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## Prayer - A Sacred Conversation



"Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in, but what it is still possible to do. Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and failures and look with confidence to the new day called tomorrow. *"Pope John XXIII"*.

A personal relationship, with God is indeed a sacred gift that brings rich blessings. I love the following reflection on prayer.

"Spiritual poverty clings to nothing and nothing clings to it."

Lord, forgive us that we are so busy when we come into your presence.

We have to tell you all our needs in case you might forget some of them.

We make many resolutions in case you don't think well of us.

We are anxious to get some teaching from you that will keep us faithful to your will. We thank you for the times when you invited us just to be quiet and remain in your love, your permanent unconditional love, the kind you had from your Father.

*"Prayer is not meant to change the world. It is meant to change us so that we will then change the world."*

Lord, we have made the commandments into cold, objective obligations, and many of them, at that.

We thank you that they are gestures of love;

The tender embrace between husband and wife before leaving for work.

The words of wisdom that a great leader speaks to his intimate followers on his deathbed.

The wave of friends at the airport. They are all gestures that we treasure because they tell us that we are loved, and set us free to give ourselves to others.

Lord, when we look at our lives we discover a history of love. We were loved when we were small, as Jesus was loved by Joseph and Mary.

And that love freed us;

It was a starting point from which we could trust others and give Ourselves to them. And now our children, those whom we have loved in our turn, have grown up and become loving people too.

Lord, that history of love is your presence in the world.

*"Be as uninteresting as a glass of cold, clear uninteresting water."*

Lord, we thank you for our friends.

We remember when we knew them first.

We admired them SO much that we just wanted to please them, not really to understand them; just like servants.

Then gradually we became friends, as we learnt to trust each Other, to let Ourselves be known, so that we could share what was most intimate to us, the kind of things only you taught us, and there was no such thing as "this is my business".

*Fr. Paddy Byrne*

*Parish Priest – Abbeyleix, Co. Laois*

## 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)

### Knowing your Rights: Inheritance Rights of Unmarried Couples

*My partner and I have two young children together. We live together but we are not married and haven't got around to making our wills. If something happened to one of us, would we automatically be entitled to each other's estate?*

It is important for you and your partner to discuss the matter of inheritance sooner rather than later. Because you are not married, neither of you is automatically entitled to inherit anything from the other. If your partner dies without a will, you have no right to any share of their estate no matter how long you have been together. So, for example, if you live with your partner but they own the house, you could be left in very difficult circumstances if they were to die unexpectedly.

If you own items jointly, these automatically pass to you and are not part of your partner's estate. However, you might need to pay Capital Acquisitions Tax if the inheritance is above a certain threshold or value.

If your partner has not made a will or has not provided for you, you may be able to apply to the courts to provide for you from your partner's estate. This is known as the redress scheme for cohabiting couples. If you get redress by a court under this scheme, you may be exempt from paying Capital Acquisition Tax.

However, making a will can ensure that proper arrangements are made for you and your dependants and that any property is distributed in the way you both wish, subject to certain rights of spouses and children. Tax planning advice can help reduce or minimise the amount of tax your partner or family must pay. A solicitor can help you draft a will or you can draft one yourself.

You can read more about inheritance rights of cohabiting couples on [citizensinformation.ie](http://citizensinformation.ie)



### Great to be back.....

We at Lucan Newsletter are delighted to be back in print, after such a long break having had 18 issues online only.

Thank you to our advertisers for their patience. We have been running the ads online, on our 'community' page, but now that we are back in print, this will be discontinued, and ads will appear in hard copy only. Payment was not deducted for online ads, so we'll just pick up from where we left off last January.



Regarding our Annual Block Advertisers, who usually renew their ads in July, we'll be in touch with you shortly – your ads will continue to run in the meantime.

Big Thank You to all who sent in notes and articles over the past few months, keeping us afloat.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are **NOT** operating from the Newsletter Office at the moment, but leave your ads, queries or notices in the **letter box at St. Mary's Parish Centre, before 10pm on Wednesday night**, and we'll collect and look after them.

Notes, reports, anniversaries etc. may be emailed to any of the following:

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On Friday last, 7th May, we had a most enjoyable morning with the 4th Year students of St. Joseph's College. These young aspiring environmental scientists, led by their teacher, Ms Michelle Dunne and supported by Ms Linda Ennis, walked up through Vesey Park, taking random samples of the water in the Griffeen River. They were participating, on behalf of Lucan Tidy Towns, in WaterBlitz 2021, a DCU organised event taking place from 7th - 10th May 2021 in conjunction with Earthwatch Europe.



Citizen scientists countrywide were asked to sample and test the water quality in their local river, lake, pond or stream for nitrates and phosphates, using kits supplied to them. This same event took place in a number of European cities, including London and Paris. The students tested the samples and later the results were uploaded and sent to Earthwatch Europe's FreshWater Watch website. The WaterBlitz Team at DCU coordinated the whole event, encouraging organisations to get involved. Our 4th Year students, on their own initiative, made a TicToc video of the event which was submitted to DCU. The WaterBlitz Team was so pleased with this that they awarded the students a special certificate. Well done girls!!

