they were omnipotent. This finger pointing is easy to do from the comfort and security of highly paid jobs on the side-lines of what matters.

We have a plethora of politicians, to be fair mostly Independent representatives, who are cultivating their constituencies by a noisy expression of what some of us feel is feigned anger. These are often the never happy deniers; these are the ones who don't care a fig for climate action unless it will help their particular schemes or businesses, for instance. Of course, they know it all because they make it up as they go along, the noise itself is what they want.

Many of us grew up in an Ireland peppered with historical bitterness and differences but our abiding memories are debate with respect and manners and an attempt to find a common ground or at least a respectful attempt to change opinion by reasonable discussion. Of course, there were major exceptions but mostly we knew what separated us was much less than what united us. We want a caring economy with housing, health and employment for all. We now want to exit the Pandemic with the least damage to the nation's health.

Some of us are now so tired of rambling discussions with anger and loudness on TV and Radio that we avoid the news. Anger and short tempers make people make outlandish claims and often the disadvantaged are blamed for conditions they had nothing to do with.

Anger was one of the seven deadly sins of old and is now doing more harm than the other six, bad and all as they may be. We are unsettled under its cloud and its furor.

It is probably too much to ask when all are hurting but we could bear it a little longer if the tone, the rhetoric, and the awful blame game were toned down somewhat so we can all breath again.

Tony Feeney

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

Ireland's first report to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

From Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

On 10 November 2021, Minister of State with Special Responsibility for Disability, Anne Rabbitte, T.D., published Ireland's first report to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The report describes what Ireland is doing to protect and enhance the rights of people with disabilities. The report can be accessed on the link below, as can summary reports of the consultation events and written submissions.

www.gov.ie - Ireland's first report to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (www.gov.ie)



Citizensinformation.ie has information on such topics as:
Travelling to Ireland during Covid 19
Common travel area between Ireland and the UK
Covid restrictions in Ireland

Helplines or websites

Your mental health The HSE website Yourmentalhealth.ie or 1800 111888 – for advice on how to mind your mental health during the coronavirus outbreak.

Childline - 080011111

Parentline – 1890 927277 - Mon to Fri 10 am to 9pm, Fri 10 am to 4pm

One in Four – ending the trauma of childhood sexual abuse – 01 6624070 or email info@oneinfour.ie

Threshold – housing advice for tenants – 1800 454 454

Focus Ireland – 01 8815900, email help@focusireland.ie if you need help or advice or want to know information about your rights you can contact Focus Ireland.

CCPC.ie - Competition and Consumer Protection Commission:

Location determines your consumer rights
The CCPC's research findings suggest that most consumers are familiar with shopping online, with the majority (76%) of those surveyed confirming they had bought online over the previous 12 months. However, 32% of consumers thought that their rights are the same irrespective of where a business is based when in fact consumers do not have automatic rights if they buy from a business outside of the EU. Check this site for information on consumer issues.

Below: Chairletics at Esker Active Retirement Association Meeting (Report page 3)

Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi Everyone,

This week, we had an hour's session with Carmel from Carmel's Chairiobics and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. This is a really good workout to music so you sing along and have great fun and you don't realise you are actually working quite hard. Everyone was smiling afterwards and asking can we have Carmel here more than once a month please; so it's very popular with our members. I took some photos of our members taking part today as per photo on page 2.

We played cards and scrabble and had the craic over tea/coffee and biscuits, loads of topics get covered from gardening to cooking, from loneliness to walks, you name it, we cover it....

Again, for next Wednesday could we ask some more members to come down early, around 1.10pm to help set up the tables and chairs and sanitize them all.

I got a new name today: the Exterminator, as I spray everyone's hands as they come into our hall lol. We are very fussy about members wearing masks and sanitizing their hands regularly.

UPCOMING EVENTS



We are still preparing for our Christmas party on Wednesday 15th December if Covid allows.

If anyone wants to join a fun, lively and friendly club, you can join us, once you're fully vaccinated and have a vaccination certificate with photographic ID. We meet every Wednesday afternoon at 1.30pm in St Andrew's Church Hall in Lucan (close to Stag Cycle shop which is blue and yellow); there is parking inside the Church gates plus a bus stop just outside the Church gates. Don't be afraid to come in, you're very welcome. The long dark days are upon us now so come and join us for the craic so you'll have people to talk to for a few hours each week.

Getting out of the house and safely meeting up with people in a big, well ventilated hall where everyone is vaccinated and all precautions taken, is very important for your mental and emotional health so come to our club and relax and enjoy yourself.

Till next time,
Marian Egan (Club Secretary) 086 1269 043



L.A.R.A.

Lucan Active Retirement Association

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 rules and to insure safety for all of us.

Thank you from the L.A.R.A. Committee.

