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Let's count our blessings.....

What a beautiful place we live in – even more appreciated in times like these when so much of the world is suffering.

The river Liffey flows gently on its journey from west Wicklow, through the lush Kildare countryside, heading majestically through the protected Liffey Valley towards the busy city quays before emptying itself into the Irish Sea.

In Lucan Demesne, generations have enjoyed the abundance of wild flowers that carpet the parkland, and been enchanted by the birdsong and the tantalising glimpse of heron and otter and, if you're lucky, the flash of a kingfisher.

In earlier times the lower part of the river, saw rowing boats moving gently through the clear water. Nowadays canoeists plunge through the sluice gate, navigating the weirs with dextrous use of paddles. (*Give me a little rowing boat any day!*)

In these times many families are enjoying visits to Lucan Demesne, the small ones taking in the ducks and fairy trees, as well as the playground features, while leisurely walkers can appreciate the natural beauty of it all, no matter what time of day.

It really is something very special, so let's all make sure that when we visit, we leave it as we found it!

Mary Mulhall



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

To **attend** Sunday Mass including the Vigil you **must have a ticket** which can be obtained in person from the **Parish Centre, this week Monday to Wednesday, from 10.30am to 12.30pm**. Tickets will be valid for two (alternate) Sundays in four weeks. This procedure will be kept under review and any changes will be announced at the daily Mass (on webcam) and on the parish website.

Weekday Mass: 10am

There will be **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.

Could we remind parishioners that it's by no means back to normal just yet, and we would request that those accustomed to attending daily Mass might restrict their attendance to one day per week in order to give everyone an opportunity to attend at least once in the week.

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

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.

St. Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Mass will be available on Sundays at **10.30am** and **12 noon** on the web at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Our webcam is now live!

Mass will be broadcast on Sundays at **10:30am** and weekdays at **9:15am**.

Click on the webcam link on the menu

www.lucansouthparish.net

Our Parish team are preparing to open the Church for public attendance at our Masses.

RTE News Now will also broadcast Daily Mass at 10.30am for those of you who don't have access to the internet.

Anniversary

Kelly Bob

9th Anniversary - June 20th

Late Sarsfield Park.

You told us don't worry,

You told us don't cry,

But a life full of kindness,

Brings a mist to our eyes.

Sadly missed by the family



Feast Days this week:

29th June – St Peter and St Paul

1st July – St Oliver Plunkett

3rd July – St Thomas the Apostle.

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.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The enthusiasm of the members of St. Mary's Camera Soiree for their hobby knows no bounds and I know that those who met in the Parish Centre Garden appreciated the opportunity to meet up with each other face to face, even if 2 meters apart, after the long break from the bungalow.

Technically if we were still meeting in the bungalow, we would have adjourned for the summer break at this time. However, one of the outcomes of the "garden meeting" was that they agreed to continue taking photos and submitting them on WhatsApp for the comments of their colleagues and for the enjoyment of the readers of the Lucan Newsletter.

With the further relaxation in the restriction on travel some of the members are travelling further afield, while staying within the limits, and are producing some wonderful photos.

Excellent photos of flowers in bloom continue to feature. Is it my imagination or are the flowers this year more vibrant than normal because of the reduction in pollution levels and significantly reduced human impact on the environment?



One of the highlights this week is the photo of what is believed to be a Cinnabar Moth taken by Orla, and Paddy has some very atmospheric shots of sunsets.

At this stage the members have a fine selection of shots to choose from for their virtual photographic Exhibition at the end of October and we can expect even greater things after 29th June relaxation.



Keep safe until next week!

Lucan 1962/63

A reader left us in a copy of Thom's Directory for our area from the early 1960s. We noted a few businesses of interest of the day!

Who remembers **Felice Bonanate**? The chipper where the East End Takeaway is today. As well as fish and chips, Felice sold sweets and toffee bars, and the most delicious ice cream ever.

Robert (Bob) Carroll had Sarsfield Bar, now Courtneys.

Cementation (Ireland), Civil Engineering Contractors were to be found at the bottom of Tandy's Lane, where the few new houses now stand on the site of the old An Post building.

J. Collins & Sons had the Butchers, now run by Fintan Dunne.

The Co-Operative Stores were on Main Street, where the EBS is today.

Co. Dublin Library – Terry Brady was the Librarian, and the library was the front part of his house, just beside St. Andrew's Church.

Concrete Products of Ireland (CPI), where Chadwicks is now, on the Lower Road, employed many Lucanians until recent years.

