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Novena of Grace 2022

The Novena of Grace originated in Naples, Italy in 1643, when a Jesuit, Fr Marcellus Mastrilli, was cured through the intercession of St Francis Xavier, who promised that those who made the nine days of prayer in preparation for the anniversary of his canonisation would receive many graces and favours. Thus the name: Novena of Grace.

The first time it was held in Ireland was in 1712, in the church at Mary's Lane, Dublin, now in Halston St Parish. It began in Gardiner St church in 1832, the year the church was built. Our own St. Mary's Lucan was built at around the same time. Over the years it has spread to many parishes in the Dublin diocese. Many people moved from the city centre to the suburbs and began the novena in their new parishes.

This year we will have a preached Novena conducted by Father John Walsh O.P. Fr. John is based at the Dominican Priory in Dominick Street and has preached many retreats and Novenas around the country.

“Ask and ye shall receive”: the petitions

One distinctive feature of the Novena of Grace is that people with a “special intention” write it down and put it in a basket which is placed in the sanctuary. Some intentions are read out before Mass so that the congregation can pray for each other.

Indeed, the petitions are one of the high points of the Novena of Grace. People write what they might never say. They listen to see has anyone the same issues to deal with as they have: “Pray that my son will come back to Mass...that my husband will give up the drink...that my daughter's marriage will work out...that my son will find a partner...for my son who is coming to terms with his sexuality...”, and so on.

So, long before Joe Duffy and the phone-in chat shows, people found solace in sharing their sufferings with others – in this case because they did it for love of God and knew that prayer is always answered in some way, especially when people pray together.

We invite you to join us in the Novena, and for those who cannot attend the morning sessions a recording will be available on the parish website at www.lucanparish.com each day.

Philip Curran
St. Mary's Lucan

Pray The Novena of Grace
with us in St. Mary's Lucan
March 4th to 12th

Join us for the Daily Novena Mass

Weekdays 10.00am		Sunday 12 noon
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Preacher: Fr. John Walsh O.P. St. Saviours Dominic Street.

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

From 1 January 2022, our telephone number is 0818 07 5090. www.citizensinformation.ie



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

Call us on 0818 07 5090, leave a message with your name and number and an Information Officer will return your call within 2 working days, or you can email your query to us at lucan@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 20 years. MABS Clondalkin phone 0818 07 2270

Universal Social Charge

The Universal Social Charge (USC) is a tax on income that replaced both the income levy and the health levy (also known as the health contribution) since 1 January 2011. You pay the USC if your gross income is more than €13,000 per year. Once your income is over this limit, you pay the relevant rate of USC on all of your income. It is calculated on a weekly or monthly basis. It does not apply to social welfare or similar payments, and there are certain other exceptions: see 'Income exempt from the USC' below.

Income liable for the USC

The Universal Social Charge is tax you pay on gross income, including notional pay (notional pay is a non-cash benefit, such as benefit-in-kind), after any relief for certain capital allowances. The USC is payable on pension contributions.

If your total income is €13,000 or less per year, you do not pay any USC. If it is more than €13,000 per year, you pay USC on your full income.

For married couples or civil partners, each spouse or civil partner is treated individually by their employer or pension provider throughout the year.

Liability for the USC depends on the date of the payment rather than on when the income was earned.

Although you may not have to pay income tax based on your entitlement to tax credits or by use of losses or capital allowances, you may still have to pay the Universal Social Charge on your income.

Some sources of income are exempt from income tax but are liable to the Universal Social Charge.

These include income from:

- The occupation of certain woodlands
- Profits from stallion fees
- Stud greyhound services fees and farmland leasing
- Patent royalty income
- Earnings of certain writers, artists and composers
- Universal Social Charge (USC)
- Income exempt from the USC

You do not pay the USC if your total income for a year is €13,000 or less. (If you are aged 70 or over or a medical card holder aged under 70 and your total income for the year is €60,000 or less, you pay a reduced rate of USC.)

All Department of Social Protection payments, including Maternity Benefit, Paternity Benefit and State pensions, are exempt from the Universal Social Charge. Similar payments, such as payments made as part of Community Employment schemes or the Back to Education Allowance, are exempt. Social welfare or similar payments made from abroad are exempt. Student grants and scholarships are also exempt.

Income where DIRT (Deposit Interest Retention Tax) has already been paid is exempt from the USC.

There are a number of other exemptions.

These include:

Certain salary sacrifice schemes, such as the TaxSaver Commuter Ticket Scheme and the Cycle to Work scheme

Statutory redundancy payments

Foster care payments

Child Benefit

Rent a Room Relief

You can find more information about USC exemptions on revenue.ie.

Rates: If your income is €13,000 or less, you pay no Universal Social Charge (USC). Once your income is over this limit, you pay the relevant rate of USC on all of your income. For example, if you have income of €13,000 you will pay no USC. If you have income of €13,001 you will pay 0.5% on income up to €12,012 and 2% on income between €12,012 and €13,001.

Standard rate of USC (2022)

Rate	Income band
0.5%	Up to €12,012
2%	From €12,012.01 to €21,295
4.5%	From €21,295.01 to €70,044
8%	From €70,044.01 and over

11% Self-employed income over €100,000

Reduced rate of USC (2022)

Rate	Income band
0.5%	Income up to €12,012
2%	All income over €12,012

Reduced rates of USC apply to:

People aged 70 or over whose total income for the year is €60,000 or less

Medical card holders aged under 70 whose total income for the year is €60,000 or less

Total income for USC purposes does not include payments from the Department of Social Protection.