Happy 11th Birthday

on 7th December
to **Saoirse O'Driscoll**
of Johnsbridge.

May your special day be filled
with fun and joy.

Lots of love from Mom & Dad, your brother
Rian, Geri and all the family.



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



First Holy Communion
Congratulations to the boys and girls of *Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig N.S.* who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday 4th 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.

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

Please wear face coverings in the church and use the hand sanitizer on the way in.

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

PLEASE NOTE:

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

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

Wednesday 8th – Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary:

Masses 10am and 7.30pm.

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 next 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*



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

3rd, 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:

While most of us are blessed to have enough food for our families not all of the people in our parish can say the

same which is why the parish food bank was started. 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 such as tea bags, small jars of coffee, cereals, rice, pasta & pasta sauces, pot noodles / packets, biscuits, beans, peas, soups, tins of fruit, creamed rice, tins custard, toiletries, soaps, toothpaste, shower gels and toilet roll.

Thank you all for your continued support.

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.**



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).

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

Anniversaries

CLARKE (ALBERT - NOBBY)

5th Anniversary - 28th November

My beloved husband, Albert "Nobby" Clark.

To my precious husband
Each day I miss you more
As I picture you at the kitchen table
Or coming through the front door
I miss our talks and the special way
That you would always understand
I miss the closeness that we shared
And how you'd hold my hand.
My love is always with you
Even though you went away
I find myself looking back daily
To so many happy days
But I have been a real trooper
Trying to get by the best I can
Just know that even from Heaven
You'll always be my man.

Missed and adored every day, love forever your Breda



CLARKE (ALBERT - NOBBY)

5th Anniversary - 28th November

Dad,

If I could write a story
It would be the greatest ever told
Of a kind and loving Dad
Who had a heart of gold
I could write a million pages
But still be unable to say
Just how much I love and miss him
Every single day
I'll remember all he taught me
I'm hurt but won't be sad
Because he'll send me down the answers
And he'll always be MY DAD.

Our Legend, our Dad Albert "Nobby" Clark. Missed and loved every day, love always Karen, Lisa, Dawn, Sandra, Lynsey, Alan and Robert, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren



CONDON (JEMMERS)

2nd Anniversary away from home

We hold you close within our hearts
And there you shall remain
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again
So rest in peace dear loved one
And thanks for all you've done
We pray that God has given you
The crown you've truly won.

From your loving wife Philomena (Philo), sons Paul and James and extended family members

CURTIS (PATTIE)

5th Anniversary - 1st December

Late of Dodsboro.
In our hearts and thoughts always.
All the family



O'BRION (ROBERT)

5th Anniversary - 1st December

also Rob's 40th Birthday - 31st October

Late of Airlie Heights
He was captain of his own ship
Fighting through the torrid waters
He dropped anchor and came ashore
His lone journey started
Struggling against the rough terrain of life
A smile on his face throughout
As if he knew his berthing
Was but a short visit
Just a minute in God's time
He endured his trials with patience and humour
Until it was time to lift anchor and again
sail solo into angry storms
At the helm battling monstrous waves
Driving onwards finding solace
And guidance from the heavenly compass
Until he saw it his predestination
There he laid anchor for the last time
Beneath the brilliance of the "Southern Cross"
So sadly missed by his heartbroken Mam Aine, Barney, Triona, John, Conor, Liam and Joe

Acknowledgement

SMITH (ARTHUR)

Wife Norma and children James, Patricia and Siobhan of the late Arthur Smith thank you most sincerely for all the kind expressions of sympathy in their recent loss.

We would like to thank all those who attended his Mass, watched online, called to the house and sent cards.

Thank you to Fr Tom Kennedy and the Funeral Team for the lovely service and Cunningham Undertakers for their help and planning such a difficult time.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this as a token of our appreciation. Mass will be offered for your intentions. Thank you and Arthur will be missed so much.

Birthday Remembrance

MILLS (DAVID)

Remembering David (Dots) on his Birthday 7th December, 1st away from home.

Also his brother **Victor** whose 55th Birthday is on 12th December

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard but always near still loved,
still missed and very dear.

Also remembering **Margaret and Thomas (Tommy)**

Malone whose anniversaries occur this week.

Missed always, Mick, Ann, Leanne, Tracy and Stephen



Birdie had to get the winter woollies out this past week!

Storm Arwen blew in last weekend, and we certainly felt the cold. It must be very tough in all the schools, which are required to keep classrooms ventilated and windows open. Spotted a

couple of 'onions' on the way to school one morning – turned out they were just two lads with layers upon layers upon layers, to keep them warm!



Children's TV news programme RTÉ news2day, visited Scoil Mhuire, Woodview, where the boys and girls volunteered to demonstrate how antigen tests are performed. They also showed how some outdoor games are played in the present times – very impressive!

