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## Changing times



Many of you will have seen the clerical changes in the three Lucan parishes which were published in last week's newsletter. Fr. Tom Kennedy who has served in St. Mary's for the past fifteen years will leave us in early August to take up his appointment as parish priest of Castledermot, County Kildare. Fr. Tom has endeared himself to all during these years, and his thoughtful gentle presence will be greatly missed. On a personal note I have worked with Fr. Tom for the past eight years and it has been an absolute pleasure. I will be sorry to see him leave us.

Fr Ubaldo Muhindo who presently serves in Divine Mercy in Lucan South will move to St. Mary's with an appointment as curate in St. Marys and in St. Patricks. Fr. John Hassett has for health reasons, stepped down from his post as Co-PP in St. Patricks. Fr. John will continue to reside in Adamstown and we hope will return to some public

duties when his health permits. He has made an enormous contribution to St. Patrick's parish and indeed to the whole Lucan pastoral scene in the years he served as Moderator of the three parishes. Please remember to pray for his recovery.

From July 10<sup>th</sup> I will become parish priest here in St. Marys and also in St. Patricks. The office of Moderator in the Lucan grouping has been discontinued. The falling number of priests in Dublin has meant that several priests have been asked to take responsibility for two parishes; this move is born of sheer necessity as there is simply no one to fill vacant parishes. We are blessed to have the services of two student priests in Lucan Fr. Samuel Akubueni and Fr. Pius Faruna. Both men are diocesan priests from Nigeria and have been a Godsend in serving the needs of the parishes.

Father Aidan Kieran, who is presently Parish Priest of Castledermot has been appointed parish priest of Divine Mercy, Lucan South, and we look forward to welcoming him to the Lucan grouping. Both his appointment, and that of Fr. Tom Kennedy will become effective on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our parish pastoral worker Christopher Okereke has also been reassigned by the diocese and he will leave us to take up a new appointment in the Finglas grouping of parishes. Christopher has done a superb job in these past seven years. At times I wondered how he managed to juggle the demands of three parishes with all the complexities of the 18 primary schools he dealt with, he did so in an effective and thorough way and we will sorely miss him.

These changes will inevitably mean us taking a long hard look at every aspect of our parishes in Lucan, and engaging in a dialogue together, which will help us to meet the challenge of the future while maximising all our resources. Each parish has been individually responding to the 'Building Hope' process initiated by Archbishop Farrell; in the coming months we will hopefully begin 'Building hope' together.

Let's invoke the Holy Spirit – on this Pentecost weekend – to guide and lead us forward.  
Come Holy Spirit.

*Philip Curran  
St. Mary's Lucan*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

[www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

Email [lucan@citinfo.ie](mailto:lucan@citinfo.ie)

### **SERVICES AND OPENING HOURS** **DROP-IN WITHOUT APPOINTMENT** *(Limited Capacity)*

Tuesday mornings 10am to 12pm

Thursday mornings 10am to 12pm

### **PHONE CALL QUERIES FOR CALL BACK**

0818 075090. Tuesday afternoons only

### **OUR CITIZENS INFORMATION PHONE SERVICE IS OPEN**

**Monday to Friday 9am to 8pm on 0818 07 4000**

We are closed on Monday and Friday each week.



### **TREOIR - informing unmarried parents**

TREOIR is a charity that provides a free, confidential, specialist information service for parents not married to each other, living together or apart, their extended families and those working with them. Information is available on Legal, Social Welfare and Parenting issues. TREOIR has publications on Information for unmarried parents, Information for young dads, etc.

Telephone: Information line is 01 6700 120

E-mail: [info@treoir.ie](mailto:info@treoir.ie), Tel 01 6700167

Website [www.treoir.ie](http://www.treoir.ie)

### **Intreo supports for Ukrainians**

The Government has information on Intreo supports for Ukrainians working in Ireland on [www.Gov.ie/Ukraineletter](http://www.Gov.ie/Ukraineletter). The information is available in Ukrainian, Russian and English.

### **What is the Carer's Support Grant?**

The Carer's Support Grant is paid to carers once a year by the Department of Social Protection (DSP). It used to be called the Respite Care Grant.

You can use the grant in whatever way you like. You can use it to pay for respite care if you wish, but you do not have to. There is information on our website about respite care facilities.

In June of each year (usually on the first Thursday of the month), the DSP pays the grant automatically to carers getting Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit, or Domiciliary Care Allowance. Only one Carer's Support Grant can be paid for each person getting care.

The Carer's Support Grant will be paid on 2 June 2022.

### **Rules for getting the Carer's Support Grant**

The grant is paid automatically to people getting Carer's Allowance (both full rate and half-rate), Carer's Benefit or Domiciliary Care Allowance. If you are not getting one of these payments, you can still qualify for the Carer's Support Grant.

*To get the Carer's Support Grant, you must be:*  
Aged 16 or over, Ordinarily resident in Ireland,  
Caring for the person on a full-time basis  
Caring for the person for at least 6 months - this period must include the first Thursday in June  
Living with the person being cared for (or if you do not live with them, they must be able to contact you quickly and directly, for example by phone or alarm).

*During this 6 month caring period, you cannot:*  
Work more than 18.5 hours per week as an employee or self-employment  
Take part in an education or training course for more than 18.5 hours a week  
Get Jobseeker's Allowance or Jobseeker's Benefit  
Sign on for credited contributions  
Live in a hospital, convalescent home or similar institution  
If you are caring for more than one person, a grant is paid for each of them.

