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Towards a Synod for the Irish Church



At their winter meeting in 2020 the Irish Bishops announced that they had decided to set out on a Synodal path for the Irish Church. In March of this year they once again discussed the topic and laid out a roadmap towards the Synod. The first part will consist of a period of prayer, reflection and discernment. This will entail a countrywide consultative process on the theme “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”, which is the

theme for the next Synod of Bishops scheduled for Rome in 2022.

The consultation will allow individuals and parishes, religious orders and associations, as well as groups, movements and organisations, both within the Church and in Irish society at large, to share their insights into the Church in Ireland: past, present and future. This consultation will inform the process going forward to the second phase. That consultation has been ongoing and submissions were due in by Pentecost Sunday.

Second phase - The planning and preparation phase for the National Synodal Assembly will subsequently bring together and seek to implement the fruits and recommendations from this initial phase, also taking account of the conclusions of the General Assembly in Rome, together with the following Papal document which will emerge from that gathering. The aim of this second phase will be to design the particular form of the National Synod for Ireland and prepare directly at local, regional and national level for the holding of the Synod.

New opportunities and challenges - Irish Bishops have been considering the idea of a National Synodal Assembly since the 2018 Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops on Young People. They were inspired by Pope Francis’ repeated call for an “outgoing” Church and in the light of the many challenges facing the Church in Ireland today. The signs are all around us and cannot be ignored, the rapid secularisation of the Irish society, which has brought a major decline in practice of the faith and in the number of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life in the country; the clerical and institutional abuse scandal that has rocked the Catholic Church in Ireland in the past years, and the call for transparency, greater participation and accountability. Doing nothing is clearly not an option.

Families, young people, and women - As pointed out during the last General Assembly in March, there is a growing awareness of the need for more support for the family as a "Domestic Church", of connecting with young people, and for honouring the contribution of women in the Church.

Bishops are also aware of the need for ongoing peace-making and building of trust and reconciliation in Ireland, and for a culture of welcome and integration for migrants and the many newcomers who have arrived in the island.

All these issues will form the focus of the National Synodal Assembly. We should all be praying that this process will be a fruitful one that will lead to a real renewal of our church in Ireland.

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod/>

Philip Curran
St. Mary's Lucan

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

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 0761 07 5090, leave a message with your name and number and an Information Officer will return your call within 2 working days.

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

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS) 0761 07 4000 operates on Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm.

MABS The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over twenty years. MABS Clondalkin, phone 0761 07 2270 or email clondalkin@mabs.ie

Know your rights: Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance

This news item was posted on June 3, 2021
I am getting the COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment. I have one child starting school in September. Can I qualify for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance?

Yes, you can. To qualify for this payment which helps with back to school costs, you must be getting a social welfare payment or taking part in a training, employment or adult education scheme. People getting the COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment, the Working Family Payment or the Back to Work Family Dividend can qualify. Your application will be means-tested and your total family income must be below a certain level for your family size.

Your children must be aged between 4 and 22 on 30 September 2021. If they are aged between 18 and 22 they must be in full-time second-level education in a recognised school or college in the autumn of 2021. In general, you must be getting an Increase for a Qualified Child with your payment.

The Allowance is €150 for children aged between 4 and 11 and €275 for children aged between 12 and 22. It is paid automatically to many families before 21 June 2021 to let you know.

You need to apply online for the BTSCFA, if you do not get a letter confirming your payment. If any of your children are aged 18 or over, you must apply for the BTSCFA for them and show evidence that they are in second-level education (even if automatic payments have issued for other children in your family).

From 21 June 2021, you can apply for BTSCFA online through MyWelfare.ie. You must have a Public Services Card and a verified MyGovID account to apply online. If you have difficulties applying online, you can contact the BSCFA section on 071 91 93318 or 0818 11 11 13. The closing date for applications is 30 September 2021.

Read more about the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance and you can read detailed guidelines on gov.ie.

Women's Aid 24-hour Freephone on 1800 341 900

Rape Crisis Centre 1800 778 888 - 24 hour

Men's Aid - 01 554 3811 - 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday



PLEASE NOTE:

We are **NOT operating from the Newsletter Office at the moment**, but leave your ads, queries or notices in the **letter box at St. Mary's Parish Centre, before 10pm on Wednesday night**, and we'll collect and look after them.