Hedge cutting on the Millstream Road this week revealed a huge amount of shredded black plastic sacks. Who could those people be who are dumping their bin bags into the shrubbery along here? Shame on every one of them.

The House of Christmas Lights in Weston Park is proving a great attraction for young and old. The show is on the road from 4.30pm daily. This year's donations go to Jigsaw – dealing with young people's mental health.

The Late Late Toy Show did very well with fundraising once again. Despite all the problems in Ireland, we can be very generous where it is needed.

Lucan Planning Council (L.P.C.)

After a rather quiet period, planning issues have become a major topic of discussion in Lucan in recent weeks. Three issues could have a major negative impact on the quality of life for Lucan residents.

The New Bus Network

The No.25 bus in the Hillcrest/Dodsboro area has been discontinued. The new service has many flaws already causing much inconvenience for residents in this rapidly expanding area. L.P.C. is prepared to assist local residents and residents' groups to have the No.25 service restored.

Lucan Village Traffic Plan

The changes proposed would reduce parking spaces between A.I.B. and Bank of Ireland, reducing from 39 spaces to 12 spaces. This would have a devastating impact on residents trying to access local shops, banks, the post office, the medical centre, etc.

Also proposed is a trial one-way traffic plan where traffic coming over the Liffey Bridge from Laraghcon may not turn right to Lucan Village. To access the village traffic must turn left up to the traffic lights at the old St. Andrews School and back down to the village on the main road by St Mary's Church, etc.

L.P.C. has produced an alternative plan that would improve traffic flow in the village and retain all the current parking spaces. We were requested to share this plan with South Dublin County Council, who will consider it in their final plans.

Major Housing Development at St. Edmundsbury/Luttrellstown

L.P.C. has always supported the conservation of the Liffey Valley lands and will resist any changes to its current protected status. We are asking all our local politicians to do likewise. Community support will be vital on this issue. L.P.C. need new people to help continue our efforts at keeping Lucan an attractive, happy place to live.

Joe Byrne (087)6152229
Lucan Planning Council



Lucan ICA

We had a nice few members at our Tuesday morning Craft Class, everyone busy making gifts for Christmas.

Unfortunately, we have to close early due to Covid. We are closed from Tuesday 30th November until further notice. Watch out for details in Lucan Newsletter.

We wish all our loyal members and Newsletter Staff a very Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year.

Lucan Village Businesses and Services Group (LVBSG)

This is a group of more than 60 businesses, service providers and traders that are based in Lucan Village providing services to the local community. This group has been formed as a direct response to the Development Plan being proposed by SDCC for Lucan Village.

The LVBSG consists of a wide range of enterprises including convenience stores, post office, restaurants, pubs, medical services, barbers, beauticians and financial services. This eclectic mix really gives a flavour of the width of services being currently provided in Lucan village to the community. These businesses employ more than 600 people in Lucan Village. Our village is vibrant, with a mix of both essential and amenity services.

In a recent survey conducted by the LVBSG it was found that more than 8,000 people use the services in Lucan Village on a daily basis, with more than 6,500 of these accessing the village by way of private car. The current proposals by SDCC will severely reduce the accessibility of Lucan Village for these valued customers and as a result directly threaten the livelihoods of over 600 employees in the village.

The Lucan Village Business and Services group wants to bring to attention the impact that the loss of car parking in Lucan Village will have on the community and on service providers. The Lucan residents and wider community know that Lucan Village lacks adequate car parking. Lucan residents are appalled at the prospect of the loss of a significant amount of the precious parking that exists currently in Lucan Village. The people in the wider community want to be able to do their day-to-day business Monday to Friday and enjoy the amenities in the evenings and weekends. A removal of any parking spaces would be to the detriment to both daily business and the use of the village as an amenity.

To justify their plans, SDCC is using car parking data collected during a Covid-19 lockdown when people were being encouraged to remain at home. SDCC have no plans to replace the proposed lost parking in Lucan Village.

The LVBSG support the development of the Weir promenade and the Demesne Entrance. We also support the development of the Village Green so long it does not reduce local parking.



The LVBSG have two immediate asks of SDCC and our Councillors:

- 1) The local Councillors must stand with the local residents and businesses to protect local people's livelihoods. They must protect the vibrant mix of essential and amenity services provided by Lucan Village that maintains these jobs.
- 2) We ask that SDCC postpone the formal Public Consultation Process until after the Festive Season so that the residents of Lucan can give these proposed fundamental changes the full attention they deserve.

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Should any business or service provider wish to join our group please reach out to us via email at: lucanbusinessandservices@gmail.com and we will add you to our mailing list to keep you informed of our activities.

