



Established 1967

www.lucannewsletter.ie

Online Only

Sunday 5th July 2020

As you were? I don't think so.....

The global pandemic, has had a shattering effect on humanity. This deadly virus, has made no exceptions, its ugly presence has wounded Princes, Prime Ministers, celebrities, parents, grandparents, siblings, husbands, wives, colleagues and especially the most vulnerable in our society, the elderly and those whose health was already compromised. Living in a time of pandemic, has been difficult, lockdown and necessary restrictions meant that the ordinary things we once took for granted now are precious moments filled with gratitude as we return to a “New Normal”. As Church and members of Christ’s Body, we have felt the pain of a physical disconnection from our place of Worship but we too have discovered resilience, consolation and hope in the presence of Jesus, whose intimate affection for us thankfully does not require any social distance. Christ’s presence, has been felt by the heroic staff in our health service, Gardai, retail workers, postal service to name but a few of the many agencies who personified Christ, whose empathy in the Gospel tells “of Course I want to heal you”.

Since the start of Lockdown, I have celebrated 25 funerals. I pray for all families whose bereavement was so difficult because of the restrictions in place as a result of Covid-19. May they rest in peace.

It has been so difficult not to be able to celebrate Mass publically. Whilst engagement with the online was a vehicle to communicate, nothing can compare to the personal encounter that we now can return to after almost four months. The research team at the Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education, at Dublin City University has been engaged in a research project regarding adult faith, which includes how adults coped whilst in lockdown. It showed a significant increase in engagement with the online world, seeking a forum to be nourished by faith. However it also highlighted that the vast majority intend once public Mass returns to disengage from the webcam and return to the personal encounter of community in their local church.

Community is key to our local gathering. In our pathway ahead as Church we seriously need to reflect how present and relevant we are in the lives of our people. If not we will quickly return to the familiar routine where in many parishes there was a clear disconnect between Church and the local community.

As we return to celebrating public Mass, we need to do this sensibly and safely. I cannot police our local church, nor do I want to and I trust in all our faith communities, we will hold fast to our individual and collective responsibility, to ensure health and safety, is thoroughly upheld. In a time of pandemic, the experience of worship will be different. Pope Francis, has named that those who are vulnerable and need to protect their health should not in any way feel obliged to attend.

Cont'd over.....

As you were? Cont'd...

Social Distancing is fundamental to keeping us all safe. Our pews will be clearly marked to allow for this. Hand sanitising will be provided at all entrances. Pews will be sanitised after Masses. Any day you gather for Mass is sufficient for your traditional Sunday obligation. This is really important to allow as many as possible to return to Mass. Many liturgies continue to be available on the parish webcams.

I am also conscious of the kindness expressed to us priests during this time of lockdown. Surely this is a huge wakeup call that the majority of clergy in every diocese had to cocoon. Elderly men, deemed vulnerable by public health officials, now expected to roll up their sleeves and get back to maintaining essential services.

It is this maintenance model of church that unfortunately makes lockdown the dress rehearsal for a sizable proportion of parishes in all our Diocese. Whilst Church leaders, have given great detail regarding health and safety measures for reopening Churches, little if any honest discernment has been shared on this obvious reality. How can we breathe life and energy into parishes no longer served by clergy? How can we support Christian leadership in a real way so that lockdown is not a permanent reality?

Crisis and pandemic, despite heavy burden, can also offer opportunity and hope. In our pathway to recovery, we must be honest and real, especially as clergy in our responsible role, to facilitate real action, that will halt the mechanical maintenance of services and perhaps begin renewal and new life to our faith communities.

I take comfort in the simple and profound promise "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am with you".

*Fr. Paddy Byrne
(P.P. Abbeyleix)*



Lucan Citizens Information Centre

www.citizensinformation.ie

The CIC office is closed for personal callers until further notice.

You can ring 0761 07 5000 and leave a message, and someone will return your call, or you can email Ballyfermot@citinfo.ie and someone will reply to your email.



MABS the Money Advice and budgeting Service

The Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) is a free, independent and confidential service for people who are in debt or at risk of getting into debt.

