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Lent – God’s Annual Invitation

Wednesday of this week saw the opening of the season of Lent. Traditionally Catholics mark the day with the reception of Blessed Ashes on their forehead. It was strange to see President Biden on the six-one news sporting the give-away dirty smudge on his forehead. I’m sure many non-Catholic viewers around the world must have thought he hadn’t washed properly that morning.

The ashes are of course no more than an outward sign of what should be an inner disposition, a disposition to change our lives in some real way in order to bring them into conformity with the Gospel of Jesus. For that reason, the church encourages us to some concrete expression of our willingness and desire to change. As children we were encouraged to give up sugar in our tea or to abstain from crisps and sweets for the seven weeks of the season. As a result of a rush of Lenten fervour I gave up taking sugar in my tea at age 12 and never went back on it!

Apart from the undoubted spiritual benefit that accrued I’m certain it helped my general health as well! Fasting from food has of course a long tradition in the church and coupled with prayer it becomes a powerful weapon in our arsenal against evil. *“This is the kind that can only be driven out by prayer and fasting.” Mark 9:29.* But Pope Francis has pointed out that fasting can take many forms, all of which can be highly beneficial for our spiritual selves and for the good of others. These are some of the Holy Father’s suggestions for alternative fasting.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

Continued over

Lent *cont'd.*

Each one of his suggestions will have that dual effect of making us better human beings, reflecting Christ-like attitudes and helping to create a more supportive, loving and caring environment in our homes, neighbourhood, country, and ultimately in our world.

Real spirituality should overflow in that way – it should have a transformative effect not just for each of us personally but for society as a whole. A purely private spirituality devoid of any overflow to others will do little to further the mission of the church.

So look closely at the suggestions of Pope Francis, and pick one or two that you might put into practice, you might just find that a conscious effort can effect real change! Happy Lent!

*Philip Curran
St. Mary's Lucan*

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

From 1 January 2022, our telephone number is 0818 07 5090. 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 0818 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 lucan@citinfo.ie and someone will reply.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS)
0818 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 20 years.
MABS Clondalkin phone 0818 07 2270

Renewing your Free Travel Pass

Lost or damaged Free Travel pass or PSC
There are currently 2 types of Free Travel Pass - a paper Free Travel Pass and a Public Services Card with Free Travel (with F-T written in the top left-

hand corner). Paper passes are no longer being issued so if you need a replacement for a lost or damaged paper pass you must undergo SAFE registration and get a Public Services Card.

If your Public Services Card Free Travel is lost, stolen or damaged, you should telephone 0818 837 000 to request a replacement card.

Where to apply for Free Travel

Free Travel Section

Social Welfare Services

College Road, Sligo, Ireland

Tel: (071) 915 7100 or 0818 200 400

Homepage:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/service/9bba61-free-travel-scheme/> **Email:** freetravelqueries@welfare.ie

Renewing your Public Services Card

Public Services Cards issued up to November 2018 are valid for 7 years. Public Service Cards issued after November 2018 are valid for 10 years.

Public Services Cards that were urgently renewed during the COVID-19 public health emergency may only be valid for 3 years.

You can renew your card by attending a PSC registration centre. You can also renew your PSC online.

Where to apply for a Public Services Card
Department of Social Protection customers may be invited to attend for Public Services Card registration.

You can also contact your Intreo Centre to arrange an appointment. You can get a list of Public Service Card registration centres on gov.ie

Client Identity Services

Department of Social Protection

Shannon Lodge, Carrick-on-Shannon,
Co. Leitrim, N41 KD81

Tel: (071) 967 2616 or 0818 927 999

Homepage:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/fd52ab-public-services-card/> **Email:** CIS@welfare.ie

Lucan ICA

Tues 8th March: **Craft Morning**

as usual 10am to 12.30pm, in the Coffee Dock, Parish Centre. Come along and enjoy the chat, cup of tea and get some work done on your various projects.

We are all here to help one another.



LARA –

Lucan Active Retirement Association

We meet from 11.30 am to 2.30 pm on Thursdays at St Andrew's Church Hall in Main St., Lucan. Free parking is available.

LARA meetings start with some exercises and then we play bowls, Scrabble and cards and light refreshments are served at 1.15 pm approx. We look forward to welcoming new members. So come on down!



A group of our members are going on a Spring break to the Ballymascanlon House Hotel in Dundalk on Monday 7th March next and while there will visit Carlingford and the Ulster Transport Museum. Transport by bus to and from the hotel and for all outings is included.

While the wearing of face coverings is no longer mandatory since Monday 28th Feb. 2022 please wear one if you feel safer doing so.

Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi everyone,

Again this week we had forty-four members all playing bowls, cards, scrabble and having the craic.

Can I just say to everyone; it is so important to keep your mind active and your body as we age. By playing these card games, scrabble and doing the activities we have here in the club, we have to use our brain and our bodies. All these things help against all forms of Dementia /Alzheimer's Disease so make sure when you retire, that you join a club to keep the brain active.

Next week we are doing our Chaerobics which we all really love, this involves using our bodies and our brains at the same time while we sing along to the music.



Still more people joining our club each week and we don't close the door to anyone. Just drop into the club any Wednesday afternoon. We are looking for more men to join our club as we want a good mix, so all you men out there who are retired, please think about it.