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

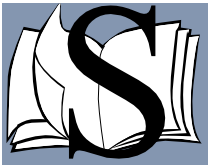
191 Beech Park or contact 087-0666891



Also available

Christmas Novena Masses

€6 - Proceeds go to the Student Priests.



CHOOL NEWS



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Fundraising: As part of the extensive well-being programme in the school, a number of our Transition Year students organised a soccer tournament for 1st yrs last Thursday to raise funds for a number of good causes. Spearheaded by Calum Conway, the students did a lot of planning, promotion and organisation in the run up to the tournament, displaying tremendous initiative, leadership and team work, key components of the Transition Year Programme. They chose to raise money for St. Vincent De Paul as they do incredible work with those most in need, especially in the run-up to Christmas. They also accepted donations to Pieta House, a local charity that provides invaluable professional support for those struggling with their mental health. In total, 250euro was raised for St. Vincent de Paul and a donation of 100euro will be forwarded to Pieta House so two extremely worthwhile causes will benefit from this event.

In total, 12 teams took part and each team played a minimum of 6 matches each. There were three pitches being used simultaneously, the sports hall, the junior yard and the senior yard. Despite some stubborn early morning ground frost delaying the start of the tournament by an hour, the 1st yrs got playing at 10:30am and the matches were all extremely competitive and high quality. Each 1st yr team were assigned a Transition Year student who stayed with them for the entire tournament, coaching, managing and supporting them throughout. They ensured that their teams were at the designated pitch at the correct time, ready for kick-off, and this ensured a smooth transition (pardon the pun!) from one match to the next. Each game was refereed by a TY student while Shane Wallace did a great job updating the scores and fixtures.

At the end of the group matches, the teams split into a Shield and Cup tournament with a series of play-off matches based on their final position in the groups. Well done to Callum Finn, Madrid Tammar, Jack Horan, Liam O' Donoghue, Jose Manuel Garcia, Jack Henry and Lukas Harte whose team *Capri Son FC* beat *IFTA Cars* 1-0 in the Shield Final. *Chelsea*, comprising of Henry Greene, Derry Ware, Brian Whelan, Ibrahim Saquib, Conor McHugh and Calum Costigan won the 3rd place play-off defeating *Carpo the Carpet* 1-0 with Brian Whelan scoring the winner with a clinical finish. *The Marty Party* won the main tournament in dramatic fashion after a thrilling and tense penalty

shoo- out. The team comprised of Seán McGillycuddy, Ciarán O' Sullivan, Seán Connell, George Craven, Paidí Murphy, James Duffy and Bilal Khan. The winning team received gold medals and selection boxes for their fine achievement while the Shield winners received bronze medals and selection boxes.

The 1st yrs thoroughly enjoyed the soccer blitz and there was a fantastic atmosphere in the hall especially for the final few matches. It was great to see them all enjoy themselves so much and we commend the Transition Year students on the superb job they did planning and running the tournament. Those students that didn't want to take part in the soccer tournament got to play a variety of computer games organised by Transition Year students so there was something for everyone throughout the day.

Transition Year: Our TY students enjoyed adrenaline-fuelled days at Kylemore Karting, Ireland's premier Karting arena, over the past two Wednesdays. The students had an amazing day of competitive racing, with numerous thrills and spills along the way!

The challenging Track 1 has an acute mix of banked corners, challenging gradients, chicanes and hairpins that certainly demands intense concentration. Our fearless students took to the tight and twisty tracks like experienced Formula 1 drivers, speeding down the fast downhill section before expertly applying the brakes at the hairpin and accelerating away from the corner away into the distance along the 70m back straight. Some of the more excitable drivers of course left the braking to the last second, causing them to slam into the tyre barriers with their dignity somewhat left strewn on the track behind them!

Kylemore has a great set up with race commentary, electronic leader boards, video monitors and spectator facilities which ensures drivers and spectators alike stay engrossed in the action at all times. The day was the perfect way for our students to forget about their troubles for a few hours and instead concentrate on claiming the all-important bragging rights for the title of best Go-Karting driver. Dylan Talbot won his section on track after a brilliant and nerveless drive, just seeing off the persistent and determined challenge of Mr. O' Brien, who finished a close 2nd! Jamie Roberts won the race on track two with a superb display of skill and speed under pressure.

A thrilling, exciting and memorable day was had by all and we would like to thank the staff at Kylemore for taking such good care of our group. Safety was paramount at all times and the helpful and supportive staff ensured that all safety regulations were strictly enforced and followed at all times. It was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the year so far for the students.



