



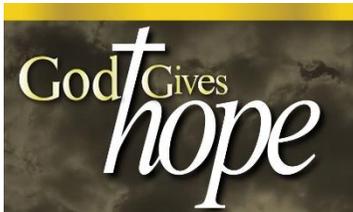
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The Twilight Zone.....



When I was a child one of my favourite TV programmes was 'The Twilight Zone'. It was a series of stand-alone episodes introduced by Rod Serling where people found themselves in unreal and unusual situations and where things could, and frequently did, take a funny turn. The atmosphere of the Twilight Zone was surreal where nothing was quite as it seemed.

The present Covid-19 crisis brought 'The Twilight Zone' to the forefront of my mind. Watching Tv coverage of empty streets in London, Rome, Milan, Paris; strolling through Lucan Village last evening the usually coveted parking spaces in front of the shops were almost empty, businesses closed and an eerie absence of people on the streets, it truly has a surreal air about it.

These are the strangest of times and the consequences will be felt by all of us for many years to come. Fear is in the air. The implications for those who have lost their jobs are serious and far reaching, and we find ourselves facing an uncertain future. We were just emerging from the financial disaster following the collapse of the banks and subsequent bail out, and now we find ourselves plunged once again into a situation beyond our control.

Whatever our politics I think we must acknowledge fulsomely the fine response of our caretaker Government, they have taken clear and decisive action and provided sound leadership at a time when we desperately need it.

The medical personnel dealing with the crisis have distinguished themselves to an extraordinary degree, and we will owe a great debt of gratitude to the front liners caring for those seriously affected by this modern-day plague. There are many instances of the crisis bringing out the best in people willing to come to the aid of others.

I chatted the other evening with Richard Houston the Minister at Lucan Presbyterian Church and was relieved that he shares my sense of being helpless in the face of the present situation. At a time when our every pastoral instinct is to be close to people, we are urged to keep our distance. The housebound who normally are among our priorities might be endangered by our visits. Please be assured that you are in our prayers every day.

Our Christian faith is founded on our HOPE in Christ Jesus, and our belief is that he is truly our Shepherd who guides, leads and protects. He is the one who can lead us out of darkness into light. We must turn to him at this uncertain time and invoke his protection and blessing, O God, come to our aid. O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Philip Curran,
St. Mary's Lucan*

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

This year we celebrate fifteen years of providing opportunities for hundreds of senior citizens, men and women, in the Lucan district, to meet old friends and make new ones and maybe have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

Activities include:

Singing / Choir: We sing chorals from musicals but also traditional and of course Christmas Carols. We give an annual concert.

Indoor Bowls: We use three lanes in this great exercise. It's not physical, there's plenty of coaching available.

Dancing: We cover all sorts, Irish, Barn, Line Modern and lately Pole dancing (Don't worry – it's not that sort).

Physical Exercises: Tied in with dancing, includes indoor football, nice and gentle, and no running.

Drama: Members script and produce own sketches, give performances on stage. No sign of an Oscar so far!

Scrabble: 5/6 tables most days. Plenty of help to get you started. You could become addicted.

Quiz: Some serious stuff here at times, but with fun quizzes, it's great fun.

Trips: We go abroad for a week or so in the sun and sometimes go on day trips to places of interest in Ireland.

Card Games: We are big into Whist and 25s. On Tuesday nights we play a Whist Drive in Springfield Hotel Can be hectic here.

Races: We nearly have a permanent base in Fairyhouse. Nobody made a fortune so far, or if they have, they haven't let on.

Celebrations: We celebrate special days like Bealtaine, St Patrick's Day, Easter and other days given an excuse.

Beetle Drive: This can be light-hearted, but also serious stuff and competitive.

Treasure Hunt: Through village mostly, questions on aspects of Lucan which you are asked to observe.

Theatre / Cinema: As demand arises. It can be formal through the club or informal at times.

Draws: Grand National is a must draw, Elections are another, couldn't miss those. Then from time to time draw for Winning Streak tickets.

And much, much more.....

Watch this space for news of future activities!