Monday, 10th, our second day of testing water was a little more sedate, with just ourselves, Tidy Towns volunteers involved. Nevertheless, a very interesting and healthy morning was spent testing

the quality of the water further upstream the River Griffeen.



Results to follow but looking reasonably healthy, in spite of obvious litter in places. Many thanks to all who participated.  
*Kevin O'Loughlin*



## Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> we remembered Maureen Deegan at Mass on her 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary R.I.P. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jack and the family at this sad time.



We hope all our members are enjoying the extra freedom from this week, and we look forward to seeing everyone during the summer.

*Take care and stay safe!*

## Parish Notes

### St Mary's, Lucan

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



#### New Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigils: **5pm and 6.45pm**

Sunday: **8.45am, 10.30pm, 12.15pm** and **7pm**.

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

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

Our churches are open for Public Masses. While number will continue to be restricted and social distancing enforced it does mean that in St Mary's we can have a maximum of **69** people in attendance for Masses

The 69 is possible if we have two distinct areas within the church, one for 50 people and the other for 19. There can be no movement between these two areas. Each area will have separate entrances and exits.

**Admission to all Masses will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Enter at the main porch door, queuing from the left across the front of the old part of the church maintaining social distance at all times.**

**We rely on your understanding to make this work. Masks must be worn.**

**Stewards needed:** In order to comply with the social distancing and sanitization guidelines we will require volunteer stewards for each Mass. If you are willing to volunteer for one Mass on Sunday or weekdays contact Deirdre in the Parish office on 01 6217041 or fill in the online form on the parish website.

#### Confessions – Nun's Chapel:

Monday and Wednesday after 10am Mass

Saturday after the 10am and 5pm Masses

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

**Private Prayer:** The Church is open daily for private prayer on weekdays from 10.30am to 6pm (funerals permitting) and on Sundays after the 12.15pm Mass to 6pm. Please enter by the Main Porch Door and exit by the side door (near the Nun's Chapel).

## Notice

We ask those who have already booked Masses for the weekends to please phone the Sacristy - 01 6281487 and check whether the time of their Mass is different due to changes in Sunday Mass times.

**Deepest Sympathy** to the family and friends of **Aoife Bonar**, Esker Park.  
*May she rest in peace.*



#### **Funerals from St. Mary's since our last printed edition**

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of the following:

**Mary O'Grady**, Ardeevin

**Nora Greene**, Willsbrook

**Paddy Egan**, Lucan Heights

**Philip Kehoe**, Lucan Lodge

**Jeremiah (Jerry) O'Connell**, Beech Park

**Aidan Buggle**, Hillcrest Avenue and formerly of Mount Joseph, Lucan

**Una Henry**, Lucan Lodge

**Matthew Garrigan**, Laraghcon

**Marie Cowley**, Esker Lawns

**Mairead Walsh**, Esker Lawns

**Bridget (Bridie) Duffley**, Palmerstown

**Pauline Condron**, The Old Rectory

**Greg Beegan**, Roselawn

**Pat and Patrick O'Malley**, Lucan Road

**Margaret (May) Connolly**, Sarsfield Park

**Brian Mohan**, Lucan Heights

**Breid Cotter**, Marymount

**Mairead Walsh**, Esker Lawns

**Bridget (Bridie) Duffley**, Palmerstown

**Bella Duignan**, Weston

**Berna Lynch**, Sarsfield Park

**Eileen Johnston**, Beech Park

**Angela Rafferty**, formerly Cherbury Park

**Thomas (Tom) Kilduff**, Roselawn.

**Deirdre Strickland**, Hermitage Way

**Joan Corrigan**, Kew Park Crescent

*May they rest in peace.*

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

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



### Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,  
9am, and 12 noon.

### 10.30am Family Mass – live streamed only

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

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

Numbers continue to be restricted to **50 people** in the church building.

**Admission will be in a first-come first-serve basis**

Current restrictions means that there can be **NO gathering outside the front of the church**, should the church building reach the maximum capacity of 50. Parishioners can however remain in their cars in the car park and receive communion.

**All Masses are streamed live on the Parish You Tube channel**

**Volunteers Needed:** To be able to put the safety procedures in place for the benefit of everyone **we need volunteers** to help with stewarding and sanitizing the Church at Masses. Thank you to those who have come forward.

**Confessions:** Confessions can be requested after Mass. The confession box is not to be used. However, a space that respects open privacy is available in the Church to receive the Sacrament.