Lucan Community College

Lucan Community College – One Good School

Award: We were delighted to be presented with the “One Good School” award from Jigsaw on Monday 22nd November. This was the culmination of two years’ efforts as part of a pilot project, to promote mental health awareness and provide supports for all members of the school community - students, staff, parents & guardians. We ran a number of webinars & face to face workshops for each group. Covid-19 resulted in lots of changes to the planned delivery of the programme and everyone on the committee worked very hard to ensure that the programme was still a success. Our thanks to Jigsaw for their support throughout the programme in Lucan Community College. Many thanks to the parent representatives Julianne White and Paula Fay, our student representatives David Wright (past pupil) and Ruby Crocker-Dunne (TY) and our staff representatives Ms. Birnie, Ms. Ryan, Ms. Walsh, Ms. O’Gara, Ms. Coghlan and Ms. Mc Manus. We welcome Ms. Dowling and Millie Morrison (TY) for the next phase of the project and look forward to continuing the development of the “One Good School” programme.



next week’s Newsletter. Thanks to teachers and former teachers Mr. Foley, Mr. Spillane, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Callaghan, Mr. MacGrianra and Mr. McGrenra.

Take a last look before they revert to their clean-shaven versions of themselves!

Art Trip: 5th Year Art students had a lovely treat last week when they had the opportunity to visit both the National Gallery of Ireland and the National Archaeology Museum. Their impeccable manners and excellent behaviour was commented on by gallery staff. Safe to say that all had a rewarding and enjoyable trip. Thanks to teacher Ms. McKeever.

Maths Club: Our Maths Club Continues Every Monday And Thursday At Lunchtime In H6. This Is A “Drop In” Club Where Students Help Students With Any Aspect Of Maths That Is Causing Them A Problem – Or If Anyone Just Wants To Pop In And Chat About Maths. Thanks to Teachers Ms. Sexton, Ms. Suttle, Ms. McCormack And Ms. Mckelvey.

Students Doing Community Work in Our School: Transition Year students in Lucan CC take part in Community Service every week throughout the year. This year we are very lucky to have two of these students working with our Caretaking Team to help enhance the school for all. Thanks to Ashley and Julia for the great work you are doing.



Left to right: Julianne White (parent rep), Ms. Mc Manus, Ms. Walsh (staff reps), Sarah Byrne (Jigsaw), Gus O Connell (Chairperson, Board of Management) and Ms. Birnie (Principal).

November Update: A huge thank you to all who have donated to the Lucan CC November campaign this year. It is a great credit to your generosity that we have raised €1,945 so far. Money is still coming in and we will have a final update on the amount raised for this great cause in



Christmas School Event! Ms. Conway has put out the call. She is gathering the helpers together to prepare a pre-recorded concert/carol/holiday celebration this year. The excitement is sure to



build over the coming weeks as the socially distanced choir rehearse and all are put through their paces as they prepare poems and readings.

St. Joseph's College

We would like to congratulate all the students on completing their term exams last week. We would also like to say a big Thank you to all the student body for their ongoing cooperation in adhering to all public health guidelines in our school including wearing face coverings, cleaning hands regularly and maintaining physical distancing from others.

We look forward to the 3rd Year parent teacher meeting which will take place on Thursday the 9th of December online via zoom. Your schedule and Zoom links for all meetings will be sent via email in advance of the meeting.

We have great news in regard to our new school building with the planning stage moving along quickly. We hope to see the construction start in the first quarter of 2022. We will keep you updated on the changes and share any updates with you as they occur.

3rd Year School Tour: Our 3rd years got to experience their first ever school tour in secondary school this week when the 150 strong group made their way to Croke Park for a stadium tour. The expert guides helped us navigate the huge stadium while keeping us entertained with details of the history of the sport and the historical events that have occurred at the stadium. The tour also included a walk pitch side, a tour of the media room where we watched a video on All Ireland final day preparation as well as a tour of the famous Croke Park dressing rooms. The final part of the tour was by far the most popular when the students got to test their GAA skills in the interactive games room.



A quick stop in the GAA shop and it was off to Jump Zone for the second part of the tour. The group let off some steam in Jump Zone where they played trampoline dodgeball, ran up the warped wall and dived into the sponge pit. This was followed by a little early Christmas shopping in Liffey Valley before returning to school. A huge thank you to Ms. Byrne for organising the trip and to all the staff who accompanied them on the trip.



College Awareness Week: This week in school the Student Council and the Guidance Department ran a very successful college awareness week. The students set up an information desk at lunchtime to distribute information in relation to various colleges and universities throughout Ireland. To enhance the students' knowledge of these various institutes the student council organised a school scavenger hunt with the answers relating to various colleges. They also ran competitions throughout the week with some great prizes including air pods. The school also received a very special personalised message from the Minister of Higher Education Mr. Simon Harris supporting our college awareness week. Well done to the Guidance department and all involved and we look forward to the rest of the week.

