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## **There's no accounting for stupidity**

It's difficult to believe the number of people who are treating the global pandemic as some kind of world conspiracy to deprive us of our liberty. On St. Patrick's Day some twenty-one people were arrested at organised protest meetings at various venues throughout the city of Dublin. Listening to RTE Drivetime on St. Patrick's Evening the views expressed by individuals who were interviewed in a vox pop were just beyond belief. They rubbish all reporting of the pandemic as 'fake news' and flatly deny the reality of Covid-19 and its devastating effects throughout the world.



Why would any government in its right mind wish to give oxygen to the narrative of a fake virus that is crippling not just the Irish economy, but that of every nation in its grip. Religious folk too have chimed in with the conspiracy theorists choosing to see the restrictions on worship as some kind of diabolical plan to crush the Christian faith.

Brochures left in our church porch in St. Mary's this past week urged people to march in protest on St. Patrick's Day to *"give God the worship he is due and to call on St. Patrick's intercession in these evil times"* Luckily they were spotted soon after being left there and disposed of in the bin. Such people pose a real danger to us all and their refusal to take reasonable precautions will prolong the suffering for all of our society. Their behaviour is the height of irresponsibility.

All of us are feeling the strain of the prolonged restrictions but the falling number of new cases shows the effectiveness of the measures in place, we need to stick with it for a while yet if the situation is to be controlled and some kind of phased return to normal social relations can begin to be implemented. For the bereaved these times impose an increased burden with just ten people permitted at Funeral Masses and Services. Archbishop Dermot Farrell in his St. Patrick's Day homily describes this as harsh and unfair. *"That some close family members are denied the right to be present at the funeral of their loved ones is "tolerable only in the most extreme circumstances and for the shortest possible period", the archbishop said.*

*Religious worship more generally has a "clear human priority" over other activities, which must not be subordinated to "powerful commercial interests" as restrictions relax, he said.*

*"As a matter of dignity and fairness . . . I call on the public authorities to give assurance that the legitimate desire of people to gather responsibly and within reasonable guidelines to exercise their constitutional right to worship will be prioritised in the easing of restrictions."*

There clearly has to be some room for compromise while taking every reasonable precaution. Meanwhile let's stick to the rules, that way we can ensure that we are part of the solution and not of the problem.

*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)

### Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line

It is a national freephone service 1800 80 70 77 available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday.  
<https://hospicefoundation.ie/our-supports-services/bereavement-loss-hub/bereavement-support-line/>

### Know your rights - Bullying at work

I think I'm being bullied by my boss at work. What exactly is bullying and what protections do I have?

Bullying is defined as repeated inappropriate behaviour direct or indirect, whether verbal, physical or otherwise, conducted by one or more persons against another or others, at the place of work and/or in the course of employment, which could be reasonably regarded as undermining the individual's right to dignity at work.

*Bullying can take many different forms such as:*

Social exclusion and isolation

Verbal abuse and insults

Being treated less favourably than colleagues in similar roles

Belittling a person's opinion

Spreading malicious rumours, gossip or innuendo

Intrusion – pestering, spying or stalking

Intimidation and aggressive interactions

Excessive monitoring of work

Withholding information needed for the person to perform their job properly

Repeatedly manipulating a person's job contents and targets

Blaming a person for things beyond their control

Use of aggressive or obscene language

Other menacing behaviour

Your employer has a duty of care for all their employees to prevent bullying. They also have responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2005 (as amended) for the welfare of employees.

A new Code of Practice for Employers and Employees on the Prevention and Resolution of Bullying at Work came into effect on 23 December 2020.

*Under the Code your employer must:*

Take reasonable steps to prevent bullying in the workplace

Have an anti-bullying policy for dealing with complaints of bullying

Develop the anti-bullying policy in consultation with employees

Prepare a Safety Statement based on an assessment of the risk of bullying

A summary of your employer's anti-bullying policy should be displayed within your workplace.

The new code sets out a detailed procedure for dealing with informal and formal complaints. You can read more about how to make a complaint on [citizensinformation.ie](http://citizensinformation.ie)



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

For more information, please call 01 4756989 or email [gettingstarted@ageaction.ie](mailto:gettingstarted@ageaction.ie)

Spring has arrived and lifted all our spirits with brighter days and spring bulbs appearing all around.