We are in St Andrew's Church Hall just down from Stagg Cycles which is a blue & yellow building. There's parking in the grounds of the Church and also a bus stop outside the Church gates.

Marian Egan (Club Secretary) 0861269043

Lucan Drama



Lucan Drama is back in action.

Our forthcoming production 'The Playboy of the Western World' by J. M. Synge, has been cast and the talented actors have already started to rehearse in the Spa Hotel.

The production will take place in the same venue late May - definite dates to be decided in the near future.

Good luck to all involved and enjoy the process of bringing a fabulous, energetic and colourful script to life on stage under the direction of Donal Downes.

Lucan Drama sympathises with Gerry Colgan and family, County Bar, on the recent death of Dolores Colgan. Dolores enjoyed live theatre and was a great supporter of Lucan Drama. May Dolores Rest in Peace.

For any further information on our group contact: Jack 0860666626; Donal 0879658838; Bernie 0864015794.



Lucan Planning Council

LPC have made a part 8 submission regarding Lucan Village in which we objected to the streetscape and changes to the village green, and have strongly objected to the removal of parking spaces. We proposed two-way traffic at Methodist Church, and more extensive development at the Weir to include a workable cycleway route that does not use the Main St., and additional seating and a pedestrian bridge-way to access the village green from the shops. We asked that no Cllrs vote take place on the part8 until full consultation takes place on the village as a whole. We called for more public parking in the village and have identified practical suggestions. Through traffic avoiding the toll is a significant factor in Lucan which has been ignored by the part 8 SDCC proposals. We had considerable doorstep support, and thank everyone who engaged.

LPC are delighted with the rejection of the 20 storey apartments on the Foxhunter site by ABP. LPC was strongly opposed.

Caitríona McClean, Secretary.

Ph: 086 3898327

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am
No Evening Mass during Lent.

Although the Government's recommendation is that masks are no longer mandatory, we would recommend the continued use of same.

Masses will continue to be live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Holy Hour: There will be a Holy Hour every Sunday from **4pm to 5pm** to pray for the success of the Synod in Rome in 2023.

Christian Meditation: Mediation every Tuesday at **7.30pm** in the Bungalow. *All welcome, Sr Geraldine.*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

Mondays at 10.45am and Thursdays at 8pm in the Bungalow. We are available to listen to or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. *Sr Geraldine.*

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel: After Saturday Morning 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

St. Mary's Readers' Roster March: The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil and Sunday masses for the month of March 2022 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Baptisms: Dates are bookable on line up to the end of **June 2022**. If you need to cancel a booking contact: secretary@lucanparish.com

Pray the Novena of Grace

in St Mary's, **March 4th to 12th**
Weekdays 10am and Sunday 12 noon
Preacher Fr John Walsh O.P.

Visits to the housebound: If you are housebound you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

St Vincent De Paul – St Mary's Conference

The March collection will take place at all Masses **THIS** weekend **Saturday/ Sunday 5th / 6th March.** *Many thanks for your generosity.*



Praying with Scripture

Praying with Scripture will now take place in The Bungalow from this coming

Monday March 7th at 7.30pm. (masks optional)

Zoom meetings will continue on a temporary basis for those uncomfortable meeting in bungalow. Meetings will take place on **Wednesday at 7.30pm.**



Now that the restrictions of the pandemic have been eased, we are anxious to revive the Ministry of Altar Servers in St. Mary's.

Girls and Boys who have received their First Holy Communion can join. The commitment is to serve at one week-end Mass and on special occasions like Easter and Christmas. A full training will be given by Mrs Dee Gillen who looks after the servers.

Those interested should phone Dee on 086 816 9522



Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Don Dardis**, Beech Grove and to the family and friends of **Joyce Richardson**, Hermitage Road. *May they rest in peace.*

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Join
**Women World Day of Prayer Service
2022**

RTE will transmit this Service on
Sunday 6th March at 11am

St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

Sunday 10am. Wednesday: 10am

St Mary's, Leixlip:

Sunday: 11.30am. Tuesday: 10am

Services are available on our parish Facebook pages:

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

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

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

Although the Government's recommendation is that masks are no longer mandatory, we would recommend the continued use of same.

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Adoration and Holy Hour:

Monday: 7.30pm

Thursday: 7pm

Friday: 2-3pm



Visitation team for Holy Communion:

Pastoral care of the Sick is provided for all who suffer in any way in our communities. When a person becomes ill, receives a serious diagnosis or because of frailty is no longer able to attend Mass, our Ministers facilitate visitation of the sick at home or in a care setting when this is requested by families and permitted by public health authorities.

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

Join Divine Bloom on Saturday after the 10am Mass.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday at 10am.

All Masses continue to be livestreamed at

stpatrickslucan.ie

Although the Government's recommendation is that masks are no longer mandatory, we would recommend the continued use of same.



Alpha for everyone

"Alpha is a way which leads people to Jesus, the real Jesus, the living Jesus." Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, Preacher to the Papal Household, has said. Bayside Alpha invites you to take part in a 12-week Zoom course exploring the basics of Christian faith in a friendly, open and welcoming environment where you can share with other people. The course is for an hour each week and starts on Wednesday the 9th of March at 7.30pm.

To find out more or register your interest email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com



Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding

its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 14th March at 7:30pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.