You must hold a full medical card or a Health Amendment Act Card to qualify for the reduced rate.

People who hold a GP visit card, a Drugs Payment Scheme Card, a European Health Insurance Card or a Long-term Illness Scheme Card do not qualify for the reduced rate. If a person reaches 70 years at any stage during the year, they will benefit from the maximum 2% rate for the whole year.

Further Information at:

https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/money_and_tax/ax/income_tax/universal_social_charge.html

LARA

– Lucan Active Retirement Association

We meet from 11.30 am to 2.30 pm on Thursdays at St Andrew's Church Hall in Main St Lucan. Free parking is available.

LARA returned on 13 January and we're enjoying being back and meeting friends.

We play bowls, Scrabble and cards and light refreshments are served at 1.15 pm approx.

"Anois teacht an earraigh....." Now that Spring is here and with restrictions being lifted we look forward to new activities and outings including a short break in the Ballymascanlon House Hotel in Dundalk in March.

We send our best wishes to our members and look forward to seeing them soon and we welcome new members. Please wear a face covering.

CATU – Lucan & Palmerstown

We are the Lucan & Palmerstown Branch of Community Action Tenants Union (CATU). Our union provides support to communities and tenants through collective action and collective bargaining.

- ▲ Are you having difficulties with your landlord and feel unsure on how to react?
- ▲ Have you been threatened with eviction or rent increases?
- ▲ Do you feel helpless struggling alone in precarious living conditions?

If you've been affected by the housing crisis, and you're not a landlord, go to <https://catuireland.org/> to join today

We're launching the Lucan-Palmerstown Branch of CATU on **Wednesday 23rd February** 6:00 to 8:00pm at The Bush Resource Centre K78 VP97, it would be great to meet you there.

Lucan ICA

Tuesday 22nd Feb: Craft Group meet at 10am – 12.30pm in the Coffee Dock, St. Mary's Parish Centre.

Craft mornings are very much back to normal – an absolute hive of industry here this week but still plenty of time for chat and craic.

Anniversary Mass for Peggy McGinley in St. Patrick's Church, Esker on Saturday 19th February at 10am.



Lucan Drama

Lucan Drama are delighted to announce that there will be readings for '**The Playboy of the Western World**' by *J.M. Synge* in the **Spa Hotel** on **Monday 21st February** and **Monday 28th February** at **8pm**. We hope to stage this production towards the end of May. The Director is Donail Downes. We are looking forward to a good turnout for readings. We need actors and crew. We are delighted to be back and cannot wait to tread the boards again.



J. M. Synge is a renowned playwright and 'The Playboy of the Western World' is one of his greatest achievements and has been performed worldwide to great acclaim.

New members are very welcome so if anyone would like to audition please come to the Spa Hotel on either or both of the above dates

For further information contact:
Donail: 0879658838; Jack: 0860666626;
B: 0864015794

Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi everyone,

We had a very big crowd at our club again – it was hard to get into the carpark! At the moment we have seventy-three fully paid up members in our club but there's always room for more. So, don't sit at home alone, not knowing what to do with yourself in your retirement, come and join us at whist, scrabble, bowling, chaerobics, great chat and refreshments. If you're fifty-five or over, retired or semi-retired, give us a call or drop in to our club on Wednesday afternoons. Our yearly subscription is €25 for each member and €3 which is the weekly fee to cover rent and refreshments.



Our first trip of 2022 is fully booked up – this was filled within an hour of opening it up to our fully paid up members.

The members who went to Vue Cinema on Tuesday to see *Death on the Nile*, really enjoyed the movie.

We are in St Andrew's Church Hall just down from Stagg Cycles which is a blue and yellow building. There's parking in the grounds of the Church and also a bus stop outside the Church gates.

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

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Important: We must continue to **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

Holy Hour

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



Christian Meditation:

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

All welcome,

Sr Geraldine.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

Mondays at 10.45am and **Thursdays at 8pm** in the Bungalow. We are available to listen to or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one.

Sr Geraldine.

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 Morning 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Baptisms:

Dates are bookable on line up to the end of **May 2022**. If you need to cancel a booking contact: secretary@lucanparish.com

St Mary's Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 22nd February for training.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

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

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

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

Adoration and Holy Hour:

Monday: 7.30pm

Thursday: 7pm

Friday: 2-3pm



Visitation team for Holy Communion:

Pastoral care of the Sick is provided for all who suffer in any way in our communities. When a person becomes ill, receives a serious diagnosis or because of frailty is no longer able to attend Mass, our Ministers facilitate visitation of the sick at home or in a care setting when this is requested by families and permitted by public health authorities.

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

Spring a beautiful reminder of how good change can truly be!

Thank you for the donation of compost bins. This will help to feed our plants in the future. February is the month when plants and flowers have a huge growth surge and compost really helps them get off to a good start. Spring-flowering bulbs are the earliest plants to bloom in the garden. Depending on the weather, cold-hardy snowdrops and winter aconites make an appearance in February or March. Crocuses soon follow, along with scillas and Chionodoxas. As spring arrives, daffodils and hyacinths emerge in March and April, followed by tulips and ornamental onions in May and early June.

Join Divine Bloom on Saturday after the 10am Mass.