Cromer Bros. Building Contractors, were one of the oldest building firms in Lucan, with three generations of the family running it up to 2006.

Excel Tiles Ltd – Flooring tiles and fireplaces, were on the road to Clondalkin.

Margaret Doyle had the Vesey Arms, now Kennys.

Lorcan Duke M.P.S.I. The Pharmacy, beside Willo's B & B.

E. Fogarty & Co Ltd were Feather Merchants at Fonthill.

W. Freeman, Confectioner, where Willo's B & B is now.

Giltraps, Victueller, where Carroll's Gastro Pup is now.

Samuel Giltrap, General Merchant, a shop that sold groceries and hardware, where Numero 6 Restaurant is now.

His Excellency, Baron Vittorio Winspeare, was the Italian Ambassador, at Lucan House.

Hill & Sons Ltd, Woollen Mills, on Mill Bank.

Keady's Grocery and Confectionery, was the house on The Mall, next to the Watery Lane.

M. H. Lynch, Grocer where Tommy Lynch's Centra is today.

M. H. Lynch, Drapery, further down the street where the Medical Centre is now.

J. Mulligan was a Turf Accountant.

Edmund O'Neill, Grocer & Confectioner, where Tea Rooms / Café is on Main Street.

Vincent O'Neill, his brother, had the Lucan Inn.

Premier Cycle Service, where Careys was.

The Royal Bank of Ireland Ltd, was the forerunner of AIB Lucan.

Saunders Newsagents, was next door to Lynch's.

George Shackleton & Sons, Anna Liffey Flour Mills.

M. Toolan, Grocer, just down from Saunders.

Thornbers (Dublin) Ltd, Poultry Breeders, on Tandy's Lane, where Woodview Estate is now.

James Langan had the Ballydowd Inn, later the Foxhunter.

C. Molloy, Grocery, Ballydowd.

Michael Reidy had the A1 Stores, Ballydowd.

P. McCormack, Cycles & Radio, on Sarsfield Terrace.

W. Griffin had a Chemist on The Mall.

There you have it, we'll have another look at the list for a future edition!



On "Lucan Live" for the last month, Maria interviewed local Primary school principals, you can listen back to them 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!



All going well, we'll have more businesses opening up, and activities getting under way from Monday. Please do your best to support all our local business people, in these very challenging times.

Our Churches will begin to welcome parishioners back to the buildings, and all are working to accommodate worshippers as safely as possible. Hopefully, we won't have to wait too long to see some sort of normality, though it will probably never be quite the same again for anyone.

Facemasks / coverings: It would appear that the number of those wearing them in local supermarkets is growing, and as we go to press, it looks like they may be made mandatory on public transport. They are uncomfortable things to wear, but if it makes a difference to someone's health, why not?



Covid-19 in Lucan!

Did you know that you can now check the Census website to see the Covid numbers in an area? Log on to: <http://census.cso.ie/covid19/> At the moment, the number for all the Lucan Electoral areas stands at 563 confirmed cases.

A New Government – Maybe we'll have our new coalition government this weekend. At this stage, people just want stability, where work can be continued on getting us out of this big hole we find ourselves in at the moment.

Burgers at the Foxhunter! After much speculation, we've learned that a burger joint is going into the old Foxhunter. At the moment, there are two porta cabins catering for the burger lovers.



Bells on Bikes! We've been asked to mention the problem of 'silent cyclists' again. Isn't it strange that with all the talk of cyclists safety, that they don't have to have a bell on their bike?

Back in the 1980s, schoolchildren were invited to take their bikes to school to be tested by a road safety official, and if they didn't have a bell then, they were told to get one immediately!



Rosebay Willow Herb – There is a great swathe of this beautiful wild flower, close to the little orchard, in Lucan Demesne at the moment.

The powdered root of this plant, like so many of our wild flowers, has been used in medicine, and was said to stop internal bleeding.

Indeed, there are many wild blooms to be admired in Lucan Demesne and St. Catherines at the moment. If you have a copy of *Treasures of Lucan*, you will be able to identify several.

Happy Birthday
to **Fr. Philip**

who had a special day
this past week!



Without giving too
much away, you might be seeing a lot
of him on the buses, when things get
moving again!

July! By this time next week, we'll be into July, with almost 4 months of publishing online only. We can't say when we will be back in hard copy, but hopefully, we'll know more over the next few weeks. Rest assured, we'll take care of all our advertisers, and look forward to having copies for those who don't have the internet.