**Private Prayer:** Church can continue to be accessed daily for private prayer. Access is through the side door at pastoral centre on far side of Church between 10.30am and 12.30pm

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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



### New Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm

Sunday **10:15am and 12:15am**

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Friday 9:15am  
Saturday 10am

**Admission will be in a first-come first-serve basis to a max of 50 people**

**All Masses will be livestreamed on**

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

### Please follow guidelines:

Wear a face covering over both nose and mouth.  
Use hand sanitizer when entering the Church.  
Sit 2m apart on seats marked by the yellow stickers.

Family groups can sit together in dedicated group seats in the side rooms.

Movement between the pods (side rooms and main church) is not permitted.

Follow the instructions of the Church stewards – they have purple hi-vis vests so easily recognized.

**Stewards:** Please consider helping us on the Steward team as with people's situations ever changing and the coming of the summer holidays we will need more people to cover all the Masses. You can get in touch with our [online contact form](#) or approach any of the stewards after Mass. Training will be provided.

**Sanitising after Mass:** All the pews need to be sprayed and wiped down after Mass and since many hands make like work please consider staying after Mass and picking up gloves, spray bottle and cloth from the table in the porch and help the team get the Church ready for the next Mass.

**Private Prayer:** While the Church is not open to parishioners for Mass, the Faustina Chapel is open for private prayer from 10am to 12 noon Monday to Friday.

## Shrubs for St. Mary's Garden



Some of the plants that Áine and Joe donated - they planted and watered them.  
Thanks Áine and Joe.

Pat at 087 223 8911

## Anniversary

**MURRAY (MOLLY)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Sarsfield Park.

We thought of you with love today

But that is nothing new

We thought about you yesterday

And the day before that too

We think of you in silence

We often speak your name

All we have are memories

And your picture in a frame

Your memory's our keepsake

With which we'll never part

God has you in his keeping

We have you in our hearts.

*Lovingly remembered by all her family*



Tune into Liffey Sound 96.4FM next Wednesday the 19th of May for the following programmes;

**3pm - "Lucan Live"** presented by Maria Murphy

**4pm - "Indie Groove"** - Dan Brady presents the best of Indie music and reviews the latest releases

**5pm - Media students from Maynooth**

**University** discuss a range

of topics; How Covid has

affected their families,

Gender roles in Media,

Racism and Mental health

plus they interview 2 up-

and- coming Irish artists



*Stay safe and well - The Liffey Sound team!*

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

[www.liffeysoundfm.ie](http://www.liffeysoundfm.ie) or catch up on Facebook

## Birthday Remembrances

**MOFFITT (ANN)**

**20<sup>th</sup> May**

We never need a special day

To bring you to our mind

For days without a thought of you

Are very hard to find

Happy Big Birthday Mam.

*Loved and missed every day from all your family xx*

**NOLAN (ROSIE)**

**100<sup>th</sup> Birthday - 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Will those who think of Rosie today

A little prayer to Jesus say.

*Loved always by Mary, Martin, Anna and family*



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)



**ALONE** manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024

**Don't count the days!**

**Make the days count!**



**Birdie is delighted to be back in print once again** – let's hope this time it's for good!

**While the weather might not be great**, Lucan can still put on a delightful display of natural

beauty. Those of you who frequent Lucan Demesne cannot but have noticed the flowering wild garlic these mornings, and the rain brings out the scent all the more – breathe deep!



**Just how many shades of green are there?** We googled, and found a site numbering 295 shades, from Absinthe to Zombie Green, with all the more familiar ones in between. However many there are, we're sure that everyone of them is on view in our lovely demesne parkland. Splendour at its best!

And many will have noticed the profusion of colours along the walk way, in these beautiful pollinator plants.

Looks like people are really getting into the pollinator idea!



**Great to see the GAA back** on the telly again. Alas it wasn't to be with the hurlers losing to Kilkenny last weekend, but maybe they'll have better luck taking on Laois this Saturday. The Dubs footballers face Roscommon on Sunday.

Good luck to all the Lucan Sarsfields lads involved in these games.

We'll settle for the telly for now, but hopefully, the public will be allowed back into matches in the not too distant future.

**Congratulations to St. Patrick's Church** in Esker, on reaching the magical number of 100,000 views on You Tube.

It's been brilliant that Mass could be accessed in most parishes via the internet, but churches are another special place that many will want to get back to.

**Eurovision is back this coming week!** Who remembers the good old days of Butch Moore, Dickie Rock, Sean Dunphy and Dana who was the first Irish winner. It was really a very glamorous formal event back then.

**Did you ever see anything like the Ducks around the place?** No surprise to see them in any corner of Lucan. Dreadful to read what's happening with some unfortunate little ducklings being sold to children by some very nasty people!



**Thank you** to all who send us in amusing little quips and pieces. They are much appreciated!

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This week we have evidence of the members of the Soiree taking advantage of the relaxation in the COVID 19 restrictions by travelling more than 5km from Lucan with photographs of Maynooth College and the Garden of Remembrance at Islandbridge as well as of our friends the robin and some swans.