Memorial Plaques: Our dearly departed loved ones are never far from our thoughts and prayers. Lucan South Parish offers the facility to the Parishioners to get brass memorial plates added to the Seats in memory of deceased loved ones. A Brass Memorial plate is a very tangible and beautiful method of honouring the memory of our loved ones. The plates are made from the highest quality brass. The cost per dedicated plate is €250. This includes the cost of the plaque and a donation for the upkeep of the church.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday at 10am.

All Masses continue to be livestreamed at

stpatrickslucan.ie

Important:

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

View the following on www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Mass Readings for the week

Morning Prayer – Lauds

Evening Prayer – Vespers

Take five at 10 - Reflections–Weekdays: 10am

Taizé – Watch and Pray

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship: 11am.

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

Services will be streamed online and available on Youtube

St. 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](#)

Pope Francis-Beatitudes

Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evil inflicted on them by others, and forgive them from their heart.

Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised, and show them their closeness.

Blessed are those who see God in every person, and strive to make others also discover him.

Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.

Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians.

Mother and Toddler Group



Starting back in
St Mary's Parish Centre
on
Thursday 3rd March
From 10.30am to 12 noon
All welcome

When you are old

When you are old and grey and full of sleep,
And nodding by the fire, take down this book,
And slowly read, and dream of the soft look
Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep

How many loved your moments of glad grace,
And loved your beauty with love false or true,
But one man loved the pilgrim Soul in you,
And loved the sorrows of your changing face

And bending down beside the glowing bars,
Murmur, a little sadly, how Love fled
And paced upon the mountains overhead
And hid his face amid a crowd of stars

W. B. Yeats

Anniversaries

BYRNE (PATRICK - PADDY)

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure
You are loved beyond words
And missed beyond measure.

*Wife Maeve Byrne, sons Damien, Austin, Denis
and their families*

**Anniversary Mass on Sunday 20th February
at 12 noon in St. Patrick's Church, Lucan.**



CURTIS (BRENDAN)

25th Anniversary - 19th February

No matter how many years pass, you will live on
In our hearts and memories forever!

We will miss you always till we meet again.

*Love from your wife Trish and loving sons and
daughters Lenny, Alan, Carol, Grace, Nev and all
the family xx*

MURRAY (MARIE - MEME)

5th Anniversary - 18th February

Those we love remain with us
For love itself lives on
And cherished memories never fade
Because a loved one's gone
Those we love can never be
More than a thought apart
For as long as there are memories,
You'll live in all our hearts.

*Loved and remembered always by her loving son
Kealan, family and friends*

**Marie's Anniversary Mass is Sunday 20th
February at 10.30am in St. Patrick's Church,
Esker.**

THOMPSON (WILLIAM - WILLIE)

Gone are the days we used to share
But in our hearts
You are always there
With tender love and deep regret
We who love you will never forget.

*Loved and missed always by Paul, Sharon and
Katie*



THOMPSON (WILLIAM - WILLIE)

Sadly missed along life's way
Quietly remembered every day
No longer in our life to share
But in our hearts, you're always there.

*Missed every day by David (Billy), Laura, Alicia
and Ella*

THOMPSON (WILLIAM - WILLIE)

Sad was the parting, no-one can tell
So sudden on earth, the sorrow fell
The blow was hard, the shock severe
To part with one I loved so dear
Dearer still as years depart
His memory lives within my heart
*Greatly missed and loved dearly by your loving
wife Betty*

BRADY MANNING (MICHELLE)

1st Anniversary - 24th February

Treasured memories of a special daughter.
Of all the gifts in life
However great or small
To have you as our daughter
Was the greatest gift of all
A silent thought, a secret tear
Keeps your memory ever near
In our heart forever

Death leaves a heartache no-one can heal
Love leaves a memory no-one can steal.

Love and miss you dearly, Mam and Dad xxx

BRADY MANNING (MICHELLE)

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
A part of us went with you
The day God took you home
If tears could build a stairway
And heartaches make a lane
We'd walk our way to Heaven
And bring you back again
In life we loved you dearly
In death we love you still
In our hearts you hold a place
No-one could ever fill.

*Loved and always remembered your sisters
Karen, Susanne, brothers David, Brian and Gary*

MURPHY (JOSEPHINE - JOSIE)

2nd Anniversary - 18th February

In loving memory of our beautiful mum. Late of
Arthur Griffith Park, Lucan.

*Missed daily, remembered and loved always by
Ella and Noel, Marie and Robert, Hilda and Raj,
grandchildren Anita, Hemisha, Owen, Honora,
great grandson James and great great
grandchildren Mia and Hannah, grandson
in-laws Jason and Miguel and her friends
and neighbours*

Anniversaries

DOBBS (MAY - MARY THORNTON)

9th Anniversary - 22nd February

Sadly missed along life's way
Quietly remembered every day
No longer in our life to share
But in our hearts, you're always there.

Loved and remembered by your loving sons and daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren



LALLY (JOHN)

22nd 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

LALLY (JOHN)

22nd Anniversary - 20th February

As time goes by without you
And the day's turns into years
We hold such precious memories
Of a Dad we loved so dear
Your life was one of kindly deeds
A helping hand for others needs
Sincere and true in heart and mind
Beautiful memories left behind.

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



LALLY (JOHN)

Late of AGP, Lucan. I Miss My Dad -
He loved me for who I was
And accepted me for who I striving to become
Dads are strong for a reason
Their strength gives us a sense of protection
Now that you are in Heaven, Dad
I know that you will continue to protect me
Thanks for being MY Dad
I will always love and miss you
Until we meet again.