Alternately email notices/reports to any of the following:

marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

roselucannewsletter@gmail.com

catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com

**Spring being a tough act to follow,
God created June.**

Al Bernstein

Our local Tidy Towns People have been busy taking care of the green space overlooking the village at the top of Esker Hill, and are deliberately leaving most of this area so nature can do her work.

This work was carried out last Saturday morning.

Kevin O'Loughlin



Birthday Remembrance

Marie Murray (MiMi)

15th June

A Special Time
 A Special Face
 A Special Sister
 We can't replace
 With an aching heart
 We whisper low
 Happy Birthday Marie
 We miss you so

*Remembered by her
 loving family*



Age Action are offering five hours tutoring, remotely, to anyone who needs support using their smartphone, tablet or laptop. Covering topics like how to set up an email, how to download an app, how to use video calling to see your loved ones etc.

For more information, please call 01 4756989 or email gettingstarted@ageaction.ie

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



New Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigils: 5pm and 6.45pm

Sunday: 8.45am, 10.30pm, 12.15pm and 7pm.

Notice

We ask those who have already booked Masses for the weekends to please phone the Sacristy 01 6281487 and check whether the time of their Mass is different due to changes in Sunday Mass times.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

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

Our churches are open for Public Masses. While number will continue to be restricted and social distancing enforced it does mean that in St Mary's we can have a maximum of **69** people in attendance for Masses.

50 people in the pews section and 19 in the individual seats. There can be no movement between these two areas. Each area will have separate entrances and exits.

Admission to all Masses will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Enter at the main porch door, queueing from the left across the front of the old part of the church maintaining social distance at all times.

We rely on your understanding to make this work. Masks must be worn.

Visits to the housebound: If the housebound person has been fully vaccinated and at least two weeks have elapsed since the second dose, either Fr. Tom or Fr Philip and/or any ministers of the Eucharist who are also fully vaccinated can call once again. As a precaution we will wear face coverings and ask those to whom we are calling to do the same.



If you were on the house call list prior to the pandemic you will automatically receive a visit. If you are housebound and are not already on the list you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) and leave your details, we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

Fr Philip Curran

Congratulations to Fr Philip on the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood this Monday 14th June.

Fr Philip came to St Mary's in September 2014 and we thank him for all his years of service especially to the people of Lucan

He has recently been appointed Moderator for the 3 Lucan parishes and we wish him well in his new role.

Congratulations Fr Philip!

Stewards needed: In order to comply with the social distancing and sanitization guidelines we will require volunteer stewards for each Mass. If you are willing to volunteer for one Mass on Sunday or weekdays contact Deirdre in the Parish office on 01 6217041 or fill in the online form on the parish website.

Confessions – Nun's Chapel:

Monday and Wednesday after 10am Mass
Saturday after the 10am and 5pm Masses

Praying with Scripture: Praying with scripture is continuing on zoom. If interested please contact Cheryl Murphy at 086 8343754 to register.

Private Prayer: The Church is open daily for private prayer on weekdays from 10.30am to 6pm (funerals permitting) and on Sundays after the 12.15pm Mass to 6pm. Please enter by the Main Porch Door and exit by the side door (near the Nun's Chapel).

Medjugorje Mass

This Monday 14th June 2021

St. Mary's Lucan

Rosary at 5.45pm

Holy Mass at 6.15pm

Or online on lucanparish.com

Limited seats.

Reserve a seat: Call Pat 087 2238911

If you were at the May Mass no need to call Pat

At 7pm Monday 14/06/2021

Marian Pilgrimages Prayer Meeting on
marian pilgrimages facebook

St. Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro /Adamstown www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,
9am, and 12 noon.

10.30am Family Mass – live streamed only

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.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday at 10am.

Numbers continue to be restricted to **50 people** in the church building.

Admission will be in a first-come first-serve basis

When capacity is reached parishioners can remain in their cars in the car park and receive communion.

All Masses are streamed live on the Parish You Tube channel

Volunteers Needed: To be able to put the safety procedures in place for the benefit of everyone **we need volunteers** to help with stewarding and sanitizing the Church at Masses. Thank you to those who have come forward.

Confessions: Confessions can be requested after Mass. The confession box is not to be used. However, a space that respects open privacy is available in the Church to receive the Sacrament.