### **Rate of Carer's Support Grant**

In June 2022, the Carer's Support Grant is €1,850. It is paid once a year for each person you are caring for. It will be paid on 2 June 2022. It is not taxable.

**How to apply:** If you are getting Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit or Domiciliary Care Allowance, you do not need to apply for the Carer's Support Grant. It will be paid automatically paid to you in June. If you are not getting one of the above payments, you should fill in an application form CSG 1 (pdf) for each person you are caring for.

**When to apply:** You can apply for a Carer's Support Grant for any given year from April of that year until 31 December of the following year. *For example:* You can apply for the Carer's Support Grant for 2021 at any time from April 2021 up until 31 December 2022. The grant rate for 2021 was €1,850.

You can get a Carer's Support Grant application form from your Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office or Citizens Information Centre. Department of Social Protection, Carer's Support Grant Section, Government Buildings, Ballinalee Road, Longford, N39 E4EO. Tel: (043) 334 0000  
<https://www.gov.ie/en/service/16220307-carers-support-grant/>  
Email: [Respitecare@welfare.ie](mailto:Respitecare@welfare.ie)

## Society for Old Lucan (SOL)

SOL is the **local history group** for Lucan; open to everyone. Free to join - email [OldLucan@gmail.com](mailto:OldLucan@gmail.com) to be added to our members' mailing list where full details of projects are shared.

Facebook group; "Society for Old Lucan (SOL)" & Twitter: @Soc4OldLucan. Website:

<https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/>



## Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June 11-12 at St. Finian's Medieval Church, Esker - Wildflower ID Workshop – Book Now

We held a very enjoyable open day and wildflower ID workshop in the medieval graveyard in Lucan village, 2 weeks ago. Thank you to everyone who attended and visited; it was very enjoyable to meet you all. One of the participants identified 30 separate wildflower and grasses just in the small graveyard, which shows what a biodiverse nature reserve old graveyards can be. They can also tell us what industries existed in the area, explain some old Irish placenames, give a clue what herbal medicines were used, and food preferences people may have had long ago, as plants can lie dormant in the ground, just awaiting a chance to grow again if they are let. Thank you to SDCC Public Realm who have improved their mowing pattern at both the village graveyard and St. Finian's to allow natural wildflowers to emerge.



We have decided to run this wildflower ID workshop again this Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 11am - 12, this time at St. Finian's medieval church in Esker, Lucan (parking at the Leisure Centre, not at the site).

Booking is now open for this free event and is suitable for ages 10+ (with parent / guardian) and adults, although the site is unfortunately not accessible to wheelchair users or buggies.

<https://StFiniansWildflowers.eventbrite.ie>



Please note that for the workshop you will need a smartphone with data and download two free apps for wildflower ID and recording.

Darren Tully, SOL will also be giving free, drop-in guided tours at St. Finian's 11-12 on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June.

You do not need to book if you'd like a drop-in tour, just the workshop.

## Heritage Week & Lucan Festival

SOL will be holding events for both Heritage Week in August, and Lucan Festival in September. We will highlight these events in our Facebook group and on our Wordpress website also.

*Committee: Helen Farrell (chair), Elaine Hurley, Darren Tully, Paul Butler, Jonathan Cully, and Lesley Jenkins Blairsdale. Contact us: OldLucan@gmail.com*

## Lucan Planning Council

A public meeting will be held at **Dodsboro** at **11.30 am on Saturday, 18th June**, to discuss and agree further action regarding restoring 25 bus and former 239 route. There is a lot of discontent in the community regarding the NTA failure to respond to our requests for changes to the C-Spine in order to make public transport a real and practical option now for many whose service has been removed or made impractical. In the context of rising prices, and of climate change, you are asked to engage in further action.



*Caitriona McClean, Secretary*

## Lucan Active Retirement Association

We enjoyed our outing to the horse races in Fairy House last week and had some winners, ha ha.

We meet in St Andrew's Hall, Lucan village on Thursdays from 11.30 am to 2.30pm, our meetings will continue for the month of June. We are looking forward to our Line Dancing classes which start on Thursday 9th June.



There is an open invitation to you to come to one of our meetings.

We have bowls, Scrabble and cards - or you can just have a chat. We have light refreshments at around 1pm.

You are welcome to wear a face covering if you are more comfortable doing so.

# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

[www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)



**Sunday Mass Times:** Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm  
Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

**Notice:** There will be **NO 9am Mass until September**. Please contact the sacristy (01 6281487) if you have a 9am Mass already booked. If we do not hear from you, the 9am Intentions will automatically be included in the 10.30am Mass on the day you had booked.

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Saturday 10am

**Masses will continue to be live-streamed on**  
[www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)

Best wishes to the girls and boys of **Lucan Educate Together N.S.** who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

*Please keep them in your prayers.*



### Divine Mercy Devotion in St Mary's, Lucan

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in St Mary's Parish Church Lucan after 10am Mass, weekly devotion to Divine Mercy will resume. Due to Covid it has not been possible to have devotion in the church since March 2020.

Divine Mercy devotion originated in Poland in the 1930s. A Polish nun, **Sr Faustina Kowalska** of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy received revelations from Our Blessed Lord about God's limitless mercy and His unending love for mankind.

She recorded the revelations she received in her well known Diary. **Pope John Paul II** was an advocate of devotion to Divine Mercy and on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2000 he canonised Faustina as the first saint of this century. On the same day he established the Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday), the first Sunday after Easter Sunday.

**Divine Mercy devotion is about three things:**  
**Asking for God's Mercy for ourselves and the whole world**

**Accepting God's Mercy, we commit to placing our total trust in His Mercy.**

**Imitating God's Mercy, we become merciful ourselves towards all others.**

Our Lord Jesus asked St Faustina to have an Image of our Risen Saviour painted, with rays of

red and pale light coming from His breast. They represent the blood and water which came from His pierced side. The pale ray stands for the water which cleanses souls and the red for the blood which gives new life to souls.

Adoring the Blessed Eucharist in the monstrance on the altar we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The Image of Mercy is displayed and venerated. Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** is a prayer for mercy to God the Father, in atonement for our own sins and the sins of all mankind, for which Our Lord Jesus suffered and died to be the Saviour for all mankind. There is no sinner too great or beyond receiving God's infinite Mercy.

Our Lord said that when the Chaplet is prayed for a soul that is **dying**, He will be present not as a just judge but as a merciful Saviour.

Jesus asked that the moment of His death on the cross, 3 o'clock be venerated, saying it is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. The 3 o'clock prayer is included in our weekly devotion.

Our weekly Divine Mercy Devotion will take place after the 10 o'clock Mass each Wednesday (with the exception of Wednesdays when there is a funeral). It is surely an ideal devotion at a time of great uncertainty and upheaval in the world, to pray for God's mercy for our sins and the sins of the whole world seeking His forgiveness and protection.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the devotion regularly or occasionally.

*St Mary's Parish Divine Mercy Group.*

**Ministers of the Eucharist:** The June to August rota for Ministers of the Eucharist has been sent by email. Sincere thanks to our Ministers who have continued in their service throughout the pandemic. If any Ministers who took a step back during the last year or two would like to come back on-board, we would be delighted to hear from them. If there are parishioners who are interested in becoming a Minister of the Eucharist please contact myself at the following email: [phylliscleary@gmail.com](mailto:phylliscleary@gmail.com).

*Philomena Cleary*

**Praying with Scripture:** There will be **NO** Praying with Scripture this Monday due to Bank Holiday.

**Deepest Sympathy** to the family and friends of **Christina Keating** and to the family and friends of **Richard Declan Delaware**,

Esler Lawns.

*May they rest in peace.*



## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)



### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

## St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

[www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)

**Sunday Masses:** Vigil Saturday 7pm,

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Friday at 10am.

All Masses continue to be livestreamed at [stpatrickslucan.ie](http://stpatrickslucan.ie)

### St Vincent De Paul – St Patricks Conference

Church Gate collection at all Masses

**THIS Weekend 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> June.**

*Many thanks for your donations.*

## St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

**St Andrew's, Lucan:**

**Sunday:** 9am and 10am. **Wednesday:**10am

**St Mary's, Leixlip:**

**Sunday:**11.30am. **Tuesday:** 10am

Services are available on our parish

Facebook pages:

[St. Andrew's Church, Lucan](#) or [St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)

## Lucan Presbyterian Church

**Sunday Morning Worship:** 11am.

Services will be streamed online and available on Youtube



Fundraiser  
for  
LauraLynn

Thanks to everyone who supported our garden event which was a great success.

With the sun shining down, every flower and shrub looked its best.

A big THANK YOU to all who came or sent in donations: friends and neighbours who supplied garden furniture, catering equipment, scones and treats.

We are also ever grateful to Marie, busy ALL day serving tea and coffee.

*Our gratitude to all.*

*Joe and Áine Clayton.*



Anam Cara  
South Dublin,

the organisation that supports bereaved parents,

is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7:15pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

## Hospice Sunflower Days

Please support Sunflower Days

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> / Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

in aid of  
**Our Lady's Hospice  
& Care Services**



IF YOU HAVE AN HOUR OR TWO TO SPARE TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT ANNE  
01 4911072 OR [FUNDRAISING@OLH.IE](mailto:FUNDRAISING@OLH.IE).  
THANK YOU

## Acknowledgement

### PORTER (MABEL AND JACK)

Derek Porter and family (Ardeevin Drive) wish to express sincere thanks for the kindness and prayers offered following the passing of Derek's parents, Mabel and Jack Porter (St Johnston, Donegal) in June/July 2021.

Your support is very much appreciated.

## Anniversaries

### BALFE (MICHAEL- MICK)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary - 3<sup>rd</sup> June

The special years will not return  
When we were all together  
Never more than a thought away  
You walk beside us every day  
*Sadly missed by Catherine, Mary, Ian, Nigel and their families.*



### COLCLOUGH (MICHAEL)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 1<sup>st</sup> June

In loving memory of Michael.  
My dearest son and our loving brother.  
We hold him so close in our hearts  
And there he will remain  
There isn't a day that we don't think of him  
Albeit with a smile or a tear  
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal  
Love leaves memories no one can steal.  
**A Memorial Mass for Michael will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in St. Mary's Church. All are welcome to join us.**



### GRIFFIN (JOHN - JOHNNY)

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 2<sup>nd</sup> June

"Those we love don't go away  
They walk beside us every day  
Unseen, unheard, but always near  
Still loved, still missed and very dear".  
*Greatly missed and always remembered by his wife Lil, children - Anne, Claire, Ed and John, his brothers Joe, Eddie, sister Nancy and all his extended family and friends with lots of love especially from his grandchildren - Saoirse, Finn and Molly who miss their Grandad up in Heaven xxx*



## Birthday Remembrances

### CAREY (ALAN)

#### 42<sup>nd</sup> Birthday - 3<sup>rd</sup> June

#### First away from home

Of our much loved and missed son Alan,  
Late of Ballydowd, Lucan.

#### Forever Young

With a nature you could not help loving  
And a heart that was purer than gold  
We will always remember your beautiful smile  
Your memory will never grow old  
So on this your 42<sup>nd</sup> Birthday  
There is something we want to say Alan  
Happy Birthday we love and miss you  
And we will all be together some day  
Hope you have a big party with Ray, Orla, Shane and look after Dan for me.  
Love you forever Alan sweetheart.  
*Your heart broken Mam, Dad, forever loved and missed xxx.*

### CAREY (ALAN)

42<sup>nd</sup> Birthday of our brother Alan missed so much  
Loved with a love beyond all telling  
Missed with a grief beyond all tears  
To the world he was just one  
To us he was all the world  
We are sending a dove to Heaven Al  
With a parcel on its back full of love and kisses  
To wish you a very Happy Birthday  
And to tell how much we love and miss you  
Until we meet again  
*From your sisters, brothers, nephew, nieces and grand nephews and niece.*

#### Dear Alan,

You left without warning  
Gone so fast  
All I have left is memories of our past  
*Missed so much and loved beyond words  
Your heartbroken sister Rois, xxx*

## Esker Cemetery Mass

The Annual Cemetery Mass and  
Blessing of Graves will take place

on  
**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
at 3pm.**

(weather permitting)



## Lucan ICA

*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June:* We will not be open for crafts this Monday as it is a Bank Holiday. See you all on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>!



*Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June:* Crafts Group continue with their projects. Well done ladies, some lovely work being done.

Hostesses for teas are: Betty Burke and Kathleen Henry.

Three of our members were invited to judge the Transition Years crochet blankets in St. Joseph's school on Thursday. We were very impressed with the standard of work done by these young ladies who were at a slight disadvantage this year as we ICA ladies could not go in to teach them in person as in other years because of Covid. We made a video for them with all the instructions and they followed it perfectly. Some of the girls went on to make some other items of their own, they loved the crochet so much, as we told them it is a hobby for life.

Some great news for us ICA ladies this week – we welcomed two new members to our Lucan Guild, Norma Smith and Valerie Maher. We hope they enjoy being with us.

*Mary Curley*

## CELBRIDGE MILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

[www.celbridgemillcommunitycentre.ie](http://www.celbridgemillcommunitycentre.ie)  
[celbridgemillcommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:celbridgemillcommunitycentre@gmail.com)

Phone 01 6288556

**“Pickle Ball “Free taster session - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

June 11am-1pm at The Mill. A new sport for all ages and abilities. Pickle ball is an adapted game of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. We would love to see you on the day and to try it out.

Organised by Pickle Ball Ire. / Kildare Sports Partnership

**Summer Camps at the Mill.** Performing Arts Academy, Creative me Workshops, Designer Minds, Bricks4Kidz, Playacting Youth Theatre, Star Camp Fun & Games, Fit Kidz - Fit Teens Hip Hop – Contact centre for contact details.

**The Haven for our older members of the Community,** Celbridge at the Mill. Tues / Thurs- Home Cooked meals, Tea and Coffee, Bingo, Quiz games, Music, day trips, dancing – Ph Sylvia.01 6275518

**Voices of Spring** takes place at Celbridge Mill on Wednesdays 11-1pm. Ideal for anyone suffering from Dementia or Alzheimers and their carers.



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**Parish Notes / Fund Raising**

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**Anniversaries etc. / Advertising Queries**

[catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com)

**Reports and Ads. etc** may also

be left at the usual addresses:

St. Mary's Parish Centre

Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

**Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.**



## Mother and Toddler Group

St Mary's Parish Centre

**Every Thursday**

From 10.30am to 12 noon.

**All welcome**



## Lucan Senior Citizens

*Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June:* Social Morning and Lunch in the Spa Hotel, 10.30 – 2.30pm.

## Big Book Meeting

of

## Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Thursday Night

St Patrick's Church, Esker, 8.30pm to 9.30pm

Any enquires Contact Colette 086 0272002



**Mini Marathon** - Good luck to all the local ladies taking part in this year's Mini Marathon on Sunday. No doubt, badly needed funds will be raised for many worthy causes. Have a great day, Ladies!

**Some of us are off to Bloom** this weekend, hoping to get great ideas for our 'dream gardens'. We're looking forward to a nice relaxing day!



**Good Luck to all students** beginning the Leaving and Junior Cert exams on Wednesday next. It will all be over before you know it!

**As the Secondary School holidays** commence, we hope all have an enjoyable and safe Summer. Take care out there!

**Weir Clean-up** – Well done to the Lucan Kayak Club and Tidy Towns People who did a great job cleaning up the river and area at Lucan Weir on Saturday last. You wouldn't believe some of the things coming out of the water!

**Ireland is the 8<sup>th</sup> Safest Country** in the world to holiday in according to the global peace index report. Up 3 places since last year we are now behind: 7. Switzerland, 6. Austria, 5. Slovenia, 4. Portugal, 3. Denmark, 2. New Zealand, and number 1 is Iceland.

## Irish Wolfhound Championship at Castletown House



You are invited to come and meet these gentle giants as they compete for Best in Show (12 June 11am-3pm)

Front Lawns: **Free admission**

### New tenants.....

Spotted this in the latest SDCC planning applications:

**SD22A/0152** 27 May 2022

**Applicant: Permanent TSB**

**Location:** Ulster Bank, The Mall, Lower Main Street, Lucan. Shopfront alterations which comprise of fitting of new branded signage ..... and replacement of existing ATMs etc



### Still going strong in Lucan.....

Some time ago, we had a page of our ads from the very early years – 1967/'70 ish. This week, we show you three business from that era, and we are delighted to see that they are still all in business in Lucan.

**J.Collins Victuallers**, still there, but now, **Fintan Dunne** is at the helm. *You can get your Newsletter at this venue these days!*

**Paddy's Barbers** – just a few doors away, and **McDonald Bros**, now Rea McDonald, across the road on the Mall, are in the hands of the next generations.

### Adult Education

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2022.

These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours per week and takes place mostly in the mornings.

**For more details**, contact [alimccann@ddletbaes.ie](mailto:alimccann@ddletbaes.ie) or call (01) 6283557.





# SCHOOL NEWS



## Lucan Community College

### A Word of Thanks from School Principal, Diane Birnie

A big thank you!

Our school community has stepped up to be incredibly flexible and resilient because of the challenge of the pandemic. Our staff members have supported each other and our students and stepped in to keep the show on the road when colleagues were absent. Our parents have engaged with remote meetings, last minute changes and updates and it was wonderful to have parents back in the building last week for our TY and 6<sup>th</sup> year graduation events.

And our amazing students - they are our best advertisement as a school. Well done to each and every one of you for coming through such a difficult few years - from 1<sup>st</sup> years to 6<sup>th</sup> years and to our graduates of 2020 and 2021, we know that it has not been an ideal experience for you and we hope that your lives as well as our school can continue to get back to normal in the weeks and months ahead. Don't forget to ask for help when you need it. "Imperfections are not inadequacies; they are reminders that we're all in this together." Wishing all of our school community a lovely summer break and wishing our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students the very best of luck in your exams.

*Best wishes,  
Diane Birnie*



**Amnesty Group Celebrate Its Great Year:** We had a lovely lunch and awards event recently to celebrate the work of our Lucan CC Amnesty group. Well done to all for the organisation of whole school human rights events and campaigns throughout the school year. A special goodbye and thank you to our 6<sup>th</sup> years for their three years of leadership and commitment. Many thanks to Ms. McCarthy.

**Transfer Applications Now Welcome:** Lucan Community College now welcomes applications for a place in 2nd to 6th year from September 2022. All details about applying to transfer into our college are available on our website:

<https://lucancc.ie/policy/admissions/enrolment/>

Closing Date: Friday 12th August.

**A Great Athletics Season for our Students:** We have a great group of students who represent our school in Athletics. Many of these students also take part in athletics events outside of school. Cross country resumed and after refamiliarizing herself with competitive racing, Saoirse Fitzgerald went on to quality for her first International, earning her first Irish singlet. The schools cross country was next up and Lucan Community College enjoyed a very successful campaign winning individual titles and qualifying a team to the National event in Belfast. It was here that Saoirse and Isabel Cuffe in 2nd Year qualified for another International in Wales in March.

The Indoor season was short but sweet. Saoirse won the U16 800m title and was 2nd in 1500m. A big highlight was the relay event where the U17 team (allowed to move up an age group for relay) placed 3rd. A first for this group of girls, 3 of which are LCC students.

The ongoing outdoor track season is ongoing and it has been so exciting already. On Saturday 14th May Saoirse won an 800m race at the Belfast IMC running a huge personal best (PB) of 2.09. This is 4 seconds under the qualifying time for the European Youth Olympic event later this summer.

Lucan CC was very well represented by a strong group of athletes at the Leinster Schools event. Here Saoirse won the 800m and was 3rd in the 300m. The school won a total of six medals at this event. Three of our students Maggie, Rachel and Saoirse will take part in the All Ireland Schools event In Tullamore June 4th. Maggie and Saoirse will also represent Leinster at the Tailteann Games later in June. Other students have been extremely successful this year and have competed excellently in events. Ferdia McDonagh in 1st year came 2nd in the minor 1100m race in the Leinster Finals recently and our minor girls team of Reka Kiss Calo, Eve Clarke, Rachel Jez and Ella McGrath came 1st in the West Leinsters. Ms. Collins & Ms. McCormack would like to congratulate all our students on their amazing achievements this year. Thank you for all your hard work and we look forward to seeing what Lucan CC can achieve next year. Thanks to Ms. Collins and Ms. McCormack.

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Modular Accommodation Scheme:** As part of the Department of Education's plans to accommodate the number of students in the Lucan area entering second level education in the coming years, Coláiste Phádraig will be provided with a modular accommodation building over the summer months. The building will house 10 classrooms.

As is the case with such buildings, the building will be constructed offsite, disassembled and then reassembled onsite. As there is no planning permission required under S.I. No. 114 of 2021- Planning and Development Act 2000 (Exempted Development) Regulations 2021, the accommodation should be in place for September 2022 with students able to move into the building early in the new school year.

The new accommodation will further enhance the facilities available to students in the school as it will include a library, an oratory and a new special needs/resource/respite room. In the main building, a new Home Economics room will also be set up meaning that Home Economics will be available as an option for students from 2023 onwards.

**Graduation news:** Congratulations to all of our 6<sup>th</sup> yr students who graduated in St. Mary's Church and the school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. The students first attended a mass in St. Mary's Church said by Fr. Curran before returning to the school where the Sports Hall filled up with over 400 people as parents, guardians, family, friends and staff gathered together one final time to bid farewell and wish good luck to the class of 2022.



6<sup>th</sup> yrs Conor McDonagh and Alex Jaji gave moving Valedictory speeches as they both reminisced on their journey as a group through the school. Conor Devlin then made a presentation of wine and flowers to Ms. O' Neill

from the 6<sup>th</sup> yrs in appreciation of her support, guidance, advice and kindness in her role as Year Head of the group.

The students were then called onto the stage with each graduate receiving a graduation cert, Yearbook, 6<sup>th</sup> yr photo as well as a set of cufflinks as mementoes of their time in Coláiste Phádraig.

We wish the class of 2022 good luck in their exams and all the best for the future.

**Transition Year:** The TY Graduation was held in the Sports Hall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. It was wonderful to once again have a full in-person graduation ceremony for the students and their families and friends and it was brilliant evening of nostalgia, laughs, memories and celebration of a hugely successful and enjoyable Transition Year Programme.

**Awards:** Well done to **Aidan Hamill** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month Award* for May and to **David Walsh** who won the *Sports Star of the Month*. Comhghairdeas freisin le **James Qin** a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí Bealtaine.

As is tradition, the main award winners from Awards Night assembled in the school Memorial garden last Thursday for a group photograph. There were eight students in attendance with their awards; Divine Mwamba and Ben Kirwan (Tommy Brennan winners), Adam Russell (From Each, His Best), Brendan Naughton (Padraic Naughton award), Calvin Flood and Matthew White (TY Award) and Ben Lawless and Alex Leonard (Sport Stars of the Year). Their names will now be immortalised on the Roll of Honour boards in the school.

**Soccer:** Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> yr soccer team who won the Leinster Shield last Thursday after defeating Coláiste Chill Mhantáin 5-1 in the Final. Four goals from Ben Lawless and a stunning 30yrd strike from Alex Kennedy gave Lucan a deserved victory as they produced their best performance of the season. It was a remarkable display of finishing from Ben who finished the campaign with 16 goals in just 8 games so he certainly justified the Sports Star of the Year Award that he won just three days earlier!

**Exam news:** Our 6<sup>th</sup> yr students sat their Computer Science Leaving Cert written exam in the school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May and they all seemed content afterwards. The Junior Cycle and Leaving Cert exams begin for all students on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am with English first up. Good luck to all involved.

## St. Joseph's College

**Transition Year:** On Friday our Transition Year had a teddy bears picnic in the grounds of Castletown House in Celbridge. The group basked in the sunshine and enjoyed their lunch in front of the house before exploring the grounds for the remainder of the day.



**6<sup>th</sup> Year Graduation:** On Friday evening our 6<sup>th</sup> years gathered in the Lucan Spa Hotel for their traditional Graduation Dance. After their meal they held the traditional awards giving ceremony. They were joined by a number of their teachers on the night and we would like to thank them for attending on the night, we would like to say a special thanks to Ms. Tester who organised the event.

**In House Exams:** Our Summer exams begin this week for our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year students and we wish them well for these exams. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students will be in school this week completing block classes before they commence their state exams on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. Finally our Transition Year group will remain with us this week and are having an activity week with trips to Bray and Dundrum planned prior to their Graduation on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June. School will finish for all students on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June.

**Transition Year Trip:** On Monday our Transition Year group went on another adventure this time they went to Bray and climbed Bray Head. Although this is a short distance it is still quite a challenging climb but they all made it to the summit and have some beautiful pictures to prove it.

**Awards Day:** On Thursday last, we once again enjoyed our awards day which is one of the highlights of the year in St Josephs. It was great to be able to welcome guests back into our School for the awards day after an absence of three Years. Awards are both subject and

extracurricular based and with over 100 awards presented it was a very busy day for all involved. The strong student body of over 900 students cheered and clapped for each award for the winners. Maeve Higgins in 6<sup>th</sup> Year deservedly won the overall Student of the Year award and it was great that her Parents were there to witness her collect the award. Deputy Head Girl Mary

Adegbuyi and Head Girl Hannah Farrelly gave inspiring and emotional speeches to the student body as they vacated their posts on the student council. The students gave Hannah a standing ovation as she concluded her speech. As one Student Council term came to an end another one has begun with the new Student Council being assigned their roles for the year ahead. Charli Gale is the new Deputy Head Girl and Alena Varghese is the New Head Girl and we wish them and the New Student Council all the best for the Year ahead. Finally we would like to congratulate Ms. McMahon, Ms. Ryan and Ms. Hanlon for organising and running this event which is a huge undertaking.



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# Political Notes

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**Italian Embassy Boundary Wall:** The Italian Ambassador confirmed he is awaiting instruction from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the proposal from South Dublin County Council which was provided to him recently.

**Carers Allowance:** Significant changes under Budget 2022 come into effect this week. Many carers currently on a reduced rate of payment will now qualify for the full rate and thousands of carers who may not have qualified for a payment will be brought into the net. The weekly income disregard is increasing 5%, from €332.50 to €350 for a single person and rising over 12%, from €665 to €750 for a couple. Additionally, the amount of capital and savings a person can have, which won't be counted in the means test, is rising substantially from €20,000 to €50,000. Annual Carer's Support Grant remains at €1,850.

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### Litter Bins Now Installed – Sarsfield Park:

I was delighted to note that the recently requested new bins for Sarsfield Park have now been installed. Thanks to the residents that engaged with me on this and thanks to the Council for acting so promptly.

### Local Sinn Féin Information Bulletin Leaflets:

On Tuesday of this week, both myself and the team delivered over 200 leaflets to homes in and about Lucan Village highlighting home security awareness amid recent burglaries, that have unfortunately taken place.

**Adamstown SDZ Briefing:** On Wednesday this week, a briefing was provided to Councillors on the progress of the Adamstown SDZ development. I raised a number of questions and highlighted concerns with regards to poor delivery of creche facilities alongside the growing population, lack of clear dates for the promised primary care centre and the opening of the long awaited Kishogue train station.

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### Assisted Decision -Making (Capacity) Act:

This week in the Dail I will speak on a very important debate regarding the issue of assisted

decision making. The Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act was signed into law in December 2015 but is not yet fully commenced. The 2015 Act brings about important changes for people who require support to make decisions and for anyone interacting with them, including healthcare workers. The act introduces new guiding principles about interacting with a person who has difficulties with their decision-making capacity. It establishes a tiered system of decision support arrangements for people who need help with making decisions. It abolishes the current wardship system and requires all wards of court to be discharged from wardship within three years of commencement of the Act. The act also establishes the Decision Support Service to oversee the implementation of the new Assisted Decision-making legislation. The act will come into effect this summer.

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**Ballyowen Lane:** I was glad to have the opportunity to discuss ongoing issues at Ballyowen Shopping Centre and Ballyowen Lane with residents this week. I have been pleased with the progress in addressing the appearance of Ballyowen Lane, and will continue to work with all stakeholders, including business, Garda and residents, to deliver a safe and attractive environment for us all.

**Teenspaces:** Providing Teen Spaces for our young people should always be a top priority. If you have a view on what South Dublin County Council should do to improve its Teen Space programme, share your views here: [https://www.surveylegend.com/survey/-Mv3XsFmA\\_Pg0iSNGbB1](https://www.surveylegend.com/survey/-Mv3XsFmA_Pg0iSNGbB1)

**Abandoned cars:** If you are aware of an abandoned car in your locality, please let me know and I will ask the litter warden to inspect.

**Email newsletter:** If you would like to receive the most recent version of my email newsletter, please : [visit https://www.shanemoynihan.ie/your-latest-community-update/](https://www.shanemoynihan.ie/your-latest-community-update/)



## Palmerstown Camera Club



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

The camera club now offers a hybrid model, this is so we can have local/national and international speakers visit the club. The international speakers will be on zoom, and they can be viewed at home or in the parish hall in Palmerstown with other camera club members.

A few weeks ago, we had a judging night for last month's themed competition which was an open category. Lorraine Kelly won in the advanced section, mono category for this fantastic image titled "Seedlings".



Michael Moore won in the intermediate section, projected image category with this image titled "He finally filled the bird feeder!".

We are holding the end of year annual exhibition in the parish hall in Palmerstown on the 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 in Palmerstown Parish Centre. More details to follow in the coming weeks.



YOU'RE NOT ALONE

### Older people need your support!

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people.

ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit [alone.ie/volunteers](http://alone.ie/volunteers) for more information.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



## Social News & Events

### Lucan Sarsfields Golf Society

Our esteemed captain, Jack Butler, passed away before his planned prizegiving function last Autumn. We are going ahead now with the function at the clubhouse on Friday June 24th. Jack's son, Seán, will present the prizes. There will be a 3 course sit down meal and the entertainment afterwards will be supplied by Stephen Murphy, the winner of the captain's prize. He will be joined by some of his musical friends. The meal will be at 7.30pm. Tickets cost €25 and if you wish to attend you should contact Brian Mahon at 0879254126.



**Music Bingo** will not run this week but returns to the Club on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June. The jackpot for that week is €200, hope to see you in the club from 9pm, entry is €10.

**Summer Camps.** Following the success of last year's first ever summer camp run entirely through Irish, we are delighted to run Campa Samhradh 2022 this July 25th - 29th. It is open to all primary school children who have not yet moved to secondary school. For those going into first year in September, it's a great chance to improve their oral Irish. The Summer Camps are now available online, visit our website and reserve a place to avoid disappointment.  
[http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/content\\_page/24707/5/](http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/content_page/24707/5/)

**Team News:** We are happy to report a very good week for our adult hurlers, with 7 wins and a draw from 8 league games over the mid-week and weekend rounds. All 4 teams are competing at the top of their Division with about two thirds of the league campaign completed.



**AHL1: Na Fianna 1-16 Lucan Sarsfield 1-20 Mobhi Road, 28/5/2022.** Lucan seniors got their second league win in 4 days in a very competitive tussle with last year's league champions Na Fianna. The exchanges were evenly matched throughout but a strong final quarter saw Lucan prevail. Na Fianna got an early goal from a penalty and held that advantage to half time, leading 1-9 to 0-10 at the break. Lucan were very reliant on Chris O'Leary for scores in the opening half, as he was accurate from play and placed balls. Lucan upped the intensity a notch in the second half and gradually gain a slight



ascendancy. This was rewarded with a Chris O'Leary goal, also from a penalty to give Lucan the advantage on the scoreboard that they never relinquished. A better spread of scorers in the second half, and some very solid defending helped Lucan to a 4-point victory in the end.

### Other Results:

**AHL5:** Whitehall Colmcille 0-7 Lucan Sarsfields 4-14 Collins Ave, 29/5/2022

**AHL7:** St Brendan's 3-10 Lucan Sarsfields 0-23 Longmeadows, 24/4/2022

### Lucan Jun C vs. Na Gaeil Óga 26/5/2022

Playing with the wind in the first half, we put up a score of 2-20 at the halftime break. The number of scores was lower in the second half but the goal count was higher and we finished with a tally of 8-31.

### St. Monicas vs Lucan Jun C 29/5/2022

Final score: St Monicas 2-12 to Lucan 1-15

**AHL7** Lucan Sarsfields 2-17 St Bridget's 0-10 12th Lock, 29/5/2022

### Juvenile Section / Coiste na nÓg

**U11 Hurling.** Our U11 hurlers are going well in the community games, the boys have won 2 games so far (against Skerries and Ranelagh). Well done lads!



**Lotto.** Last week's Lotto Prize of €12,600 was not won. The Numbers were 9, 10, 14, 20. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €13,000. The draw is sponsored by O Grady's Hearing Care Services and will be led by Frank Fleming.



## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

### Buachaillí F10 Iomáint

Bhí 3 chluiche iomána den scoth Dé Sathairn in aghaidh duine d'fhathach CLG Átha Cliath.... Na Fianna. Bhí sé go hiontach ár bhfoireann a fheiceáil san iomaíocht i ngach cluiche le scór iontach tógtha freisin.

Sár-imirt ó Rhys, Eoin agus John ar pháirc A.... páirc iomlán B, go háirithe Conor, Ruairí, Aodhfin agus Orin agus sár imirt ó Dara, Ruairí agus laoch na himeartha Darragh, ar pháirc C.

Buíochas freisin lenár n-imreoirí faoi 12 a thug meantóireacht dár bhfoirne inniu.



### Buachaillí F7

D'imir na buachaillí faoi 7 a gcéad chluiche as baile le Westmanstown Gaels. Táimid chomh bródúil as gach uile dhuine acu. An chéad chluiche iontach a bhí ann agus roinnt tallainne fíor anseo sa ghrúpa seo. Buíochas lenár gcúntóirí go léir agus lenár gcóitseálaí iontach Yvonne. NGÓ Abú!!!!

### Buachaillí F9 Iomáint

Bhí caihdeán fíor ard iomáint as na lads F9 Dé Domhnaigh.

B'iad Riley & Zachary ár laochra na himeartha ar an lá. Moladh mór freisin do Rían, Jason, Noah & Cillian.

### Podcraoladh na Gaeil Óga

Is í Louise Nesbitt, an chéad aoi eile ar an phodcraoladh!

Beidh sí ag labhairt faoi:

- An dóigh ar tháinig sí ar ais chuig an Ghaeilge
- Ag obair le Coiste Na n-Óg
- Leideanna d'fhoghlaimoirí

I nGaeilge:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/7gvCtwvB1UyQNCuObDSKna?si=2ef21597e51b44f1>

In English:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/3Opzhm83F7Ij1H1eGQzuNY?si=baad68d8604b4333>



**Cluichí na Seachtaine**

**30 Bealtaine - 6 Meitheamh**

**Dé Máirt**  
Peil na bhFear A v Cloíghithe Lusca  
19:30 Páirc Thomáis Ághais

**Dé Céadaoin**  
Peil na mBan v Croí Ró Naofa  
19:30 Páirc an Fhionnuisce

**Déardaoin**  
Peil na bhFear B v Gearaltacht Pádraig Ó Móráin  
19:30 Baille Uí Ógáin

**Dé Sathairn - Dé Luain**  
Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta  
Peil na bhFear agus Peil na mBan  
Leitir Mór, Co. na Gaillimhe

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

At our Friday meeting last week we reviewed the photographs taken on the subject of the month – flora. There were some beautiful shots, enough to mount an exhibition dedicated to the subject. Frances showed us photographs she had taken on the bogs in the midlands. These flowers are only in bloom for a very short period each year. The subject for the month of June in “trees”.

Last weekend Paddy was one of 3,000 participants who took part in the Skoda “*Tour de Connemara*”. The members of the soiree had a discussion on their WhatsApp group as to whether he was leading the pack in the photograph in Monday’s Irish Times. Whether he was or not he sent us nice photographs taken around Clifden Harbour where he went to relax afterwards.



Conor sent in photos of dancing green damselflies and of more bees. He is determined to prove to me that there are bees in Lucan. I’ve seen none yet this year but at least I’ve learned the difference between a bumble bee and a honey bee courtesy of Kay. Apparently, bumblebees are round and fuzzy; honeybees are smaller and thinner and can easily be mistaken for wasps.

Josie is up in Donegal and sent us beautiful photographs which contain magnificent blue skies with fluffy clouds, very difficult to come by in Ireland – how many times has the group decided not to go on a field trip because of the sky?

*Until next week stay safe!*