From your loving daughter Joyce, always remembered and never forgotten

LALLY (JOHN)

Thinking of you today daddy
Light of Heaven to you
Miss your smile, I miss your jokes
You would have a smoke and say
I'm off to bed good night folks
You were one in a million, a heart of gold
But by God a good story could be told by you
You have left such a void in all our hearts
Especially my boys, Jonathan, Ciaran and
Matthew and your two great grandsons Caden and
Ollie you would be elected.

Missing you always, never forgotten, Joyce, Mark, Jonathan, Ciaran and Matthew, Ollie

Ann Devlin, Irish Republican

As part of our International Women's Day festivities, Lucan Local History are delighted to present 'Ann Devlin, Irish Republican', an online Zoom talk by Mícheál Ó Doibhílin, (publisher of 'Kilmainham Tales').



This talk will be on Ann Devlin, her dedication to the Republican Cause, her subsequent arrest, torture and release. Mícheál will also discuss her Lucan connections, as she came to the Spa in Lucan when imprisoned, to take the waters for her health.

Don't miss this fascinating talk, on **Thursday 10th March at 7pm** via Eventbrite at lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie

Mary Wollstonecraft at 15 Henrietta Street

On **Thursday 24th February at 7pm** Lucan Local History presents an online talk by historian Fergus Whelan who will discuss the life of the writer, philosopher, and advocate of women's rights Mary Wollstonecraft who arrived in Ireland to take on the role of governess to 14-year-old Margaret King.



You can book a place through Eventbrite at lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie



We've had Storm Dudley bothering the country this week, with **Eunice** hot on his trail – we're working our way through the alphabet of storms!



The Little Free Library was spotted in Shackleton Park this week – we gather that the idea is that you can leave a book there, and take another away!

Get those hedge trimmers and shears out now!

With little more than a week to go, we need to get those garden hedges in shape. The cutting, grubbing, burning or other destruction of “vegetation growing in any hedge or ditch” is prohibited between **March 1 and August 31** - *The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)*



Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade – We hear that great work is afoot ahead of this year's event. Time is running out, so if you have not got your entry in, do so in the next week.



Contact: lucanparade@gmail.com or Mary Meehan, 174 Arthur Griffith Park, Lucan. Mob: 085 737 4645.

Closing date for entries is 28th February 2022.

Our diaries will be filling up again! Brilliant to see the various clubs and organisations getting back in action. We are already looking forward to Lucan Drama's production of *The Playboy of the Western World*, and more good news this week, is that *Bloom in the Park* is coming back in June – all the Flower Fairies will be delighted with that one!



Lucan Planning Council

Update re Lucan Village

In last week's Newsletter LPC encouraged readers to make objections to SDCC to part8 proposals particularly in relation to parking in the Main St. We repeat this request.

We want at this point to emphasize that designation of Destination Town to Lucan is a privilege not given to many other places and it has to be welcomed. This is bound to attract more visitors to the village and will require a comprehensive plan to cover traffic, parking, and village green improvements etc and as such needs to be agreed with politicians, traders, local organisations, and residents. This conversation must commence.

We have referred LPC village traffic flow plan to Lucan traders for comment. We are on the same page regarding the need for a public car park in Lucan in addition to what's already in place.

We repeat our huge concern about the proposed one-way system on the Main St in the direction of Lucan Bridge which provides a cycleway to replace parking on the right. LPC point out there has been no consultation on this and the plan seems biased in favour of able-bodied people. Anyone living in the Strawberry Beds direction coming into the village will have to go round the Chapel Hill way and down into the village. We can't see this as practical as cars will build up trying to turn right at St Mary's car park.

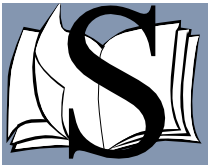
By not having a public consultation there are options and local solutions that are not being considered. There are different possibilities to the routing of the cycleway that merit examination, and there are answers that both enable and encourage walking and cycling without excluding others or damaging the fabric of the community. LPC promotes harmonious development.

With reference to some of SDCC drawings, LPC suggest If SDCC want to create a fake or phantom village to replace our own thriving neighbourhood perhaps they should build it elsewhere and we imagine as sort of Tír na nÓg where everyone walks and cycles, and where nobody needs a doctor or a dentist or indeed ages in any way.

We again ask interested residents to actively engage with SDCC in the first instance regarding the necessity for parking on the Village Green. We welcome development of the Weir, we look for additional casual seating to encourage walking to the village, and we welcome cyclists and cycling.

3rd March is your deadline to object regarding removal of parking on the Village Green area.

We will be moving forward regarding public consultation on Lucan as a Destination Town and the Main St.



SCHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Women in Science: Last Week we entered two videos in a competition in Maynooth University to showcase "what Science means to our students" to celebrate International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2022, which happened on Friday 11th 2022. The fantastic entries can be found on our school website. Well done to the Students involved and the Science Department on all their hard work on this initiative.

Transition Year: Our Transition Years are doing work placement over the next two weeks; this is great experience for the students to get and insight into the world of work. We would like to thank all of the businesses and organisations who have opened up their doors to allow our students to have this invaluable experience. Our teachers have been busy checking in on the students' progress over the last week and the feedback has been extremely positive.

1st Year Parent Teacher Meeting: We held our 1st Year Parent Teacher meeting on Thursday last via zoom. It was great to finally meet the Parents/Guardians of our First Year albeit virtually.

Mock Exams: Our Students have completed their mock exams over the past two weeks, well done to all the students and well done to Mr. Doherty who coordinated the exams expertly.