Talk to your lender. If you can't - talk to MABS.

Call MABS today on 0761 07 2000 for independent information, advice and referral.



Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance

<https://www.gov.ie/en/service/41eb8b-back-to-school-clothing-and-footwear-allowance/#apply>

Payments of Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance for 2020 will be made to qualifying customers in the week starting 13 July. Letters will issue to customers confirming their payment by 6 July. If you do not receive a letter from the Department of Social Protection by 6 July, you should submit an application online on www.mywelfare.ie. This requires you having a verified MyGovID and details can be found on www.mywelfare.ie of how to verify.

Medical cards for over 70s

The means test for medical cards for over 70s has been increased with effect from July 2020. It was announced in Budget 2020 that the medical card weekly income limit for people over 70 will be increased by €50 for a single person (to €550 from €500) and by €150 for a couple (to €1,050 from €900) from July 2020.

https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/health/medical_cards_and_gp_visit_cards/medical_card_means_test_over_70s.html

Parish Notes



St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Masses at St Mary's:

Sunday Masses: Vigil Saturday, 6.30pm, 8.45am, 9.45am, 11am, 12.15pm and 7pm

There are tickets available for the Sunday Masses and you can collect in person from the Parish Centre tomorrow Friday 3rd July between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Please check on the Parish Website for any updates

Weekday Mass: 10am

There is **no** ticketing system for the Monday to Saturday 10.00am Masses but attendance will be on a 'first come, first in' basis until capacity is reached – we ask for patience and understanding if there is no space left for you.

This week about 40 people have attended each morning so there were some free places. 50 in total currently allowed.

Volunteer Stewards will be present at all Masses to guide you in the Church and they will also carry out sanitising of the Church after each and every Mass.

Webcam:

All Masses will continue to be available on the Internet at www.lucanparish.com

Private Prayer:

The Church will be open for private prayer after daily Mass. (provided there are no funerals taking place)

Please enter by the main porch door only and exit by the door near the Nuns Chapel only.

Deepest Sympathy

To the parents, family and friends of *Sarah Brennan*, Beech Grove.

To the husband, family and friends of *Jean Kavanagh*, The Glebe.

To the husband, family and friends of *Carmel Kehoe*, Lucan Lodge.

To the family and friends of *Carmel Walsh*, Colthurst.

To the wife, family and friends of *Peter Kearns*, Sarsfield Park.

May they rest in peace.



Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Reopened for Mass:

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10:30am and **12.15pm**

There is currently no booking system for Mass and spaces will be allocated on a **first come, first serve** basis until we reach our **50 person limit**. No Church wants to turn away parishioners, but please understand it is for the safety of everyone. It is therefore advisable to come in good time for Mass, or perhaps consider attending a week day Mass.

The Church will be cleaned by our volunteers after each Mass and to allow for this, the second Mass on Sunday has been pushed back and will now start at the **later time of 12:15 pm**.

Weekday Mass: 9:15am

Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis so please come in good time for Mass.

Volunteer Stewards will be present at all Masses to guide you in the Church.

Live Streaming: All Masses will continue to be available on our website at www.lucansouthparish.net as well as all the reopening details and will keep it updated as the restrictions are changed and our plans evolve.

Private Prayer: On week days the Sr. Faustina Chapel will be available for a maximum of 5 people at a time after Mass in the morning until 11:30 am to allow time for sanitising afterwards. For now there will be no access to the Church on weekends outside of Mass times.

St. Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Mass Times:

Masses have recommenced on a gradual basis Sunday 5th July at **9am** and **12 noon**.

The Sunday **10.30am** family Mass will continue for the present as a **live broadcast on the parish website**. The maximum number in attendance is 50 (inclusive of staff and volunteers). This online Mass is aimed at **younger parishioners and their families**. It is an accessible liturgy for children and enables them to participate more fully in the Sunday Mass.

The church will be open on weekdays and Saturday between 10am and noon for private prayer (funerals permitting).