Private Prayer: Church can continue to be accessed daily for private prayer. Access is through the side door at pastoral centre on far side of Church between 10.30am and 12.30pm

St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's: Sunday 10am. **Wednesday:** 10am

St Mary's: Sunday: 11.30am. **Tuesday:** 10am
Numbers attending each service will be restricted to **50**.

Please follow the directions of the Church Wardens.

Bookings for both church services can be made at bookleixlip@gmail.com, please indicate which service you are booking for and the number of people.

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

New Sunday Mass Times:

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday 9:15am
Saturday 10am

Admission will be in a first-come first-serve basis to a max of 50 people

All Masses will be livestreamed on www.lucansouthparish.net

Please follow guidelines:

Wear a face covering over both nose and mouth.
Use hand sanitizer when entering the Church.
Sit 2m apart on seats marked by the yellow stickers.

Follow the instructions of the Church stewards – they have purple hi-vis vests so easily recognized.

Private Prayer: The Faustina Chapel is open for private prayer from 10am to 12 noon Monday to Friday.

Divine Bloom: There is now a newly formed gardening team of volunteers in Divine Mercy who have been hard at work in mixed weather conditions brightening up the Church grounds. There is always a welcome for everyone and plenty of laughter and jokes As with all the Church groups they are always looking for more people to help out so if you want to pitch in get in touch with the parish office and they will put you in touch or turn up at their next meeting. **10.30am on Saturday the 12th June. All are welcome!**



Lucan Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship: 11am

Our maximum capacity is **30** people.

Reserve a place for church services:

It's easy. You can either register via our simple online booking form or give us a call on 0858231123. There will be 2 spaces available for anyone who drops in. But these will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

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

Services be streamed online and available on Youtube?

June Library Events

Booking for 'Astronomy with David Moore', is open now!

On Thursday 24th June at 7:00pm.

Following the success of his first talk for South Dublin Libraries last year, we are delighted to welcome back David Moore from Astronomy Ireland for another talk on Thursday 24th June at 7:00pm.



David is Ireland's best known astronomer, writing and broadcasting on a regular basis since the 1980s. In 1990, he founded Astronomy Ireland and he is editor of the Astronomy Ireland magazine.

David can often be seen and heard on TV and radio all around Ireland commenting on the latest news stories in astronomy and space.

For booking and further details, see <https://www.eventbrite.ie/.../astronomy-with-david-moore>

Candle Making 101 with South Dublin Libraries online Universal Classes.

It's completely free and all you need is a valid library card!

<https://lgma.universalclass.com/index.htm>

Candle making is a craft as old as civilization itself, yet after so many millennia and technological advances, we still love the light, warmth, and beauty of a lit candle. Whether a seasoned artisan or a budding enthusiast, this course offers something for everyone interested in learning the craft of candle making.



This course will open up for you the amazing array of possibilities that exist in your pursuit to create beautiful, functional, and sweet smelling candles. From basic moulded and container designs, through the wonders of ice, chunk, votive, and the all-mysterious floating candles, you'll learn the easiest and safest ways to work with wax, wicks, and moulds.

But this course doesn't stop with just making candles that are sure to impress your friends and family. Once you've learned how to design and craft your product using countless combinations of scent, colour, and containers, you'll be given

the tools and knowledge to take your journey on the final leg: candle making for profit through your own business.

The basics of building a niche candle market and targeting your marketing efforts to those that are naturally inclined to buy your candles will also be covered. You'll learn how to build a business plan and get the word out about your products. The nitty gritty of starting a business will be covered and you'll end with a thorough list of potential wholesale suppliers, candle making communities, and other resources for learning and sharing your new found passion!

Beatitudes of an Old Person

Happy are they who look at me with kindness.

Happy are they who understand my weary step.

Happy are they who speak loudly to minimise my deafness.

Happy are they who clasp with warmth my shaking hands.

Happy are they who take an interest in my faraway youth.

Happy are they who don't get tired of listening to my stories already too many times repeated.

Happy are they who understand my need for affection.

Happy are they who give me fragments of their time.

Happy are they who remember my loneliness.

Happy are they who draw near to me in my suffering.

Happy are they who give me happiness in this last stage of my life.

Happy are they who are near to me in the moment of my meeting with the Lord.



When I enter the life without end, I will remember them in front of the Lord Jesus.



Our thoughts are with the Leaving Cert students this week, as they work their way through the exams.