Athletics: Well done to our Junior Athletics Team who won the Dublin Cross Country event in the Phoenix Park on Monday. The Team was made up of Katherine Kilcullen, Katie Kavanagh, Robyn Graham, Eilis Tomney, Grace Garner and Isabella Fitzsimons. A special mention to Katherine Cullen who was the 2nd individual winning the silver medal.

Well Walk: We would be grateful if you would sponsor our students for this walk or donate via the Go-Fund Me page. The Go Fund Me link is available on the School Website Homepage, just click on the Go Fund Me icon in the top right hand corner or by clicking on the following link <https://gofund.me/ba72c006>. All of the funds raised will go directly to pay for the cost of 'Joey's Outdoor Classroom and the improvement of the outdoor space for all students. Pictured below are members of our Parents Association and Student Council at the launch. Our Well Walk takes place on the 3rd of March for our whole School Community.

Good Witches Walk: In November our 1st Year students had a 'Good Witches Walk' with their tutors in aid of the Charity Concern. They looked suitably, 'Fabulously-Spooky' as did their 'Terrifying' tutors for this Halloween themed walk. On Wednesday the students finally got to virtually present a cheque to the Concern Charity with the proceeds of their fundraising walk. Ms Noeleen Doyle Schools Officer with Concern engaged with the entire first year group through a zoom webinar where she thanked them for their efforts and explained how their donation will help with Concerns work in some of the poorest countries in the world. Well done to Ms. Ward and to all the First Year Tutors for coordinating the event and a special Thanks to the Students who went above and beyond in their fundraising attempts for this great cause. The target for the Fundraiser was €900 and the group crushed that target by raising an amazing €1775 for Concern Ireland. Well done.



Student and Staff Hike: A massive WELL DONE to all the students and staff who climbed Lugnaquilla yesterday. It was a challenging hike with all types of weather and terrain in the mix. It is a great achievement for the 5th Year Silver Gaisce students to reach the peak of the highest mountain in Leinster. Well done everyone

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

Follow us on Twitter: @STJosephs3

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Awards: Well done to TY student **Patrick Ryan** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month* Award for January in recognition of his impeccable manners, good nature, positive demeanour and overall contribution to the Transition Year Programme so far.

Congratulations to 1st yr **Ben Lawless** who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award* in recognition of scoring a remarkable six goals in three games for the 1st yr soccer team.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **Rohit Tummala** ón dara bliain a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí Eanáir mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge.



The three winners each received a 20euro voucher as well as a framed certificate to recognise their achievements.

Well done also to the class tutor student of the month winners who each received a 5euro vouchers for the school canteen in recognition of their application, co-operation and excellent behaviour throughout January.

Geography: Our 2nd year classes have just completed their CBA1 which is titled '*Geography in the News*'. Students were tasked with researching a recent geographical event or current topic in the news and creating a project on that topic. Students created a variety of projects focussing on geographical events that were interesting to them. These included climate change issues, human migration, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tsunamis and recent storms such as Storm Barra. The Geography teachers are very impressed with the students' work and research.

The students of 2 Joyce, along with their teacher Mr. Tarpey, have joined up with 150 schools across Ireland to undertake an air quality study outside the school. The project aims to measure nitrogen dioxide, a traffic-related pollutant, outside schools in March. This is the 7th GLOBE Ireland Air Quality Campaign and the students will be supported by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The students will mount three special tubes at the school gate for a two-week period. The tubes will collect

data and the students will record the results and report back to the EPA. It is hoped that nitrogen dioxide levels will be low, but if they are high, the students will work to find ways that they can improve the air quality outside the school.

Sports Hall: The upgrading of the floor in the Sports Hall has been completed. Floor specialists have spent the past two weeks bring the maple flooring back to pristine condition after almost 20 years of wear and tear at this stage. They sanded the floor five times to start off with to remove the lines that were there already in order to ensure that it was completely level. They then replaced any imperfections in the wood before applying two coats of water-based floor lacquer. They then lined the floors for basketball, soccer, handball, badminton and volleyball using different colour markings for each sport. A final coat of lacquer went over the line markings to seal and protect them to complete the job.

There is a strong element of "give" noticeable in the finished floor to protect your back, knees and ankles especially so a lot of care and attention went into getting this just right for our students.

The hall was back in full use this week and the students were thrilled with the new flooring. They loved the look and feel of the floor and liked the extra grip afforded by the new varnish and markings.

The bottom walls of the Sports Hall will soon be repainted in a rust-orange colour to match it with the colour theme throughout the rest of the school and to decoratively finish the hall off.

Incoming 1st yrs: The online assessments for our 120 incoming 1st yr students for the 2022/2023 academic year took place on Saturday 12th February. This assessment allows the school to give more detailed feedback to parents on the results and they will get an individual report on their son's strengths and areas for development in early April. The assessment tests are carried out purely to assist the school in best providing for the varied educational needs of the incoming students. They are not used for the purpose of streaming as all 1st yr classes in the school are fully mixed ability. Many thanks to our admin staff who facilitated the Assessment Tests and to Ms. Hunt for organising them.

Junior Cycle: The Junior Cycle Certificates of Completion were presented to the 2020/21 3rd yr cohort of students by the principal last week. These are the official Department of Education/State Examinations Commission certificates awarded to all students who completed their Junior Cycle last summer despite the cancellation of the State Exams. The certificates list the students' subjects and levels but no results as they would already have received a written report from the school on their learning achievements in each Junior Cycle subject.

Lucan Community College

Patrons Framework on The Ethos of ETB

Schools: Did you know that Lucan Community College is an ETB school? Education and Training Boards are Ireland's leading providers of Education. The sixteen Education and Training Boards have responsibility for 27 Community National Schools and 251 Post-Primary Schools with over 117,000 students. Lucan Community College belongs to **Dublin & Dun Laoghaire ETB**. This is the biggest ETB in the country with over 60,000 learners.

ETB schools are **state, co-educational, multid denominational schools** underpinned by the core values of: • **Excellence in Education • Care • Equality • Community • Respect**. In Lucan Community College we strive to achieve these values in our teaching and learning every day. The ETBI Patrons' Framework Video features some of our students. Our school Principal, Diane Birnie speaks on the video. We are very proud of and grateful to all students who featured in the video. A special mention to students Carla Millington, Seamus Mullan, Yasmin Aminou, Diarmuid Keher, Cian Tuohy, Phargavi Shyam, Bobby Laycock, Lily Crocker Dunne, Leah Sisk and Lillian Wykes who spoke on the video.

Talk for 3rd Year Students on Internet Safety:

Internet safety and cyber bullying have been very much in the news in recent times. Our third year students will have a talk delivered by the Gardaí on the topics of internet safety and cyber bullying. The talk will also cover sexting, harassment and Coco's Law. This talk will take place on Monday 7th March and will last approximately one hour. Thanks to Ms. Casey and the third year tutor team.

Students Take Part in Athletics Tournament in Santry:

Well done to all students who took part in the Athletics Tournament in Santry on Wednesday. A great day for all involved. Special mention to Ferdia who came 4th in the Minor Boys event and to the Minor Girls who came 2nd and have now qualified for the next round in Antrim. Thanks to teachers Ms. McCormack and Ms. Collins.

Lucan CC Shares the Love! There was plenty of Love in the Air in Lucan CC on Valentine's Day! Students and teachers used the opportunity to raise funds for charity. Students made cards and these were sold in aid of Women's Aid. Students and teachers could send a card with a sweet treat as a token of friendship or love. Almost 250 Secret Valentines were delivered on the 14th

February raising over €100 in the process. Well done to all involved in "Share The Love."

A special thanks to our TY cupids... Millie, Ruby and Naomi. Thanks also to teacher Ms. McKeever.

Transition Year Students "Climb The Walls"!



Transition Year students went to visit Awesome Walls in Dublin this week. This is one of the largest indoor climbing centres in Europe. Students had great fun trying out some of the many climbing routes there. Thanks to Transition Year co-ordinator Ms. Higgins for organising this.

German Virtual Exchange - German Leg!

On Monday the 7th of February the German leg of our Virtual Exchange started. The opening ceremony contained speeches and well wishes from the principals of both schools. We also had messages from the Bürgermeister of Helmbrechts and of Münchberg and from the Irish Ambassador to Germany Dr. Nicholas O'Brien. There was wonderful music and short videos of Gymnasium Münchberg and the surrounding areas. The week was full of activities in which everyone got involved. There was a history lesson on a divided Germany which directly linked to the content of the movie on our film night, which took place on Thursday. German dishes were successfully created at home (on Tuesday evening) with the help of the German students. We also learnt about Fasching and sang Fastnachtslieder as well as creating our very own colourful Faschingsmaske! All too soon the Exchange came to a close on Friday the 11th. Vielen Dank to all students, parents and teachers for getting involved in the exchange in its different format this year. Danke schön to the PPLI who were in filming the exchange as part of their commitment to promoting languages. Und bis wir uns wiedersehen!

Thanks to the German Department and all teachers in both schools who contributed to making our first virtual German exchange such a success. It certainly was a whole team event!

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Grand Canal 12th Lock Stretch to Hazelhatch:

The Grand Canal Greenway will be extended from the 12th Lock to Hazelhatch Bridge as part of the overall Department of Transport's Greenway Programme. This key four kilometre section will provide safe access to people working locally and become an amenity for the residents of the planned adjacent Clonburris SDZ as well as those living in established residential areas of Adamstown and Lucan. Site investigations have commenced, and the main construction works will be substantially completed in late 2022, enabling people to walk and cycle from Inchicore to Hazelhatch Bridge.

Sinn Féin Courtesy Canvass: Every Saturday myself and the Lucan Sinn Féin team conduct our weekly courtesy door knock with residents. We have spent several weeks in the Griffeen area and will be over in the newer development of Gandon this weekend.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Lucan Village Public Consultation: Council officials will meet residents in Lucan Library next Tues and Weds morning, by appointment, in relation to plans for the village green, weir and parking implications.

Email activetravel@dublincoco.ie to book your slot.

Sports Capital Funding: €1.8 million awarded to our local sports clubs. Lucan Pitch and Putt, Weston Hockey Club and Lucan Athletics were some of the local clubs to benefit from the Sports Capital Grant.

Lucan Swimming Pool Update: Lucan swimming pool is on track for completion this Summer. The tender process for combined management of pool and existing leisure centre was advertised in December and qualification stage will be complete Feb 2022. Next step is the submission of proposals, decision to be made by May.

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cllrshanemoynihan **Sports Capital Grants:**

Congratulations to Lucan clubs and groups who were successful in their grant applications, including Lucan Harriers, Lucan Pitch and Putt Club and Weston Hockey Club.

Funding was also secured for storage facilities in Griffeen Park.

Ballyowen Lane: Following my continued representations, this week the Council voted to allocate funds to upgrade the footpaths and entrances to Cluain Rí Park and to improving lighting on the footpath connecting Hermitage Park and Ballyowen Lane. There have also been upgrades announced for the kissing gates in Griffeen Park, as well as new pillars and railings at the Esker Park entrance for Willsbrook Park.

Castle Road: Following much follow-up, I'm pleased to report that tree pruning has taken place on Castle Road. Combined with improvements to lighting outside Earlsfort which I secured, this will make a difference to people using this route.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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Part 8 Public Consultation Lucan Village:

The Part 8 public consultation for improvement works on the village Green and Lucan Demesne/Promenade remain open until Thursday 3rd March. The proposal includes the removal of 10 spaces (37 removed from village green with additional 10 and 16 spaces nearby).

It also includes provisions for new bus stops, seating, bins, cycle parking and amphitheatre style space. The works will provide a more pedestrian and cyclist friendly environment in the village. People Before Profit would like to see additional local bus services through Lucan village to reduce the need for car trips.

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Plans for Lucan Village; The net loss of parking spaces under the Council plans for Lucan Village is 11. These plans which are on public display also include proposals to replace existing tarmacadam and concrete finishes of paths and roadway with new finishes including asphalted areas, stone and paving, which will be to 'shared surface' standards, i.e. generally without kerbs or changes in level. The aim is to make the paths and road look better, safer and more accessible, including for those in wheelchairs or that need a walking aid. Upgrade of the finishes and surfaces of these paths is just one aspect of the plans to improve Lucan Village. There is much more including parking for bicycles, a new performance structure in the village green, and overhead power lines to be rerouted underground. See for yourself, and make your own mind up at consult.dublincoco.ie.

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Palmerstown Camera Club

At Palmerstown Camera Club we hold a weekly meeting online at present, every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm. People interested in joining the club or even attending one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting secpcc@gmail.com

Last week's guest speaker in the club was David Cantor a street photographer based in the East End of London. He spoke of his approach to street photography and his passion for it. The club was treated to a wonderful night of images from David.

Some weeks ago we had our monthly competition themed "Inanimate objects" below we have two of the winning images from that competition.

Orla Brady won the Novice colour competition with this image titled "Lone Rock".



And Ojesvi Rao won in the Novice mono section for her image titled "Dodder Bridge".



Both stunning images and well-deserved winners, congratulations to both.

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 23rd Feb:

Social Morning and Lunch in the Spa Hotel
10.30 to 2.00pm approx..

Liona O'Toole – Independent

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www.lotoole.com

Village Plans: As promised, council management have agreed to my request to hold public meetings on the Lucan Village Schemes. Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd Feb at Lucan Library from 10.00am-12.30pm. Meetings by appointment only as the capacity of the room is 30 people maximum. If you would like to attend, please email activetravel@SDUBLINCOCO.ie, it will be on a first come first served basis.

There will be plans printed out and project leaders will be on hand to discuss the project with members of the public on the morning. Contact me directly if you need assistance.

Griffen Dog Park: I have another motion tabled for next week's area committee meeting seeking an update on the dog park. To date improvements/enhancements/expansions have been carried out and 'new' Pictograms are being designed and feedback on what new signage you would like to see introduced is welcomed.

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National Retro Fitting Scheme: National energy upgrade scheme has been announced administered by SEAI and providing grants from retrofits to B2 BER ratings, and including attic and cavity wall insulation for our households. You will find more information on www.seai.ie but please contact me if I can help with any questions you may have.

Lucan Swimming Pool: This project is nearing completion and we are expecting to see the opening of this long awaited amenity towards late Summer period. Through its design phase I advocated and was successful in ensuring that the amenity will be accessible to all and includes features and supports to ensure all members of our community will be able to access the pool. The surrounding areas and the completion of the woodland walkways and sensory spaces are also progressing with sections now open and available to use.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Social News. Our Volunteers night will be held in the club next Saturday night 19th February. All mentors, kit men or kit women, flag men or flag women, water bearers, hurley bearers, grass cutters, pitch liners, jersey washers, pint pullers, coffee makers, sandwich makers, ticket sellers, lotto teams and everyone else who has volunteered their time over the past year are very welcome.

Awards Night. The Adult Awards Night date is changes due to a revised fixture schedule. Awards will be held on *Friday 25th February in the Club*. We are still looking for nominations for Club Person of the Year, please email secretary.lucansarsfields.dublin@gaa.ie by Thursday 17th Feb with a few lines to support the nomination. Still very few nominations from mentors for the awards night as we get closer to the date.

Team News. In the Tesco All Ireland Minor A Camogie Championship, Sarsfield's were well represented on the Dublin panel with 4 starting and 3 on the bench. The Dubs lost out to a strong Cork side. Well done Cliodhna Ni Bhuachalla, Hannah Gibbs, Clara Finn, Sinead Daly, Aishling Behan, Aoibheann Scott and Cara Ware.

It was also fantastic to see Sars being so well represented on the college scene. Aoife Byrne with Queens University Belfast in the Fr Meaghair Cup semi-final, Chloe O'Connor with TU Dublin in the Ui Mhaolagáin Cup semi-final, Shauna Conway with IT Sligo in the Ui Mhaolagáin Cup semi-final and Grace Kenny (Vice Captain) with Anna Cuffe for Marino in the Ui Mhaolagáin Cup semi-final.