Holly's Story

Holly Kennedy was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer which is a very aggressive and fast-growing breast cancer at the age of 32. She found a lump while breast feeding her 4 month of baby boy. A Mother's worst nightmare! Holly underwent 13 months of treatment including, chemotherapy, surgery and radiation.

Happy magazine (Holly's magazine) is the resource she longed for when she was going through her own treatment – the tool to show her how you can still be happy, even during cancer. Holly created the magazine to distribute to anyone with cancer **FOR FREE** and is published every three months, with fabulous interviews from the likes of Brian Kennedy, Domini Kemp etc.

Holly had a relapse in the Summer of 2019 with a diagnosis of Stage 4 cancer, which is now in her liver, lungs and bones. A pharmaceutical company called CytoDyn in the USA may have a breakthrough treatment for triple negative cancer. It has been fast tracked for approval and Holly tested and has scored very well for a good response.

Holly travelled to the States on 16th June 2020 where she got accepted for the trial. Holly has to inject herself twice daily with the drug Leronmilab. When Holly returned to Dublin, CytoDyn Pharmaceuticals got in touch to say that they would send the drug Leronmilab to Ireland instead of Holly travelling to the States every two months. One of the conditions for Holly from CytoDyn Pharmaceuticals is that her Oncologist must specialise in triple negative breast cancer. Unfortunately, there are no Oncologist in Ireland so Holly will have to travel to Europe, once she finds an Oncologist. She will also have to visit the States later in the year.

Her Husband Derek is self-employed and is Holly's main carer and they live in Dublin with their 4 year old Son. Holly has produced Ireland's **FIRST** Cancer Journal, a beautiful journal/plan for all Oncology patients, or to give as a gift to anyone who has had a recent diagnosis. The journal costs €20 plus postage and is available via her Instagram account **@happymagazineirl**. All monies from the journal sales will be used for Holly's travel and day to day expenses.

Lately, Holly is currently experiencing awful pain and is waiting on the result of her recent scan. Holly hopes to resume her chemotherapy asap.

Her friend Olive O'Sullivan who owns BrowtiqueCork Microblading in West Cork and specialises with microblading for people who have been diagnosed with Cancer. Olive set up a **GoFundMe page Keep Holly Healthy And "HAPPY" (USA drug trial)** for Holly for all her flights/accommodation/food/transportation etc.

I personally do not know Holly or Olive but have followed Holly's journey over the last few years as I'm a breast cancer survivor and a Mother. Holly is the only person in Ireland using this drug. There is a hashtag #hollytrials which has got a lot of notice especially in the States.

Evelyn Moher

Caretaker Position

DDLETB invites applications for the permanent position of Caretaker (full time/part time) in Lucan Community College to join our existing team.

Application Form and Job Description

are available from the

Recruitment Section,

Human Resources Department

Ph 014529643

Email apply@ddletb.ie.

Latest date for receipt of applications is 3pm Friday 10th July 2020.



On "Lucan Live" this week, Maria interviewed the new Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Ed

O'Brien, Cllr Peter Kavanagh and Emer Higgins TD. If you missed them, you can listen back on podcast on our website.

Stay safe & well, the Liffey Sound team!

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook

Liffey Sound 96.4FM - Lucan's Community Radio Station!

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

With the complete abolition of the restriction on travel you would have expected a flood of photographs from the members of St. Mary's Camera Soirée for possible publication in the Newsletter! Not so, I am afraid. The change in the weather has had a seriously adverse effect on the photographic activities of the group.



Last week Conor, our wildlife photographer, was out in Dublin Bay in his sea kayak taking photographs of puffins and of the island itself, particularly the Stack, which plays host to a large variety of seabirds, including thousands of guillemots, razorbills, fulmars and gulls.



The beautiful photograph of the yellow rose comes from Angela who is now living in Bunclody, Co. Wexford but is still a valued member of the group.

I suppose we are lucky that the break in the weather coincided with the relaxation in the lockdown constraints. It is not pleasant to think what sort of mental condition we might have been in if last week's weather had been the norm for the past three months! As I write this I'm looking at my weather app and not much of an improvement is forecast for the next week. But forecasts of the weather in Ireland are liable to change at very short notice. So let's live in hope and in the meantime keep safe until next week!