We spotted girls from St. Joseph's College on Virgin 3 news on Wednesday evening, and by all accounts, the papers of the day were fair, and made for a good start to the exams.

The typical exam weather didn't go unnoticed either, but its great to have the bit of heat.

Best of luck to all the local businesses getting up and running once again. Its great to see a bit of life around the place, especially in the evenings. If only we could depend on the weather!

Vaccines are rolling out at a fierce pace, with over 30s due to be invited to register this coming week.

Hopefully, in a few more weeks, all the Newsletter Team will be fully vaccinated, and by September, we should see a bit more normality about the place. Fingers crossed!

Must give a shout out to Lucan Tidy Towns for the wonderful pinks and blues spotted these days along the Main Road between the village and schools – lots of bees and insects enjoying outdoor dining.

The Boys in Green gave us a bit of a lift on Tuesday night when they drew with Hungary. Early days still, but hopeful!



This pair were captured by a member of *St. Mary's Camera Soiree* – I would think that the Magpie was doing the teasing; the birds are so crafty these days!

Dubs teams feature in several games this weekend. Good luck to all the Sarsfields players involved. Things are looking great on that front!

Euros kick off this weekend. Sadly we have no Irish interest, but no doubt plenty of readers have taken part in sweeps – there'll be some winners!



What is this new culture in our parklands? Its very disconcerting to learn that our parklands may not be the safest place to take leisurely walks these days. We've heard of several cases were young people have been attacked for no apparent reason. It doesn't bode well for the summer holidays.

Confucius was a wise man who lived, they say, about 3,000 years ago

Man who leap off cliff, jump to conclusion.

Man who run behind car, get exhausted.

War does not determine who is right, war determine who is left.

Over 6 million Indigenous Trees planted

It is so saddening to think that our last visit to Malawi ended before Christmas 2019, but, it is so heartening to realise that everything has progressed as if we were there all the time or weren't missed!

From the beginning Wells for Zoë was set up to be a local organisation of ordinary men and women, where they learned new skills. They later learned from and taught one other. Of our 62 employees no one has a degree, and some haven't finished primary school, but between them have learned to speak English, type, take photographs, send reports by WhatsApp, use sophisticated machinery, complete spreadsheets, use the cloud, fly a drone, as well as the skills for plant propagation, like budding, grafting and climate smart organic farming.

Many years back we introduced a loan scheme, which has enabled many of our employees to build their own houses, with most of the rest, in the process. The focus in everything we do is on helping people to help themselves. And it works. Of course, there is constant (all-day everyday) WhatsApp contact, where the connectivity can be better than in many parts of Ireland.

Early last year, Éamonn, our eldest, who lives in Edinburgh, decided to do an analysis of our tree planting project and decided that we should be growing indigenous trees where most of these forests had been cut down and almost disappeared, except for tiny, protected patches here and there.

So, he and Kevin, a friend from Germany (both volunteers and scientists) began worldwide research. In their search and along with the team in Malawi they found the National Herbarium & Botanic Gardens of Malawi (part of the worldwide Botanical Gardens network) who have one of three Malawian bases in Mzuzu where WfZ is centred.

Then our guys began the task of visiting traditional chiefs to convince them that this was the way of the future: planting thousands of hectares of community land to help with climate change, soil erosion, to bring back wildlife and to provide a more sustainable source of firewood (their only source of fuel for cooking). It was a big undertaking but remarkably there was an instant uptake to bring back trees their grandparents spoke of (which had almost vanished) and hopefully the associated wildlife.



Incorporated in the research and partly based on our previous tree-planting experience, Éamonn and Kevin obtained support from various big tree planting organisations, One Tree Planted, Ecosia, Plant-for-the-Planet / Trillion Tree Campaign along with many of you, our loyal followers.

Both perfectionists, they put a plan and a monitoring scheme together using the best technology employing GPS polygon mapping and the magic of drone mapping. Now our own staff map all planting and nursery locations from the ground, and use drone fly-overs to obtain 360 panoramas and to create 2D and 3D maps that clearly show the planted areas. The new donors are very excited with our unique set-up and their funding has enabled us to pay all dayworkers involved in every aspect of this project.

In the 2020/2021 Season – completed in April 2021 – we planted: 1,745,185 seedlings (grown in nurseries in tubes) and 1,476,165 seeds directly (which suits some varieties). We also distributed in the region of 1 million indigenous seeds and tubes to local communities in the various areas we work, to grow in their own nurseries and plant in their own communities near their homes.

