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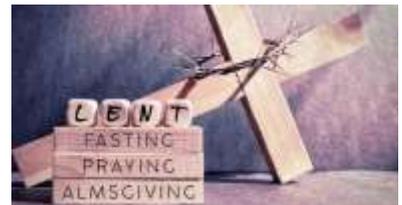
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Sunday 19th February 2023

Lent – What's it all about?

Wednesday next Feb 22nd is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the season of Lent. In the Ireland of the past, Lent was a somewhat sombre and gloomy season. Dances were forbidden, marriages couldn't take place, and an air of penance was all around. We all have bad habits that we want to work on, and the 40 days of Lent afford us the opportunity to do just that. In my own family I remember my Mother's attempts to give up smoking for Lent and how her efforts would make her short tempered and irritable; thankfully she didn't last the course and frazzled nerves were soothed on all fronts. She did however go on to make less demanding sacrifices! One of the beneficial side effects of Lent is often the shedding of a few pounds, when an effort is made to forego the sugary treats that are all too tempting. At about age 10, I gave up sugar in my tea and almost 60 years later the habit has endured.



Giving up something for Lent, or fasting in some sense, has an honourable history in the life of the church. But aside from any beneficial side-effects, it has an inherent spiritual value. It is one of the 'heavy armaments' of the Christian life, the others being prayer and almsgiving. These three practices have been described as the three pillars of Lent, and the practice of all or any of them can be a powerful aid to spiritual growth.

Fasting is hard for any of us, food is enjoyable and is one of the great pleasures in life. Using fasting as a means of self-control affirms what the Lord himself said in *Matthew 4:4* "Man does not live on bread alone". One of the great fathers of the church, St. John Chrysostom wrote, "Fasting of the body is food for the soul"

Almsgiving takes the focus off self and our own needs, and invites us to look to the poor and the needy in a spirit of generosity. In our consumerist society, almsgiving is a challenge to step off the merry-go-round of sometimes thoughtless spending, and to use our money for the good of the most-needy. The little Trocaire boxes that we are encouraged to fill during Lent provide the where-with-all to Trocaire to make a real difference in the lives of the poor. It also strengthens our bonds as a human family with responsibilities towards one another. To give to somebody who has nothing to give in return, brings its own blessings. "Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord, who will pay back the sum in full" (Prov. 19:17).

Prayer deepens and enriches our relationship with God and is central to the life of any Christian person. "Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up." *Luke 18:1*. Lent invites us to renew our prayer life and to spend time with the Lord. That can be a quiet visit to a church, five minutes of reflection on a passage of scripture, or being part of the Liturgical prayer of the church at Mass. Time spent with the Lord is never time wasted.

So come along on Ash Wednesday and receive the outward sign of your desire to change; but remember it is just a sign; there is no magic in the ashes, they are no more than an expression of a willingness to change – to change for the better. With God's help may that become a reality for all of us.

Philip Curran, St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Lucan

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

Our office is located in the Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre, Ballyowen, Lucan.



Opening hours:

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am - 12pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

Tuesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Thursday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS) is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8pm on 0818 07 4000

MABS – the Money Advice and Budgeting

Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over 20 years. MABS phone service is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm on 0818 07 2000

Booking a Package Holiday

Travel organisers must give you information about the type of holiday you are buying. Travel organisers can be a tour operator or an offline travel agency.

Your travel organiser must tell you up front if you are buying a package holiday or a linked travel arrangement – explained below. To check what type of holiday you have booked, read the information you got before you booked or call your travel organiser.

Types of Package Holidays

Package holidays can be ready-made or customised packages. A package holiday is sold at a total or inclusive price, must last for more than 24 hours, or include an overnight stay. It does not matter if you are asked to pay separately for different parts of the package (such as, the flight or transport), your holiday is still a 'package holiday'.

Ready-made package holidays

Ready-made package holidays have at least two of the following included:

Transport - like flights, a cruise, train or coach journeys

Accommodation

Other tourist services – for example tours, excursions, guides or tickets for concerts or theme parks

Car rental

Customised Packages

A customised package (sometimes called a dynamic packages) is where you choose the different parts of your holiday – therefore, it is not a ready-made holiday. You buy the customised package online through a website, or offline from a travel agent or call centre. All the parts you buy must relate to the same trip or holiday.

A customised package must include either

A single contract for all services

or

Separate contracts with different travel service providers, where:

All of the contracts are bought from a single point of sale

All services are selected before you agree to pay

There is a total or inclusive price

Example of protections when you have a customised package

Maria booked a flight to France directly on the website of an airline. When booking, she was offered accommodation at a hotel. She chose to book both the flight and the hotel. The airline's website charged a total price for all travel services, so this created a customised travel package holiday.

Unfortunately, when Maria got to the hotel it was being done up and there were no rooms available. Maria has rights under package travel legislation. She can ask and get the airline to help her get accommodation at the same or a higher standard.

What are linked travel arrangements?