Land Down Under

On the 19th January 2020, a cold and frosty morning, I travelled to Dublin Airport to make my annual trip to Australia, to see my three grandchildren, son and daughter-in-law. After a very long journey I was met at the airport with hugs and kisses by the family, it was worth all the effort. I had six weeks of joy and freedom in glorious sunshine, although not as hot as previous years, the locals said it was due to the Bush fires which were still evident when it rained as everywhere was awash with grit and dust. Some days the temperature reached 38degrees, and too hot to venture outside, otherwise the days were filled with going to footie, tennis, basketball, swimming, ballet, playgrounds and walks, all carefree and thoroughly enjoyable.

In March everything changed, there was talk of a Virus, what was this, how bad was it and how would we be affected it? The boys stopped going to school, granddaughter not at childcare, my son and daughter-in-law working from home, suddenly we all took this Virus seriously, by now it had an official name Covid-19.

The travel agent in Dublin had to be contacted and thankfully my ticket was valid for another 6 months, but I wasn't unduly concerned at this stage, as I had planned to travel home the week before Easter. On the 29th March the clocks in Ireland changed to Summer time and on the 5th April in Australia the clocks changed to winter time, and that was the date I had planned to go home as I was leaving the last of the Australian Summer behind me and heading home to the familiar Irish weather. But to my shock I got word that my flight was cancelled by then it was becoming increasingly clear to everyone just how serious this Virus was.

I had an email from my travel agent to advise me to register with the Irish Embassy in Australia, unnerving to say the least. I duly did register with them, and they could get me home if it was an emergency, thankfully that wasn't the case. I then had to contact the Authorities regarding extending my Visa, as it was due to expire on the 20th April.

At this stage Australia closed their borders, any travellers entering Australia had to self-isolate for 14 days in a hotel, and like Ireland lockdown began. So for 10 weeks I was unable to go to the shops, restaurants or see friends. I could go for a short walk but had to wear a mask.

I became quite concerned at exactly how long I would have to stay in Australia, as another flight was booked for the end of May, so I made the most of my time with my grandchildren, we baked, made pancakes, gathered the last of the summer roses from the garden and pressed them into books, painted rainbows to be displayed in the windows during the extra time there and I have to say it was most enjoyable.



My granddaughter told me I was to stay there as her home was my home now, which was lovely to hear but always at the back of my mind was – when can I go home, the advice from the medical people in Australia was it wasn't safe for me to travel home at that stage even if I could have got a flight home, it was an unreal feeling, I then had to have the flu and pneumonia vaccine so I knew I was there for the long haul.

My flight for the end of May was yet again cancelled, so trying not to panic I really had no idea as to when I could go home, it was now Winter in Australia, had got very cold, and dark at 5.30 daily, which certainly didn't improve how I felt, and I didn't have any winter clothes, as I came prepared for the summer weather. I now

realised I had to get a hot water bottle, to the delight of my grandsons, they had never had one or had no idea of what it was or its purpose, I never thought I would use such an item in Australia.

Every day I checked the airline and my family in Ireland were in contact with the travel agent, about the middle of May I was told that there were flights to Heathrow, I was reluctant to travel there as my preference was for a direct flight to Dublin and I was hoping that would happen, but each day it dawned on me that was not going to happen.

After contacting the travel agent yet again in Dublin I was advised that was the only way I was going to get home. So my flight was booked for the 22nd May, going through Heathrow. I finally felt relieved there was a plan, but sadness at leaving my family, on the night of my departure it was heart-breaking to hear my granddaughter asking me to stay, as her home was my home, my grandsons are at the age to understand, she ran out to the garage looking for my car to take me home and she was happy to see it wasn't there so in her mind I had to stay.

Finally arriving at Melbourne Airport, very eerie, all shops closed, very few people around, totally different departure to other years, where the whole family would see me off, just my son there this time, very hard saying goodbye as not knowing when I will see them again.