As in other seasons we further distributed about 2 million Tephrosia seeds to communities to grow as nitrogen fixing plants beside their maize crops, using local of maize, and replacing Monsanto and GM varieties and for future use as an organic pesticide and fungicide by spraying with a water solution made from the ground leaves. Of course, we also continued our support of planting fruit trees, either from seedlings grown in our sustainable organic farm in Lusangazi or from direct planting of seeds.

It has been a busy but very rewarding planting season led by our fantastic Malawi staff with major and grateful contributions from all our supporters. Have a look here for all the details: <https://wellsforzoe.org/planting-indigenous-trees/>

There is much talk here in Ireland about reaching our target of planting 20 million trees per year for the next 20 years. The land owners appear to be willing and at up to 7000 per hectare in grants plus annual add-ons, maybe they should be, BUT it looks like this year will be a failure because of a Departmental delay in issuing licences of up to nine months?

It is more than a little embarrassing to have to disclose to our group of up to 600 dayworkers, more than half who are women that they have planted a third of the total (planned ????) for our whole country, of Ireland .

John and Mary Coyne, wellsforzoe@gmail.com





SCHOOL NEWS



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Zambia 2020 update:

11 of our senior students, along with five teachers, were due to travel to Zambia for an Immersion Project on 27th May until the 10th June 2020 for what would have been the school's 2nd Zambia Immersion Project in recent years. The group were extremely busy and active fundraising for the trip for almost a year before came the devastating news that the trip would have to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Everyone involved was understandably very upset that they would miss out on such a potentially life-changing experience that they had set their hearts on for so long. It took a while for them to come to terms with this bitter blow but eventually they understood that they had to accept it and move on. They also had to decide what they would do with the funds that they had raised, which totalled an impressive 6,600euro. After a number of socially distanced meetings, it was agreed this week that the 11 students would each donate 600euro to a charity that was close to their hearts.

One student chose to donate his share of the funds to the Irish Cancer Society as his own family have had to bear the devastating consequences of cancer and he wishes to contribute to the fight against this terrible disease in a small, but very meaningful way.

Another chose *Doctors Without Borders*, in recognition of the phenomenal worldwide work it does for those that cannot afford to pay for medical help. The student was keen to point out how lucky we are to live in Ireland, with access to high quality healthcare and also many other health services we take for granted, and so believes that it is important to help those in areas of conflict and extreme poverty throughout the world.

600 euro was also donated to Jigsaw by a student as he felt that the charity that works with helping young people overcome mental health challenges and illnesses is especially needed for those that have struggled to cope with lockdown over the past 15 months.

Another student donated the 600e to Izzy's Journey as this cause is very close to his heart. Isabella Villena is a 10yr old girl from Palmerstown who was diagnosed with an extremely rare condition called Aicardi Syndrome as a baby. This is a genetic brain disorder that typically only affects little girls and Isabella was sadly born without a vital piece of her brain. As a consequence of this, she will need constant care and attention every day of her life and she will also need to take a range of powerful medications to manage daily seizures. Every day of her life will be a constant struggle for Isabella and her family and eventually Isabella's life will sadly be cut short due to this condition.

Another student chose St. Vincent De Paul because he recognised that more people are visibly struggling with isolation, loneliness and homelessness as a result of the pandemic and he feels that this well-established charity is extremely trustworthy, reliable and efficient with their donations.

A donation of 600euro has also been made to CRY Ireland (**C**ardiac **R**isk in the **Y**oung-a charity that raises awareness of Sudden Cardiac Death) in honour of our sadly departed past pupil Ryan McKeon and his father.

It really is heart-warming and truly inspiring hearing what the Zambia group have decided to do with their hard earned funds. We greatly commend the eleven students, Taha Ahmad, Jamie Clarke, Michael Connolly, Adam Devitt, Evin Dowling, Alex Jaji, Kevin Kelly, Alex Knowles, Conor McDonagh, Josh Murphy and Oisín O' Neill, on their kindness, thoughtfulness, generosity and compassion, which is very much in the tradition of Edmund Rice. The entire school community is extremely proud of our Zambia 2020 group. They have all been, and continue to be, outstanding ambassadors for our school and the CBS name in general.

