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## BEWARE



Some months ago the elderly father of a good friend of mine was the victim of a scam that robbed him of several thousand euro. One morning his phone rang and a 'nice lady' introduced herself as an official from his bank. The call appeared on his mobile to originate from the same number that the bank had used in the past to communicate with him, so all appeared above board. What the poor man didn't know was that sophisticated computer software exists that can generate false caller ID numbers to make it appear that the calls originate from any number the scammers wish.

The 'nice lady' from the bank went on to explain how they had noticed suspicious activity on his account and how they were concerned that scammers had compromised the security of his funds. He was advised that in order to 'protect his funds' the bank were advising that he transfer the money into a 'secure' temporary account beyond the reach of the scammers. So convincing was the scam that the unfortunate man gave details of his account, complete with online password and PIN number without hesitation. The money was indeed transferred but not to any 'secure account' as the 'nice lady' had suggested, but to an account in Eastern Europe, from here it was quickly transferred several times to a series of Asian banks, making it nearly impossible to trace. The bank have disclaimed responsibility to reimburse the money as he freely gave the information to a third party.

It's a sad reality that scammers like this exist in huge numbers around the world; these are people whose sole objective is to rob others of hard earned savings. These people are without scruples or conscience and regard anybody they can fool as fair game. There are places around the globe where large call centres exist with dozens of scammers working around the clock looking for their next unsuspecting target.

The recent attack on the computers of the HSE and the Department of Health is another example of the sinister handiwork of the scammers. In these attacks they invade the computer systems of their targets with rogue software that cripples the network until a ransom is paid over for a 'key' to undo the damage. It's an example of a very modern crime perpetrated by people thousands of miles away who have turned technology to their own despicable purposes. The fact that the health service is crippled by their actions doesn't bother them in any way, their sole interest is the money they can extort.

So beware of unsolicited phone calls from financial institutions, even if they seem to originate from trusted phone numbers. Never give out information of any kind of your banking details no matter how convincing the caller sounds. If you have the slightest suspicion hang up and visit your bank branch without delay. Other scams involve calls informing you of being the lucky winner of a cruise for two, and all you have to do is give your credit card details to pay a small admin fee in order to receive the tickets. Never give out such details over the phone. The world is awash with gangsters out to make easy money at the expense of others, BEWARE! If something seems too good to be true it usually is!

*Philip Curran  
St. Mary's Lucan*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

[www.citizensinformation.ie](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:clondalkin@mabs.ie)

### Know your rights: Carer's Support Grant

*This news item was posted on May 20, 2021*

**I care for my mother full time and I get Carer's Allowance. Last year, I automatically got the Carer's Support Grant in June – will I get it again this year?**

The Carer's Support Grant is an annual payment made to full-time carers. It is paid by the Department of Social Protection (DSP) usually on the first Thursday of June each year. The grant is €1,850 (an increase of €150 from last year).

People getting Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit or Domiciliary Care Allowance are paid the grant automatically. If you are getting one of these payments on the first Thursday in June, you automatically get the grant so you do not need to apply.

Full-time carers who are not getting one of these payments need to apply to the DSP. You must be:

Ordinarily resident in the State and caring on a full-time basis for at least six months (including the first Thursday in June)

Living with the person being cared for (or, if not, be contactable quickly by a direct system of communication, for example, telephone or alarm). You won't qualify if you are working, studying or training for more than 18.5 hours a week, getting a jobseeker's payment or signing on for credits.

To apply, you need to fill out one application form (form CSG1) (pdf) for each person being cared for (a grant may be paid for each of them). You can get the form on [gov.ie](http://gov.ie). For any given year, you can apply for the grant from April of that year until 31 December of the following year. So for 2021, you can apply up until December 2022.

You can read more about the Carer's Support Grant on [citizensinformation.ie](http://citizensinformation.ie)

## COVID CRISIS IN NEPAL

Two weeks ago, we appealed to you all for donations to help aid the work of Nepal Ireland Society in battling Covid in Nepal. We, with the help of many friends, distributed 3500 leaflets around the Lucan estates. Thanks to all those helpers.



Already, we are overawed by the donations which we have received, totalling €8830. Lucan, as always, you are wonderful.