At the departure gates, what I could only describe as this person, didn't know if it was a man or a woman dressed like an astronaut with mask, visor and PPC came out and took every passengers temperature. We boarded and everyone had masks and gloves on and it was the quietness that struck me as normally there would be a buzz.

From Melbourne to Abu Dhabi the flight took 13 hours, arrived there again to another lockdown Airport, again very eerie, it is normally teeming with people, not so this time, more medical forms to be filled in, after about 2 hours there, back on board and 7 hours later arrived in Heathrow.

When I was booking my flight from Heathrow to Dublin I decided to pay extra as I would have access to the lounge there and wouldn't have to hang around the airport, but like the other two airports the lounges were closed, so for over 3 hours I had to stand and wait to check in, no seats

to sit on or nowhere to get a cup of tea, eventually I checked in and went through to Departures I was finally able to sit down, such a relief to finally get on the plane and just a 50 minute journey to Dublin. If I hadn't been so bone weary I would have kissed the ground upon arrival. Another eerie airport, but I was delighted to be met by our local Lucan taxi man Mick, great to see a friendly face, thank you Mick.

Unfortunately I was unable to go home as I had to self-isolate, which I did in a Hotel. Eventually after 4 and a half months I finally arrived in Lucan.



During my time in Australia I had wonderful support both there and here in Ireland, friends in both places were wonderful, a very special thank you to all my friends, the texts, phone calls and funnies I received really helped and to wake in the mornings to see all that was deeply appreciated. My Newsletter colleagues sent the Newsletter each week which I looked forward to and kept me up to date on what was happening, also it was lovely to be part of the WhatsApp group with St. Mary's Photography Group, so I cannot thank you all enough for your support during what was a very stressful time.

I look forward in time to catching up with everyone.

*Stay Safe
Rose Fitzgerald.*



Big thank you to Readers for all the nice compliments regarding the lovely photos in our online editions over the past few months. A big part of this is due to the wonderful St. Mary's Camera Soiree, who

are itching to get back to their weekly meetings. Hopefully, like everything else, it won't be too long.

Nice to be able to visit our churches, and attend Mass again, though it must be said that it is a very tough task for those organising events in the parishes. Things are improving at a good rate, so please co-operate with the volunteers helping out.

At long last, we have our new Government, one like no other. It will be no easy task getting the country back on its feet again, but good luck to them all.

Congratulations to South Dublin's new Mayor, Cllr. Ed O'Brien, who is, we think, the 4th Lucanian to hold this office.

Best Wishes to Frances Casserly on her retirement. Frances was the Lollipop Woman at St. Thomas' and St. Anne's Schools in Esker for many many years. We heard that the boys and girls were very sad to see her go, and some of them even turned up in Hillcrest last Friday to say their farewells!



Great to see sport making a comeback! The new U16 jerseys from Lucan Sarsfields, got their first post Covid outing at training during the week, much to the delight of all.



Bad News! It seems that the theft of Catalytic Converters has reared its ugly head in Lucan again, when several cars were damaged in a car park in broad daylight. Keep an eye out for any suspicious looking

characters jacking up cars – it might not be to change a wheel!

Rain! It seems that it's been raining since the ban on garden hoses was announced a few weeks ago.

Here's a thought:
*Some people feel the rain,
Others just get wet.*



I wonder, at what point does it stop being good for the garden!



These young people didn't mind the rain at all as they paddled on the Liffey.

Happy 8th Birthday

to

Tadhg Fitzgerald

in Melbourne, who celebrates his big day on 4th July.



Hope you have a great day!

Love from all your friends in Lucan!

Some people say their body is a temple ...

Mine is a bouncy castle.

Italia '90 – we were out of it at this stage 30 years ago, but it felt like we had won it as the celebrations went on, and on!

Remember the souvenirs!



Robert Roberts Tea Bags were a big hit, as were Premier Dairies Milk Bottle!