Linked travel arrangements (LTAs) are not considered a package holiday and different rules apply - see 'Rules for your travel contract and your rights' below. In fact, you have fewer rights with LTAs.

With an LTA, you buy 2 or more travel services from different companies under separate contracts but which are linked. For example, you book a flight on a website and you are then invited, through a targeted link, to book a hotel on a different website.

You make a linked travel arrangement if you:

Book and complete buying one travel service on one website

Are invited, through a targeted link, to 'click through' and to book a second service on another website.

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Lucan ICA

Clair McBrearty RIP

We were all very sad to have lost a valued, long-time member Clair McBrearty RIP, who died on Friday 10th February. Clair served as a President, Secretary and International Officer over the years. She was always efficient in whatever task was in hand. Clair was a very intelligent and interesting person who loved her crosswords and quizzes. She could be relied on for the answers to do with the Royal family, actors in old films, musicals etc. Andrew Rieu being her favourite. Clair was a long-standing member of Maynooth and Dunboyne Flower club, participated in many competitions and was often a winner, any category except GAA! Clair always enjoyed her day trips away and especially weekends to An Grianan.

We shall miss Clair in the ICA but are grateful for the long and healthy life we were part of.

Pauline and Mary



ICA Notes:

Craft group meet as usual from 10am to 12-30 in the Parish Centre.

Delighted to see so many members for the first day back after Christmas.

Tea Rota - Nuala Corbet and Mary Duffy.

CLOTHES WANTED

Confey College Parents and Guardians Council invites you to recycle your unwanted clean wearable clothing, shoes in pairs, jewellery, handbags, hats, etc., to raise much needed funds to make improvements in the school for the benefit of the students.



Clean items in good condition can be dropped to **Confey College Secondary School in Leixlip between 9am and 3pm on Saturday 25th February.**

Please note; no pillows, duvets, bedlinen, socks, underwear or towels can be accepted.

Many thanks for your support.

Ireland Reads at Lucan Library!

The national Ireland Reads Day takes place on **Saturday 25th February**. In the lead up to this, Lucan Library has a Children's Competition – Get Your Guess In!



Children collect a token at the library desk for each book they return during February, and place their token in the designated box.

On Saturday February 25th, which is Ireland Reads Day, children are invited to come along and guess how many pieces are in the box! The child who makes a guess closest to the correct amount will win a prize!

If you want to learn more about the national Ireland Reads celebration, or wish to “squeeze in a read” during February, you can pledge your reading time by visiting www.irelandreads.ie.

Lucan Active Retirement Association

We meet in **St Andrew's Parish Centre**, Main Street, Lucan, **on Thursdays at 11.30am**.

New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. No charge for your first meeting.

Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Light exercises to keep the joints and muscles working. Coffee break at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.

Mass for Deceased Residents of Dodsboro

The deceased residents of Dodsboro and Dodsboro Cottages will be prayed for at Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Esker on Saturday evening, 4th March, 2023 at 7.00pm.

This is to include those who passed away during the Covid-19 Pandemic and all who passed away in the past couple of years. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

Family members and/or friends may wish to attend this Mass.

Organised by Dodsboro Residents Association (formerly)

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.



Wednesday 22nd February -

Ash Wednesday:

Mass with distribution of Ashes at 10am and 7.30pm

Weekday Masses during Lent:

Monday to Friday: 10am and 7.30pm.

Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Christian Meditation:

We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow. *All welcome, Sr Geraldine.*

Scriptural Readings:

We meet from **7.30-8.30pm** every **Monday** evening in the Bungalow opposite the church. The group will read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel to get a deeper understanding of the Word of our Lord.

All are welcome.

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.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

After Saturday 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Baptisms:

Dates are bookable on line. If you need to cancel secretary@lucanparish.com

Legion of Mary:

We meet every Thursday evening at 5.30pm in Room 4 in St Mary's Parish Centre for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

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

Sr Geraldine.

Coffee Dock Open:

Every Sunday Morning and Weekdays 10am to 12 noon. *All Welcome.*

Divine Mercy Devotion:

On Wednesdays after 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to participate in the devotion regularly or occasionally.

St Mary's Parish Divine Mercy Group.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Clair McBrearty**, Roselawn, to the family and friends of **Martin Lacey**, formerly Sarsfield Park and to the family and friends **Rónán MacCraith**, Larkfield.

May they rest in peace.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.



Wednesday 22nd February - Ash

Wednesday: Mass with distribution of Ashes at 10am and 7pm

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

Meeting every Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St Patrick's Church) from 7.30pm to 8.15pm.

Tea/Coffee:

Every Wednesday Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome*

St Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

Sunday: 9am and 10am.

Wednesday: 10am Mass

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

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

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.



Wednesday 22nd February –

Ash Wednesday:

Mass with distribution of Ashes
at 9.15am

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

Fri: 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.

Legion of Mary:

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church. Their works include visitation of homes, nursing homes, prisons and outreach to the poor. All welcome.