At the time of writing the weather is looking good for the first meeting of the members of the Soiree since last December. On that occasion members met briefly in the Parish Centre to pick up their copies of the 2021 calendar. If my memory serves me right Friday's gathering will only be the fourth occasion in almost 15 months when we have come together as a group.



A local photography field trip is planned this Friday morning at 10.30 for those members who are comfortable with meeting up in accordance with the revised public health guidelines. As one member of the group commented – “it’s good to be back!” The plan is to take a stroll with our cameras along the banks of the Liffey. Hopefully we will have some good photographs to show in next weekend’s newsletter.

*Until next week stay safe!*





## Oral history project sheds light on the experiences of people under probation supervision in the Dublin region

The experiences of people confined to institutions such as prisons, mother and baby homes, Magdalene laundries and industrial schools, have received significant attention in recent years. However, the historical experiences of people under probation supervision in the community have been largely forgotten.

The *Histories of Probation* project, led by Dr Louise Kennefick (Maynooth University) and Dr Deirdre Healy (University College Dublin) aims to uncover and document people's experiences of probation supervision. The researchers would like to hear from anyone placed under probation supervision by the courts in the 1960s or 1970s, whether this was a probation order, community service order, suspended sentence or temporary release.

Dr Kennefick explains why this project is so important: "We believe that this project will provide a better understanding of the history of the Probation Service, which may help to improve policy and practice in the future. We would like to know what it was like to be under supervision during the 1960s and 1970s, whether those experiences were helpful, unhelpful or irrelevant to people's lives."

"We hope that people will be willing to come forward and share their stories with us. The more people who participate, the more useful the findings will be. While the Probation Service has expressed support for the project, it is important to say that the study is not being conducted by or on behalf of the Probation Service, which means that all information will be kept confidential."

During the first phase of the project, the researchers interviewed probation officers about their experiences of working during the 1960s and 1970s. Probation officers described their role at this time as being to 'advise, assist and befriend' clients and as having a strong community and vocational ethos. Probation officers also spoke about a lack of state-funded rehabilitation services, which impacted on their ability to help clients build better lives or move away from crime. To compensate, many innovated by introducing new programmes or drew on existing services in the community, including those provided by religious orders and voluntary lay organisations such as the Legion of Mary.

During the 1960s and 1970s, the Probation Service was a small and largely voluntary service

but has since evolved into a nationwide, professionalised organisation with a social work ethos. Today, probation officers play a crucial role throughout the criminal justice process; for example, providing pre-sanction reports to courts, supervising offenders in the community, and working with prisoners in custody and after release. In 2019, the Probation Service received 3,626 referrals from courts in the Dublin region. CSO statistics show that 30.8% of Dublin residents placed under supervision in 2016 were reconvicted within one year of completing a supervision order. "However, these figures cannot tell us whether probation supervision helped people to stop offending or how it impacted on their lives," Dr Kennefick said.

Those who would like to participate in the study, or learn more, are invited to email [probationhistories@gmail.com](mailto:probationhistories@gmail.com) or call 01 474 7208 leaving name, contact number and a brief message. Due to Covid restrictions, interviews will be conducted by phone, zoom or Skype.



## Library Event

**South Dublin Libraries Presents  
'Introduction to Classical Music – Handel's  
Visit to Dublin, 1741-2'**

**Online talk  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>  
May at 7pm.**

Sit back and enjoy this talk on Handel's music and his visit to Dublin in 1741-2, by Peter Whelan.



Peter has had a remarkable career as a conductor, keyboardist and solo bassoonist. He is Artistic Director of the Irish Baroque Orchestra.

South Dublin Libraries now offer FREE access to the online music resource, Medici TV.

Visit <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/sport-and-recreation/libraries/library-services/online-resources/> and use your library card to enjoy the largest collection of online classical music videos – orchestral, ballet, opera and performance.



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Maths:** Ms. O' Neill's 3<sup>rd</sup> yr Maths class took to the school yard for an outdoor practical trigonometry class last Friday. The students brought in their homemade clinometers (a tool that is used to measure the angle of elevation in a right-angled triangle) which they made using a protractor, straw, string, a paper clip weight and sellotape, after viewing demonstrations on Utube as a guide. The students were put into socially distanced groups and tasked with measuring the height of any building (school/sports hall), wall, lamp post, basketball hoop etc on the school grounds and finding the elevation to the top of the object. They had to take into account their distance from the object/building and their own height before applying their trigonometric skills that they had learned in class.

The origins of Trigonometry lay in practical measurement tasks of finding unknown sides and angles, using right sided-angles, and the students fully embraced the challenge of discovering different angles that encouraged them look at familiar objects with fresh eyes.

The students thoroughly enjoyed getting out of the classroom into the beautiful, crisp air for a practical, hands-on trigonometry lesson and they all successfully completed their tasks. Ms. O' Neill was delighted with the students' co-operation, attentiveness and behaviour throughout the outdoor lesson, so much so that the students were not given any homework (which is a rarity for Ms. O' Neill!) as a reward.