We would like to thank all of you who have donated, including those who have donated online. Special thanks to Lucan Lions Club for their donation.

At a later stage, Nepal Ireland Society will give us an up to date report on where exactly the money is going. We do know that three oxygen concentrators have already been purchased and are on their way to Nepal.

If anyone still wishes to donate, the details are as follows:

The direct link to GoFundMe page set up by Nepal Ireland Society:  
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-initiatives-to-tackle-covid19-in-nepal>

Our own details are:  
Niamh Clandillon 087-0666891  
Séamus Clandillon 087-2189960  
191 BEECH PARK, LUCAN

**Please donate what you can to help save lives in Nepal.**

**Thank you for your support,  
Niamh & Séamus Clandillon**

## Hillcrest, Beaumont & Newcastle Road Residents Association

In response to a call from Lucan Tidy Towns to keep Lucan tidy, we have commenced a Litter Pick & Tidy Up on the first Saturday of each month. We meet at the Green (top of Hillcrest Heights/Park) at 11 am on the first Saturday of each month.

We encourage all residents to join in by:

1. Keeping their own residence tidy and free from litter.
2. Offer a helping hand to an elderly neighbour if needed.
3. Lead by example, if you see litter pick it up.

You are welcome to join us on the 1st Saturday of each month at the Green, top of Hillcrest Heights.

## Lost

**Ladies Watch** – Lucan or Maynooth area.  
Sentimental value.  
Please phone: 087-2036313. Reward.

## A Reader writes.....

### Re: more joined up thinking needed for Lucan Village Lucan Newsletter Political Notes 23 May 2021

Have any of the older residents in Lucan who have been paying property tax for years been consulted about what they would like to see regarding improvements for Lucan Village and surrounding areas.

I don't think many of them who are in their 60's 70's etc of which there are many will be cycling to and from the Village any time soon!

For instance there is no bench seating on the main street on any of the hills from the older housing estates nearest to the village!



If you take a look when passing through Leixlip you will see sturdy bench seats provided by their County Council for people to take a rest when out walking shopping or waiting for a bus etc which is badly lacking for residents in Lucan

*Mairead Hilliard  
Lucan Resident*

## VACANCY FOR PARISH SECRETARY

The Parish of Divine Mercy, Lucan South is currently recruiting a Parish Secretary. This role is offered initially on a one-year fixed term, part-time basis at 20 hours per week.

### Reporting to the Parish Priest duties will include:

- Providing a secretarial service to the parish
- Running the parish office with the effective use of up-to-date office systems
- Receiving members of the public and dealing with enquiries, Mass bookings, Issue of certificates etc.
- Maintaining & up-dating computerized parish accounts on the Diocesan Accounts program
- Recording and managing parish records
- Responsible for the payroll function

### Requirements

The candidate must have excellent computer skills, including the Microsoft Office suite.

- The candidate must have excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate effectively.
- It is preferred that the candidate has substantial clerical/administrative experience and comprehensive knowledge of accounting packages.
- An accounts technician qualification would be a distinct advantage.

### Letters of application with enclosed C.V. should be emailed to

Fr. Ubaldo Muhindo:

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

or posted to

Fr. Ubaldo Muhindo, 32 Earlsfort Rd,  
Lucan, K78 AP11 Co. Dublin

**The closing date for applications is:  
1pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

[www.lucanparish.com](http://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](http://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, queuing 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.

### Fr. Tom Kennedy

this year (June 7<sup>th</sup>) celebrates his  
**Silver Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood.**

More than half of that time has been spent in St. Mary's, and we hope to have him for quite a while yet.

We congratulate him on his jubilee and ask the prayers of the people of the parish for his continued health and happiness.

### 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).

**Deepest sympathy** to the wife, family and friends of **Michael Mellett**, Weston Way, to the family and friends of **Bridie Conway**, Lucan Heights, to the husband, family and friends of **Mary Goss**, Lucan Heights and to the father, family and friends of **Michael (Mick) Colclough**, Hermitage Way.  
*May they rest in peace.*



## St. Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro

**/Adamstown** [www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://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

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

### Announcement:

We are delighted to announce that the Diocese has appointed our own dearest

**Fr. Ubaldo Muhindo** as the Parish Priest for Lucan South Parish. It is a time with fewer priests available so we are truly blessed with this news. Please join us in congratulating him on his new position and continuing to pray for him and the rest of the clergy.