Transition Year: Last week our Transition Year students enjoyed an action packed activity week. They enjoyed many various activities such as Zumba, Footgolf, Crafts, Sugar craft, Bodhran, Outdoor Games and much more. Well done to Ms Dunne our TY Coordinator and to all who contributed to a great week of fun. The Students really enjoyed it.

On Monday the 6th of December our TYs will sit their Differential Aptitude Tests (DATs), this will be conducted by the Guidance Department. Information from the tests is used to assist students with their subject choice and career choice in the future. This year the (DATs) will be delivered via Zoom. We wish them all the best.

Joey's Tidy Towns 2022 Calendars for St.

Vincent de Paul: Joey's Tidy Towns Calendars for 2022 will be on sale from Monday, 6th December. We are delighted to have our calendars on sale in Lynch's Centra in Lucan Village and from the school also. Each calendar will be on sale for €10.00 with approx. €5.00 going to Vincent De Paul. The calendars make great wall hangings, planners and a reminder of how beautiful the local area of Lucan and surrounding

areas are! Many thanks to Lucan District Credit Union for sponsoring our calendar.

Please contact the school on 01-6281160 or at stjosephslucan@gmail.com to place an order.

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

Follow us on Twitter: @STJosephs3

Christmas Connects

I woke at 5am in the morning wondering and pondering on what the most important word to use this Christmas would be? The response I received from within myself was **connect**.

Connecting with Christmas has always been an important part of my life and that of my family and friends. From my earliest years the threads of connecting at Christmas involved preparation with pen and paper and the list, as

Cooking and baking: Ingredients for Christmas Pudding and Cake including Stout

Christmas Card List: Brian O'Higgins cards were the preferred choice, plus stamps for Ireland and abroad

Santa letters: which we children diligently wrote and posted to the North Pole

Grocery list: ordering the Turkey and Ham from the local Butcher

Christmas Decorations: taking the boxes down from the attic and buying the Tree.

Connecting with Christmas began in November and then steadily journeyed into December. Our lives were not interrupted with the advent of Christmas but it gave us an added purpose in life. The long dark evenings also afforded us the opportunity to **make and do**; the rhythm of knitting needles accompanied the hum from the Radio while Din Joe *took to the floor* on Saturday nights. We children patiently stretched out our arms so Mammy could wind the hank of wool into a ball, for Mammy was ensuring we all would have a warm geansaí to wear at Christmas. A notable event was Daddy's visit to the attic to retrieve the decorations; a trap door in the ceiling on the landing was the attic entrance. The top step of the ladder meant that my father unlatched the bolt, pushed the hatch open, lit the Bicycle lamp and put it into the attic before swinging himself up and in. A feat we children watched with bated breath, while waiting patiently on the landing to be handed a box to carry downstairs. The Tree was purchased from the local grocer's and carried home. The tree was placed in a bucket and surrounded with some clay, stones and even coal to keep it steady. The strings of coloured light bulbs had to be tested before being placed on the tree; this was a task where patience was



called for as each light had to be tested to see if it was working. Many of our decorations were handmade from coloured crepe paper and hung from the ceiling with a balloon here or there for company. The assembling of the crib was the most reverent of tasks; each figure was unfurled from its newspaper cocoon where it had rested safely since the previous January. A space was reserved on the top of the china cabinet for the crib, for this was where the meaning of Christmas originated. The other important feature was the Christmas Candle, a long red sturdy pillar candle given by the local grocer as a thank you for your year-round custom, was placed in the window to light the way of the traveller and to let them know they were welcome.

Christmas was and is an important way of connecting us with family, friends and neighbours, with our church and most importantly reconnecting by post with loved ones faraway. It is debateable whether life was more complicated then or now, however there is no denying that Covid-19 has and is making us more cautious in our celebrations for Christmas 2021.

Journeying this Christmas might not mean going to visit or knocking on a door, but we can still make meaningful connections. Connecting by Video with family and friends abroad is possible with modern technology. A simple phone call is also effective, hearing that familiar voice when your call is answered is like soothing balm for the mind and soul. The card being dropped through the letter box, then looking at the handwriting to try and guess the sender adds a certain magic to the Christmas proceedings. While out and about wearing masks shouldn't hamper us from connecting with people by greeting them with the simple message Happy Christmas.

While social distancing we can stay connected by smiling more, greeting strangers and calling our family and friends just to tell them we love them. Let us continue to make every effort to stay connected throughout this season of Good Will.

Happy Christmas.

M.G.M.

Political Notes

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Leaf Road Sweeps & Clean-Ups: If your concerned with large volumes of leaves potentially blocking drains, please contact me and I will request a road sweep through the council with its appointed contractor Oxigen. For residents and community clean-up groups, compostable bags can be requested from SDCC Environ. Awareness 01-4149000 and to arrange points of collection.