Citizens Information Centre

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre, Lucan

Ph. 0761 07 5090, Fax. 01 6217930

Email Lucan@citinfo.ie

www.citizensinformation.ie



Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm. Wednesday 2pm to 4pm. For your convenience, please arrive before 12.30pm in the morning and before 3.45pm in the afternoon as we close promptly.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS)

0761 07 4000 opening hours 9am to 8pm

Monday to Friday.

MABS (Money Advice and Budgeting Service)

helpline and MABS mortgage arrears helpline are both on the same number 0761 07 2000

Free Legal Advice Clinic (FLAC) on Thursday

nights from 7pm to 8pm. FLAC Legal

Information & Referral line 1890 350 250 (local call from landlines) / 01 8745690 (mobiles).



Here at Liffey Sound we know how important it is at times like these to get the word out and stay in touch with

everyone. That's why we're offering a temporary free service to charities and community groups in and around Lucan.

If you need to get a message out to your volunteers, clients or service users, please email a short script to our manager Mairéad at stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie. Our Tech Support, Jon will record the piece and we'll be broadcasting these messages on the hour, every hour between 3pm and 11pm so tune in to stay in touch with your community.

Thank you.

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook

Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station!

Day is drawing to an end. The News is over ... Dip Deeply now and seek strength of soul.

Daily reflections from #DippingintoLent

Useful Information

Lucan Credit Union

COVID-19 OPENING HOURS

These revised opening hours take effect from Thursday 26th March until further notice.

Due to the on-going Covid-19 health crisis we have experienced considerably reduced footfall in both of our offices. The decision has been taken to close our Finnstown office from Thursday 26th March until further notice. Our village office will remain open per the hours below:

Monday to Wednesday - The village office will be closed to members. However, we will be available for phone payments, phone and email queries, loan repayments advice and assistance and registrations for on-line banking between 9.30 and 4.30pm. Cash withdrawals may be made by appointment only. Phone 628 1642 or email info@lucancu.ie

Thursday - The village office will be open to members as follows:

9.30am to 11.30am - Over 65s and at-risk members.

11.30am to 4.30pm - All members.

Friday - The village office will be open to all members 9.30am - 4.30pm

Saturday - The credit union will be closed on Saturdays until further notice.

For members who usually pay over the counter and would prefer not to attend either office we can take debit card loan payments over the phone. Alternatively, you may ask for the IBAN number for your loan or share account and set the credit union up as a payee through your on-line banking. You can pay directly into your account with this.

We would ask that you respect our social distancing procedures and use the anti-bacterial hand gels provided when attending our office. We apologise sincerely for any inconvenience this may cause. As I'm sure you all appreciate, this is an unprecedented situation. We are working hard to ensure continued service to all members while protecting our staff as much as we can. We will continue to monitor the situation as it unfolds and will advise of any further changes required.

Woodies

From Thursday 26th March, **Thursdays** are for our over 60s and at risk and vulnerable customers. We're asking others to please shop with us another day.

Supermarkets & Chemists

Local shops are doing very well with Social Distancing! It means a lot of extra work for everybody.

Well done to all the staff involved – you're all in our prayers!

Remember when you asked
that small business to
support your fundraiser?
It's time to support them.
They're the heart of a town.

Fintan Dunne - Collins' Butchers, Lucan Village

We are delighted to be able to **OFFER FREE LOCAL DELIVERIES** of Quality, Fresh Produce between 10am and 3pm Monday - Friday!

Just call in your order on 01 6280209 and pay over the phone - SIMPLE!

Why not try our €30 Dinner Pack

5 Chicken Fillets

5 Pork Chops

5 Beef/lamb or turkey burgers

500gm Round Steak Mince

500gm Pork Sausages

1 Large Chicken



AND we are working together to support other **local businesses to keep our community going** so you can order from:

Fresh 'N' Fruity 01 6282959 or email freshnfruity08@gmail.com

The Artisan Pantry 086 3034723

Power & Co. Fine Wines 01 6100362
and **we are happy to combine delivery!**

Wishing a very Happy Birthday
to our **Mammy Sarah**
on 27th March
Hope you have a lovely day

With lots of love
from **Conor and Eoghan x x**



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



FIFTH SUNDAY
In Lent

Masses at St Mary's

Mass will be available on the Internet only each weekday Monday to Saturday at 10am and on Sunday at 11am.

WWW.LUCANPARISH.COM

The Church will be open daily from 10.30am until 4pm for private prayer

When attending please observe the social distancing requirements of at least 1 metre distance from others.

Please leave every second row completely free.

Thank You

Hopefully this will continue for some time. Keep an eye on the website for any updates.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Adoration and Confessions are being **discontinued** until further notice.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Joe Fennell**, Esker Road.
May he rest in peace.



Help Available

To anyone that might feel isolated and need some shopping done or even your dog walked, there is a network of local people who have offered to help out.

Let me know, in the Parish Office (telephone 01 6217041) if you would like to avail of this offer and I will pass on your details.

Deirdre, Parish Secretary

St. Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Due to the ongoing corona emergency **Mass** will be available on Sundays at 10.30am on the web at

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Church is open for private prayer from 10am to 1pm each day from Monday to Saturday.

Those who visit the Church are asked to be seated at least three pews away from other visitors. Please adhere to the hygiene advice from the HSE, i.e. regular hand washing and good sneeze and cough etiquette.

Please note, if a funeral service is taking place on any of the above days the Church will be closed on these days to family only.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Coronavirus Measures

The Church will be open for private prayer each weekday from **9am to 12 noon** until further notice

Mass will be transmitted via webcam weekdays at 10am and Sundays at 11am from

www.lucanparish.com

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

The Soul, like Nature has Seasons too

When you feel cast down and
despondently sad
And you long to be happy and carefree
and glad.
Do you ask yourself, as I so often do,
Why must there be days that are
cheerless and blue!
Why is the song silenced in the heart
that was gay?
And then I ask God, 'what makes life
this way?'
And His explanation makes everything
clear, The soul has its seasons, the
same as the year.
Man, too, must pass through life's
autumn of death
And have his heart frozen by winter's
cold breath.
But Spring always comes with new life
and birth
Followed by Summer to warm the soft
earth. And oh what a comfort to know
there are reasons
That souls, like nature, must too have
their seasons.
Bounteous seasons and barren ones
too, Times for rejoicing and times to
be blue.
For with nothing but 'sameness' how
dull life would be
For only life's challenge can set the
soul free. And it takes a mixture of
both bitter and sweet To season our
lives and make them complete.

[Helen Steiner Rice]



Anniversaries

HARRISON (WILLIAM - LIAM)

1st Anniversary - 28th March

Anniversary Mass - prayers will be said on
Sunday 29th March 2020 at 8.45 a.m.

My heart changed when you left
Time froze and I wanted to hide
It was a moment that will stay with me forever...
The day my Daddy died.
I am remembering good times
And forgetting all of the bad ...
Holding onto special times
And the laughter we had
I am living for today
Because it is what I must do ...
But that does not stop me
From thinking about you
I will love you always and forever
One day, Heaven will bring us together
So watch over us Daddy
As I know you do
And I will keep remembering
How much I love you.



*Remembered daily by your adoring and
heartbroken family
You were the light of our lives Dad.
We miss you, Anna, Ruth, Mick and Ajay*

Gallagher (Derek)

4th Anniversary - 30th March

Those special memories of you
Will always bring a smile
If only we could have you back
Just for a little while
The fact that you are no longer here
Will always cause us pain
But you are forever in our hearts
Until we meet again

*Loved and remembered always
Mam and Dad and all the family*

Due to the Covid 19 Virus, all Anam Cara Group meetings will be postponed till after Easter Monday.

We will keep in contact with the Health Authorities and if we can, and it is safe to do so, all Anam Cara Parents evenings after 13th April will go ahead. We will send out the normal email reminders about them to let you know.

Our central office will remain open Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm, as will our information lines on 01 4045378 or 085 2888 888. So don't hesitate to give our contact details to any parent who may need it. We can also be contacted on info@anamcara.ie and we have a number of video resources available on our website www.anamcara.ie

Indeed these are unprecedented and challenging times so please take care and we hope to be back to normal as soon as we can.

Take Care, Stay Safe



You wouldn't know what day of the week it was!

Routine gone out the window, but at least we have better weather than of late. Hope all our readers and subscribers are keeping well!

Clocks go forward this coming Sunday – we lose an hour, but it doesn't seem so bad with the nice bright mornings.

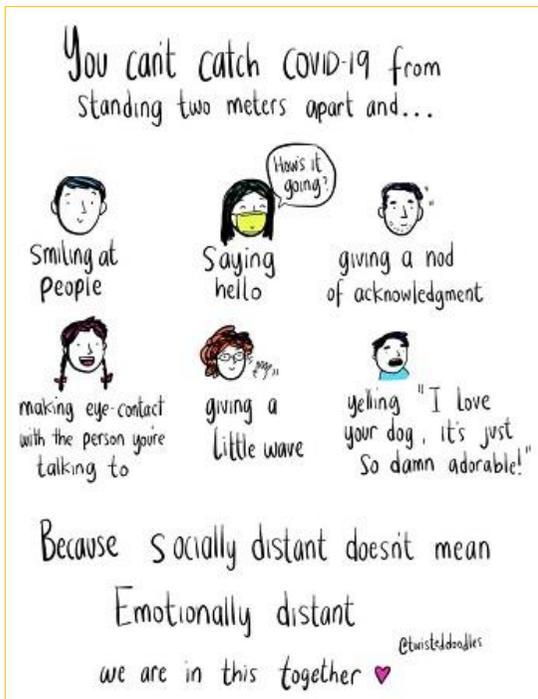
Watch out for April Fools Day coming up! We'll have plenty of time to plan our 'catch-outs' this year! Enjoy – we need all the laughs we can get.

We heard there was a Bear Hunt in one of the newer estates! Lots of small children there, so someone came up with the idea of placing a teddy bear in the windows, then taking the small ones for a walk, counting all the teddy bears. When we have to, we can be super-innovative!

Lots of people walking in Lucan Demesne over the past week, most keeping a safe distance from each other, but despite a sign that the playground slide, swing etc, were closed, several families still availed of them.



What's the story with the footpath? It's the least of our problems at the moment, but it would be nice to know if something is happening about it.



And what is it with people still littering? The latest is the rubber / surgical gloves discarded on the ground, and nearly worse still in the shopping trollies that someone else has to use. Who do these people expect to remove such toxic items?



Our lovely old Beech Tree in St. Catherines is at the end of its days. About 270 years old, if it could talk, it would tell us many a tale of our forefathers.....



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



A Cháirde,

As you know we have made the club's facilities available to the HSE for Covid19 testing. That facility is now fully operational, processing about 140 tests per day. This is a drive thru only facility, affording the maximum protection to the clinical staff and it is **operated by appointment only**. We would ask members not to approach the facility as its operations are not a spectator sport.



Many thanks to all those that have helped and offered to help, if more volunteers are required I will shout loud. Many thanks also for the messages of support we have received.

Many members may be living alone or in degrees of isolation. One of the best tonics for this is regular conversations. Amongst our social initiative, Seaghan O'Lanágain is leading the way by proactively making a number of phone calls each day and encouraging others to do the same. I would ask you all to join in this and make regular phone and/or video calls to fellow players, mentors, friends, parents etc.

We are aware that many members will have lost their jobs in recent times and many more may do so. If this results in difficulty with memberships, etc., please drop a note to our registrar at lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com.

If you require assistance, we have members with any and every skill, from plumbers to electricians and beyond. If you require any help please don't hesitate to contact any one of the club's executive listed below.

We are using this time, where our own pitches are not in use, to do some maintenance work. Last weekend lots of grass was cut and next weekend we plan to fertilise Pitch 1, quickly followed by seeding once we can get equipment onto the pitches.

I understand that younger members may be climbing the walls with boredom, and it is difficult. Amongst the many creative challenges available online, our own GPO David Moran has his contribution which is worth a look.

The one club activity that is continuing is the weekly club lotto. €20,000 on offer, you can play online at <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>

This is a challenging time for all. Please heed the advice of the HSE and do keep in contact with each other by telephone/email/Facetime etc.

Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Michael Bowler

Chairman, Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

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Colm Farrell 087 6829218

Michael Wisdom 0872541506

Jo Mahon 0868293535

Paddy Lyons 0872652147

Jim Mulqueen 0862387585

Niamh O'Brien 0872209751

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Michaela Caseley 0868508553

Lorna Sexton 0858154834

John Cosgrove 0868296137

Diarmuid Kennedy 0862541702

Michele Uí Bhuachalla 0863719000

Please email lucanhealthyclub@gmail.com if you need support or if you can offer help at this time.

An Garda Síochána - Lucan Community Policing Unit can be contacted on 01-6667320 or 01-6667300

Lucan Sarsfields Lotto Jackpot €20,000

IMPORTANT: For the duration of the current restrictions due to the COVID-19 outbreak the lotto draw will take place on **Thursday nights at 9pm** behind closed doors and will be live streamed on Facebook.

You can still enter the draw by clicking on the following link:

<http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto> or on the local lotto link on the Lucan Sarsfields website.

Make sure to get your entry in before 6pm on Thursday to be included in that night's draw. These are very challenging times, so please continue to support your Club by playing lotto online.

There was no winner of the **Lotto Jackpot** held on Thursday 19th March 2020
The numbers drawn were **6, 9, 19** and **23**.



Lucky Dip winners (€30): JIM O'BRIEN, SHANE & SHARON SHERIDAN, ALAN HURSON, JUDY CROWLEY AND JIM MULQUEEN

Political Notes

Cllr Paul Gogarty - Independent and Green-minded "Not just at election time"

Tel: 087-2752489. E-mail: info@paulgogarty.com

Coronavirus – help with deliveries/collections/printing/scanning: With further restrictions announced and with the numbers of people self-isolating increasing, it may be harder for people to get out and get the urgent supplies they need.

A group of volunteers myself and Cllr Guss O'Connell are involved with may be able to help. The "Covid-19 Gofers" are available to collect basic shopping (payment on receipt) and also supply free of charge essentials such as batteries and phone chargers, along with printing and scanning of documents. We will follow all personal and Covid-19 safety protocol. To get in touch telephone 089-6156609 or log onto www.facebook.com/LNCPGOFERS. You can also contact me on my mobile 087-2752489.

The group DOES NOT collect prescriptions or pensions. However as an elected representative I can assist with these separately on a confidential basis. Feel free to contact me directly.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

Ph: 087 921 7741 emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

The Orchard, Lucan

Covid-19 - Stay Safe, Stay Well: Thank you all our frontline staff and the people of Lucan who are going above and beyond to help contain the spread of Covid-19.

So many members of our community are helping the national fight against Covid-19. Thank you to everyone on the front line, including our doctors, nurses, emergency personnel, those keeping our shelves stocked, those processing social welfare payments and everyone helping with contact tracing and testing.

Locally, Community Gardai are doing fantastic work checking in on vulnerable people in our area, our pubs were ahead of the curve with the vast majority of them shut in advance of the Government's directive, many of our pharmacists are offering delivery services, the majority of our supermarkets have implemented measures to increase awareness of social distancing, and a Covid-19 testing facility is up and running at Lucan Sarsfield GAA Club.

Councillor Shane Moynihan - Fianna Fáil

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COVID-19 supports and measures: I welcome the various measures announced this week to help families in Lucan and further afield. The increase in Emergency Unemployment payments and no childcare fees are particularly welcome. If you require further information or advice, please get in touch.

Local support: If you are a Council tenant or on HAP and your financial circumstances have changed, contact SDCC so appropriate adjustments are made. If you are an impacted business and are having trouble in paying your rates, you should also contact SDCC's rates office.

Mental health and wellbeing: For many of us, spending a lot of time at home is a new experience. I encourage you to use the many resources available online to take care of your mental health - <https://www2.hse.ie/wellbeing/mental-health/minding-your-mental-health-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak.html> provides some useful links. If I can help you in anyway, please do in touch.



LUCAN GOLF CLUB

Gents Results

Tues (14 Hole Singles)

B Mogan (9) 34, D Hyland (19) 32. C Costello (9) 31

Wed - Front 9

G Lawless (18) 21, P Doyle (21) 20, M Clifford (2) 20, Back 9 - M Cahalan (28) 21, D Cleary (13) 21.

Sat (14 Hole Fourball)

T Tormey (13) & B Hudson (14) 34, M Doyle (17) & A McGrath (13) 34. T Nolan (17) & C Nolan (18) 34

Sun (18 Hole Singles)

F Tabakovic (22) 40, K Richmond (5) 40, L Farrell (13) 39, O Birch (11) 39, J Treacy (19) 39