Home Visits Holy Communion:

If anyone who cannot come to Mass would like to receive Holy Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

A new branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society has opened in our parish. We meet once a month in Divine Mercy Church. The aim of the society is to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

All are very welcome and we look forward to seeing you all.

The Parish office can be contacted at 01 4572900.

Bingo:

Bingo every **Wednesday** at **7.30pm** in the St. John Paul Room Divine Mercy Church. Doors open at 7.00pm. *All welcome.*

Wednesdays tea/coffee morning:

There is a cup of tea/ and a slice of cake **after 9.15am Mass every Wednesday** in the St. John Paul II Room (room with tables and chairs to the right of the porch at the main Church entrance). All are most welcome.

Proposed Pilgrimage to Italy 2023/24 St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Parishes



are considering the possibility of organising a pilgrimage (7 nights, half board) under the spiritual direction of Fr. Philip

Curran, P.P. in October 2023 or the spring of 2024 to shrines of Italy located in Tuscany and Umbria including **Assisi, Orvieto, Siena and Florence** and are currently in discussion with Travel Agents regarding costs and dates. If you are interested in taking part in this pilgrimage, please leave your contact details (without any obligation at this stage) with **Deirdre in St Mary's Parish Office telephone 01 6281487 or email secretary@lucanparish.com** and you will be contacted when more detailed information is available.

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2023

Direct flights from Dublin

15th May or 18th October for 9 nights was €825 now €775. Single room supplement €180.

17th May or 18th October for 7 nights was €775 now €715. Single room supplement €140.

Phone Pat Colgan on 087 2238911 or book through Marian Pilgrimages on 01 878 8159 (and say I'm going with Pat Colgan

Knock

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, Monday 27th March 2023. €599.00 per person sharing. Price includes return train, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board.

All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement €100.00.

Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Acknowledgements

ANTHONY (TONY) CARTY - R.I.P.

The family of the late Anthony Carty would like to thank everyone who reached out to them on their recent sad bereavement, the support being overwhelming.

We thank those who attended the Funeral, sent Mass cards and messages of sympathy. Special thanks to our wonderful neighbours of Arthur Griffith Park and also our dear friends.

Thank you to Fr. Philip Curran, Fran Byrne from the Funeral Team for all your help and guidance.

Thanks also to Cunningham's Funeral Directors for all your help.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

Mary Carty and family

KIERAN KAVANAGH

On behalf of Mary, Denis, Fiona and Kevin, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all my good neighbours in Esker Lawns for their kindness, love and ongoing support since Kevin's passing.

Special thanks to Fr. Philip Curran, Sr. Geraldine, Dr. Feeney, Cunningham's Funeral Home and singer, Nickola Hendy.

Thanks to all extended family, friends and work colleagues who called, sent sympathy cards and attended the Funeral Mass.

All your kindness shown toward the Kavanagh family at this difficult time is very much valued and appreciated.

JIM NEALON - R.I.P.

The family of the late Jim Nealon wish to express our appreciation to our extended family, our neighbours and friends who were so supportive during Jim's illness and at the time of his Funeral. A special word of thanks to those who attended the Funeral, sent Mass cards and messages of sympathy. Your kindness is much appreciated.

Thank you to Father Abaldo, Mary and Fran from the Funeral Team for their help and support and Ian for his beautiful music.

We wish to thank the staff of Ryevale Nursing Home who took care of Jim for the last two years of his life.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

ANTHONY SPEIGHT

We, the family of Anthony Speight, would like to thank family, friends, neighbours and all those who sympathised and supported us on our recent bereavement.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere appreciation.

Anthony's Month's Mind Mass will take place Saturday 18th February in St. Mary's Church at 6.30pm.

Anniversaries

VIOLET BRADY

12th Anniversary - 22nd February

Woodview Heights.

To my beautiful Mum

Gone but never forgotten

Forever in our hearts.

Love always from your daughter Hillary and son-in-law Andrew xxx

FREDA BYRNE

47th Anniversary - 17th February

Mass is offered.

Those special memories of you

Will always bring a smile

If only I could have you back

Just for a little while

The fact you're no longer here

Will always cause me pain

But you're forever in my heart

Until we meet again.

*Remembered and loved always by your sister
Tessie x*

FREDA BYRNE

47th Anniversary - 17th February

Today's the anniversary

Of the day that we lost you

And for a time it felt as though

Our life had ended too

But loss has taught us many things

And now we face each day

With hope and happy memories

To help us on our way.

*Loved and remembered always by your husband
Dick and your family Elaine, Richard and Emily
xxx*



Anniversaries (cont'd.)

JOHN LALLY

23rd Anniversary away from home

Today recalls the memory
Of a loved one gone to rest
And those who think of him today
Are those who love him best
The flowers we lay upon his grave
May wither and decay
But the love for him who lies beneath
Will never fade away.

Greatly missed by your daughter Debbie, son-in-law Peter and granddaughter's Niamh, Karla and Aine xxx



JOHN LALLY

23rd Anniversary - 20th February

Treasured memories of a wonderful Dad and Grandad.

Dad, I miss you every day
You were so Precious and Unique
A guiding light throughout my life
You were my strength when I was weak
The fact that you are no longer here
Still fills my heart with pain.
I wish I had just one last chance
To talk to you again.

*Dearly loved and greatly missed always,
Alison, Andy, Ruth, Alisha, Craig and Caden xxx*

MARIE MURRAY

6th Anniversary

We miss and think of you each day
Your time on earth was short
But we will forever have your memories
And know with courage how you fought
We know you loved us dearly
And for the time that you were here
You touched our lives in many ways
It's those thoughts that keep you near.
Loved and missed by Kealan and all her family

WILLIAM (WILLIE) THOMPSON

6th Anniversary - 20th February

I miss you more than ever
Your guidance and your love
But I know you're still watching
Silently from above
The love you gave still warms me
The way it always will
But leaving left an empty space
That time can never fill.

Greatly missed and loved dearly by your loving wife Betty.



WILLIAM (WILLIE) THOMPSON

6th Anniversary - 20th February

Silent memories keep us near
As time unfolds another year
Out of our lives you may be gone
But in our hearts, your memory lives on.
Missed every day by David (Billy), Laura, Alicia and Ella

WILLIAM (WILLIE) THOMPSON

6th Anniversary - 20th February

What we would give if we could say
Hello Dad in the same old way
To hear you voice, see your smile
To sit with you and chat a while....
Loved and missed always by Paul, Sharon and Katie

BRENDAN CURTIS

26th Anniversary

Your guiding hand
Will remain on our shoulders forever
It really was a privilege to call you our Dad.
In our thoughts, in our hearts
In every part of our life, always!
Your loving wife Patricia, Len, Alan, Carol, Grace, Nev and all the family

KEVIN WHELAN

17th Anniversary - 18th February

Always in our thoughts
Forever in our hearts
Loved and remembered every day, Liz, Mary, Cathy, Barry and families

Recovery Meeting Reopened

Do you have?
Anxiety
Panic
Anger
Depression



**Recovery Self -Help Method Ireland
CAN HELP YOU!**

Local Meeting:
**St Mary's Parish Centre Lucan
Thursday 7.30 p.m.**

Tel: 00353 062 60 775 /

www.recoveryireland.ie

0872563193



Shrove Tuesday and Lent almost upon us as we head into next week. Birdie is looking forward to delicious pancakes with the simple sugar and lemon!

Amazing to see all



the different toppings these days. Whatever way you like them, be sure to enjoy!

6 Nations having a break this weekend, but aren't our boys in green doing very well. They certainly give the mood of the country a lift at a time when we're full of money woes etc.....

Yet, we should consider that our glass is half full! Spare a thought for the earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey – what a cruel lot life has thrown at them!

Renovation Work on the Mission House (former Convent), looks to be coming to a close. They now have a fine big entrance compared to the former which was just wide enough for a horse and carriage to pass through back in 1867 when the Presentation Sisters first arrived in Lucan.

NOT

By Erin Hanson

You are not your age
 Nor the size of the clothes you wear
 You are not a weight,
 Or the colour of your hair.
 You are not your name,
 Or the dimples in your cheeks.
 You are all the books you read
 And all the words you speak,
 You are your croaky morning voice,
 And the smiles you try to hide,
 You're the sweetest in your laughter,
 And every tear you've cried.
 You're the songs you sing so loudly,
 When you know you're all along,
 You're the places that you've been to,
 And the one that you call home.
 You're the things that you believe in,
 And the people that you love,
 You're the photos in your bedroom,
 And the future you dream of.
 You're made of so much beauty,
 But it seems that you forgot,
 When you decided that you were defined
 By all the things you're not.



The Marie Keating Foundation's Survive and Thrive programmes have been created to help men and women who have finished cancer treatment to adapt to their 'new normal.' The programmes include information and support from facilitators who are healthcare professionals and survivors themselves, we discuss issues such as coping with emotions; fatigue and other symptoms; changing nutritional needs; coping with feelings and change; managing stress and physical activity. Courses are for men or women only or they can be mixed.

This is an eight week programme, one evening a week from 6.15p.m. – 9p.m., you would need to be able to commit to attending all eight sessions as much as possible.

For further information contact Fiona on 087 9657144 or 01 628 3726 or e-mail

fsullivan@mariekeating.ie

To book a place log on to www.mariekeating.ie

All programmes are free to attend but places are limited and registration is essential

Table Quiz & Raffle

in aid of

North Kildare (Leixlip) Arch Club

*(a voluntary social club
for people with disabilities)*

St. Mary's GAA, Green Lane,
Leixlip

Friday 24th February 2023
8 pm, tables of 4 €5pp



All support is greatly appreciated

Booking a Package Holiday *continued...*

Conclude the second contract on the second website within 24 hours of the first booking

When the second booking is made:

You must be told you are not booking a package and, therefore, you can claim insolvency protection only (protection that will cover you if your travel organiser goes out of business)

The second company must tell the first company that you have finished booking the second service

Example of protections when you have an LTA

Patrick books a flight to Helsinki directly with an airline (service 1). Shortly after receiving an email to confirm his flight, he gets an email with a targeted offer of a hotel in Helsinki. Patrick uses the link to book the hotel (service 2), and he does this within 24 hours after getting the email to confirm his flight booking.