*The Daffs at Edmunsbury/Lucan Road*



*Beside the entrance to Ardeevin*

Maintaining the appropriate Covid guidelines has restricted our movements greatly. We are managing to look after our various flower beds and keep an eye on litter by confining our numbers and being aware of social distancing at

all times. It's unclear yet whether this year's National Tidy Towns Competition will take place as it has not been officially cancelled. That said, we are happy to be able to make a positive contribution to the environment for the enjoyment of all.

It's great to see people out enjoying the lovely spring weather and longer days. We just ask that you be mindful of disposing of any rubbish appropriately. As well as takeaway coffee cups, pizza boxes and cigarette butts, we now unfortunately have to include face masks.

We got a lovely surprise when the postman delivered an envelope to St. Mary's parish centre for Lucan Tidy Towns. A beautiful message of support was accompanied by a supply of hundreds of summer flowering seeds. We really appreciate this kind gesture which was made by an anonymous donor and will be busy planting over the next few days.

### Found

**Sum of money** found in Beech Park on Wednesday March 17th. Please call 087 7727096 Mary.



## Woodville Downs Residents Association incl Esker Lane

Hope you all had a good St Patrick's Day.

Annual Spring clean-up of estate this year is planned for the next two weekends, or during week if you are available.

Thanks to those who do work throughout the year around the estate, it is appreciated and noticed.

In order to get work done we hope that residents will give some of their time to our community endeavour.



**Note:** recent occurrence of theft of property, please be alert and report suspicious activity.

## Happy Birthday

to  
**Johnny**  
 on the 22nd March!





# Parish Notes

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

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



All Masses are now streamed live on the Parish  
You tube channel during Level 5

### Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,  
9am 10.30am Family Mass and 12 noon.

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

### Lent is positive!

We have done without so much personally and socially for the past year, so this Lent, we are inviting you to take up something positive.

**After each weekday Mass a Decade of the Rosary is recited.**

**There will be online Eucharistic Adoration, each Saturday 6.40pm**

**Private Prayer:** Church is open for private prayer, weekdays from **10.30 to 12.30** and **access through church door at the bell tower.**

**View the following on** [www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)

Mass Readings for the week

Morning Prayer – Lauds

Evening Prayer – Vespers

Take five at 10 - Reflections–Weekdays: 10am

Taizé – Watch and Pray

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

All Masses will be livestreamed only on  
[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

### Sunday Mass:

Sunday 10:30am

### Weekday Masses:

**Lent Timetable for services (Online only)**

**Monday to Thursday:** Masses at 9:15am and 7pm

**Friday:** Mass at 9:15am followed by **Benediction.**

**Friday:** **Stations of the Cross** at 7pm

**Saturday:** Masses at 10am and 7pm

## St Mary's, Lucan

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

During Level 5 Masses will be livestreamed on  
[www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)

### Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday: 6.30pm, Sunday: 11am

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

## LENT

**Each Wednesday during Lent at 7.30pm** we have an online prayer time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, you are invited to tune in each week for guided prayer on the major themes of Lent. **If you are unable to join in the guided prayer live, it is recorded and may be watched anytime by clicking on recordings on webcam**

### Private Prayer:

The Church will be open daily for private prayer on weekdays from **10.30am to 6pm** (funerals permitting) and on Sundays from **12 noon to 6pm**. Please enter by the Main Porch Door and exit by the side door (near the Nun's Chapel). Please ensure social distancing when visiting the church and use hand sanitizers provided when entering and leaving.

### Praying with Scripture:

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

**Deepest sympathy** to the family and friends of **Bella Duignan**, Weston, to the family and friends of **Berna Lynch**, Sarsfield Park, to the family and friends of **Eileen Johnston**, Beech Park and to the family and friends of **Angela Rafferty**, formerly Cherbury Park.  
*May they rest in peace.*



## COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. 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.**

## Anniversaries

### BRADY CHRISTOPHER (CHRIS)

36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 20<sup>th</sup> March

Happy times we spent together  
Memories that will last forever.

*Missing you always, your loving  
daughter Hillary x x x*



### FENNELL (JOE)

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 20<sup>th</sup> March

'I was a nuisance, tripping, falling,  
Yapping always. But today  
It is my father who keeps stumbling  
Behind me, and will not go away'  
- From Follower by Seamus Heaney.

*Always remembered by his loving son, Michael*

## Springtime in Shelton, Connecticut

Spring in Lucan is the dazzling display of daffodils on the bypass and the joyous sight of yellow forsythia in the hedgerows and gardens and leaves of all sorts unfolding on the trees. The spring I spent in Shelton, Connecticut, was a very different affair. It was so starkly white that I went around permanently in dark glasses to protect my eyes from the constant glare. Four months of snow, frost, frozen ground, and frozen lakes and rivers is the lot of the people of Shelton and most other places on the north-eastern seaboard of the United States. The 24 hour weather channel (to which I became totally addicted) predicted with total accuracy the exact hour when the next snow storm was due. It also spent a lot of time describing in great detail the different types of snow; crust, crud, slush, powder, and ice. I think this was for people who wanted to ski or snowboard. I also learned about a new phenomenon, frozen rain or ice rain, which came down in sheets like our heavy rain but was solid ice water, and it sticks to your car window and makes it very difficult to see through.



Most mornings, I heard the snowploughs heading down the road at 4am, clearing the roads for the early morning and spreading their salt all over the place. Life goes on as normal, traffic flows, and its business as usual. Nobody walks anywhere except two



crazy Irishwomen who are constantly asked if the car has broken down and whether we

would like a ride. They look at you very strangely when tell them, "No thanks; just out for a walk".

I think of the long hill in Sarsfield Park packed with youngsters on plastic sacks, pieces of corrugated tin, bread boards, or anything else they could lay their hands on at the first longed for glimpse of snow.

Where are all the children? Where are the snowmen? We feel sure we are the only living creatures in this white world; all the houses look closed up, and apart from the hum of traffic on the parkway, it's like all living things had packed up and left.

Spring is from mid-April to the end of May,



just a short while before the summer heat arrives.

Everyone I spoke to was sick to the teeth of snow and envied us in Ireland with our one or two days of snow and a spring that comes when it is supposed to. As people, we are obsessed with the weather and discuss it in detail with everyone we meet; we even greet each other with a small weather announcement such as, "Nice day", "Cold day", "A bit chilly today", or "Windy day". I now think it has to be the variety of weather we get on this little island that makes it such an interesting subject. Can anyone imagine what it would be like if for four months we could only say to each other, "Snowy day today". Sure, wouldn't we be totally lost for conversation?

*Lillian Harris (Lucan Creative Writers Group).*

## The Lost Children of South Sudan

Here in South Sudan, you can sit all day and watch the endless misery and heartache unfold. Throughout every street, every lane, every Church, you will find the tiny little feet of South Sudan's lost children. These children are homeless, Orphans, ordinary little children who have lost their parents through illness, hunger or who have been killed, some have been stolen, others have been abandoned as there was nothing to feed them. Some are as young as 4 years old.



They wander helplessly through every town, village and city. They scramble through rubbish dumps, bins and leftovers to salvage what they can for their daily bread, or perhaps they might find something they could sell. Some of the shop vendors allow them

to sleep on the floor of the shops at night for security, but many find their night under a tree or simply in a doorway, where snakes and even hyenas roam but they take their chances. They pleasantly smile as they pass and ask for something, most here have nothing to give or a roof over their head, apart from their mud hut which roofs are only partial. However, what little one has here, they give. In the heat of the sun, you will find many in the porch of the Church. There is a chance there that a good Samaritan may come and line their pockets with a piece of bread or maybe a coin, but the coin is unlikely. The Mango tree is most important at this time of year, it fills their empty stomachs and quenches their unending thirst. Clothes and Shoes are a luxury here, it's not even a thought. We have found a place, for some of the children to wash and have a meal, but with Coronavirus lock down, even that must be done in secret. There is such wonderful smiles of love and kindness as the few enjoy their meal, but not knowing where the next one will come from or if there will be a next one. They sing little songs as a way of thanks and off they go to walk another empty street for another dark night. They have dreams of school, a bed to sleep in, the chance to live, but the inner sadness

and trauma that these children display can never be unnoticed, they yearn for love, a sense of belonging, they hold your hand with great pride and have a never unending look into ones' eyes, that seems to last forever. Life here is a case of surviving or not, and only the fittest will survive. The nearby Sisters of Charity go about daily in search of the weakest and sick, where they lovingly take them to their baby home, treat them for their illness and severe malnutrition. Many have been saved through the kindness of these Sisters of Mother Theresa, but it is sad to say, their graveyard is full. The babies that come to the sisters are on deaths door, they have no mother to feed them, usually taken by a young sibling or grandmother. Getting powdered milk is costly for the sisters who they themselves have so little but give their all. They rely on the charity and love of others who can afford to help them. As you walk through every corner of this hot and desolate place, you will see the endless trails of tiny little foot prints that seems to last forever. *It is my dream and that of us Missionaries that every child will be equal, that every foot print matters, every cry should be silenced and as our lord says "every tear shall be wiped"*

A parishioner received the above letter from Noeleen Loughran (pictured with the bandaged hand) who has left Ireland to work in South Sudan with the poorest people having given up her nursing career in Ireland to do so. Noleen works in a huge orphanage, and travels the country distributing medicines and food, all of which is in short supply. Starvation and disease are longstanding problems, made worse by the recent arrival of the Covid 19 virus.

Any help would be greatly appreciated and anyone wishing to donate can contact Noeleen at: [loughrannoeleen@gmail.com](mailto:loughrannoeleen@gmail.com)







**Spring Equinox** this weekend, falling on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> this year. Sometimes referred to as the Vernal Equinox, it marks the astronomical first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when we have

equal day and equal night, followed by the days getting longer.....

**The Canal Loop!** Sounds like a great idea having a cycle path all through Lucan, but some ideas in the plan are questionable.



For example, a new 'cycle bridge' would run alongside Ireland's longest single span stone bridge, taking from the wonderful view of this great feat of architecture.

Another bewildering idea is around the cycle ramp coming from the Main Road down through Sarsfield Park, exiting near the bridge junction.

You can visit

<https://canalloop.virtualeventspace.io/> for full details, and to make submissions.

If you are not familiar with the internet, get on to a local representative to make the plan accessible to you. Most organisations these days assume that everyone is familiar with, and has access to the internet!

## Answers to last week's quizzes!

**The Bands / Artists were:** 1 Meatloaf, 2 Hot Chocolate, 3 Beach Boys, 4 Neil Diamond, 5 Arctic Monkeys, 6 Guns and Roses, 7 Bee Gees, 8 Cardi B, 9 The Spice Girls, 10 Red Hot Chilli Peppers

**Quiz answers:** 1 Boxing.

2 Niagara Falls – the rim is worn back about 2 ½ ft each year from the amount of water flowing over it.

3 Rhubarb and Asparagus

4 Strawberry

5 Dwarf, Dwindle, Dwell

6 Lettuce

## St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

**2021!** Thanks to the lovely weather over the couple of days, most of us managed to get out in the sunshine, and enjoy nature at its best.

While we had no parades, many decorated their homes with bunting and with lovely works of art in the windows.



**Hannah**, above, was very excited heading off to pre-school on Tuesday last, while the boys and girls of **Scoil Mhuire** had 'the best parade ever' as they marched and waved their flags around the nearby housing estates. Well done to the Teachers and SNA's, for making such memories for the pupils!



## CHOOOL NEWS



### St Joseph's College

**Welcome back 5<sup>th</sup> years!** We welcomed our 5<sup>th</sup> year students back into the building on Monday! It was great to see them all in persona again, although we will have to wait a bit longer before the masks come off! We had some glorious sunshine on Tuesday and our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years were able to sit outside in the sun and fresh air during lunchtimes. Classes continue online for 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> year students, but we hope to see them all back in school on the 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**Green Day:** We had a Green / St Patrick's Day themed day on Tuesday. Students and teachers wore their green for the day. We hope everybody had a lovely St Patrick's Day!



**Fair City Fans:** It is great to see past pupil Leia Murphy on 'Fair City' at the moment, playing the part of Vinny Doherty. Leia played the lead role in our school Musical 'Legally Blonde' back in 2017. Leia joins another of our past pupils Sorcha Furlong, who plays Orla Molloy in the long running Irish TV soap. We send best wishes to both!

**Career Talks:** Our Parents' Association's very popular 'Career Talks' series continued last Thursday with three more speakers. All of our students are welcome to attend the evening talks. This time we were delighted to welcome two of our past students; Marie-Claire Bligh (speaking on Architecture) and Gillian Li (speaking about Science careers) who were joined by Mary Henderson (speaking about careers in Law). We are very grateful to these and everybody who has volunteered their time to speak about a chosen career. If anybody is interested in speaking (online at a time that suits them) further details can be obtained from our Parents' Association at [stjoeyspa@gmail.com](mailto:stjoeyspa@gmail.com)

**School website** <https://stjosephslucan.com>

**Follow us on Twitter:** @STJosephs3





## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Tráth na gCeist 2021:** This year's National Final (Craobh) of the Tráth na gCeist Boird Feachtas will be a digital affair and will be streamed live on the Feachtas Utube Channel on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April from 1-3pm. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> yr team of Eoin McGarty, Cillian Lawlor, Alex D'Alba and Luke Gibbs will be taking part from the school, with their teacher sending a photograph of their answers to the organisers after each round. 21 teams from around the country will be competing in the Craobh this year and our 2<sup>nd</sup> yr team will be the youngest team taking part. Our quizzers are a very competitive bunch though and they are determined to perform well on the day and continue the school's remarkable recent record in the competition (three National titles and five Regional successes since 2014).

**Geography:** Our 2<sup>nd</sup> year students have completed their first Geography Classroom Based Assessment (CBA1) while working remotely over the past three weeks. The title of their research investigation was "Geography in the News" and the students were tasked with researching and drawing conclusions on the implications of geographical events through a recent real-life example from the news. From volcanic eruptions to Bush fires and storm Ophelia, an interesting and topical array of events were researched by the students and they presented their work to their classmates and teachers in a variety of creative ways online such as PowerPoint, Google Slides, videos and recordings. The Geography teachers were extremely impressed with the standard of student presentations and commend them all on their initiative, ingenuity, hard work, research and presentation skills.

The Geography Department will hold a SLAR meeting in the coming weeks to assess samples of the students' CBAs before each individual teacher assigns a descriptor (Exceptional, Above Expectations, In line with expectations or Yet to meet expectations) that best explains the CBA being assessed. These descriptors will appear on the student's Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA) which records student achievements in a number of assessment elements undertaken over the three years of Junior Cycle. The JCPA will contain the results of the student's Junior Cycle State Exams, the descriptors from the student's CBAs in each subject as well as information on "Other Areas of Learning" the student has undertaken during their Junior Cycle Years (such as sport, debating, fundraising, Young Scientists, Tráth na gCeist etc)

**English:** Mr. Sweetman's 5<sup>th</sup> yr English class raised 160euro recently for Inner City Helping Homelessness, a charity that does vitally important work in supporting and advocating for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness and/or are living on the margins. The students were inspired to do something for the homeless after studying Seán O' Casey's powerful drama "The Plough and the Stars" which documents the plight of residents of tenement houses in deprived areas of inner city Dublin.

The students were particularly touched by the plight of Rosie, a somewhat controversial yet kind, compassionate character with a spark of energy and light that is threatened by her impoverish circumstances on the margins of society. It was touching that the students responded so sympathetically to the challenging circumstances of this character that they were spurred into doing something constructive for a very worthwhile cause. We commend the students on their thoughtfulness and compassion. The grateful charity sent the students twenty beautiful crested face masks as a token of their appreciation.

**Soccer:** Congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup> yr student Kyle Robinson who recently signed his first professional contract with St. Patrick's Athletic. Kyle is an outstanding centre forward; strong, quick, fit, intelligent and lethal in front of goal. He has represented the school with enormous distinction over the past five years and he has won Dublin, Leinster and All Ireland medals in a golden period for the school. Kyle has been focused on a career in football pretty much all of his life and we wish him well as he begins his first steps into professional football while still studying for his exams.

Kyle was immediately sent out on a season-long loan to Wexford FC where he is sure be given game time when the SSE Airtricity First Division campaign kicks off next Friday. Kyle will link up with right back Paul Cleary, another Dublin, Leinster and All Ireland winner from the school, at Wexford so we will be following their progress with interest throughout the season.

Well done also to Conor Kane who was named in the PFA Ireland First Division Team of the Year recently after his fantastic performances from left back for Drogheda United throughout their successful promotion campaign last year. Conor played left back with Paul Cleary right back for our 1<sup>st</sup> yr All-Ireland winning team in 2012 so it is great to see them both doing so well.



**Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin**



**Our Gaelic Games associations** launched the Player Pathway on Tuesday, where the GAA, Camogie Association and Ladies Gaelic Football Association will align the vision and pathway for player development. More details are available on the GAA website.

**Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club** is delighted to announce that **Audrey Kane** has been nominated as the 2020 club person of the year. A really well deserved recognition of Audrey's tireless work supporting the Lucan Sarsfields Healthy club. Next week we will be announcing our 2020 elections to the club hall of fame.

**The Camogie Association** are proud to introduce a number of Equality, Inclusion and Diversity events to support our volunteers. Training will be provided by experienced, external companies (CARA and ShoutOut) and will be offered free of charge to our members. The course offered will be:

- SportInclusion and Disability Awareness
- Disability Inclusion Training
- Autism in Sport
- LGBTQ+ Awareness

Some of these events have limited numbers and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis – so please book early to avoid disappointment. Full details at

[www.lucansarsfields.ie/news](http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/news)

**Healthy Club Notes.** Irish Life MyLife Spring Step Challenge - Want to keep up the walking?

Irish Life MyLife Spring Step Challenge is open to everyone for March 2021. This is the perfect opportunity to keep up the walking following on from the Healthy Club Step Challenge. Irish Life are asking participants to track 280,000 steps over 4 weeks (the equivalent of 10,000 per day) between 8th March - 4th April to be entered into the prize draw. For further details and how to register please click on the following link: MyLife Spring Step Challenge 2021 ([irishlife.ie](http://irishlife.ie))

### **Move for March -**

#MoveforMarch is an initiative to entice you to get up on your bike throughout March with AXA Community Bike Rides. If you are looking for some motivation to get back on your bike, or you'd like to challenge yourself, why not sign up and take part in any of the solo

bike rides. You could win a See.Sense bike light! All advertised rides are covered through Cycling Ireland public liability cover.<https://www.axacommunitybikerides.com/news/move-for-march>

### **GAA collaboration with TRUST Ireland Photo Competition for the month of March -TRUST**



Ireland are launching a photo and caption competition. Entrants are invited to submit a photo or a video on what "human rights in and

through sport" means to them, along with a short (240 character) caption explaining their choice. Entries can be original or curated photos or videos from the past or present. The competition is open to people of all ages both across Ireland and internationally. In particular, input from rights holder groups including people with disabilities; women and girls; Travellers and ethnic minorities; the LGBTQI+ community; asylum seekers, refugees and migrants; and disadvantaged or marginalised communities are sought. <http://unescoittralee.com/trust-photo-caption-competition/>

### **Ever wanted to text as Gaelige?**

Here's some text talk that you could use!

**GRMA** Go raibh maith agat - Thanks!

**CGL** Ceart go leor - OK! **LDT** Le do thoil Please

**CF?** Cén Fáth? - Why?. **FAB** Fadhb ar bith - No prob! **GOA** Gáire os ard - LOL

**BLD** Buíochas le Dia - Thank God

**Our Condolences** to Antonio Sejean and family on the recent death of his mother-in-law Bella Duignan.

## Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €4200

There was no winner of the Club Lotto held on 11 March 2021 sponsored Dual Printing Ltd. The numbers drawn were **1, 7, 21, 25.**



### Lucky Dip winners of €30

**each:** B. Young, Helen Prendergast, Pat Scully, Anthony Doody and Colm Farrell.

The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 18th March, is €4200, and is sponsored by O'Gradys Hearing Care Services. The draw will be held behind closed doors at 9pm and live streamed on our Facebook page. Make sure your entry is submitted before 6pm on the evening of the draw to be included in that week's draw, tickets can be purchased online at the following link:

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

Thank You for supporting **Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club**.

Please see our website [www.lucansarsfields.ie](http://www.lucansarsfields.ie) for more information.

## Boules Club initiative in St. Catherine's Park

I have contacted Fingal County Council re the installation of Boules Pitches in the park.



Boules, a French version of bowling, is an outdoor game suited to all ages.

There are currently clubs in operation in Marlay Park on the south side and others in north Dublin.

Fingal Co. Co. is inviting expressions of interest in this fun and very enjoyable game, and want to gauge numbers to proceed with this venture.

**If you are interested** please contact me **Paddy Farrell 0861919682** or [paddyfarrell50@gmail.com](mailto:paddyfarrell50@gmail.com)



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

### Camán do Chách

Ag an deireadh seachtaine bronnadh breis agus 100 camán ar pháistí i Leamhcán. Má tá páiste



agat nár imir camógaíocht/iománaíocht riamh ach ar mhaith leo triail a bhaint as, cuir scéal chuig Dean ar 0863337739 agus cuirfidh sé camán chugat saor in aisce.

At the weekend we delivered hurls to over 100 children in the Lucan area. If you have a child who has never played before but would like to learn, send a message to Dean on 0863337739 and he will deliver a hurl free of charge to your doorstep.

### Feachtas Lidl

Tá feachtas nua tosaithe le Lidl agus a n-aip Lidl Plus. Bheimis buíoch dá roghnódh sibh Na Gaeil Óga ar an aip, is deis tiomsíú airgid iontach é seo don fhoireann le duaiseanna iontacha don fhoireann. Tá an feachtas seo ar siúl ón Luan 15ú Feabhra go dtí an Domhnach, 11ú Aibreán.

A new campaign has been launched with Lidl and their Lidl Plus app. We would be grateful if you would choose Na Gaeil Óga on the app, as this is a great fundraising opportunity with for the team. This campaign runs from Monday, February 15th to Sunday, April 11th.

### CLG ar scoil

Mar chuid de filleadh na scoileanna, is cúis atháis do Na Gaeil Óga go bhfuilimid ar ais ag eagrú seisiún spraoi sna scoileanna gach Déardaoin agus Aoine le gur féidir le páistí blaiseadh a fháil den CLG. Má thaitníonn na seisiún seo le do pháistí nó más maith leat tuilleadh eolais faoi fhoireann a bheadh feiliúnach do do pháistí, déan teagmháil le Cóitsealaí Scoile an Chumainn, Dean ar 0863337739.

Na Gaeil Óga are delighted and proud to be able to be organising fun GAA sessions in schools on Thursdays and Fridays to give children the chance to experience GAA sports. If your children enjoy these sessions and you would like more information about a team that would be suitable for your child, contact Dean on 0863337739.



# Political Notes

## Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

Phone: 085-7211574

### Breast Cancer Screening Dail Motion:

I am bringing forward a motion to the Dail to push for real improvement in breast cancer screening for young women. In 2020 Ireland had the 5th highest mortality rate for female breast cancer in the EU. Waiting times for an initial public consultation, genetic testing & counselling are too high, potentially delaying necessary treatment especially for those in the public system. Women are being forced to seek private genetic testing at a cost of up to €1800. One of the main demands is to introduce screening for breast cancer from the age of 40 through publicly funded & run programmes. Presently screening for breast cancer starts at 50. Below is a link to the motion.  
<https://www.pbp.ie/people-before-profit-to-push-for-changes-in-relation-to-breast-cancer/>

## Cllr. Ed O'Brien – Fianna Fáil

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**Hillhouse Planning Appeal:** I have made a submission in relation to the planning application at Hillhouse in Lucan Heights. If you wish to get a copy of the submission please contact me.

**Greenway Project:** A further workshop in relation to the Greenway proposal takes place this week. Please register in advance to ensure you can join to view the project in more detail and raise any questions you might have.

**Anti- Social Behaviour in Parks:** As we come into the Spring/Summer season I am asking SDCC to review its policies in parks to try to head off any increase in anti-social behaviour and littering before the parks become busier during this time.

I look to the future because that is where I am going to spend the rest of my life!

## Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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**Castle Road:** Good to see public realm maintenance work being undertaken at the entrance to Colthurst estate. This will really enhance the Castle Road area. This work is something for which I have lobbied since being elected, and thanks to the committed efforts of the Colthurst and Rochfort Residents Association, it is now being delivered.

**Canal Loop Urban Greenway:** I would encourage anyone with an interest or opinion on the design of the proposed Canal Urban Loop Greenway to make sure that they make a submission to the consultation – this is the channel through which views will be taken into account. The virtual consultation room can be accessed through <http://canalloop.virtualeventspace.io/> and public information webinars are being held on the 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March.

**Gaeilge:** Cuirim fáilte roimh chomhfhreagras na teangmháil as Gaeilge dóibh siúd ar mian leo a leithéid a dhéanamh



### PLEASE NOTE:

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## Lucan Library

### Media Literacy: Fighting Fake News and Disinformation.

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7 pm – Disinformation and Covid 19
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm – Fighting Fake News
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7 pm – Data Privacy and Surveillance
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7 pm – News Media, Journalism and the Information Crisis; Who should we trust?

### On sale 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am

Digital media educator Ricardo Castellini de Silva presents this exciting series of media literacy webinars.

### 3 Day Mini Coding Camp

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

– Age 7 – 9 years

**About this Event:** Preference for this event will be given to those who have not booked a similar event previously with South Dublin Libraries. This fun three-day camp will focus on using Python to build amazing, animated graphics. PDF instructions sent each morning will help you follow along with the live classes and suggest an optional coding challenge that you can do on your own if you like. You'll be able to take what you learn and be able to continue playing and learning on your own afterwards.

It's recommended that participants use a PC/Mac with Zoom in case they need to share their screens.

**Please Note:** A parent / guardian will be required to be present for each class and this course will be limited to one child per computer screen. Max 2 tickets per household.

You are booking 1 ticket for all 3 workshops. A valid email address is required as the Zoom links to the event will be emailed to the supplied address by the facilitator.

### Art History at Easter - The Passion of Christ

Art historian Jessica Fahy explores the depiction of the Passion of Christ in Western Art.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7pm. **About this Event:**

Following on from our hugely popular Art History at Christmas talk, Art historian Jessica Fahy explores the artistic development of the scenes from the Passion of Christ for Easter. Depictions of the Crucifixion, Deposition and Resurrection in painting and sculpture will be explored, along with works from a wide range of eras from the Renaissance to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Artists to be discussed include Raphael, Rembrandt, Caravaggio, Dali and Irish artists like Maine Jellett and Francis Bacon.



**Please Note:** A valid email address is required as the Zoom links to the event will be emailed to the supplied address by the facilitator. 1 ticket per device, 1 device per household.

### Music Tech Camp

3 day class for ages 12+. Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April – 2pm-4pm.

**About this Event:** This exciting and interactive camp is designed to teach young people the basics of mixing and mastering music and help develop their creativity. A knowledge of music is not necessary, a lively interest and a laptop or PC is all you need. Participants will be provided with free samples to work on and the necessary software. Each day via Zoom, they will be instructed and given advice and tips by a qualified studio engineer Matt Winston. Matt will work with kids, showing them how to build up their tracks, record instruments, set up a home studio and arrange their samples. **Please Note:** You are booking 1 ticket for all 3 workshops. 1 ticket is required for each participant. Preference for this event will be given to those who have not booked a similar event previously with South Dublin Libraries. A valid email address is required as the Zoom links to the event will be emailed to the supplied address by the facilitator.

When this is all over,  
And sanity's restored,  
Don't take life for granted,  
As we did before.

When this is all over,  
The clouds will clear,  
Take hold of your loved ones,  
Hug and hold them near.

When this is all over,  
We'll hear the birds sing,  
Listen to their melodies,  
The joy that they bring.

When this is all over,  
And children can play,  
Let them wild and free,  
To make up for lost days.

When this is all over,  
Remember the brave,  
Who wore scrubs and gowns,  
And the countless they saved.  
*Author unknown*

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This week, despite all the toing and froing over vaccines the members of the Soiree in their photography this week have recorded that nature is continuing its cycle with photographs that record the arrival of spring, daffodils, cherry blossoms etc.



Also, Frances has provided photographs again of her lovely grandchildren all dressed up for St. Patrick's Day. Unfortunately, they had no parade to attend where they could have showed themselves off. Frances has explained that these grandchildren live in Maynooth but because of the COVID travel restrictions she has not been able to see them in person since Christmas. She hopes to be able to deliver their Easter Eggs later when the restrictions are relaxed. Better late than never! She has other grandchildren who live in Mullingar and she has not seen these in person since Christmas either.

I can hear a collective sigh of relief around Lucan this week that there are no robins, squirrels or swans in the selection of photos being published. For the record none were submitted!

How time flies – at our last on line meeting we actually discussed in a preliminary way how we need to start thinking about the photographs that will comprise this year's exhibition.

*Until next week stay safe.*