Italia '90

In last week's issue, our piece from the archives looked forward to our game with Romania, in Genoa! We did it, we reached the quarter-finals under Capt. Mick McCarthy!



The next game would be in Rome, against the *Azzurri*, on Saturday 30th June. We won't forget that Schillaci fellow, but we'll always remember our heroes, who bowed out of the competition losing to Italy by a single goal.

Olé, Olé, Olé,

From our archives.....

Sunday 1st July 1990



Pope John Paul II, and Packie Bonner and team graced the cover of Lucan Newsletter.



Lucan & Italy: Italian Ambassador Marcello Salimei gets a parting gift of Irish Whiskey from Gerard Kenny, of Kenny's Vesey Arms, before flying out to Rome for the match.

We had a ball!

Italia '90 did wonders for our confidence. We still cherish those memories, and look forward to cheering our Boys in Green in the future.

By all accounts, the party in Ireland far outweighed the one in Italy – the late Con Houlihan wished he had been among his own in Ireland to share the experience.

Some years later he remarked:

"Italia '90, I missed it – I was in Italy at the time."

We look forward to seeing all our local sports clubs back in action, and having their reports and pictures in future issues.



The Toll House, Leixlip Bridge

In a recent edition, we carried this photo of the Toll House, Leixlip, in the Camera notes. It is a curious building dating back to times before the Liffey Bridge was built in 1732. Prior to that, it was a two-storey construction, and it seems that when the bridge was built, another storey was added to the top of the old building.

This new 'floor' gave access to the bridge / road, where tolls were collected.



Liffey Bridge / aka Salmon Leap Bridge, Leixlip

Its construction was stipulated in the Dublin to Kinnegad Turnpike Act - *An Act for repairing the road leading from the city of Dublin to the Town of Kinnegad in the County of Westmeath, in the fifth year of George II (1731)*. Noting that the then existing road from Lucan to Leixlip via the causeway of St. Katherine's was dangerous to man and beast and beyond remedy, the Act laid down:

... be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the trustees herein appointed, may and shall build a bridge of stone and lie in some convenient place over the said river, and make a new road through the bridge....

Turnpikes were installed – spiked metal gates – through which traffic of the day would pass in either direction paying the keeper as they went on their way.



A John Valentine postcard of the Bridge and Toll House

A writer of the day remarked: *The turnpikes of the road to Lucan, Leixlip &c, must certainly bring a very considerable sum for the next year, as the receipts have monstrously increased since the discovery of the Leixlip Spa. Let who may become the tenant of them, we hope he will take care to have more civilised gate-keepers than have recently appeared on that road, from whose impositions and ruffianly conduct in those places, they seemed to be no better than free-booters.*

(Ref: **A History of Leixlip, Co Kildare** by Gerald Nelson; **Leixlip, County Kildare** by John Colgan, who incidentally, lives in the *Toll House* these days.)

Mary Mulhall



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



The latest edition of the GAA Return to Games protocols have been published. Every member is advised to read and keep up to date with the documents see <http://learning.gaa.ie/covid-19>

The Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Return To Play, document outlining the guidelines and control measures that apply specifically to our facilities, teams and members has been circulated to every team mentor and is available on the news section of the club website.

It is the personal responsibility of each participant to ensure they are fit and healthy to resume training.

One of the most common questions asked, is regarding membership; before any player returns to play, they must be a current member of the club. Club membership runs from January 1 to December 31 each year, regardless of the code played.

As part of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club membership, everyone is registered with one or more of the appropriate organisations; GAA, Camogie Association or LGFA. These organisations may have different registration periods, but once your membership payment is received, all members will be correctly registered. For membership / registration queries, please eMail lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com

To return to train/play in 2020, following the restrictions, once a player has a valid membership, the eLearning Module must be completed (save or print the certificate of completion), and the health questionnaire must be submitted to the team Covid-19 Supervisor. For all players from Minor to nursery, a parent or guardian completes the eModule and health questionnaire on their behalf. Training cannot resume unless the team has identified a Covid-19 supervisor.

All adults who volunteer with juvenile teams and/or adult teams with juvenile players must also be members and have up to date Garda vetting and Safeguarding completed

Once the first training session has taken place, the health status must be reconfirmed before each subsequent session.

One of the important things to note is that there will be no access to changing rooms or toilets at the club. Due to the large number of teams using the club, it will not be possible to manage the disinfecting of the toilets to the required standard.