Unfortunately, when in Helsinki, Patrick learns that the travel organiser for his flight has gone bankrupt. Patrick has rights under travel legislation to cover the cost of his flight home (service 1). These are covered under the airline's insolvency protection. But, the airline will not help Patrick if he has any issue with accommodation (service 2), as this is not a package holiday.

Rules for your travel contract and your rights Information you must get before you book

The travel organiser must give you all of the essential information about the holiday before you agree to the contract. There is comprehensive information about this topic, including insurance, on our website at

Package holidays and linked travel arrangements (citizensinformation.ie)

Tip: Remember that you cannot be forced to take out the travel organiser's insurance. Where insurance is optional, your travel organiser must give you information to help you to decide whether to insure or not, if they have this information.

Renewing your passport

How to renew an Irish passport as an adult (citizensinformation.ie)

How long will my passport renewal take?

Online renewals take around 10 working days to process.

If you are applying by post, you should allow at least 8 weeks for your application to be processed (not including postage times). This period may be extended at certain times of the year due to increased application numbers.

Check the Passport Service website for current processing times.

Post Passport from An Post

Paper based passport service from An Post
This application will take significantly longer than Passport Online. You should use Passport Online if you have travel plans within the next 3 months. The current estimated turnaround time is 8 weeks but this is not a service guarantee and you should not book flights until you have your passport.

Alzheimer Social Club



Every Wednesday
1.30pm - 3.30 pm

JOIN US!

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan road, Lucan
Contact - Adrienne Mc Avinue
phone number- 086 838 1215
email address -amcavinue@alzheimer.ie

Our Club is a social gathering where people can access information and support, meet other people as well as to exchange ideas and experiences.

To believe

...is to know that every day is a new beginning, miracles happen and dreams do come true.

To believe is to know that angels dance in the clouds, the sky is full of stardust, and the man in the moon is wise.

To believe is to know the value of a nurturing heart, the innocence of a child's eyes, and the beauty of an ageing hand, for it is through their teachings that we learn to love.

To believe is to find the strength and courage that lies within us for when it is time to pick up the pieces and begin again.

To believe is to know we are not alone, that life is a gift and this is our time to cherish it.

To believe is to know that wonderful surprises are waiting to happen and all our hopes and dreams are within reach...

..... if only we believe

Political Notes

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12th Lock Masterplan – Update: At the February Council meeting held earlier this week, councillors received a detailed presentation on the development of 12th Lock Masterplan being progressed by the council. The plan itself is scheduled for completion by the end of January 2023. The development to this area will be very welcome, and I will continue to offer my own input during the various stages, for a future attractive visitor space for the people of Lucan and beyond, but that also to draw tourists and to promote active travel, whilst linking this project to other initiatives and cycling project schemes too. This will include extending the Greenway project, upgrading the pedestrian pathway as far as Hazelhatch bridge ahead of any development. The total investment is expected to be significant and in the region of €5.5m.

Emer Higgins TD - Fine Gael

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Funding for Lucan Disability Action Group:

Congratulations to the Lucan Disability Action Group who have been awarded €191,747 under the Community Services Programme, which is designed to support community-based businesses, social enterprises and organisations providing local services for disadvantaged people. Lucan Disability Action Group are a brilliant local organisation who enable people with disabilities to enhance their quality of life and achieve independence. Well done to Denise and all the team for their continued good work

Liffey Sound: I was delighted to meet with the chairman of Liffey Sound 96.4FM our local radio station in Lucan, Pat Quinn, to offer my support for their proposal for nationwide community media hubs.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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12th Lock Development: Plans for the development of the area at the 12th Lock on the Grand Canal were released at the February Council Meeting. The initial proposal includes a mixed use/enterprise centre, hostel, restaurant, public park, artist studios, kayaking club, creche and yoga studios. It seeks to transform the area

while retaining the current buildings. South Dublin County Council will be co-operating with Waterways Ireland in the development of the area. The next step for the project will be looking at budgeting and phasing before it goes to planning and public consultation. There is a huge amount of potential in the canal as a natural amenity, but at the moment it's not really usable. The development here will bring the canal into use with water sports such as kayaking and SUP (Stand Up Paddleboard).

Cllr. Liona O'Toole - Independent

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12th Lock Masterplan: a presentation was given to us at last Monday's full council meeting. I raised the need importance of ensuring community use plays major part in these plans, which is an issue I continue to campaign for. I also raised the necessity to include creches as I highlighted the demand for these services within the Lucan area. The next steps are as follows: Phasing programme, Budget analysis, Design team procurement, Part 8 (public consultation) Phase 1 Detailed Design & Construction

Grand Canal Greenway: The greenway upgrade along the canal heading towards Kildare is planned to be completed withing the next 12 months.

Footpath repairs: footpath repairs, one of the main issues raised with me, if you have an area that needs to be repaired do get in touch I will have the matter raised and included in future works.

Cllr. Joanna Tuffy - Labour Party

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1st Earl of Lucan Patrick Sarsfield: In light of news reports about the identification of the location where Patrick Sarsfield is buried as St. Martin's Church in Huy, Belgium, I have put a motion down for next weeks Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting. In the motion I ask the Council to prepare a case that Patrick Sarsfield's remains be buried in Lucan in the event that they are found and identified as those of Patrick Sarsfield. The meeting will be live cast in case you wish to watch the debate on this motion and other items on the agenda on Tuesday 22nd from 3pm. The link is <https://sdcc.public-i.tv/>

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Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade 2023 Entry Form



Name of Group:

Address:

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Tel Number:

Email:

Float: **Walkers:**

Contact Name:

Tel Number:

Supervising Leader 1:

Tel Number:

Supervising Leader 2:

Tel Number:

If you require music to be played at the viewing stand, please email music electronically by **Friday 3rd March** to: josephp.keegan@gmail.com and lucanparade@gmail.com

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS BY EMAIL
OR WHATSAPP TO:**

lucanparade@gmail.com or Caroline Brady 085 2551602

Closing date: 28th February 2023

No entry will be accepted after this date

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Lucan News from 1961

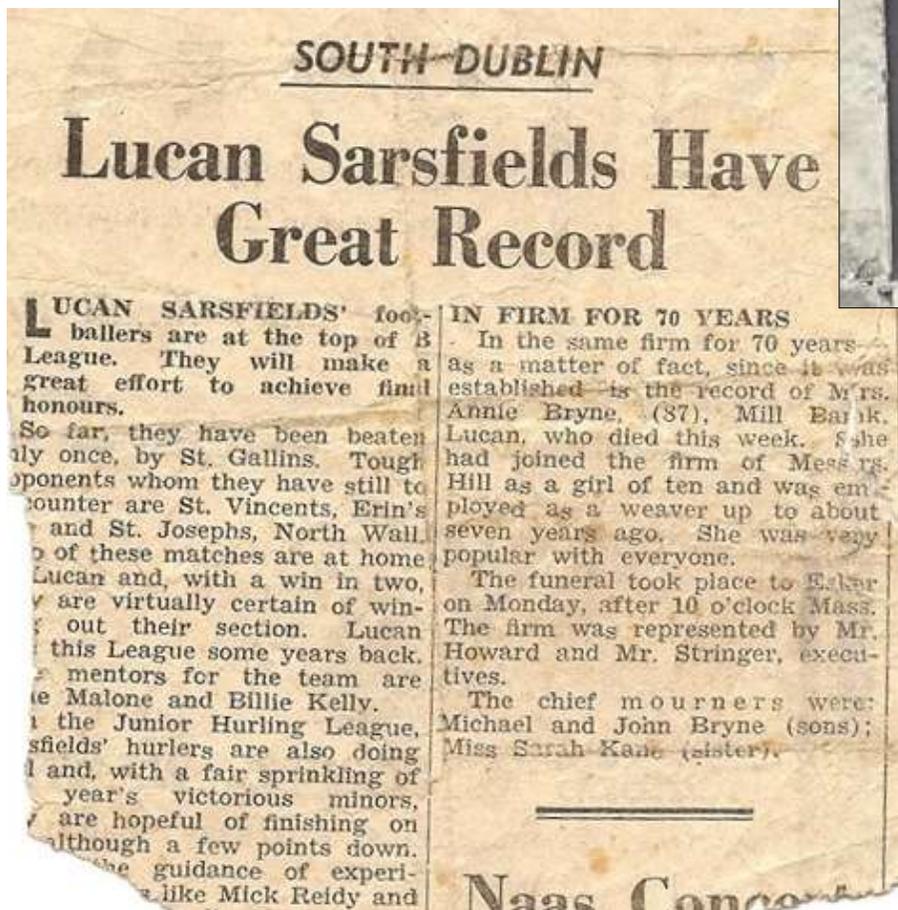
Below is a cutting from a 1961 unidentified newspaper. In the South Dublin news section, it features a report on Lucan Sarsfields, and also on the death of Annie Byrne (right), from Mill Bank.

Annie's grandchildren live in Lucan to this day, among them – Triona Walsh and Stephen Byrne, who send us photos and interesting pieces from time to time!



Annie above, went into Hills Mill as a girl of 10 years – no talk of child labour back then. It was just the norm. Nor did she retire at 65 either!

Judging by the newspaper article, she was obviously held in very high esteem.



The other item of interest on the page was a report of Lucan Sarsfields matches, and by all accounts, the footballers were doing well back then, under the mentorship of Billie Malone and Billie Kelly, two great stalwarts of the club. The hurlers were also doing well at the time. In 1961, the club would have played their home matches in Langan's field, in behind the pub now known as The Foxhunter.

The hurlers actually won the Corn Céitinn, and we came across the list of those presented with their Corn Céitinn Medals in 1962.

1. Tommy McCormack (Capt.)
2. Barney Bannon
3. Pat Bonass
4. Pat Brosnan
5. Patsy Cassells
6. Joe Collins
7. John Collins
8. Peadar Condrón
9. Jimmy Connolly
10. Tom Crouch
11. Aidan Dardis



12. Pat Delaney
13. Larry Downes
14. Noel Feeney
15. Cormac Fogarty
16. Tom Harris
17. Jimmy Kelly
18. Dessie O'Brien
19. Henry O'Neill
20. Sean McGillaway
21. Eddie Waters



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Fonthill Road/St Loman's Road cycle lane

connection: The lack of connection between the Fonthill Road cycle lane and that on St Loman's Road/Liffey Valley/N4 slip road at the St Kevin's CC roundabout is something I've raised with SDCC. Unfortunately, there is no immediate and evident short-term solution, but the Council's active travel team are going to examine the junction to what can be done to complete the cycle lane.

Drains at Rosewood: Thanks to South Dublin County Council Drainage Section for responding to my request to repair the drains at Rosewood Grove last week. Thanks to the residents who raised it with me.

Ballyowen Castle Walking Group: Best wishes to the new Ballyowen Castle Walking Group who have started regular community walks every Wednesday at 7pm, meeting at Ballyowen Castle Community Centre. Try it out!



Koins for Kids

Our most recent donation to Koins for Kids included over €663 and 30kgs of non Euro coin and notes, including Sterling, USA currency, Australian and Canadian coins and notes.

Many thanks to all our contributors for their very kind donations. All kinds of coin or notes can be used by us to raise funds.

Many thanks to all for your kindness.

Regards,
Damien Douglas
0879519222.

Celbridge Mill Community Centre

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Facebook "The Mill Community Centre"

Come and join us at The Haven Celbridge

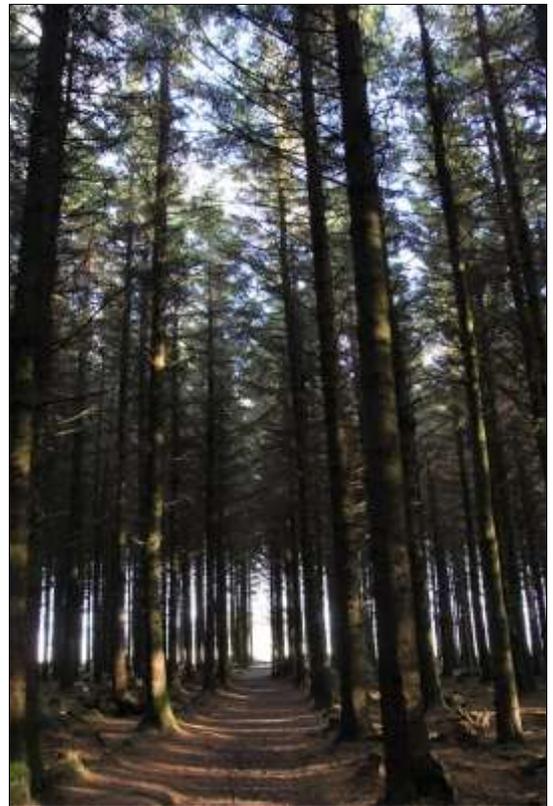
Kate Walsh House at The Mill.

Tuesdays / Thursdays. New members welcome. Home cooked meals, snacks. Bingo, quizzes, sing-songs, dancing, day trips.

Silver Thread Club, Wednesdays 10am for the Senior members of the Community.

Refreshments, Bingo, activities and the chat.

Voices of Spring Choir Wed 11am – People living with dementia, carers, older people with other health concerns or who are living in isolation/in need of social outlets.



Another delightful scene from St. Mary's Camera Soiree.

Mother & Toddler Group

Thursdays

in St. Mary's Parish Centre,
from 9.30am to 11.30am.





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Team News

We are delighted to see all our college students performing so well for their teams. Chloe O'Connor awarded player of the game in the Colleges Uí Mhaolágain final, supported by her team mates Millie Reid and Asma Shala. In the Fr. Meaghair Cup Semi Finals, UCD 2 team Cliodhna Ni Bhuachalla represented Lucan. In the Ashbourne Cup Semi Final 1, Lucan are represented on the TUD team by Sinead Daly and finally in the Purcell Cup Semi Final 2 – MTU Cork vs Trinity, Lucan are represented Aoife Mahon for Trinity.