**Gaeilge:** Our 3<sup>rd</sup> yr students completed their Tasc Cumarsáide (Communication task) Classroom Based Assessment this week. The students were tasked with selecting a topic of interest to them and researching information about the topic over a period of two weeks. They then had to do a live oral presentation in front of their classmates.

The students selected a wide variety of interesting topics for their presentation such as their favourite football club, hobbies, the GAA, local, national and international sport stars, famous figures from history, local area, an Ghaeltacht, music, school, family, pets and even the Queen of England! The students used Google Slides, photos, visual aids, props etc to engage the audience and the quality of spoken Irish was very impressive throughout.

A number of the students also used humour to great effect during their presentations and awareness of target audience is one of the key skills being assessed during these CBAs, along with language proficiency, voice projection and presentation skills.

Each student will be awarded one of four descriptors (Exceptional/Above expectations/In line with expectations/ Yet to meet expectations), which will appear on their Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement.

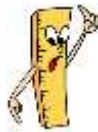
Comhghairdeas le gach dalta as cur i láthair suimiúil, taitneamhach agus ard-chaighdeán a chur le chéile.

For the final few weeks of term, the 3<sup>rd</sup> yr Irish students will be preparing for an oral examination (Béaltriall) that will count for 20% of their final grade for their 3<sup>rd</sup> yr Junior Cycle report.

**Assessments:** Coláiste Phádraig's Entrance Assessment was held online on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 10am until 1pm. The 6<sup>th</sup> class students completed the assessment from home using computers, iPads, laptops and tablets. They were advised to use headphones and complete the tests in a quiet room, free from any distractions. All instructions were given via a voiceover that explained exactly what steps to take to complete the assessment correctly and in a timely manner. 1<sup>st</sup> yr classes in the school are all mixed-ability so the main purpose of the assessment is to identify students' strengths and also identify areas where they may need a little extra help and support in. We look forward to welcoming our 120 new 1<sup>st</sup> yrs into the school in September 2021.

**Exams:** Our 23 6<sup>th</sup> yr LCVP students sat their Link Modules Leaving Cert exam on Saturday from 10:00-12:30. The students had lots of choice in the exam which they were very pleased with and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive afterwards. The written exam is worth 40% of their overall marks with the remaining 60% going to their Portfolio of Coursework which has already been submitted.

15 of our 6<sup>th</sup> yr students also completed Written Proficiency assessments in various subjects such as Romanian, music etc on Saturday. The assessments were held to give the students an opportunity to provide evidence of their proficiency in the subject (as the students are not studying them as part of their regular school timetable and so have outside instructors/tutors such as family members preparing them for exams). The students can still sit the written exam in the subject in June so the purpose of the assessment was to ensure eligibility for an accredited grade.



## St Joseph's College

Our 6<sup>th</sup> year LCVP students sat their exam last Saturday. LCVP (Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme) combines academic study with a focus on self-directed learning, enterprise, work and the community. It's great for the students to have one exam done!

Ms Lynn's TY class made beautiful bird feeders this week, as part of their biodiversity projects. The students made great use of our new outdoor benches. The finished bird feeders, made using paper rolls, peanut butter and bird seed, looked superb!



We had our second non-uniform day on Tuesday, to raise funds for student equipment. This was another Parents' Association initiative and was our last fundraiser for the year. Thank you to everybody for supporting our Parents' Association throughout the year! prompting others on how to educate and empower themselves to love their bodies.

*Lunchtime on non-uniform day. Students making full use of our new outdoor benches!*



Transition Year YSI (Young Social Innovators) group - '**Redefining Perfect**' –

Follow them on

Instagram [@Redefining\\_perfect](#) & Facebook.

The team has been working hard lately producing their new magazine, prompting others on how to educate and empower themselves to love their bodies. The team has been helped by their mentor Judy Wong.

The magazine is complete and the team aim to distribute copies to schools and libraries around the country.

Well done 'Redefining Perfect', you are making great strides!



*'Redefining Perfect' with their mentor Judy Wong displaying their new magazine.*

School website <https://stjosephslucan.com>

Follow us on Twitter: @STJosephs3

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**Parking Bye-Laws:** At this week's meeting of South Dublin County Council, a majority of councillors voted to protect the 30 minutes free parking that is currently in place in all SDCC metered areas. The Fianna Fáil group proposed this amendment and it is now to be included in the parking bye-laws. This was in response to representations made by local businesses and residents.

**National Waste Action Plan:** I welcome the provision of €5 million additional funding for litter prevention and cleaning across the country, as we prepare for an outdoor summer. This will provide support for local authorities to provide extra bins in public places.

**Nuachtlitir Gaeilge:** Más rud é gur mhaith leat leagan Gaeilge do my nuachtlitir a fháil, cuir ríomhphost agam le do thoil agus cuirfidh mé ar an liosta seachadta thú.