Sunday morning saw the beginning of the Senior footballer's league campaign. Heading to Marley Park with a lot of new faces on board, Lucan took a nine point lead into half time, much of it coming from the boot of Brendan Gallagher. The second half saw a resurgent effort from Ballinteer who narrowed the gap as the half drew on, with Lucan eventually prevailing on a score line of 1-17 to 2-11. Perhaps the most pleasing aspect of the morning was the senior league debuts of Henry Keogh, Oisín Ryan, Jack Lawlor and Shane O'Donoghue, all of whom contributing well in a largely positive team performance. Next week sees the coming of St. Vincent's to Abbotstown, where Lucan will be looking to make it two from two.



Sunday afternoon saw Abbey Shiels line out as Dublin goalie for the LGFA game in Waterford. Dublin beat Waterford 4-7 to 1-4.

Juvenile Section / Coiste na nÓg: Players who have been engaged in some fast paced and fun pre-season training to make sure they get off to the best possible start this season will be delighted to know that CCC2 starts next week, the U13, U14, U15 & U16 Football advance fixtures can be viewed / downloaded at <https://www.dublingaa.ie/juvenile/weekly-fixtures> Hurling will follow next week. CCC1 confirmed grading for U8, U9, U10, U11 & U12 Hurling and Football competitions. **Note** the Club is now committed to the groupings at the U8, U9, U10 & U11 age groups until June 2022. CCC1 will then allow clubs to move groupings to facilitate increased / decreased numbers for the remainder of the 2022 season. U11 & U12 Football fixtures will be published next Wednesday with Hurling U11 & U12 circulated the following week.

All grading information can viewed / downloaded at <https://www.dublingaa.ie/juvenile/other-downloads> 2022 Master Juvenile Fixture Calendar at <https://www.dublingaa.ie/juvenile/weekly-fixtures>

Referees. The Camogie association are running a referee course, anyone interested or who wants more information should contact the camogie referee co-ordinator Trish Cosgrove, camogie.ref.coordinator.ls@gmail.com

Healthy Clubs. This week, Friday 18th February at 9pm, Jamie Rowan of ABC Gym has a webinar running on 'How to Personalize Your Nutrition for Body Composition' Jamie has been part of the ABC team since 2020 and is a fully qualified Nutritionist. He has a Masters in Nutrition & Exercise Science and has been the nutritionist to the Roscommon, Tipperary and Wicklow senior GAA football teams. Players, coaches and/or parents who want to register for the following webinar to learn more about player nutrition can find the link in the club news online.

Club Lotto. Last week's Lotto Prize of €6,600 was not won. The Numbers were **12, 18, 19, 22.**

Lucky Dip prizes go to Sharon Hickey, Don Dardis, Louise O'Neill, Karon Boylan & Noel Flynn. Karon receives an extra 20 euro for attending the draw. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €7,000. The draw is sponsored by John Ryan Accountant and will be led by Diarmuid Dawson.

*Tá €7,000 sa photá óir don teaching seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine: Beidh sé beo ón Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook. Thank You for supporting **Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club**.*



SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

On Sunday February 6th over 30 Harriers who made the trip to Trim for the Annual Trim 10 mile. We had plenty of company from Lucan with our Friends in Esker RC and The Wolfpack turning out in force also. Great to see you guys as always and well done to everyone, super running by everyone, many getting PBs.



Special mention to Will Byrne who broke 59 mins and Derry McVeigh who just missed the hour mark in an incredible 1 hr and 15 seconds. Also to our very own Super Women, Eileen O'Brien and Mary Browne who both came home 1st in their respective classes.

Ladies top team came in 6th of 91 and Men's top team 16th out of 92. Another great day for the club, following on from the previous weekend in Raheny. Almost 90 harriers registered between the two races.

Including Mother and Son partnership of Trish Gough and Sean Kavanagh, two sets of couples Kathleen and David Trunk Lhyne Ganadin and Colin O Gara

That is what we have been missing over the last two years want to be see more of. Plenty more races of all types and distances coming up over the next few months, so we are all looking forward to getting out there and racing again



Mother and Son Sean and Trish Gough

The weather was, well I think we can say was mixed. We had rain, wind sleet, sun and blue skies over the few hours we were visiting the Royal.



Number 908 Club Chairman PJ Hyland

St. Mary's Bridge Club

We will be holding an early
A.G.M. on Tuesday 22nd February
in **Lucan Golf Club at 10:30a.m.**

re returning to live bridge play.

Please let myself, or any other
committee member know if you do not
wish to remain a member of St. Mary's
Bridge Club.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Marguerite Cunningham
Club Secretary.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée



Last Friday there was a good attendance at the Camera Soiree and the members had a very interesting and stimulating session in the Coffee Dock on Portrait Photography with Donal providing all the gear – artificial lights, tripods, backdrops, props etc. When we began to get the hang of it some of the results were quite good. Willie, with his cap on, proved to be the star of the show! The photograph was taken by Donal. Even those members who were reluctant to set their cameras to manual and resorted to the “Portrait” setting on their cameras produced some impressive results.



This Friday we hope to continue learning more about the art of Portrait Photography and more members of the group will be offering themselves as guinea pig models. Who knows, maybe the next Cecil Beaton will be found amongst the members of St. Mary's Camera Soiree!

Apart from his skills with portrait photography Donal this week is also showing off his skills with still life, Conor has some more of our feathered friends for us to enjoy and Willie has been in the Phoenix Park photographing Ashtown Castle.



Until next week stay safe!