In the much-anticipated LGFA GO AHEAD Dublin Club Stars 2023, it was great to see Erris Smith represent Lucan Sarsfields on the Junior team and Emma Fallon represent us with the Premier stars!

Membership

Membership for 2023 is now open. Our number 1 priority is player welfare and we'd like to remind parents and adult players that players need to be registered and paid members of the club in order to be covered by insurance. This includes training and challenge matches as well as official club games. Any unregistered players that train or play matches are doing so at their own risk and accepting that they will cover any medical costs that may result from injuries

Just a couple of points when doing membership this year:

-As per club rules, all managers/mentors/coaches must be full members. Juvenile membership only includes Social membership which is not suitable for this role. All Family membership options include full adult memberships

- If you have moved address since your last registration, or changed email can you please ensure that the correct details are entered on this year's application.

- There is an option to pay membership over 6 months via debit/credit card and this can be selected at the end of the process

- If you are unsure which option to select or what option are best value for money you can drop a mail to lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com Finally, if anyone has any issues or challenges with membership you can contact me in 100% confidence at

lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com and we will work together to sort something out.

Healthy Clubs - Ireland Lights Up

Please join us for our next walk this Wednesday from our clubhouse at 7pm. Just sign in and walk and enjoy the company along the way!

Irish Life Healthy Clubs Every Step Counts challenge is still open for entry. Our club can be in with a chance to win vouchers for new kit from O'Neill's, please



download the MyLife app in the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) and search MyLife by Irish Life.

Club Awards

The Annual Adult Awards Night is deferred, a new date will be advised in the next few days.

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €13,800. The Numbers were **8, 12, 14, 23.**

The 5 lucky dip prizes go to, Ronnie Smith, Ruth McKenna, Pat Smith, Mat O'Donovan, and Julie Crowley.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€14,200**. The draw is sponsored by Dual Printing Ltd. and will be led by Cormac Gordon.

Tá €14,200 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine: Beidh sé beo ón Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook.

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



The draw will be held on Thursdays, at 9pm and is streamed from Lucan Sarsfield's 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 Sarsfield's GAA Club.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Cailíní F8

Bhí maidin iontach againn le Westmanstown GAA. Bhí an-spórt, spraoi agus scileanna iontach

le feiceáil ó gach éinne. Maith sibh uilig a chailíní

We had a super morning with Westmanstown GAA. Lots of fun, sport and skills to be seen. Well done to all the girls.

Traenáil gach Céadaoin 6-7pm - BÍGÍ LINN
Maith sibh a chailíní...



Peil na bhfear

Maidin bhreá do chluiche peile dúshláin agus toradh maith ag foireann A na bhfear in aghaidh Fánaithe Bhaile Baodáin!



Buachaillí F15 - Peil

Chruthaigh na buachaillí F15 píosa beag staire maidin Domhnaigh nuair a ghlac foireann ón chlub páirt i bhFéile na nGael den chead uair. Ar an ndrochuair ní raibh an lá leo, 3 cúlín a bhí ann ag an ndeireadh agus an lámh in uachtar ag Lucan Sarsfields.

Rinne an captaen Matthew Ó Dúinn & Rioghnáin Ó Briain an-cosáint le linn an chluiche. Fuair Dara de Búrca & Max Nesbitt na cúl. Moladh ar leith do Shannon Reilly & Darragh Scott a d'imir a gcluichí peile is fearr go dtí seo. Céim ar chéim



**DODSBORO GOLFERS
ANNUAL OUTING**

Venue : Lucan Golf Club
Date : Friday 25th August
Tee Time : 14:00 - 16:00
Entry Fee €40 Per Person (Golf & food)
Members & Visitors Welcome
*Contact Joe Curtis (089-425-4684)

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last week we enjoyed looking at the photographs of the son of one of our members who is a dedicated member of one of the camera clubs in our general area. This week we are having another portrait workshop and will be in the capable hands of Donal. The plan is to go to the photographic exhibition currently on at Farmleigh next Friday.



There is a mixture of winter and spring in this week's photographs with Joe sending in photos of crocuses in Chalet Gardens, Conor submitting very atmospheric photos of the River Liffey on a misty morning and Josie managing to capture some photographs of the landscape around Westmanstown on that recent morning when we had a surprise frost.

Josie's photos prompted me to "Google" Westmanstown and see what came up. According to the Westmanstown Golf Club website I learned that the name, "Westmanstown" is first mentioned in records in 1821 and is believed to be a corruption of the name "Waspayle", a Norman family who were recorded in the area in the 16th century. Another website, which gives the Irish name of the townland as Baile An Bhaspailigh, led me to the National Archives where I discovered that according to the 1901 census there were 78 inhabitants in the townland and according to the census taken ten years later this number had risen to 157.



Even today the townland does not seem heavily populated. I was surprised to find that there is another townland called Westmanstown on the south side of the Liffey near Newcastle.



Until next week stay safe!