South Dublin Co. Co. on Dumping

Household Waste Collection Services are operating and Civic Amenity sites are open.



If you witness dumping contact

014149000/wasteregulation@sducubincoco.ie

St Joseph's College

Leaving Certificate

The 2021 Leaving Certificate examinations began on Wednesday, with English Paper 1. The very best wishes to all of our 6th year students who will be sitting the exams!

Virgin Media News!

We were delighted to have [Virgin Media News](#) at St Joseph's College on Wednesday! Wednesday was the first day of the 2021 Leaving Certificate examinations. A big thank you to Aisling Ní Choisdealbha and the Virgin Media News crew who interviewed a number of our 6th year students, after they had completed the English Paper 1 exam. Ms Jones and Mr O'Driscoll also gave their opinions of the English Paper. We were on the Virgin Media One news at 12:30 and 5:30. It's always exciting to see our students on the television! [Well done to Ms Jones, Mr O'Driscoll and our 6th year students!](#) The news article can be viewed on our website and Twitter accounts.

Silver Gaisce Awards

We were delighted to have our final group of Silver Gaisce recipients from 2020 receive their Silver Gaisce awards last week! A huge well done to [Emily Carey, Maeve Montgomery, Nazia Rafiq, Asma & Belkisa Shala](#) who have been waiting patiently for this day! The students also received their custom-designed Tee-shirts to mark the achievement! Thank you to [Ms Bligh](#), who has been championing the very rewarding [Gaisce](#) programme in our school for many years. Gaisce or 'great achievement' is a self-development programme for young people between the ages of 15-25 and has been in existence since 1985. The Silver Award is the second level of the Gaisce Award.



Emily Carey receiving her Silver Gaisce Award from Ms Bligh



TY students modelled some iconic fashion trends at their end of year Fashion Show – Can you guess which one this is?

School website <https://stjosephslucan.com>
Follow us on Twitter: @STJosephs3

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. **The support line is open every day 8am-8pm, (including weekends) Please call 0818 222 024.**



Nazia Rafiq, Asma & Belkisa Shala and Maeve Montgomery with Ms Bligh and Ms Fitzgerald

Political Notes

Caitriona McClean

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twitter: @cmaemcclean

239 bus:

I continue to engage with the Ombudsman trying to extend the route to give direct access to Blanchardstown hospital. I know this is of particular importance to Arthur Griffith Park and Sarsfield Park. Thank you for your messages of support.

Outdoor dining:

I welcome the outdoor dining grants just announced by SDCC. Many of us want to support local businesses and are keen to meet up in safe outdoor environments. As you know, I have been asking the authorities to take a leadership role and I welcome this initiative.

Weddings:

Summer weddings have been given a new energy by the lifting of restrictions somewhat, and I welcome this. I continue to argue in favour of the use of antigen tests in conjunction with vaccinations. The vaccination programme is proceeding very well with those 30 to 39 invited to register next week.

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An inclusive community is a better community:

Following my representations to SDCC to ensure services provided are accessible to the entire community, walkways and pathways around the main streets of Lucan and Palmerstown are being considered for installation of guidance strips to assist those who are visually impaired navigate the villages. At my urging I continue to advocate for universal design that makes us progressive and not just achieving minimum standards.

Fun for all the family:

I am continuing to work to improve our park amenities so check out the new multi-use games areas in Griffeen Park (Lucan Harriers entrance) where you can now play Bools, basketball and handball. In addition, the pitch which had been left unfinished is now underway to completion. A feasibility study is in place reviewing car parking requirements at Griffeen/Hayden Lane areas for Park users.

Liona O'Toole – Independent

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www.lotoole.com

Griffeen Community College:

Delighted to announce that the planning application for Griffeen Community College permanent build has been submitted to South Dublin County Council.

As chairperson of the board and on behalf of all the members we welcome this fantastic news, all our efforts to date have brought us closer to building our school. We will continue to work hard on this as there is still lot more to do. A huge thanks to the parent body, students, staff, school management, DDLETB, and the board members, to our principal Noel Kelly and South Dublin County Council for all their assistance. An observation/submission can be made using file ref: SDZ21/0013

Hayden's Lane:

An application has been submitted on the old Virtus site at Hayden's Lane. The plan consists of 54 units. An observation can be made online file ref: SD21A/0144 at cost of €20.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan, Fianna Fail

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Twitter: @shanemoynihan,

Instagram: cllrshanemoynihan

Willsbrook Playspace:

I was honoured to join the Mayor Ed O'Brien for the official opening of the play-space at Willsbrook Park. This is already a popular and well-used amenity for families right across Lucan (as I know from personal experience!) and it was fitting to formally mark its addition to the park this week.