BirdWatchIreland
protecting birds and biodiversity

An Appeal for Swift Records in South County Dublin

BirdWatch Ireland is currently undertaking a nesting Swift survey of South County Dublin, the survey area covers the entire South Dublin County Council boundary and includes the following localities; Adamstown, Ballyboden, Citywest, Clondalkin, Firhouse, Lucan, Newcastle, Palmerstown, Perrystown, Rathcoole, Rathfarnham, Saggart, Tallaght and Templeogue among others. If you know of Swifts nesting or frequently encounter Swifts in any of these areas, we want to hear from you!

To report your observations simply email swifts@birdwatchireland.ie and give us some details on the date, location, number of Swifts seen and if you believe they are nesting nearby or can confirm the building in which they are nesting.

Swift populations in Ireland are in major decline with an almost 60% decrease since 1998 recorded by the Countryside Bird Survey. A major factor behind these declines is widely accepted as being the ongoing loss of nest sites in our cities, towns, and villages. This happens due to building renovation and modern building techniques negatively affecting nest site availability. It is likely that the loss of nest sites in Dublin is even greater to that anywhere else in the country given to the rate and scale of building development in our capital.

BirdWatch Ireland is also carrying out nesting Swift surveys in counties Leitrim, Roscommon and Clare during the summer months. Whilst these county surveys are big undertakings, we don't see the same level of building density which makes the task somewhat easier to that in our capital city. Some further information on the BirdWatch Ireland county Swift surveys 2020 can be found on the YouTube video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-PkYMZZZvk4>. The surveys are funded through the Heritage Officers within the respective local authorities with support from the National Biodiversity Action Plan Fund administered by the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Please be sure to contact us with any tip-offs regarding Swifts in your area between now and early August, when the Swifts begin to return to Africa for the autumn and winter.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Comhgairdeas le **Harry Ladd**, named as DCU Dóchas Éireann GAA Club's **Intermediate Footballer of the Year**.



Training:

Training for our adult teams started back last week, and for our juvenile teams since Monday. It is challenging for the players and mentors as we get used to the new procedures to help keep the coronavirus at bay.

It is imperative that all coaches, managers and mentors, that have underage players on their teams, meet the legislative requirements – that they have completed the **Safeguarding** course and that they are **Garda Vetted**. Please contact Lucan Sarsfields Child Protection Officer, Niamh O'Brien, childrensofficerls@gmail.com with any queries.

One of the biggest things we all have to get used to is completing the health questionnaire; because of the size of our club, over 4500 members, our **volunteer Covid-19 supervisors** may find it challenging when trying to find the player name to allow them onto the training area – here's a helpful reminder, before going to training; **Fill the water bottle and Fill in the form!**

It wasn't easy on Monday when the GAA system stopped working – just at the start of the first of the evening training slots, but despite this we managed to cope.



Fixtures:

The revised fixture details for the **2020 Dublin Senior 1 Football Championships** have been confirmed by the Dublin CCC. In Group 2, Round 1 games will take place on Saturday, July 25th when **Lucan Sarsfields** have a home tie against Ballinteer St Johns, and a Round 2 game taking place on Wednesday, August 5th away to Na

Fianna. The fixture details are still to be confirmed for the Round 3 fixture against St Judes, which will take place on August 15th/ 16th.

Fixture details for the Intermediate and Junior Championships will be made available by the weekend

The revised fixture details for the **2020 Dublin Hurling Championship** have been confirmed by the Dublin CCC.

Lucan Sarsfields Round 1 game against Ballinteer St Johns will take place on Saturday, July 18 at home, with the Round 2 game away to St Oliver Plunkets ER on Wednesday, 29th July. Our last group stage game against St Vincents will conclude Round 3 on Saturday, August 8th/ Sunday, August 9th.

Junior and Intermediate fixtures are posted on the club website.

At county level, both the Hurling and Football Minor Championships are set to get underway on the weekend of **October 17**, when Dublin Footballers take on Meath, and the Hurlers are through to the quarterfinals on October 24/25 where they play the winners of Westmeath v Carlow.

In **Ladies Football**, the county board are meeting this week and we hope to have adult competition fixtures shortly.