Hedge-Cutting Dodsboro: I was delighted for local residents to see Council crews undertaking hedge-cutting this week and taking back the paths, making the lower Dodsboro Road more pedestrian safe. I have previously raised this on behalf of residents in Woodview & Airlie Heights - really good job too by Council workers.

Bus Changes: Following the first week of new bus service rollout, I have written to Dublin Bus to outline a number of immediate concerns raised with me, regarding both C-Spine and the Go Ahead operated local feeder service.

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Bus Connects Lucan: Last Saturday People Before Profit held an open air meeting in the Dodsboro area in regards to the recent changes to the bus service. A number of issues were raised by residents and we have written to the NTA outlining the issues that were highlighted this is mostly around frequency of service and location of bus stops.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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€342,000 for Lucan Demesne: I was delighted to announce this week that €342,000 has been allocated to upgrade the entrances into Lucan Demesne from the new plaza area and the route into St. Catherine's Park. This funding is part of a major investment in our mountain and forest walks, cliff ways, beaches, bogs, lakes, rivers and greenways. Fantastic news that Lucan Demesne is one of the 84 chosen projects!

Christmas Bonus: 100% Christmas Bonus will be paid to pensioners, carers, people with disabilities, lone parents and long-term social welfare recipients

Covid Travel Update: From Dec 3rd, anyone arriving into Ireland must take a lab-conducted



antigen test (48 hours) or PCR test (72 hours) before arrival.

Antigen option is available only to the fully vaccinated, PCR required for unvaccinated or previously infected unvaccinated.

No exceptions for travel from the UK.

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Funding for Lucan Demesne: There was good news for Lucan Demesne this week. €342,000 has been granted to provide the upgrade of the entrances into Lucan Demesne from the new plaza area and the route into St. Catherine's Park. This funding is part of the €15.5 million for 84 outdoor adventure projects announced by the Government this week.

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre: Ballyowen Castle Community Centre (near Eurospar) is looking for new volunteers to join its Board of Management. If you are interested in joining the Board, please get in touch.

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: If you would like to receive my monthly community update, please email me to subscribe.

Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Village design plans: I've recently met with business owners to discuss the plans that are being prepared for public consultation. I will ensure all concerns are relayed back to management and I will request that the release of this consultation is held off until the Christmas period is over.

Paddocks / Gandon Public Lighting: I received following update from council management regarding the public lights in Adamstown: The ducting has been re-laid and the snags complete. RECI certificate has been sent to the ESB. The ESB connection has been requested. To date several follow up requests have been sent. I will continue to seek updates to ensure these lights are switched on asap.

Adamstown Park Road has been offered for Taking in charge in the last two weeks. Updates to follow

Thinking of everyone that's been affected by Covid, stay safe and healthy!





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Last Thursday the club held its **Annual General Meeting**. Due to Covid19 restrictions the meeting was held online via Microsoft Teams for the second year. Club Secretary Jo Mahon provided a detailed recap on the year while Chairman Colm Farrell thanked those who needed to be thanked, and provided the meeting with some insight into the clubs priorities. Treasurer Jim Mulqueen walked through a very good looking set of accounts, but cautioned that many of the cost savings and income items were one off events that would not reoccur. In a strong statement of intent the club now has a Strategic Reserve of €125,000. Many of the same people are continuing in roles on the executive, but some new officers were appointed with long term club servant Mary Flannery taking on the Vice Chairperson role, Lorna Sexton takes on the role of Children's Officer. Motions were passed largely retaining the subscription structures, adopting the revised GAA constitution and an update to the clubs by-laws..

Table Quiz: Last Friday night Junior C Football in conjunction with Lucan Healthy Club ran a Table Quiz. In total €576 was raised for Lucan Homeless.

The winning team called the Googlers Greg and Ann Marie O'Neill, Eddie Twamley and penny Delmar.

Testament to the quality of the event Paul Heneghan was overheard saying it was the best quiz he was ever at. High praise indeed. Thanks to quiz master Tom Flannery.

U21 Hurling: This Saturday (4/12) U21B Hurling play Craobh Ciaran in their championship final. Game is away in Clonsaugh.

Camogie: Sunday next 5/11 Minor A camogie play Kilmacud Crokes at 10:30am followed by Minor B v St Finians.

HSE Vaccination Centre: On Monday last the club hosted a HSE run popup vaccination centre. In what was a very busy day, lots of vaccines administered and a few members benefitted at the end of the day ensuring no vaccine was wasted.

Games Promotion Officer: David Moran has made the decision to move on from his role as Lucan Sarsfields GPO. David has been our GPO since 2016 and I think anyone who has worked with David would agree that he has worked tirelessly to help the juvenile section move forward. David, a sincere thank you for the

exceptional discretionary effort you gave us on a continuous basis over the last 5 years. We wish you well in your new endeavours. David's replacement has been identified and will be announced in the coming days.



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 €2,200 sa chrannchur a tharla ar an Déardaoin, ar an 25ú de mhí an Samhain a raibh urraithe ag:

There was no winner of the €2,200 Jackpot held on Thursday 18th November 2021 sponsored by: **O'Grady Hearing Care Services. Tarrainíodh na huimhreacha seo a leanas:** The numbers drawn were: **3, 6, 8, 16.**

Buaiteoirí tobair an áidh a fhaigheann €30 an duine ná: Lucky Dip winners of €30 each: **John Condon McKelvey Family, Bill Ryan, Orla Crowley, Carfmeil Bellew.**

Tá €2,600 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine:

The Jackpot for the next draw is €2,600, and is sponsored by **Dual Printing. Beidh sé beo ón Na**

Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook. Déan cinnte go bhfuil d'iontráil curtha isteach agaibh roimh 6 i.n. oíche an chrannchuir, chun í a chur san áireamh sa chrannchur na seachtaine sin. The draw will be held on Thursday 2nd 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 Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin.*

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

Club Siúlóide

Buaileann an grúpa siúlóide le chéile gach maidin Céadaoin ar 9.10 i bPáirc Ghrifín le dul ar shiúlóid ghairid. Deis álainn é seo do dhaoine a gcuid Gaeilge a chleachtadh. Má tá suim agat, seol téacs chuig Conán ar +447514033624.

The walking group meets together every Wednesday morning in Griffeen Park at 9.10. This is a great chance for learners to practise their 'cúpla focail'. If you're interested send a text to Conán on +447514033624

Peil na n-aithreacha

Leanann an traenáil peile d'aithreacha ar aghaidh gach oíche Luain ó 6.30 - 7.30 ag Ospidéal an Rí. Tá fáilte roimh imreoirí nua. Má tá suim agat, seol téacs chuig Conán ar +447514033624.

Football training for dads continues every Monday night from 6.30 - 7.30 in King's Hospital. New players are welcome. If you're interested send a text to Conán on +447514033624

Peil na máithreacha

Leanann an traenáil peile do máithreacha ar aghaidh gach oíche Luain ó 6.30-7.30 in Ospidéal an Rí. Fáilte roimh imreoirí nua. Má tá suim agat, seol téacs chuig Conán ar +447514033624.

Football training for mummies continues every Monday night from 6.30 - 7.30 in King's Hospital. New players are welcome. If you're interested send a text to Conán on +447514033624

Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club was treated to some wonderful wildlife images from Ita Martin, a wildlife photographer who spoke to the club last week.



Next week we have some of our club members presenting on various projects they have worked on and achievements they have gained over the years. So, this should be an interesting evening.

A few weeks back we had our Nature competition and some super shots from our photographers, below we have one of the winning images from Elaine Butler titled "Puffin landing on Skellig Michael" which won her mono category in the advanced section.



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

Library Event - Teaching and Learning Intervention for Autistic Children and Adults

Online Talk with Dr. Susan Crawford. **Wednesday 8th December at 7.00 pm.**

Online Over Zoom. This topic explores the different teaching and learning approaches that are useful when planning programmes and developing skills for autistic children and adults.

It will include an overview of applied behaviour analysis, TEACCH, Pivotal Response Therapy, Use of Technology and others.

The talk will provide guidance on how to adopt an "eclectic" approach where the best of all approaches are combined or adapted to meet the learning needs of the child or adult.

Booking: <http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com>

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

It probably won't come as a surprise to learn that at last week's meeting of the Camera Soiree more time was devoted to trying to work out what was going to happen to our bus services on the following Monday than to photography! Like Birdie we found the whole thing, including the numbering system, most confusing. In the end we concluded that it appeared that the number of services per hour through Lucan to and from the city centre was being



reduced from 8 to 4 and that this did not seem to be an improvement in terms of serving the people of Lucan whatever about the new services having a possible shorter journey time.



After this discussion all the copies of our calendar for 2022 were disposed of. Then, having resolved technical issues with the projector with the help of Fr. Philip, we continued to look at photographs taken with cameras that might form the basis of a “real-life” print exhibition in the New Year. However, given the current COVID situation there was a sense that there may be no alternative but to go virtual again. Josie and Conor made presentations of their recent photographic efforts.

This week Donal and Paddy submitted more Autumnal photos for the Newsletter which feels strange as it is the beginning of December. Donal submitted a particularly ghostly night-time photo of a graveyard taken in Macreddin in County Wicklow.



Stay safe until next week!