Our Games committees are hard at work, preparing the timeslots for our teams, ensuring that all the requirements are met, and we ask that, while we get used to the new protocols, that everyone is patient and to follow the advice and instructions of the Covid supervisors, when they take up the role, remember they are volunteers without whom we cannot train and they are new to this too.

If you have a query regarding the return to play guidelines, please let us know by completing the form on <https://bit.ly/ReturnToPlayQuery>. We will compile a list of frequently asked questions and post the answers on the website.

If everyone continues to follow the guidelines, we will all be able to enjoy an un-interrupted and safe summer/autumn schedule.

The HSE Covid-19 testing centre that was in place at the Club, has been decommissioned and



our clubhouse and grounds handed back. The premises are undergoing a deep clean and decontamination to ensure it is safe to use for all, however the Clubhouse will remain closed for the time being, only reopening when permitted by both GAA and Government advice.

Over the last few months, many essential external repair and maintenance works were carried out, but it doesn't stop there, there is always more to be done! If you have a trade or skill and can spare the odd hour or two, drop a line to lucansarsfieldsPRO@gmail.com, the old saying 'many hands make light work' is especially true in this case.

Our sincere sympathies to the **Flannery** family on the death of **Martina Kenny**, sister of **Peter** and **Tommy** and sister-in-law of **Maura** and **Mary**. **May she rest in peace.**

Lucan Sarsfields Lotto Jackpot €20,000:

There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot sponsored by **Lucan Village Pharmacy**, held on Thursday **18th June**, 2020. The numbers drawn were **1, 2, 14** and **15**. The Lucky Dip winners (€30) this week: **Ultan Tuite, Caroline Treanor, Miriam O'Connor, Pat Keane** and **'Tommy and Liam'**.



Next Draw: Thursday, **June 25**, 2020, Sponsor: Coláiste Laichtín, Inis Oírr, 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.

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.

Below, a delightful Lucan Garden from a member of St. Mary's Camera Soiree.



Political Notes

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Dublin Mid-West Constituency Office Reopening:

After a lengthy period of closure because of the public health emergency I'm pleased to say we are reopening our constituency office to members of the public. The office will be opened by appointment only for now every Monday from 12pm to 3pm. The constituency office is on Monastery Road in Clondalkin village. For appointment details please contact me on this number 085-7211574.

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Covid19 Response Committee:

I have made a submission to the committee based on the experience of parents in relation to July Provision, and have suggested a number of reforms.

Pensions and Housing:

Having fought long and hard to retain the pension age, I sincerely hope the Programme for Government is accepted and a new government is formed shortly. In particular I am proud of the provision that 65s do not have to sign on if retiring. Change of direction on social housing is a major win also which I fought for.

Covid19 payees:

Remember to check if you are entitled to back to school allowance.

Summer plans:

Whatever your plans, I wish you a safe summer. As restrictions are lifted, we all face greater responsibility for the choices we make. Face coverings respect others as well as keeping us ourselves safer. **Shop local** where possible.



Cllr. Liona O'Toole - Independent

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Griffen Dog Park:

My motion to introduce new dog park measures was agreed. Council management have agreed to my proposals, increasing the size of the dog park, installing litter bin inside the dog park, introducing new and improved signage at the entrance and introducing new signage inside the dog park.

Pedestrian crossing on Esker Road/Haydens Lane:

My motion to introduce new and improved measures at the two roundabouts between Esker Road and Haydens lane were agreed and funding will now be sought via NTA COVID-19 grants.

New Village pedestrian measures:

My motion requesting that café premises and similar businesses be extended and new pedestrian measures be introduced in Lucan Village was agreed. My pedestrian measures were reviewed along with management's proposed 'parklets' which will include the introduction of additional seating around local businesses which should help our local businesses during these unprecedented times.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan - Fianna Fáil

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Kishogue Station:

At this week's Area Committee, I called for Kishogue Station to be opened for commuters as soon as possible. Current plans are to open it when the first new houses in Clonburris are occupied. I continue to press for it to be opened sooner.

Bins in Ballyowen Park:

Following my representations, I was delighted to get confirmation this week from South Dublin County Council of installation of two new bins in Ballyowen Park. This will enhance this important local amenity. I welcome feedback on what further improvements can be made.

Teenspace in Griffen Valley Park:

I was delighted to learn of plans this week to install a Teenspace in Griffen Valley Park in 2021.

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.