A reminder of the new rule for 45's – Two points are scored when a 45m kick, taken off the ground, goes directly over the bar. If the ball is touched by any player before it goes over the bar it shall equal one point. To signal a two point score the umpire shall wave the white flag and at the same time raise his/her other hand to point directly upwards. (Effective 1st May 2020).

Lucan Sarsfields Lotto Jackpot €20,000

There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot sponsored by **Coláiste Laichtín, Inis Oírr**, held on Thursday **25th June**, 2020. The numbers drawn were **5, 7, 12 and 15**. The



Lucky Dip winners (€30) this week: **Don Dardis, Gerry Gleeson, Jenny McGann, Colm O'Mahony and Tony Rigney**

Next Draw: Thursday, **July 2**, 2020,
Sponsor: **O'Grady Hearing Care Services**,
Managed by Team Flannery - Mary, Tommy, and Donal

IMPORTANT: For the duration of the current restrictions due to the COVID-19 outbreak the lotto draw will take place on **Thursday nights @ 9pm** behind closed doors and will be live streamed on Facebook. You can still enter the draw by clicking on <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto> or on the local lotto link on the Lucan Sarsfields website. **Make sure to get your entry in before 6pm on Thursday to be included in that night's draw.** These are very challenging times, so please continue to support your Club by playing lotto online.

Political Notes

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

Ph: 087 921 7741 emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie
The Orchard, Lucan

Lucan Disability Group:

I was delighted to announce that Lucan Disability Group is being awarded €75,725. They are receiving this grant under tranche 1 of the Covid-19 Stability Fund for community and voluntary organisations. It is a wonderful organisation that aims to facilitate and promote independent living for people with disabilities around Lucan, Palmerstown and Clondalkin.

Covid Cases:

I asked the Minister for more detailed information on Covid 19 cases, these have now been released by electoral division. Lucan Total is **563**. See my Facebook or <https://census.cso.ie/covid19/> for more details.

Phase 3 reopening:

I would like to wish all businesses in Lucan the very best of luck as they open their doors after Covid 19 restrictions are eased. I would urge everyone to follow all guidelines and most of all enjoy getting back to some sort of normality.

Cllr. Ed O'Brien - Fianna Fáil

Constituency Office 8A The Village Centre,
Lucan. Ph: (01) 6105811. Mob: 087 7997609
Email: eobrien@cllr.sdblincoco.ie
[@EdOBrien1](http://www.facebook.com/edobrienlucan)

Mayor of South Dublin County Council South Dublin County Council AGM:

I was delighted to be elected Mayor of South Dublin County Council last Friday at the Council's AGM. I am grateful to all colleagues who supported me and look forward to pushing a number of agendas for Lucan in my capacity as Mayor. It will be an unusual year due to the restrictions in place due to Covid 19, but I look forward to meeting many groups and individuals regardless, to try to assist them in their local endeavours. If there is any project which I can be of assistance with, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan - Fianna Fáil

E: smoynihan@cllr.sdblincoco.ie
Ph: 087 7840898, Twitter: [@shanemoynihan](https://twitter.com/shanemoynihan)
F/b [cllrshanemoynihan](https://www.facebook.com/cllrshanemoynihan) Instagram: [cllrshanemoynihan](https://www.instagram.com/cllrshanemoynihan)
Mayor:

I was proud to be able to vote for my friend and Fianna Fáil colleague, Cllr. Ed O'Brien as the new Mayor of South Dublin County last week. Ed will be an excellent first citizen of our county and follows Cllr Vicki Casserly who has put in a great year as Mayor.

Earlsfort:

Following my representations, SDCC have confirmed that they will examine the boundary wall between Earlsfort and Castle Road, to ensure that the integrity of the wall has not been compromised.

Congratulations:

Comhghairdeas to the pupils of Divine Mercy SNS who wrote letters to people over 70 staying at home to stay safe from COVID, which were distributed by SDCC.

Online clinics & e-newsletter:

Contact me if you would like to make an appointment for my online clinic, or to subscribe to my email newsletter.

Wisdom is the reward for a
lifetime of listening.

Sr. Stan