Pedestrian Crossing – Hermitage Park:

I have been informed this week that a traffic count will be scheduled this summer to assess whether or not a pedestrian crossing is needed for Hermitage Park on Ballyowen Road. I have been pushing hard for this crossing and hope to see it come to fruition very soon.

Abandoned vehicles:

If you are aware of abandoned vehicles in your estate, please let me know and I will report it to the County Council.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The weather did play ball last Friday morning and those of us who were free had our field trip, this time to Carton House where we walked along the marked walking trails and took some fine photos.



Last week a flood of photos were circulated on our WhatsApp group too late to be considered by the editor for publication in last weekend's edition of the Newsletter. For no apparent reason there seemed to be an emphasis on nature photography with photos of squirrels, bees, birds feeding and two beautiful photos of the male and female damselfly. I understand the one in the beautiful blue livery is the male! Next week I will submit to the editor some of the photos taken in Carton House on our last field trip and also some taken recently in Kilgar Gardens in Kilcock.





This weekend in the light of the relaxation in the rules around outdoor meetings members of the Soiree are meeting each other in person outdoors this Friday for the first time since last December. We hope to be able to share a cup of tea together and talk about future plans for the group.



Until next week stay safe!



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Congratulations to our adult Camogie teams who got off to a great start to the leagues on Tuesday evening with three out of three wins. Ladies football didn't get the same reward on Wednesday. This weekend sees the leagues for adult and juvenile start in earnest, all fixtures and results are on the home page of the website.

We are pleased to again offer Summer Camps in association with club sponsor **Keane Windows & Doors**. There will be 3 Club camps this year for those age 5 to those turning 12 this year. And an Irish language Summer Camp - in association with **Foras na Gaeilge**. Full details on our website. <https://bit.ly/SummerSars>



The u10 girls have been busy the last few months. Many of the girls have taken part in a scavenger hunt with their football or sliotar in tow, others have been busy telling us about their favourite sports person through the medium of art, and more have been practicing their camogie skills with the help of videos from the senior girls. The girls received certificates, medals and sliotars for all their hard work.



Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club is taking part in Run4Pieta 2021. Starting at 6pm on Friday 18th June, Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club members, will

walk, run or cycle for 48 hours consecutively, until 6pm on Sunday 20th June. 100% of funds raised will go directly to Pieta. For more details, including how you can donate and register for a timeslot and take part, please see our website <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsRun4Pieta2021>.

Golf Society Results from St Margarets Outing, Saturday 22nd May 2021; 32 played. Overall Winner Colm Larkin (18) 42pts, 2nd Overall Eddie Shanagher (17) 35pts BB9, Winner Category 1 Sean Kelly (15) 35pts, Winner Category 2 Joe O'Sullivan (21) 35pts, Winner Category 3 Paul Sloan (24) 33pts BB9. Congratulations to all the winners, and many thanks to all who played. Next outing is in Moyvalley GC on Saturday 10th July 2021.

The LDCU Academy take place on Saturday mornings for boys and girls aged between 4 and 7. Pre-registration is essential, scan the code or see website for details.



12th Lock Café is open from 6pm-8pm weekdays and weekend mornings when training is taking place.

The Club Shop is open Thursdays 7-9pm and Saturdays 10am to 1pm.

Zumba continues outdoors on the All Weather Pitch for the month of June every Tuesday in June, 7.30pm to 8.30pm. For further details please contact Tracey on 0879735665

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €9000

There was no winner of the Club Lotto Jackpot of €8600 held on 3 June 2021. The numbers drawn were: **11, 13, 19, 28.**

10 Lucky Dip winners of €30 each (five extra to celebrate the June bank holiday) : **Hugh McGonigle, Patrick Hennelly, Noel Hickey,**

Cathy O'Neill, Donal Butcher, Catherine Murphy, Eileen Benson, Noel Simpson, Michael O'Hara, and, Eilish Mansfield.