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



## St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

**St Andrew's:** 10am

**St Mary's:** 11.30am

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](mailto: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](#)

## 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.

We will be keeping 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?**

## Pilgrimages

### Marian Pilgrimages

Marian Pilgrimages have released their pilgrimage schedule for 2021 and 2022 to Lourdes, Medjugorje, Fatima, Italy and Holy Land. For more information or to register your interest please visit [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie) or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159.

**ALONE** manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024

### Medjugorje Mass

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

St. Mary's Lucan

Rosary at 5.45pm

Holy Mass at 6.15pm

Or online on [lucanparish.com](http://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

## CONWAY (BRIDIE)

We extend our deepest sympathy to our former colleague Declan Conway on the death of his mother **Bridie** last week.

## Acknowledgements



### DARDIS (BEN)

The wife and family of the late Ben Dardis wish to thank all those who sent Mass cards, messages of sympathy and support in our sad bereavement. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being offered for your intentions.

*Rita and family*

### KENNEDY (SID - ANTHONY)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 8<sup>th</sup> June

I wish to express our thanks to everyone who supported us following Anthony's death, especially our wonderful friends and neighbours of which there are too many to mention.

May the winds of Heaven blow softly  
And whisper in your ear  
How much we love and miss you  
And wish you were here.

*Your loving wife Chris and family and grandchildren*

## Anniversary

### GRIFFIN (JOHN - JOHNNY)

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

Remembering you especially today, your 5<sup>th</sup> year away from home.

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.

*Lots of love always, Lil, Anne, Claire, Ed and John*

Lots of love especially from your grandchildren.  
*Saoirse, Finn and Molly who miss their Grandad up in Heaven xxx*

John, still loved and missed.  
*Your brothers Joe, Eddie and sister Nancy and all your nieces and nephews*



## Sailing By

It's a sure sign summer's drifted  
When you see that boats are lifted,  
And the moorings bob alone out in the bay.  
And the days that you've been spending,  
Thinking they were never ending, have got shorter,  
And their warmth has slipped away.

I almost feel like crying –  
It's a little bit like dying  
When the season's run its course  
And winter's here.

I can only know the sorrow  
And hope a new tomorrow  
Will bring something  
That will take away the fear.

With each year that passes by  
I heave a deeper sigh  
As I realise how precious are the days  
When, with friends, we sail together  
Take advantage of the weather  
Check the tide,  
And laugh as we are drenched with spray.

When the season comes again  
Will we tighten up the Main, hoist the Jib,  
And raise the anchor from the deep?  
Or will some of us have gone?  
Will our presence linger on  
When we sail into the everlasting sleep?

*JO'F*

## Prayers for the Bereaved

Heavenly Father in your love, be with us in this sacred moment. We need your comfort amid the confusion of discovering that being human means losing those we love.

Help us to bear the pain and loss we feel, and renew our faith in the life to come. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who came from the Father and the Spirit to save us and raise us up so as to share his heavenly glory.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the treasured gift of love for those we have shared our life with, and the memories we are blessed to hold in our heart.

Console us, wipe away our tears, and see us through another day. Death is not the last word, for we have the promise and hope of life everlasting, through your Son, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



**Best of luck to all the students beginning their Leaving Cert** exams this coming Wednesday. English and Home Economics are two of the first day papers. The exams will conclude on 29<sup>th</sup> with Japanese, Politics and

Society Arabic, and P.E. The range of subjects these days is mind boggling!

**Beware the 083 Scams!** Some of our team received such calls over the past week. One voice mail informed the recipient that she was wanted for committing some crime, among other things.....

Do as the Gardaí advise! Don't answer, and if you do just hang up and ignore them.

Don't give your personal details to anybody, even if they seem to have some info on you already!



*Pat Colgan sent us this delightful photo of little Alfie, having fun with D.J. the cat!*



## Why go to church?

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now and in that time I have heard about 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".



This started a real controversy in the Letters to the Editor column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: they all nourished me and

gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today!

*Thank you to the Reader who sent the above article!*

**Didn't Ryan Tubridy do well** since this Covid thing came about! It was no mean feat keeping the Late Late Show and his radio show on the road. Well done to him!



## SCHOOL NEWS



### Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Graduation news:** Our Leaving Cert Class of 2021 attended socially distanced mini-graduation ceremonies in the Sports Hall on two separate days last week. The students attended the ceremonies in groups of 45, sat two metres apart and wore masks throughout. Unfortunately, no parents, family or friends were allowed to attend but the ceremonies were streamed live online for the first time.

The ceremonies were also made available for delayed viewing which ensured that everyone who wanted to watch could do so at a time convenient to them. The Live Stream certainly created a noticeable giddy excitement and nervous tension among the students as the countdown call went out “*Ten seconds to live broadcast, nine, eight, seven.....!*”

Connolly was then invited to the stage to make his address to his classmates.

Michael, who was keeping up a family tradition (his brother Edward made the valedictory speech in 2019), began by reflecting on the new routines and behaviours they all had to adjust to over the past 15 months in the school. Michael spoke of online learning, Zoom classes, wi-fi problems, social distancing, mask wearing, hand sanitising and new lunchtime routines that required some creative thinking from the students seeking some socially distanced entertainment (where football was replaced with berry throwing and spin-the-bottle fruit Dodgeball!). He then recounted some of his favourite memories of his 6 years at Coláiste Phádraig including trips to Amsterdam, Carlingford and Italy. He lamented the enforced cancellation of the much anticipated Zambia 2020 trip that he was part off but spoke of his pride that a number of different charities and good causes will instead benefit from the funds raised.

Michael’s valedictory address would usually be a once-in-a-life-time experience but on this occasion he got the opportunity to hone his speech and do it all again the following day!



*6th yrs Michael Connolly, Ciarán O' Brien, Calum McGowan, Fintan Ward and Oisín Ryan with Principal Mr. Brady.*

Deputy principal Mr. Geraghty opened the 1<sup>st</sup> ceremony by welcoming the students and the audience watching the live stream. Mr. Lyons, (who was Year Head for three years of the graduates that did TY) did similar in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ceremony.

Both praised the students for the respect, courtesy and co-operation that they have displayed throughout their time in the school and complimented them for stepping up to the mark every time requests and demands were made of them, most especially since the pandemic began disrupting their education. 6<sup>th</sup> yr student Michael

Mr. Carey, the Year Head of 6<sup>th</sup> yrs, then took the opportunity to address the students. He complimented the students on their excellent behaviour and good manners in his dealings with them over the past two years.

Principal Mr. Brady then addressed the congregation and he began by listing with regret some of the things our 6<sup>th</sup> yrs have missed out on because of the pandemic such as the annual 6<sup>th</sup> yr Breakfast get-together, the Awards Night, the traditional 6<sup>th</sup> yr v Teachers soccer match (which they usually lose!), a Graduation Mass and the Debs among other things. *Cont'd over.....*

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS *cont'd* .....

Mr. Brady praised them for their roles as prefects, their work on the Student Council, their involvement in so many fundraising initiatives, most especially the Zambia 2020 project, their success throughout the years with the Tráth na gCeist, BT Young Scientist Exhibition, SciFest to name but a few, as well as their numerous sporting successes over the years.

Garden for treasured Graduation photographs and some reminiscing with their teachers.

Many thanks to Ms. Casey who organised off all the presentation material, to our caretakers Barry and Noel for setting up the stage and to our wonderfully dedicated cleaning staff who ensured that every part of the hall was fully sanitised before and after the ceremonies.



As is tradition, the principal then closed the Graduation ceremony by reading a powerful and thought-provoking parable called “*Pebbles*” (primarily about prioritising family, health, passions and friends above all else), which was printed on the other side of their graduation certs.

The students then received their graduation certs, Coláiste Phádraig Cuff Links, as well as the 6<sup>th</sup> yr group photo, put together beautifully by our art teacher Ms. Ryan, who took everyone’s photo individually. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> ceremony on Friday, the main end-of-year awards were re-presented to the winners in front of their fellow graduates and loved ones watching online.

Afterwards, the students moved to the Memorial

We wish the class of 2021 all the best for the future and assure them that they are always welcome back to the school at any time in the future for a nostalgic trip down memory lane.

**Exam news:** We wish the best of luck to our Leaving Cert students who will be sitting their written exams next week. Our students will be starting with English P1 on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June while some will be finishing with Arabic on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June. The rest of our students finished their summer exams on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May and we hope that they all have a great summer and come back refreshed and rejuvenated in September for what will hopefully be a more normal school year for all.



*Some of the 6<sup>th</sup> Year Graduates*

## Lucan Community College

**Soccer Award:** After winning the U15 Interprovincial tournament in November 2019 with the Leinster Schools panel I was chosen as one of 32 girls nationwide to attend a series of trials at the FAI's headquarters in Abbotstown. It was an intense process, trials were held every second Saturday with players being cut each session.



In late January of 2020, I played a final trial which was a match against the U17 WNL Champions, Galway WFC. I felt that I had played well but still I waited anxiously to find out whether I had made the final International panel of 18. I remember the day my dad received the phone call from the manager. It was a surreal moment and I was absolutely delighted. We were preparing for the Bob Docherty Tournament which was to be held in England, in April. However, due to the outbreak of coronavirus my first and only international cap to date was against England in the John Read Trophy match on Saturday the 11th of March in Abbotstown. Although I was disappointed that we had lost 2-1, it was an incredible experience and such an honour to represent my country, my school, my club Peamount United, my family and my friends. *By Aoibhe*

**Gaisce Awards:** This year 24 students in Transition Year chose to participate in the Gaisce Bronze Award. The English translation for 'Gaisce' is Achievement and Gaisce is the President's Award that people can achieve through completing 3 areas of skills. The 3 areas of skills are community involvement, personal skills and a physical recreational activity. Some examples of skills people did were volunteer work, various sports activities and cooking. Due to Covid-

19, a lot of people had to change their skills to coincide with the Covid guidelines which made Gaisce challenging to complete. Some examples of skills people chose to do because of this are Duolingo, litter picking and home workouts. This was a momentous way to celebrate the 35-year anniversary of Gaisce. It certainly was a year to remember. Each student who successfully completes each of their skills receives a certificate and a medal for their hard work. Our current Transition Year Gaisce participants are looking forward to receiving these at their graduation. Gaisce students say it was a great experience to practice different skills, and that they highly recommend doing Gaisce if you can! *By Megan Flanagan & Niamh McClelland*

**Microsoft Specialists:** Well done to the TY students in Mr Coogan and Ms McCarthy's classes, who achieved their Microsoft Specialist certificates in the areas of word/powerpoint/excel. A lot of hard work was involved, so well deserved! - *Kay McCarthy*

**Art News (Ms. Byrne):** Eabha McNally receiving first prize certificate from Mental Health Ireland after winning first place overall in the Junior Cycle category of national open competition 2021. Congratulations again Eabha!

Transition Years have worked hard throughout the year on many projects, from creating artwork inspired by the Book of Kells, to painting their own work on canvas in the style of Impressionism (painting below by Luka Abulidze). They worked hard and created some lovely work.

Ms. Byrne's Art class were busy finishing a large artwork inspired by contemporary artists and reflective of their own experience of school this year. Excited to see the final painting (*below*)!



## St Joseph's College

We have come to the end of an extraordinary year in St Joseph's College and we will forever remember the experience and the resilient response of our whole school community to the challenges of Covid 19.

**6<sup>th</sup> Year Graduation:** Our 6<sup>th</sup> Year students had their Graduation Ceremony last Friday. Unlike previous years, parents were not able to attend the ceremony. However, with the fabulous planning and preparations of our principal Ms Fitzgerald, year head Ms Ward and our outgoing Student Council, it was still a very special occasion for all of our sixth year students and staff. [Prayers of the Faithful](#) were read by Aoife Fortune, Monica Dosunmu, Precious Seriki, Emma Elizabeth O'Connor and Emma Nicole O'Connor. The beautiful [Musical Interludes](#) were provided by Leah Murray (vocals), Holly McParland (violin) and Caroline Gormley (piano). [Final Roll Calls](#) were made by the five class tutors and the students were presented with Graduation Certificates and Medals. [Special Awards](#) were presented to a large number of students in recognition of their achievements over their years in St Joseph's College. Ms Bligh presented [Silver Gaisce medals](#) to the ten students who had successfully completed the programme over the last year. The Student Council presented '[Fun Awards](#)'. Our Head Girl Aine O'Brien and Deputy Head Girl Laura Sharkey spoke about their experiences in St Joseph's. Finally the graduating students left the building, only to find the entire staff lined up outside waiting to give our Graduates a heartfelt round of applause as they exited. It was a lovely surprise and there were plenty of tears!



Head Girl Aine O'Brien (right) and Deputy Head Girl Laura Sharkey (left) at their Graduation.



6<sup>th</sup> Year Students with their Graduation Medals

**Transition Year Graduation:** Our Transition Year students had their end of year Graduation Ceremony last Thursday. Congratulations to Ms Butler (Transition Year Programme Coordinator), Ms Bould (4<sup>th</sup> Year Head) and Ms Bligh (Deputy Principal) for organising a hugely successful event! Speakers spoke to the students via 'Zoom' and a great number of awards were presented. 111 of our TY students received their [Bronze Gaisce medals](#) during the ceremony! We were reminded of the great many activities that students participated in during the year including Student Enterprise, Song Writing Workshop, Tidy Towns, ICA Crocheting and Young Social Innovators to name a few. Holly Mc Guinness and Jessica Grendon provided the beautiful [Musical Interlude](#). All students were presented with their Graduation Folders by their class tutors.

**The Best Student Awards were given to:** Maria Hainal (4a1), Tara Hollowed (4a2), Lily Rooney (4a3), Kate O'Connor (4a4), Sarah Eraseil (4a5), Aneela Asad (4a6).

**Patricia Martinez Garcia was awarded TY 'Student of the Year'. Well done Patricia!**

A huge [Thank You to our Parents' Association](#), for the tremendous support which they continue to provide to our school! The Parents' Association Newsletter which gives an update of their activities, can be found on our school website.

**Thank You!** to everybody in our school community for your support over the past Academic Year. Best wishes to all of our 6<sup>th</sup> Year students, wishing you the very best in the upcoming state exams! Happy and safe holidays to everyone!

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**Report continues next week with TY Fashion Show**

# POLITICAL NOTES

## Emer Higgins – TD

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**Outdoor Summer:** We have asked the public to follow health advice and stick to outdoor activities for the summer. I have requested that all local authorities in the country share their plans and ideas on providing for an outdoor summer and to put the practical solutions in place to ensure safe outdoor socialising can happen; including allowing parks to stay open later, increasing the provision of bins and bathrooms, and opening up the availability of large outdoor spaces.

**Walk in Test Centre:** An online booking system is now available to book a covid-19 test in Citywest up to 24hrs in advance.

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/testing/covid-19-walk-in-test-centres.html>

**Sidelines:** Good news for parents who can return to the sidelines of outdoor matches and sporting events from June 7<sup>th</sup>, with a maximum of 100 attendees now permitted, including players and staff.

## Cllr Darren Ó Brádaigh – Sinn Féin

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**Somerton New Path – Update:** Previously the Council confirmed a commencement date of February for a new section of public path on the Newcastle Road, however this did not happen due to impacts related to Covid. Following a recent motion in this regard, it has since been confirmed that work to construct the section of approximately 40 ft. will commence in June.

**Dart Plus Update:** Much awaited extension to improve upon local rail service by way of the DART, over the existing rail line was delivered to councillors at a recent briefing with an approximate arrival time of 2026 – a 6 week public consultation is currently underway until 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Email [dartsouthwest@irishrail.ie](mailto:dartsouthwest@irishrail.ie) stating which webinar you wish to attend or contact [www.dartplus.ie](http://www.dartplus.ie) with any queries.

## Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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**Ban on Vulture Funds:** Members of People Before Profit gathered outside the Cairn Homes building site in Adamstown last Saturday to demand a ban on vulture funds buying up homes. The rally took place after weeks of anger about

the buying up of whole estates by big investment firms, also known as cuckoo or vulture funds. In January 2020 it was revealed that Cairn Homes had sold 229 homes in Shackleton Park to US firm Angelo Gordon operating under the name of Carysfort Capital. Earlier this year Cairn Homes sold another 150 homes that are still being constructed in Adamstown. The government has subsequently announced that they will bring in legislation to restrict the sale of homes to these funds to 50% of any development. However, this does not include apartments. These funds should have no place in the provision of housing in Ireland.

## Caitriona McClean

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**families:** You are very much in our thoughts and minds as the LC approaches now. As a teacher and a parent, I wish you well. The LC is an important milestone, but it does not define you.

**Vaccinations:** I encourage you to register when your time comes. It's a great relief to get the vaccine and I have raised the matter of vaccine bonuses, and also queried the position of us 60- to 70-year-olds in relation to new variants.

**Reopening of the Economy:** I have asked for a directive from Minister Darragh O'Brien for all local authorities to provide practical preparations for outdoor living. People need to meet up and the authorities must recognise this and plan accordingly. I continue to engage on this.

## Paul Gogarty

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**Development Plan:** The deadline for the Draft Development plan motions has now passed. I've submitted 100+ motions and am also supporting others in the names of Cllrs O'Toole and O'Connell. SDCC acknowledges that there is more than enough land zoned for housing already in the county to meet demand, and I agree (too much in Lucan without amenities tied in; that's another story). However several proposals for housing are being actively lobbied by developers as we speak. I will be seeking more amenities per hectare than currently listed, putting in local objectives to improve our area and also trying to prevent building on the Rathcoole Woodlands which are currently under threat. Traffic and litter solutions and green energy proposals have also been made within the limits of this planning process. There are several long online meetings scheduled in June in relation to this plan.

## Cllr. Joanna Tuffy – Labour

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### **Residents will be familiar with the park at Esker Hill, between Esker Lawns and Brookvale:**

Lucan Tidy Towns and individual residents have done tremendous work to maintain it and keep it clear of litter. Unfortunately it is an unofficial public park - I want to work with residents to make it officially a public park. It is a complicated situation regarding ownership. It is, thankfully, designated open space, which gives it some protection. If any resident would like to help me - there might be a bit of footwork tracking down old paperwork etc. - please let me know. In the meantime, because Council meetings are scheduled to discuss the draft new County Development Plan I have tabled the following motion: "That the park on Esker Hill (between Brookvale and Esker Lawns) be the subject of an objective to develop as an open space/public park for the benefit of all surrounding estates including the aforementioned."

## Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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**Dangerous footpath repairs:** I was pleased to see repairs taking place to particularly dangerous stretches of footpath on Ballyowen Road. This is something I requested following representations by residents in the area. They posed trip hazards to buggy-pushers, runners and walkers alike!

**Surface water flooding:** Thanks to South Dublin County Council for addressing the surface water flooding that was on the Newlands Road beside Cherbury Park and Esker Cemetery, following my representations. This was proving to be dangerous to drivers who needed to avoid it by driving on the other side of the road.

**Playing pitches:** I understand the disappointment and frustration at the late decision taken deem pitches in Lucan & Palmerstown unplayable last weekend. I have asked the Council to outline reasons for this decision and why it was communicated so late.



## Liona O'Toole - Independent

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**Footpath repairs:** The council's footpath repair programmes continues throughout the year. Residents often contact me when works are been carried when a stretch of the footpath is not marked out, if you need to highlight any aspect of damaged footpaths in your area you can contact me directly on this and I will assist. Also delighted to report that the footpath adjacent to Somerton estate has been repaired, an issue I've raised consistently.

**New electric gates:** work has recommenced on the installation of the new electric gates at Griffeen Park (Newcastle road). This is a project I have worked on for some time and I am now liaising with other clubs on similar projects. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Leaving Cert students the very best of Luck with their exams starting next Wednesday including my daughter and her friends.



### **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](mailto:marylucannewsletter@gmail.com)

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

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

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

## 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@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:014149000/wasteregulation@sdublincoco.ie)





**Cumann na Sáirseálaigh Leamhcáin**



**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>.



**Congratulations** to **Ali Twomey, Laura Quinn** and **Emma Flanagan**, all named on the Dublin Senior Camogie squad for 2021, and also to **Aoibheann Stokes, Clara Finn** and **Millie Hughes**, who made the squad on Niall Dalys' Dublin U16 Camogie Panel.

**Congratulations** also to our senior footballing trio, **Mark Lavin, Colm Walsh** and **Luke Curran**, all of whom were named in the Dublin u20 squad for 2021. We wish them all the best of luck.

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. Each camp is from 10am to 2 pm, Monday to Friday, Club hurling/camogie camp 12th-16th July, Club football camp 16th-20th August, Club camogie/hurling camp 23rd-27th August.

**Irish language Summer Camp** - in association with **Foras na Gaeilge**. Na Sáirseálaigh Leamhcáin Campa Samhraidh Iománaíocht/ Camógaíocht/ Peil/ Peil na mban 2021. Oscailte

do bhaill Na Sáirseálaigh Leamhcáin ó aois 6 bliain - Foireann Faoi 12, agus baill atá ar fhoireann faoi 13 agus atá i rang a sé faoi láthair, agus iad ag tosú i mbliain 1 an bhliain seo. 10rn - 2in, Dé Luain - Dé hAoine

**Our adult teams resume games** from next Monday, 7 June, when the senior footballers take on Clontarf in a challenge game in Clontarf. In the camogie leagues, the seniors are away to St Judes on Tuesday while the Junior 3's are also away to Round Towers. Wednesdays football cup sees the intermediates away to Ballinteer, and Junior A and B at home to St Annes and St Finians respectively. On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> the camogie leagues continue with the intermediates away to Crumlin and the Junior 5's away to Naomh Mearnog.

It is important to note, that from June 7<sup>th</sup>, in line with current restrictions, a maximum of 100 persons are permitted to attend games, subject to conditions (see website for details). This is in addition to players, team personnel, stewards or media attendees. It is likely that from July 5<sup>th</sup>,

up to 200 spectators may be permitted to attend games, and up to 500 may be permitted in grounds with a minimum capacity of 5,000. However this will depend on progress in broader society – if these increases are to be permitted, we will advise in advance of July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Condolences** to the Wisdom family on the death of Elaine's mother, Maureen Carroll. May she rest in peace, and our sympathies also to the Coleman family on the death of former Lucan Sarsfields minor hurling mentor, Willie. May he rest in peace.



**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.

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## 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 campaí 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) 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>  
Campa Club 1 - Páistí 2008-2016 Iúil (July) 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

Campa Club 2 – Páistí 2008-2016 Lúnasa (August) 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>

### 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.

### Acadamh

Acadamh ar siúl gach Satharn i nGaelscoil Naomh Pádraig, Leamhcán. Fáilte roimh imreoirí nua i gconáí.

The Academy takes place every Saturday morning in Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig, Lucan. New players welcome.

10-11am – 2016/2017

11-12pm – 2015



### Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



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**12<sup>th</sup> 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 €8600

There was no winner of the Club Lotto Jackpot of €8200 held on 27 May 2021. The numbers drawn were: **10, 11, 18, 22.**

**Lucky Dip winners of €30 each:** Tony Rigney, Ben Brogan, Oliver Byrne, Peter Somers, Barry Glennon.

The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 27th May, is €8200, and is sponsored by:

Feargal McCarthy Ltd. The draw will be held behind closed doors 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.**

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Unfortunately last Friday morning the weather did not play ball and we had to abandon our planned field trip weather. The weather for this coming Friday looks to be more promising so all going well we will be meeting in the church carpark on Friday morning at 10.30.

In place of our field trip we met on line and had a great time looking at some very old photographs of Lucan, some going back well over 100 years. We have set ourselves the task of taking photographs from the same spots to record what the same locations in Lucan look like today. We have already established that there is at least one shot that cannot be reproduced, not because of housing or other developments, but because nature has obscured the view. The trees have grown and matured over the intervening years!



*Above: The Norman Tower where clergy associated with the church lived.*



*Left: Lucan House*

According to the website of the Italian Embassy construction of Lucan House began in 1772 during the Georgian age and ten years later the house, with its Palladian front, emerged.

Apart from the monument erected to Patrick Sarsfield (*right*), the grounds contain many historical and architectural landmarks, including a Norman castle tower, a little church with a small graveyard and an oratory which houses a thermal pool. Photographs of some of these landmarks taken this week are included in this week's selection of photographs as well photographs of the village taken last Sunday morning at about 7am by one of our insomniac members.

*Until next week stay safe.*