## Cllr Vicki Casserly, Fine Gael

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**Lucan Heights:** I recently called on the Manager to include Lucan Heights in programme of works for upgrade of Roads and footpath maintenance.

**Dispensary Lane/Sarsfield Park:** I received confirmation from the manager that adequate dishing of kerbs will be completed to ensure greater pedestrian safety for all road users.

**Best wishes** to all local businesses who are reopening their doors after a long winter and spring. Stay Safe and support local where possible!

## Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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**Draft Development Plan Published for South Dublin County Council:** The draft development plan for South Dublin County Council has been published. If you would like to contact me or my party colleague Cllr Madeleine Johansson about the plan please feel free to contact us. Further information at

<https://www.sdcc.ie/en/devplan2022/>

## Emer Higgins – TD

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**30 Minutes Free Parking Saved:** This week Fine Gael Councillors amended the Parking Bye

Laws to save our free 30 minutes parking in Lucan Village. Council management had planned to scrap this benefit, which was introduced by former Fine Gael Councillor William Lavelle. Thankfully our local Councillors voted for the Fine Gael amendment which protected this perk. This is a real win for local businesses and for all of us who want to support local businesses. I have always been adamant that the free 30 minutes parking makes it easier for people to support their local business, something which businesses need now more than ever. Well done to Cllr. Vicki Casserly who led on this.

## Caitriona McClean

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**I am available to take your call:** Please don't hesitate to phone me if you need a listening ear or feel I can be of help. It's good to talk.

### Location of affordable housing sites in Lucan:

On foot of many conversations on housing, I wrote to the Minister regarding the location of housing under the various schemes. He responded that no decisions on location have been made. I have asked the Finance Committee Chair to question the Department of Finance about State underinvestment in housing over the past ten years and the use of HAP.

**Hospital access for Lucan via 239 bus:** I have referred our case to the Ombudsman this week.

**Outdoor dining:** I am awaiting a response from SDCC on increasing the space available.

## Liona O'Toole – Independent

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**Parking Bye-Laws:** The new Parking Bye Laws were adopted at Monday's council meeting. I fully supported the amendments to retain the 30 mins free parking, and keeping existing parking permits fees. I also supported Cllr Guss O'Connells amendment 'that paid parking be Monday – Friday only' which would have meant Lucan's current status 'free parking on Saturday's would remain, this however was put to a roll call vote and regretfully not supported by all Lucan councillors, so the amendment fell. Saturday Parking will now be introduced in all Pay and Display locations across the council area.

**DART+ South West:** Hazelhatch & Celbridge to the City Centre: Public Consultation process runs until 26<sup>th</sup> June, further details can be found at:

[DART+ DART+ South West \(dartplus.ie\)](http://dartplus.ie). I attended the online webinar for councillors, you can now register to attend any of these webinars by emailing [dartsouthwest@irishrail.ie](mailto:dartsouthwest@irishrail.ie)

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## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club have announced that our **Senior Camogie Team** will 'Champion' the Marie Keating Foundation over the next 3 Years. Thank you to Ollie Mahon of Lucan Sarsfields and Roadstone in putting this collaboration together. The Marie Keating Foundation was established in 1998 by the Keating family, following their mother Marie's death from breast cancer. The Marie Keating Foundation was established in her memory, with the Keating family promising to provide the people of Ireland with free access to information and nurses, to help prevent cancer or detect it at its earliest stages. Over the last 23 years the Foundation has grown to become one of the leading cancer charities in Ireland, providing a range of free information, support and survivorship services ensuring they are there for cancer patients, survivors and their families at every step of a cancer journey. The Foundation's mission is to make cancer less frightening by enlightening and their vision is to live in a world free from the fear of cancer. Lucan Sarsfields are delighted to have the opportunity to work so closely with the Marie Keating Foundation.



**Well done to all who took part in Darkness Into Light** for Pieta on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May, despite the less than favourable conditions.

**Dublin Senior Footballers** begin their 2021 League campaign on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May, away to Roscommon at 1:45pm, the game will be shown live on TG4. Best of luck to Lucan's representatives on the squad, Darren Gavin and Emmet O'Conghaile. The Hurlers will be away to Laois on Saturday at 5pm, best of luck to Lucan's Chris Crummey and John Bellew.

**Our Senior Hurlers** are continuing to help out with juvenile teams over the next week or two, Philip Smith was a guest mentor with the U9 hurlers on Monday and was very impressed by the skill and enthusiasm displayed by all the players. And well done also to the senior football management of Dave Cullen, Ollie Collins and Sean Newcombe (director of adult football) in organising our senior footballers to come and help out the juvenile football teams over the last couple of weeks. A big thanks also to the senior lads who attended, it is greatly appreciated and a big success and hopefully something that will continue into the future.



**A reminder that all players must be current members** of the club in order to be registered to play. Please contact [lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com) with all queries.