YOU'RE NOT ALONE

ALONE is looking for volunteers to make support calls to older people.

"ALONE supports older people to age at home, combatting loneliness and isolation. Would you like to volunteer from the comfort of your own home? We are seeking volunteers to make Support & Befriending calls to older people.

Please visit our website at www.alone.ie or call our National Support and Referral line on 0818 222 024 to find out more about volunteering with ALONE."

Mother and Toddler Group

St Mary's Parish Centre

Every Thursday

From 10.30am to 12 noon.

All welcome



Anniversaries

CAREY (ORLA)

23rd Anniversary - 8th March
Forever young.

Much loved daughter and sister, Orla.
You are missed beyond words.
Late of Beech Park.
Orla, there are times I get so lonely
And shed a silent tear
Then I hear you softly whisper
Don't worry Mam I'm here
I tell you how much I miss you, Orla
With every passing day
Again you whisper to me
Mam, I am never far away
Wrap your arms around her Lord
And give Orla a great big hug
For she was someone special
Because she had so much love.
Loving you and missing you so much sweetheart.
Love you forever.
Look after your little brothers for me until we
meet again.
Dad, Mam, Danny, brothers and sisters xxx



FARMER (KEN)

27th Anniversary

Late of Sarsfield Park.
Remembering our Dad.
Miss you always, sons and daughters and grandchildren

MORRIS (WILLIAM ARTHUR)

9th Anniversary - 4th March

Dad,
Your memories are such lovely ways
Of bringing back our yesterdays
Deep in our hearts your memory is kept
To love and cherish
And never forget.
Deeply loved and sadly missed by your daughter Jean and son-in-law Desie, sons, Billy, Harry, Joe and Jerry

MORRIS (WILLIAM ARTHUR)

9th Anniversary - 4th March

Granda Bill,
Nine years have passed
Since you went away
But you're thought about
Each and every day
The grandfather we loved
With all our hearts
Fond memories that will never part.
Loved and missed every day by your grandchildren Karen Lisa and Kevin, great grandchildren, Laurajane, Nikki, Daniel, Kelsie and Craig x



DOHERTY (JASON)

1st Anniversary

In loving memory of
Jason whose
first anniversary occurs at
this time.
"We little knew that day

God was going to call your name
In life we loved you dearly
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you
You did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home
You left us beautiful memories
Your love is still our guide
And although we cannot see you
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same
But as God calls us one by one
The chain will link again. "

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving family



FOX (MARY)

10th Anniversary - 23rd February

Late of Church Street, Kells.

Mother,

To my mother who was kind and strong
Your wise words they were never wrong
Your hearty laugh that could fill a room
When you were around
There was never gloom.
Love and miss you every day Ma, your loving son Desmond and daughter-in-law Jean

Nanny Fox (Mary/Foxy)

Ten years ago on this sad day
You closed your eyes and went away
But all the laughs we'd along the way
Help us to get through each new day.
Love always, your grandchildren Karen, Lisa and Kevin, great grandchildren Laurajane, Daniel, Craig, Nikki and Kelsie

Acknowledgement

CAREY (SHANE & ALAN)

Mary and Dan, Shane and Alan's Mam and Stepdad, would like to thank the people of Lucan and surrounding areas from the bottom of our broken hearts for all their love and kindness they showed to us during and after the passing of our much loved sons, Shane and Alan. No words can thank you all enough. You all took us under your wings 50 years ago on 24th November 2021 when we came to Lucan and we thank you also for that. Also thanks for all your prayers, cards, phone calls and flowers, not forgetting Kenny's and SuperValu for the lovely food which was non-stop from SuperValu – thank you.

To Fr. Philip Curran, Sr. Geraldine, Eileen and all the Funeral Team. Your kindness and all your prayers both in Ballydowd and the Church, we thank you so much.

Thank you to Nikola for the beautiful voice and songs. Shane's daughter Keishea did him proud with her beautiful singing, just like her Dad was. Nicole for her reading and all that took part in the Funeral Mass. I thank you all so much. To all my neighbours, old and new, Beech Park, Woodview Heights, Airlie Heights, thank you.

To my daughter Edel for doing everything and organizing the Mass and everything since. Thank you. To Bridget, Jimmy, Jean, Tracey for all you did and are still doing for us. To the Cummins, Callaghan, Carey and Rogers families thank you for your support and all you are still doing for me. You are my rock. My nieces Sheila and Patricia.

I am sorry if I am leaving anyone out but it's impossible to thank everyone individually, not forgetting Cunningham's.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for you all.

Mary, Dan, Jemma and Shane's girls

Big Book Meeting of **Alcoholics**

Anonymous

Every Saturday Night

St Patrick's Church, Esker, 7pm to

8.30pm

Any enquires Contact Colette 086 0272002



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Parish Notes / Fund Raising

annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

Anniversaries etc. / Advertising Queries

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Reports and Ads. etc may also

be left at the usual addresses:

St. Mary's Parish Centre

Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.



Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.



Pilgrimages

Medjugorje 2022

11 Nights - 7th May, Dublin to Split

18th May, Split to Dublin. €795.00

8 Nights - 10th May, Dublin to Split

18th May, Split to Dublin.

€745.00

6 Nights - 19th October, Dublin to Mostar

25th October, Split to Dublin. €

685.00

8 Nights - 19th Oct Dublin to Mostar

27th October, Split to Dublin. €745.00



Fatima

5 Nights – 7th September, Dublin to Lisbon

12th September, Lisbon to Dublin

Book early to avoid disappointment.

Pat 087 223 8911



Spring is sprung....

Tuesday 1st of March ushered the Meteorological Spring in, with a glorious day of sunshine, and we believe there's more to come very shortly.



On Monday, traffic came to a standstill all over Lucan, when a hay lorry overturned at the N4 Dodsboro junction, shortly before 7am.

Thankfully no one was hurt, but it made us realise how we are hemmed in for hours on end when something like this happens. People were late for work, teachers and pupils were late for school; no doubt appointments were missed, and perhaps even planes at Dublin Airport.

It took its toll on Lucan Village too as heavy trucks came through, all trying to find a way around the scene – the smell of fumes in the village was something which we have not experienced for quite a long time in Lucan.

Spring in Lucan Demesne

Say 'Hello' to this fellow the next time you visit Lucan Demesne – this Jacob Sheep and his friends share the space with the Highland Cattle and all get on very well together.



Don't throw the baby out with the bath water



15th century wood engraving

Don't throw the baby out with the bath water. A saying that originated in Germany in 1512. Something good is eliminated when trying to get rid of something that is undesirable.

A local council decides to make the village pretty, by removing its most useful asset, a village car park. An attempt to solve a problem, by making it worse.

Obeying the law of unintended consequences.

When the bureaucrat ship of state, sails in the Wrong direction, they are reluctant to tilt the tiller.

The consequences of their misguided actions are Borne by the people who use the village services.

When the out- of- town big shops are constructed They are also provided with very large car parking

Without this facility, few could do their shopping What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

Maybe bureaucrats prefer giant the Goliath to David.

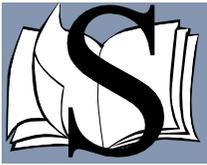
Size is more important than people's quality of life.

Little people should stand mute and salute their Betters, who decide what's really good for them.

Liam Murray 02/02/2021

"Looking at Covid in the rear mirror" was a headline in one of last week's newspapers – we certainly hope so! It will take getting use to again going into shops without masks, but all in our own time.

Covid is the last thing on the minds of people in Ukraine at the moment. God help them all. Groups and individuals all over Ireland have been great in organising collections, and general fundraising for these unfortunate people. We expect we'll be welcoming many Ukrainians here very shortly.



SCHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

School Closure: A reminder that School will be closed on Monday the 7th of March for all students due to a Teacher Junior Cycle Training Day. School will open as normal for all students at 8.37 on Tuesday the 8th of March.

Well Walk: This Thursday we will have our Fundraising 5km Wellbeing Walk for all students and staff around Lucan in aid of Joey's Outdoor Classroom and Rosie's Garden. We are all looking forward to having our outdoor space ready for use for all students and staff. Please support our fundraiser this week and help us reach our target of €12,500. Donations can be made through our GoFundMe page and also through students sponsorship cards. A full report of the Wellbeing Walk will be available in next week's Newsletter. Also keep an eye out in the local media outlets for pictures of our Students dressed in various outfits to represent different decades. The Transition Year group also ran a car wash in school for staff to raise some extra funds for this cause and Staff members baked some beautiful cakes and sweet treats and held a Bake sale. A lot of progress has already been made on or outdoor classroom and we are hopeful that it will be in use by the end of this school year. Students can still be sponsored via sponsorship cards up until the 11th of March or you can donate to our cause by clicking on the Go-Fund me link below.

<https://gofund.me/ba72c006>



Concern Debaters: Our Senior Concern Debating Team were in action this week in the All-Ireland Knockout stages of the competition. The Motion that they were opposing was

'Boycotts are an effective tool for social change'. Well done to the group on an excellent performance and to Mr. Smyth for his guidance we eagerly await the result.

Sport: Well done to our Senior Soccer team who had a comprehensive win in their League match against Kishoge Community College on Monday. The girls showed great skill, determination and team work to overcome their tough opponents. They now move into the next round of the league competition.

Transition Year: This week was a busy week for some of our TY students with different groups taking part in various activities. On Tuesday 22 students in TY took part in a two-day Song writing / Video making Workshop, this was the first day of the workshop and the students thoroughly enjoyed it and are looking forward to the second day which will take place next Tuesday.

On Thursday our first group of TY students took part in a Noise and Music Generation Workshop, this is one of 5 dates that the Noise and Music group will do in our school over the next few weeks which will give all TY students the opportunity to take part in this creative workshop.

Many students this week took the opportunity to take part in the RCSI Transition Year MiniMed programme which offers transition year students the opportunity to experience what it is like to train and work as a healthcare professional. All sections of the programme are carried out by leading professionals in their respective areas with a wide variety of topics – including general practice, heart surgery, pathology, paediatrics, forensic medicine, transplants, obstetrics and gynaecology, pharmacy and physiotherapy being covered during the programme.

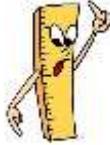
On Friday our TY groups enjoyed subject option talks which were hosted via zoom, these subject option talks are invaluable in aiding the students choose the subjects they wish to study in Senior Cycle. The talks guide the students through the course structures of various courses at Senior cycle as well as giving key information in relation to new subjects. Thank you to all the teachers who presented excellently in relation to their own subject and answered any questions or queries the students had in relation to their subjects.

School Website: <https://stjosephslucan.com>

Follow us on Twitter: @STJosephs3

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

School news: Our students returned to a somewhat different school environment on Monday after the February mid-term break. In line with the latest Government advice regarding public health regulations, masks are no longer mandatory in schools and the physical distancing restrictions, in place in schools since September 2020, have been removed. This meant that our students could finally eat together without masks or social distancing in the new school canteen and socialise with their friends without any restrictions. The students revelled in their new-found freedoms and they were particularly delighted to be finally allowed to play football during their lunch breaks, which are no longer staggered, and use the gym during senior games. Group and pair work, such integral components of the new Junior Cycle Specifications especially, have made a welcome return to classrooms while numerous class trips are back on the agenda in the months ahead. The removal of masks meant that the 1st and 2nd yr students saw their teachers' faces in the classroom for the 1st time and vice versa so this was quite an interesting experience for all concerned! Some students and staff chose to continue to wear mask during the day, primarily out of concern for any vulnerable members of the school community in some cases vulnerable members of families. Everyone was able to make up their own mind without any pressure or fear of judgement anyway. Hand washing, respiratory hygiene and ventilation measures will remain in place in the school for the foreseeable future at least.



Hurling: The Leinster Colleges Senior Hurling "A" Final took place in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny before the Mid-Term Break. Two of our 5th yrs, Liam Garrigan and Joseph Dunne, played on the Dublin Schools South team that were beaten by a very strong Good Counsel, New Ross (Wexford) team on a score-line of 1-23 to 0-14 points so hard luck to the team.

Business: The 2nd yr students started their Business CBAs at the start of February. Their project title was "*Hypothetically bring a new product to the market*". The students had to come with a new idea then design it along with a logo, brand and packaging. They sent out a survey to all of their fellow 2nd yrs about their product and used the information they have covered over the past two years in Business class and applied it to their products. The students then applied their entrepreneurial skills and came up with some great ideas that greatly impressed their business teachers.

Transition Year: An online information evening was held on Tuesday 1st March for parents/guardians of students interested in doing TY next year. The event was extremely well attended and very informative for the parents. TY co-ordinator Mr. Dunne provided details on the entire TY Programme that the school offers and gave an excellent presentation on the type of activities and modules involved and outlined how work experience operates.

Principal Mr. Brady and Ms. Hunt spoke of the enormous benefits of doing TY, such as building confidence, developing social skills, encouraging new hobbies and interests, making new friends, forming better relationships with teachers, encountering more varied teaching methodologies, developing organisational and team-work skills, sampling different subjects (which helps with subject choice in 5th yr) and learning about possible career opportunities in the world of work.

There are 60 places available for Transition Year in 2022/2023 and application forms were given out to 3rd yrs on Wednesday. These must be submitted into the school office by Friday 11th March.

Soccer: Our 1st yr soccer team played Moyle Park in a friendly just before the mid-term break. It was an opportunity to give the squad a run-out. The match was 60mins long, with three periods of 20mins to allow for numerous substitutions for both sides.



Lucan performed extremely well in the 1st period and defended superbly against Moyle Park's strongest 11. Although they were under pressure for the majority of the 20mins, they restricted their opponents to a few long range efforts that Senan Farrell in the Lucan goal was able to save comfortably. Eoghan Burke was the stand-out performer at right back as he handled their speedy, skilful winger superbly throughout with some great tackling.

The second period saw a raft of changes for both sides and Moyle Park grabbed two quick-fire goals to establish a 2-0 lead. The 3rd period was competitive and well balanced with Brian Whelan going closest to scoring for Lucan but for a fine challenge by the opposition goalkeeper. Overall, it was a spirited and hard-working display from an inexperienced team and the match will be of great benefit in the weeks ahead as Lucan prepare for important Dublin League and Leinster Shield games.

Palmerstown Camera Club



Palmerstown Camera Club holds a weekly meeting online at present, every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm. People interested in joining the club or even

attending one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting secpcc@mail.com.

Last week in the camera club we had David Sadler from Dundee and his talk was on his different styles of photography. Great night and a fantastic talk very informative and thought-provoking.

A few weeks back we had our judging night for our monthly competition and this month's theme was Architecture. There was a fascinating and wide range of images on view for that evening.

Below are two of the winning images from the evening, Philip Devereux won advanced mono and also the image of the month for his titled image "Palace of Arts Valencia",



And Terry Healy won with his image of a Sunset at Collinstown Airport in the novice colour competition.



Congratulations to both and thanks for sharing these great images.

COMMUNITY CONNECT DRIVE & DROP



**Donate to Help
Families in Need**

**Saturday March
26th 1pm-3pm
St. Mary's Church
Car Park**

Help us to gather much-needed essential items for mothers and babies around the country, by donating – just pick up a few extra items in your weekly shop. Every donation will go directly to a family in need.

New Items Only:

Nappies – size 1 to 6, Baby wipes, Nappy Sacks
Baby Wash/Shampoo, Nappy Cream, Baby Sponges, Baby Cotton Wool
Packs of babygros and vests (newborn to 6 months)
Packs of baby hooded towels, Baby blankets,
Packs of baby bibs, Baby bottles

Hospital bag items - dark towels, maternity nightdresses, slippers, toilet bags, sanitary towels, breast pads, nipple cream, new packs of dark underwear

Unopened Gift Items for Mothers: hand cream, lip balm, body lotion, body wash, fluffy socks/slippers, etc. (no candles or glass items please)

Financial donations accepted in an envelope

For more information see:

<http://communityconnect.ie/driveanddrop/>

Political Notes

Emer Higgins - TD

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Lucan Schools Update:

Delivery of additional post-primary school places for the Lucan area is a top priority.

St Joseph's College:

The major building project was authorised to proceed to tender stage in October 2021. This process is underway and the project is expected to commence on site in Quarter 2 of 2022.

Griffen Community College:

An application for planning permission for a 1,000 pupil post-primary school building, including 4 classroom Special Educational Needs Unit, was submitted to South Dublin Co Co in June 2021. Planning was approved on 24th February 2022. The next step to progress this project is the preparation of tender documentation.

Lucan Community College:

The pre-qualification process, to select a shortlist of candidates to whom the project will be tendered, is completed. The Design Team are preparing an application for renewal of planning permission.

Liona O'Toole – Independent

087-2795274. lotoole@cllr.sdblincoco.ie

www.lotoole.com

Emergency diversion routes:

Traffic in Lucan and surrounding areas this week came to a standstill and car journeys were held up for hours following a serious incident on the N4. Thankfully no one involved was seriously injured, and that they have a speedy recovery. I will be raising traffic management plans with council management in particular “emergency diversion routes” similar to the one implemented for the M50

Improved crossing:

Following representations I have made re improved crossings I can confirm that the remaining civil and electrical works to enable the pedestrian crossing at Griffen Avenue to be switched on are due for completion on Thursday 3rd March. Once completed the lights will then go live.

National Spring Clean:

Registration for National Spring Clean 2022 is now open. To order your clean up kit register online at: <https://nationalspringclean.org> . register early to get the kits.

Lucan Library

Sean N6s Singing for Kids

D6ardoin 106

M6rta / Thursday

10th March at 18.30.

Booking via lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie

Join Eoin P 6 Murch6 for an Irish language singing workshop for children focusing on the sean n6s style.

Suitable for children aged 8-14 years.

Celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge 2022 with Na Gaeil 6ga CLG.



Ann Devlin, Irish Republican

As part of our International Women's Day festivities, Lucan Local History are delighted to present 'Ann Devlin, Irish Republican', an online Zoom talk by M6che6l 6 Doibhil6n, (publisher of 'Kilmainham Tales').



This talk will be on Ann Devlin, her dedication to the Republican Cause, her subsequent arrest, torture and release. M6che6l will also discuss her Lucan connections, as she came to the Spa in Lucan when imprisoned, to take the waters for her health.

Don't miss this fascinating talk, on **Thursday 10th March at 7pm** via Eventbrite at lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie

Coping Strategies for Children with Anxiety Monday 14th March at 7pm

With Fiona Forman, M.Sc. Applied Positive Psychology.

Book via lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie

Understanding causes of and learning to support children with anxiety.

Online talk for parents by Fiona Forman, M.Sc. Applied Positive Psychology, former teacher, and author of Well-being programmes for primary and secondary schools.

<https://fionaformanwellbeing.com>

Parents who attend will

1. Understand the symptoms and causes of anxiety in children
2. Learn how to support children with anxiety
3. Develop a range of evidence-based coping strategies to help children to manage anxiety.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Social News: The Adult Awards Night featured last Friday, we have so much to cover that it will be the subject of a special news broadcast, so hang tight for all the pictures. Our Chairperson Colm commenced the event with a moments silence for the recently departed Don Dardis in acknowledgement of all the work Don has done for the GAA and Lucan. We would like to acknowledge our special guest Sean Walsh who was elected to the Hall of Fame, Sean also kindly remembered Don with some lovely words about their past.

Thankyou Tim our photographer on the night and Jo and Mike for setting up the lovely spread.



Team News: The Senior Hurlers commenced the league with a solid win over St Brigids 3-19 to 3-15 was the final score, hopefully this is the foundation for a strong league campaign.

Dublin Hurlers, Chris and Paul Crummy and John Bellew also had a fantastic win in Thurles. U19A Football travelled to Thomas Davis in the second game of the season, Lucan lost the toss and battled against a strong wind for the first half but still came out on top. When the turnaround came at half time Lucan found a groove and made the advantage count.

Camogie: Lucan was well represented again in the Intercounty Camogie Scene, Lucan ladies Emma Flannagan and Ali Twomey beat Offaly in the Senior 1 Camogie Littlewoods league. The Dublin Minors lost to Galway in Adamstown, seven Lucan ladies featured in this young panel, Clíodhna Ní Bhuachalla, Hannah Gibbs, Clara Finn, Sínead Daly, Ashling Behan, Aoibheann Scott, Cara Ware. Chloe O'Connor and Ellen Dunphy were on the Intermediate Panel which beat Carlow.

Juvenile Section / Coiste na nÓg: Juvenile fixtures resumed this week with lots of girls and boys happy to return to play.

U13C Girls started their league with a win. It was either very cold or there is a great team spirit as the girls huddled for a photo after the game.



Oifig na Ghaeilge: Ar mhaith leat páirt a ghlacadh i Scór na nÓg? An bhfuil tú faoi 17 ar 1/1/2022? An seinneann tú ceol? An canann tú? An déanann tú rince gaelach? Bíonn comórtas ar siúl i CLG Fine Ghalainn

ar an 13ú lá de Mharta ag 3i.n. Má tá suim agat, bí i dteagmhail liom, Michele Uí Bhuachalla, d'Oifigeach Gaeilge oifigeachgaeilgels@gmail.com roimh 6ú lá de Mharta.

Are you interested in participating in Dublin's Scór na nÓg? Are you under 17 years of age on 1 Jan 2022? Do you play a musical instrument, or sing, or dance? Are you part of a dance or music group? This competition is up and running again, and will take place at 3pm on 13th March in Fingallian's GAA club, swords. You could represent Lucan Sarsfield's for Dublin GAA at the Leinsters and perhaps on to the All-Ireland final.

Note: The Scór competitions are conducted through English ach bíonn fáilte roimh an Ghaeilge i gcónaí agus déanann muid gach iarracht an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn

If interested, contact me, Michele Uí Bhuachalla, your Oifigeach Gaeilge at oifigeachgaeilgels@gmail.com before 6th March.

An bhfuil sibh ag taisteal go dtí an cluiche mór peil na mban BÁC -v- Co. na Mí i bpairc Tailteann ar an 5ú lá de Mharta? An bhfuil Gaeilge agaibh? Ar mhaith libh bheith ar clár "An Talamh Naofa" ar TG4? Má tá, bí i dteagmhail le Méabh Broderick mbroderick@belowtheradar.tv .

Calling all Ladies Football supporters who are travelling to Pairc Tailteann to watch Dublin play Meath on the 5th of March! TG4 are running a series called "An Talamh Naofa" which focuses on "a day in the life" of a stadium. They're keen to interview any Lucan Sarsfields Supporters with Irish who'll be there on the day! If you're interested, please contact Méabh Broderick mbroderick@belowtheradar.tv .

Club Lotto: Last week's Lotto Prize of €7,400 was not won. The Numbers were **5, 8, 10, 27**.

Lucky Dip prizes go to Fergus Gordon, Noel Flynn, Joe & Margaret Byrne, Míread Byrne and Patrick O'Loughlin.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €7,800. The draw is sponsored by Rea McDonald Auctioneers and will be led by Josephine Donohue.

Tá €7,800 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine:

Beidh sé beo ón Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook.

Déan cinnte go bhfuil d'iontráil curtha isteach agaibh roimh 6 i.n. oíche an chrannchuir, chun í a chur san áireamh sa chrannchur na seachtaine sin.

The draw will be held on Thursday 3rd March, at 9pm and is streamed from Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse, 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. *Is féidir libh ticéadaí a cheannacht ar líne leis an nasc seo:*

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link:

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

Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

This week we only have one story from Lucan Harriers, it's the exploits of three of our athletes at the European Masters Indoor Championships.

What a fantastic week for three of our Athletes, Carol Kearney, Anette Durkan and Leanne Wellings, representing Ireland and wearing the green vest at the Masters (O35) European Indoor Athletics championships in Braga in Portugal On Wednesday, Carol Kearney ran in the O55 400m final, in a PB/ Irish Record time of 64.89, an amazing three secs off her own Irish record. A time which she only set a few weeks previously. She is truly in a league of her own when it comes to the track.

For all her hard work and dedication Carol got a richly deserved European Silver Medal. Not something too many people can boast.

That is only half the story, Carol also ran the 200m final on Sat afternoon, after coming through her semi-final with a PB and Irish Record time of 29.2, these are incredible achievements. In this final she claimed her 2nd medal of the week, a 200m bronze. Well done Carol all of us at Lucan Harriers are super proud of you.

On Friday evening we also had Anette in the O45 200m semi-final, after achieving a PB of 28.44 in her heat. She missed a place in the final by just one place. An incredible achievement, nonetheless. Earlier in the week, Anette just missed a European 60m final finishing 9th with a PB of 8.63. The top eight qualified for the final, well-done Anette again another fantastic achievement. Also, in the same category and distance we had Leanne in her debut European championship, finishing in a very respectable 13th in the 60m. Leanne's preparation had unfortunately been hampered with injury in recent weeks. An incredible run by both ladies.

More good news from Braga on Sunday afternoon as the week wrapped up with the all the relays and show how athletes can work as a team.

Gold for the Irish W50 team. 4*200m featuring Carol in the 2nd leg. She has completed a nice collection of medals over the week, Gold, Silver and Bronze.

Even more good news came through shortly after. Another Irish Team won gold in the W45 with Lucan Harriers as part of the team, Annette and Leanne. This was Annette's 2nd European Championships in a row to medal and Leanne on her maiden European championships. We are all delighted and so proud of you
Congratulations to all our Lucan Harriers Athletes and to all their Irish teammates on a super week of racing. As a club and as a sport we are all very proud of your achievements.



Ladies O45 Gold Medal Winners
Mary Scanlon Blackrock AC
Annette Durkan Lucan Harriers
Leanne Wellings Lucan Harriers
Margaret o Connor Enniscorthy AC



Ladies O50 Gold Medal Winners
Dara Carr LSA Donabate Portrane
Moira Groome Trim AC
Carol Kearney Lucan Harriers
Linda Nally Galway City Harriers



LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

Winter League Final

Barbarians: (Barry Gorey, Barbara Furlong, Tommy Coogan & Dora Keane Versus

Onwards and Upwards: (Gerry Ward, Kevin Ward, John Murphy & Martina Tierney.

Well we had the climax of the Winter League last Sunday and what a final it turned out to be - the Barbarians were taking on Onwards and Upwards. The foursomes were shared – 2 points to each team and then the excitement really began.

Following the four singles matches the teams were tied at 6 points each. Each team nominated their player to play a nine-hole playoff. So it was down to Barbara Furlong for the Barbarians and Gerry Ward for Onwards and Upwards. Both players had chances to win over the nine holes but would you believe it - they finished all square. So now we are down to sudden death and that went to the second tie hole where Gerry Ward for Onwards and Upwards secured the win.

For sheer enjoyment alone there was no loser – thank you to both teams for the sporting manner the game was played in and for the entertainment you gave us - the spectators – we did not want it to end.

Thank you to the competition committee for the efficient way you ran this competition and in particular thank you to the competition secretary Noel Ryan for all his time and efforts over the weeks to ensure the smooth running of same.

In thanking people we must not forget our IT man – Dave Hayden 11 for his amazing work on the website and for coming up with team names and logos for each of the 16 teams who played in the Winter League. We as a club are so fortunate to have the caliber of Dave Hayden 11 to both look after our website and keep it updated. Our final thank you must go to our Sponsor – Halpenny Golf for their continuing sponsorship of this competition - we very much appreciate it.

Membership Fees: Membership Fees are now due and can be paid on line or at the clubhouse on a Tuesday morning or contact the Club Registrar – Martin Walsh.

New Members Welcome – Adults and

Juveniles: Our Club is now open for membership. If you would like to join our Club please contact the Secretary in writing and we will be in touch with the relevant details by return. You can join as a family or individual or indeed you are more than welcome to call into the Club House and ask for any committee member who will be only too willing to discuss your enquiry – best time to call is at the weekend or contact us at info@lucanpitchandputt.com



Sponsorship: Members please note that our PRO – Andy Fitzgerald is seeking sponsorship of our tee boxes for the coming year. Please see Andy if you wish to sponsor a tee box.

Date to Remember: Thursday 17th March – Captains' Drive In. The timesheet is now available to put your name down for the drive in on 17th March.



Seachtain na Gaeilge With Na Gaeil Óga

It is Seachtain na Gaeilge every week for Na Gaeil Óga, but this year we are putting in a huge

effort to open the door to Irish to the Lucan community with our plans for SnaG.

We have the largest community of daily Irish language speakers on our doorstep in Lucan. Be proud and join us in this celebration 

We are looking forward to great events with Tidy Towns Lucan, Lucan Cricket Club, and many more community groups.

Saturday 5th March: **Cioréal Comhrá**, Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig, Céilí Dance at Acadamh Gael Óga at 10.30am and 11.30am.

Sunday 6th March: **Grupa Tuistí is Leanai** – Trip to the Play Park in St. Catherine's Park at 10am.

Wednesday 9th March: **Historic Walk** through Irish in Lucan at 9.10am with Liam Ryan.

Thursday 10th March: **Irish Language Singing Workshop** for children, from 6.30pm to 7.30pm, in Lucan Library with Eoin P. Ó Murchú.

Friday 11th March: **Pop up Gaeltacht** at 8pm in The Penny Hill, Lucan. Díoncúrsa Gaeilge in Áras Chrónáin, 7-9pm.

Saturday 12th March: **Díoncúrsa Gaeilge** in Áras Chrónáin, 10am – 4pm.

Litter Picking Walk with Lucan Tidy Towns 10am.

Sunday 13th March: **Rith Pairce na n-Óg**, Griffeen Park in partnership with Junior Parkrun, Griffeen Park at 9.30am.

Traditional Music Session through Irish at 4pm, in Courtneys in Lucan.

Tuesday 15th March: **Cultural Exchange** with NGÓ boys and South Dublin Mactab.

Wednesday 16th March: **Irish Language Walk** in Griffeen Park at 9.10am.

Thursday 17th March: **Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade** and club gathering in Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig afterwards.

If you would like further information on any event, contact Conán on pobal@nagaeloga.ie or +447514033624.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last Friday the members of the group had a look at the results of their handiwork in our two Portrait Photography workshops on the big screen and in Photoshop! Also Kay brought along a couple of beautiful Sepia wedding photographs taken in the United States about 140 years ago. We marvelled at the detail that was recorded and would dearly loved to have known settings used by the photographer in the days before automatic camera and digitalisation.



This week it has been the turn of the ladies to submit photographs. Frances sent a beautiful one of the magnificent stained-glass window over the old high altar in St. Mary's church. According to the parish website this was donated by the Moran family of St. Edmundsbury.

Josie was in Castletown capturing some nice sky, Anna was photographing inside the glass lift in the National Gallery – an interesting perspective and Kay captured what I understand is a Butter Bur along the banks of the Rye river. We are still waiting for some photographs from the continent from our member who is away at present.



Until next week stay safe!