The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 10th June, is **€9000**, and is sponsored by: **Newcastle Golf Centre**. The draw will be held in the 12th Lock Café, managed by Diarmuid Dawson at 9pm and live streamed on our Facebook page. Tickets can be purchased via the website, ClubForce APP or at the following link:

<http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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



Campaí Samhraidh

Beidh na campáí samhraidh ar siúl ar na dátaí seo a leanas. Má tá suim agat clárú déan teagmháil le Daithí ar 0833058326.

Summer camps will be taking place on the following dates. If you are interested in registering for the summer camps contact Daithí on 0833058326.

Cúl Camp - Páistí 2008-2014 Iúil (July) 5th - 9th
Campa Club 1 - Páistí 2008-2016 Iúil (July) 19th - 23rd
Campa Club 2 – Páistí 2008-2016 Lúnasa (August) 9th - 13th

Folláin 101

Bíonn ranganna aclaíochta trí Ghaeilge ar siúl gach Céadaoin ar 6 p.m. i bPáirc Naomh Chaitríona. Deis iontach iad na ranganna seo le do chuid Gaeilge a chleachtadh. Má tá suim agat clárú déan teagmháil le Daithí ar 0833058326

Fitness bootcamp through Irish takes place Wednesdays from 6-7pm in St. Catherine's Park. This is a great opportunity to practise your Irish. If you are interested in registering for the course contact Daithí on 0833058326.

Foirne Fásta

Foireann na mBan ag traenáil Dé Luain agus Dé Céadaoin 7.15pm, Páirc an Fhionnuisce. Déan teagmháil le Máire ar 0877935266 má tá suim agat.

Foireann na bhFear ag traenáil Dé Máirt agus Déardaoin 7pm, Páirc an Fhionnuisce. Déan teagmháil le Mícheál ar 0857867929 má tá suim agat.

Foireann iomána ag traenáil Dé Máirt agus Déardaoin 7pm, Páirc an Fhionnuisce. Déan teagmháil le Conan ar 0044 7514 033624 má tá suim agat.

Foireann camógaíochta ag traenáil Dé Máirt agus Déardaoin 7.30pm, Páirc an Fhionnuisce. Déan teagmháil le Cathal ar 0872549706 má tá suim agat.

Bonnchúrsa Cóitseála

Beidh Bonnchúrsa Cóitseála CLG ar siúl Dé Sathairn 12 Meithimh ag 5pm ar pháirc Ghaelscoil Naomh Pádraig. Míneoidh Paudie Butler, an duine is fearr ó thaobh foghlaim cóitseála, conas spórt agus scileanna a mhúineadh do pháistí. Is fiú do gach duine a bhíonn ag cabhrú le cóitseáil páistí freastal. Saor in aisce. Trí Ghaeilge a bheidh an seisiún, agus beidh sé oiriúnach do dhaoine atá ag foghlaim Gaeilge. Chun áit a chinntiú cuir téacs chuig Eoin 0861954176.

A foundation course in G.A.A. coaching will take place Saturday June 12th at 5pm at Ghaelscoil Naomh Pádraig. Coaching expert Paudie Butler will explain how to teach sports and skills to kids. Everyone who coaches kids teams in the club should attend. The event is free of charge. The session will be given in Irish and will be suitable for people learning Irish. To reserve your place, please contact Eoin on 0861954176.

Comhbhrón

Déanann Na Gaeil Óga comhbhrón le Cathaoirleach Choiste na nÓg, Gerry O'Connell, ar bhás a athar John O'Connell. Suaimhneas síoraí dá anam uasal. Táimid ag cuimhneamh oraibh ar fad inniu.

Na Gaeil Óga would like to offer our sympathies to the chairman of Coiste na nÓg, Gerry O'Connell, on the death of his father John O'Connell. May he rest in peace.



Once upon a time

We had groups of senior citizens meeting up on weekly and some on monthly basis.

The music, fun and games from those days are legendary, though sadly, many of the people are no longer with us.

We hope that sooner rather than later, such groups can meet up again safely. Fingers crossed, it won't be too far away.



Above: Lizzie Doyle, Betty Dunne and Mrs Conway.



Left: ? Una Sheridan and Teasie Greene.

Below: Willie Ennis, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Malone, Lizzie Doyle and Tommy Malone.



Below: Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Whelan, and Mrs. Purcell.



Thank you to Kevin Byrne for sending in these photos from bygone days (*early 1980s*) of *Esker Friends of the Elderly*.

Here's hoping there are many happy days ahead!