**The latest edition of the GAA Club Newsletter** is available now <https://www.gaa.ie/news/read-the-latest-club-newsletter-may-2021/>

**Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club will be hosting five summer camps** at the club this year. Booking Links are on the club website!

**Lucan Sarsfields Golf Society** is back in action again for 2021. St Margaret's GC have confirmed that current protocols allow our outing on Sat 22nd May to go ahead. Tee is booked from 2.30pm to 3.30pm, play in 4-balls, fee €40 plus €10 annual membership. New members and visitors are always more than welcome at our outings, so why not give it a shot! Contact Capt Jack Butler at 087 258 2780, or Seamus Fagan at 086 816 8984 to book your tee-time. See website for further details

**Our condolences** to the Brady family on the death of Pearse, father of Colm, father-in-law of Noeleen, grandfather of Hannah (Adult Camogie) Sean, and Sam (U15 Hurling). May he rest in peace



**The LDCU Academy** take place on Saturday mornings for boys and girls aged between 4 and 7. Pre-registration is essential, scan the code or see website for details.

**12<sup>th</sup> Lock Café** is open from 6pm-8pm weekdays and weekend mornings when training is taking place.

**The Club Shop** will reopen on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €7400:** There was no winner of the Club Lotto held on 6 May 2021 sponsored **O'Grady Hearing Care Services**. The numbers drawn were **1, 14, 18, 26. Lucky Dip winners of €30 each:** Don Dardis, Roisin Cleary, Sharon Hickey, Joe & Margaret Byrne, PJ Finnerty. The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup>, is €7400, and is sponsored by **Henley Forklift Group**. The draw will be held behind closed doors at 9pm and live streamed on our Facebook page. Tickets can be purchased via the website, ClubForce APP or at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>. **Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.**



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

### Cóitseáil 101

Beidh tús á chur go luath le cúrsa a chuirfidh béim ar an dtéarmaíocht atá de dhíth le bheith ag cóitseáil. Tosnóidh sé ar an Luan, 17 Bealtaine agus mairfidh sé ar feadh 8 seachtaine. Má tá suim agat clárú don chúrsa déan teagmháil le Ciara ar 0830723566.

A new course starting on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May for 8 weeks will focus on the Irish terminology and phrases required for GAA coaching. If you are interested in registering for the course please contact Ciara by text on 0830723566.

### Folláin 101

Beidh ranganna aclaíochta trí Ghaeilge ag tosnú go luath. Reáchtálfar iad gach Céadaoin ar 6 p.m. i bPáirc Naomh Chaitríona agus gach Satharn ar 10 a.m. agus 11 a.m. i nGaelscoil Naomh Pádraig. Deis iontach iad na ranganna seo le do chuid Gaeilge a chleachtadh. Má tá suim agat clárú déan teagmháil le Daithí ar 0833058326

Fitness bootcamp through Irish starting on Wednesdays from 6-7pm in St. Catherine's Park and on Saturdays from 10-11am and 11-12pm in Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig. A great opportunity to practise your Irish. If you are interested in registering for the course contact Daithí on 0833058326.

### Foirne Fásta

Foireann na mBan ag filleadh Dé Luain, 10 Bealtaine, traenáil Dé Luain agus Dé Céadaoin 7.15pm, Páirc an Fhionnuisce. Déan teagmháil le Máire ar 0877935266.

Ladies football returning Monday 10 May, training Mondays and Wednesdays in Phoenix Park at 7.15pm. Contact Máire on 0877935266 if interested.



Foireann na bhFear ag filleadh Dé Máirt 11 Bealtaine, traenáil Dé Máirt agus Déardaoin 7pm, Páirc an Fhionnuisce. Déan teagmháil le 0857867929 má tá suim agat.

Men's football returning Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, training on Tuesday and Thursdays at 7pm in Phoenix Park. Contact 0857867929 if interested.

Foireann iomána ag filleadh Dé Máirt 11 Bealtaine, traenáil ar an Mháirt agus Déardaoin 7pm, Páirc an Fhionnuisce. Déan teagmháil le Conan ar 00447414033624.

Hurling returning Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, training on Tuesday and Thursdays at 7pm in Phoenix Park. Contact Conan on 00447414033624 if interested.

Camógaíocht ag filleadh Dé Máirt 18 Bealtaine traenáil ar an Mháirt agus Déardaoin 7.30pm, Páirc an Fhionnuisce. Déan teagmháil le Cathal ar 0872549706



Camogie Training returning on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, training Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30pm in Phoenix Park. Contact Cathal on 0872549706 if interested.

### Acadamh

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

The Academy takes place every Saturday morning in Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig, Lucan. New player's welcome.  
10-11am – 2016/2017.  
11-12pm – 2015.

## REFLECTION

Beatitudes for the Aged

Blessed are they who understand

My faltering steps and palsied hand.

Blessed are they who know that my ears today

Must strain to catch the things they say

Blessed are they who seem to know

That my eyes are dim and my wits are slow

Blessed are they with a cheery smile

Who stop to chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say

'You've told that story twice today'.

Blessed are they who know the ways

To bring back memories of yesterdays.

Blessed are they who make it known

That I am loved, respected, and not alone.

Blessed are they who know I am at a loss

To find the strength to carry the cross.

Blessed are they who ease the days

On my journey Home in loving ways.

Those were the days.....

## The Darts Team!



*Some of the names.....*

*Left: ? Larkin.*

*3<sup>rd</sup> from left: Paddy King.*

*Tom Curry is holding the trophy, with Boysie Malone beside him.*

*On Right: Paddy Hannigan and Tom Weldon.*

## And Golf .....



The old 1<sup>st</sup> Green at the Spa Hotel, long before the trees were planted!

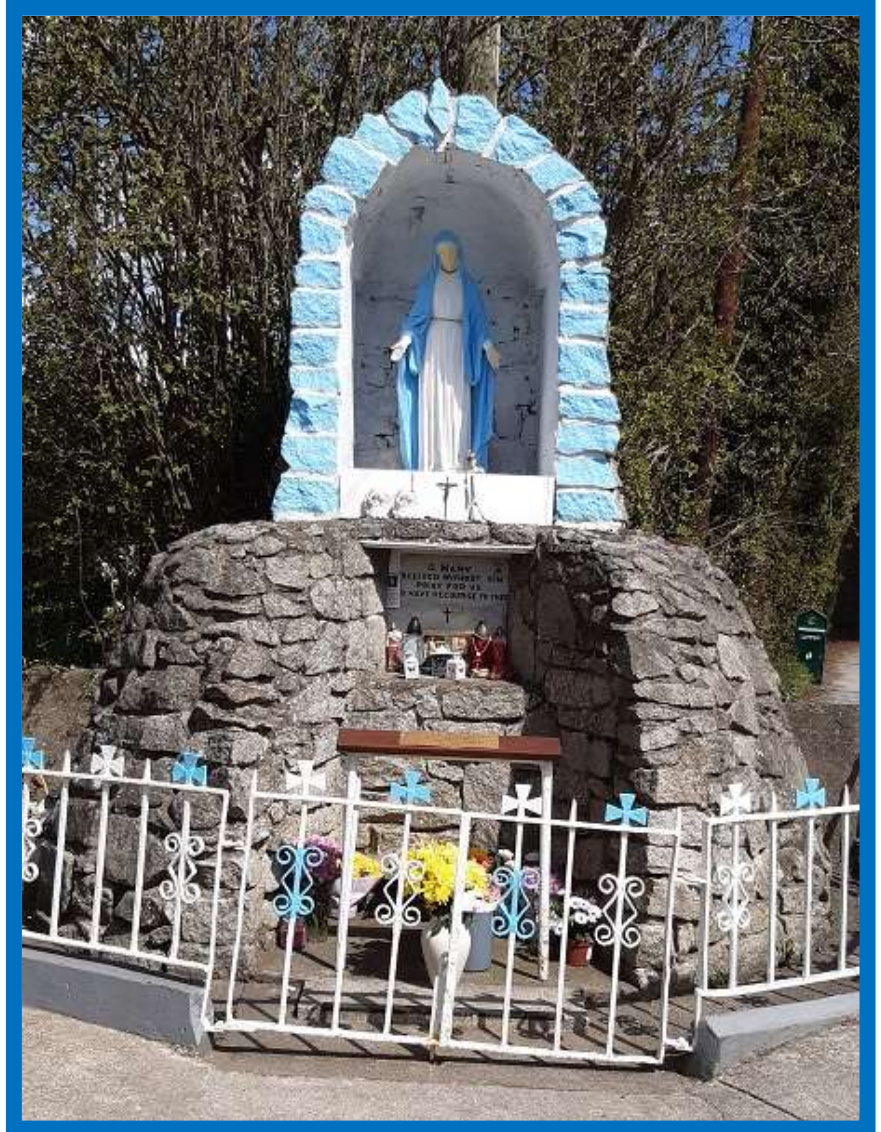
*(Photos courtesy of Tom Gough)*

# Queen of the May

Bring flowers of the fairest  
Bring flowers the rarest  
From garden and woodland and hillside  
and dale  
Our full hearts are swelling  
Our glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest flower of  
the vale

## Chorus:

O Mary, we crown  
thee with blossoms  
today  
Queen of the Angels,  
Queen of the May  
O Mary, we crown  
thee with blossoms  
today  
Queen of the Angels,  
Queen of the May



Their lady they name thee  
Their mistress proclaim thee  
Ah, grant that thy children on earth  
be as true  
as long as the bowers  
are radiant with flowers  
as long as the azure shall keep its  
bright hue

## Chorus:

Sing gaily in chorus  
the bright angels o'er us  
re-echo the strains we begin upon  
earth  
their harps are repeating  
the notes of our greeting  
for Mary herself is the cause of our  
mirth

## Chorus: