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Waiting in joyful hope.....

2020 is a year that will never be forgotten. We find ourselves still in the midst of the strangest of times when life has simply come to a standstill. The future looms shrouded in uncertainty and surrounded with fear. A way of life that we had taken for granted for so long now seems under threat and the economic prospects for the future are shaky and uncertain. It would be easy in the present climate to succumb to despair and to lose hope. The social isolation of cocooning and distancing are also taking their toll, and the simple joys of a visit from family and friends now seem an unattainable luxury.

There are however many positive signs of hope on the horizon. As in all crisis situations the resilience of the human spirit can rise to the fore and we have seen this in the selfless care and dedication of the many frontline workers who have remained at their posts in the service of the greater good. We see it too in less obvious ways in the care of the neighbours who take the time and trouble to make contact with the old and vulnerable in our communities, ensuring that their welfare is not neglected. One woman remarked to me on the phone the other day that she never had so many people offering to do things for her, from the young husband next door who cuts her grass and trims her hedges to the queue of willing shoppers on her behalf. Such gestures of care and support are a light in the darkness. At a time when uncertainty and vulnerability rule the day every act of kindness and concern towards others offers a lifeline of hope and should never be taken for granted.

Covid Poem

When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a
stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with
neighbours
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine check-up
The school rush each
morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring

Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.
When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way--better
for each other
because of the worst.

- Laura Kelley Fanucci

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. (Isaiah 43:1-2)

*Philip Curran,
St.Marys Lucan.*

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

www.citizensinformation.ie

The CIC office is closed for personal callers until further notice.

You can ring 0761 07 5000 and leave a message, and someone will return your call, or you can email Ballyfermot@citinfo.ie and someone will reply to your email.



MABS the Money Advice and budgeting Service

The Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) is a free, independent and confidential service for people who are in debt or at risk of getting into debt.

Talk to your lender. If you can't - talk to MABS.

MABS now has a dedicated confidential, free, and independent mortgage arrears service.

MABS is a one-stop-shop for mortgage debt advice and referral.

No matter what your situation is, MABS will help you work out the next steps.

Take control of what happens next.

Call MABS today on 0761 07 2000 for independent information, advice and referral.

Household Benefits Package

Qualifying criteria for the Household Benefits Package has been broadened for people aged under 70 to allow another adult to live in the home.

The Household Benefits Package (HBP) helps with the cost of the TV licence and your electricity or gas bill. Only one person in a household can get the Package.

You can get the Household Benefits Package if you are aged 70 or over. You do not need to be getting a State pension and the package is not means tested.

In certain circumstances, people under 70 can get the HBP.

If you are aged under 70, you can now live with other adults (who are not your spouse, cohabitant or civil partner) and still qualify for the Household Benefits Package.

Terms and conditions apply to this payment and you can find out if you are eligible by contacting the centre or checking on the following link; https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/social_welfare/social_welfare_payments/extra_social_welfare/benefits/household_benefits_package.html



On last Wednesdays "Lucan Live", Maria spoke with School Principal Tom Moriarity from "Adamstown Castle

Educate Together NS" and Sarah Costigan of the Little Museum of Dublin about their Lecture series "120 Dublin Stories". And Tom Douglas chats with comedian, Alison Spittle. Listen back to the podcast on our website.

Stay safe & well! The Liffey Sound iTeam.

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook
Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station!

Parish Notes

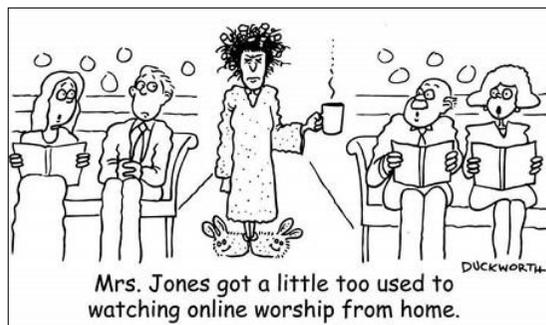
St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Masses at St Mary's:

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

WWW.LUCANPARISH.COM



Bring flowers of the rarest!

If you have spring flowers in bloom in your garden, would you be willing to donate some to the Church for the Altar?

If so you can drop them outside the main side porch of the Church on a **Friday morning between 9am and 11am.**

Thank you.



St. Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Mass will be available on Sundays at 10.30am on the web at www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Rosary: During the month of May the Rosary will be recited daily 20 minutes before the 10am Mass (Monday to Saturday) and at 10.40am on Sunday.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of *Nora Ardiff*, Lucan Lodge.
May she rest in peace.



St Brendan the Navigator Feast Day 16th May

St Brendan was born in Kerry, in 484AD and died in 577 AD. He is buried in Clonfert Cathedral.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

The Church of Divine Mercy remains closed

We don't have live streaming here but you can tune in to Mass on many Parish Websites;

<https://lucanparish.com/live-webcam-broadcast>;

Weekdays at 10:00am & Sundays at 11:00am

<https://www.churchservices.tv/ballyfermotassumption> Daily at 10:00am

<http://www.wicklowparish.ie/sacraments-services/live-mass-services/>

Mon – Fri 10am & Sundays 11:30

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-jude-the-apostle2>

Weekdays 9:30am & Sundays at 10:00am

RTE News Now will also broadcast Daily Mass at 10.30am for those of you who don't have access to the internet.

Did you know?

The traditional starting point for Irish pilgrims on the **Camino de Santiago de Compostela** (the Way of St James) was St James's Gate, where a shrine to the saint was located. Pilgrims had their passports stamped here before setting sail to northern Spain. Camino passports can still be bought and stamped in Dublin today.

Thank You

Many thanks to Lucan Red Cross for the lovely surprise of a box of mixed fruit which was delivered to my door and many other doors this week.

Ann O'Neill

Thank You

A big thank you to the Lucan Red Cross for the beautiful box of fruit of all sorts delivered to myself and others around Lucan last Monday. It was a great surprise and much appreciated.

*Des Corway,
Sarsfield Park.*



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This is report number 6 on the activities of St. Mary's Camera Soirée since the group had to cease meeting in the bungalow at the Parish Centre. This week as well as more beautiful flowers we have some terrific photos of a Heron taken by Conor.



As photography is basically the registration of light on a recording medium, previously film and now almost invariably memory cards, the members of the group are encouraged where they can to use the manual settings on their cameras to better understand how the photographic process works and to produce images that are theirs rather than having the shutter speed, aperture and other parameters determined by the on-board computer in the digital cameras of today. However sometimes for a variety of reasons the only way of having a reasonable chance to get the photo you want is to let the camera do the work. The photos of the Heron were shot with the camera in "sports" mode which is ideal for capturing fast moving subjects. Animals and birds don't wait around while you change the settings on your camera!

Last week I remarked that as we go about taking our photos we have noticed that for the time of year the number of bees that we are seeing so far this year seems to be on the low side despite an abundance of dandelions. That still seems to be the case. Did you know that there are about 100 bee species in Ireland, 19 of which are Bumble Bees. So where are these incredible creatures this year?

I mentioned last week that it may not be possible to have our annual exhibition in the Parish centre this year. Well thanks to the



generosity of the priests of the parish we have been offered the facility to mount a virtual exhibition of the group's photographs on the Parish website. So that is something to work towards for next November.

Till next week!



How is everybody doing?

Hopefully, there is now light at the end of the tunnel, but we still have to be very careful for the foreseeable future!

We're kind of getting use to the new ways – it must be said that the Irish in general have a great reputation for adapting to new things! Remember the Euro! Paddy embraced it fully while many other Europeans resisted for many a day!

It would be nice to have the little ones back in school – they have been starved of their friends for a long time now. Well done to the teachers from **Wombles Preschool** who are currently doing a 'walk-by' everyone's house, just to say hello, and see how their pupils are doing.

Meanwhile, people are enjoying nature!



An Old Rectory resident was snapped enjoying his breakfast on a beautiful May morning!



A curious cloud over Hillcrest on Saturday afternoon when we all basked in glorious sunshine.



Forty Shades of Green in Lucan Demesne!



The Bell Tower of St. Mary's Church, from Laraghcon!

Thank you to all who sent in photos – Lucan really is a beautiful place, as one Cocooner remarked having walked to the village after several weeks' isolation!

Lucan Sarsfields had their first Zoom Quiz on Sunday night last. Birdies house was attending two quizzes at the same time, Sars, and one with Wexford people! Both were great fun, not sure who got who's answers on the night!



**PRETTY WILD
HOW WE USED TO
EAT CAKE AFTER
SOMEONE HAD
BLOWN ON IT...
GOOD TIMES...**

St. Finian's Church, Esker and SOL

Some weeks back, we published *Johnny Cully's* (Society for Old Lucan), digital photo of what St. Finian's Church would have looked like in medieval times. He has gone a step further now, and is now decorating the digital interior.



Using the historic St. Teilo's Church, at Llandeilo Tal-y-bont, in Wales as inspiration, he has shown us what might have been in days gone by.
Well done, Johnny!

Just wondering – would it be possible to digitally decorate Birdie's House?

Eurovision Weekend! It's not the Eurovision this weekend, but a Eurovision Weekend if you get my meaning. Instead of the annual song contest, we are to be treated to performances from former entrants on Saturday night. It won't be the same without the voting!

We can always do with a laugh! Some very clever cartoons and notices on social media etc at the moment, amazing how fast they travel around the world!

Thanks to all who send the likes to us, to share with our readers



Wait 'til you see June!

The Wardells of Wills Brook House

Wills Brook House first appeared on the first edition Six Inch map of 1843. The name of the house was written as two words, Wills Brook. It has become one word in recent times.

In the early 1900s, the house was occupied by a magistrate, Major J. and Hon. Mrs Barry, until about 1920, and then the house was vacant until 1926, when there was a new occupant, Mr John D. Wardell. John Denison Wardell had married Kate Meredith in the UK in 1883, and their son, also John, was given Meredith as a middle name.

John D. died aged 80 in 1929, and Kate shortly thereafter. They are buried in the family vault in Mount Jerome. The house at Wills Brook was then occupied by their son, Capt. John Meredith Wardell.

This John had served in the army of the UK, of which Ireland was then a part, and was promoted to Second Lieutenant when he served in the South Staffordshire Regiment in 1908, and also in the South Irish Horse in 1909.

He is recorded in the 1911 census at an address in 2 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin, and gave his occupation at that time as a Tea Merchant, and aged 25.

He subsequently re-joined the army, this time the Royal Irish Regiment, and after the end of the 1914-18 war, he retired with the rank of Captain, at the time of the dissolution of that regiment on the formation of the Irish state in 1922.

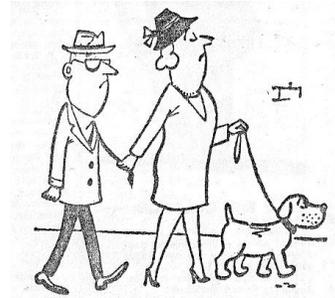
The family owned Baker Wardell Tea and Coffee Merchants, with a business address at a purpose built premises at 76 Thomas Street, which is now the Dublin Volunteer Centre. Their warehouse was at 140 and 141 Francis Street, now demolished, save for the attractive frontage which has been preserved. The company was regarded as being the property of Quakers, although the census records their religion as being Church of Ireland.

Captain John and his wife died childless, and the house became vacant by the late 70s, until it was acquired by the Eastern Health Board, who began the work of fitting it out for use as a residential alcohol treatment unit. Research showing that out-patient treatment was just as effective as in-patient treatment for the condition meant that the project was abandoned, and the house was left to be used for cider parties and the inevitable destruction by vandalism and bonfires.

In the 1980s, it became unsafe after a major fire, and was demolished.

The company became Wardell Roberts, and the Wardell family directors retired by about 2003, and it was taken over by Valeo Foods in 2015, the owners of Findlaters, Robert Roberts Coffee, and Kelkin Foods and many other well-known brands.

Enda Lee



Mrs. Bucket out after cocooning!

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

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

Dog-walker available



If any over-70s are unable to walk their dog because they are cocooning, I would be happy to oblige.
No charge.

Eoin 087 9730075

South Dublin Co. Co. on Dumping

Our Litter & Waste Enforcement staff have been investigating increased levels of illegal dumping and burning of waste this week. Household Waste Collection Services are operating and Civic Amenity sites are open.

If you witness dumping contact
014149000/wasteregulation@sdblincoco.ie



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



GAA President John Horan admits it is unlikely that Gaelic Football and hurling action will resume while social distancing measures remain in place. Speaking on The Sunday Game last week, Horan stressed that the association will continue to adopt a vigilant approach to Covid 19 in the coming weeks and months. "If social distancing is a priority to deal with this pandemic, I don't know how we can play a contact sport," Horan remarked. "That is what Gaelic Games is. It is a contact sport.

He went on to say "But we can't risk anybody's health. When this is all over and we are all back to normal life, I would hate to think as an organisation that we would have made a decision that cost any family a member of their family.

"We are holding those July and October dates out, but if we can't realise those dates, then we will have to make more serious decisions and push it out more. If we push it out more, it may mean we'll have to call off club or inter-county championships and maybe then we'll have to call off both." We will await further news from headquarters

Read the full article on the GAA Website <https://www.gaa.ie/news-archive/news/john-horan-we-can-t-risk-anybody-s-health/>

The GAA, LGFA, and the Camogie Association, in partnership with Jigsaw, the National Centre for Youth Mental Health, are delighted to make available across their memberships a new online mental health course called One Good Coach™. Please see <https://www.gaa.ie/news-archive/news/gaa-lgfa-and-camogie-association-partner-with-jigsaw-to-launch-one-good-coachtm/> for further details

A total of 21,995 people participated in online GAA workshops and webinars in April. See the News section of GAA.ie for more details.

Dublin Minor hurlers including Lucan Sarsfields U16 hurlers Liam Garrigan and Joey Dunne are fundraising on Saturday 16th May, by striking 200,000 sliothars at home over an hour to raise money for Pieta House. A short video clip explaining can be viewed at <https://www.instagram.com/tv/CAftSfzANi5/?igshid=mqklfu8b0d2o>. Please support at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/hurlforhope>.

Sympathy: The death has occurred of Carmel McCarthy, mother of Paul, mother-in-law of Denise and grandmother of Sam, Daniel and Niamh. The death has also occurred of Fr David Gaffney S.J. Fr. David celebrated the club mass last November. **Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha**

Appropriately keeping their distance, some of our volunteers have been hard at work, carrying out some essential maintenance activities at the club. That and Mother Nature (with a little assistance) looking after the pitches means that when we eventually re-open, the 12th Lock will look fantastic!!!



Many thanks to the lads in Goodwins, who came to our assistance at short notice when we needed some heavy lifting done.

Lucan Sarsfields 25-card drive came to an abrupt halt after the last drive finished on March 6th. First and second place in the standing at that time are now deemed to be the winners as our final night should have been Friday, May 15. Congratulation to **John O'Mahony**, winner with 50 games won and to **Tony Rigney**, runner up with 43 games.

Well Done to all who took part in the Zoom Quiz on Sunday last.

Lucan Sarsfields Lotto Jackpot €20,000

There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot, sponsored by **Diamond and Gem Jewellers**, held on Thursday 7th May, 2020. The numbers drawn were **4, 8, 15 and 22**.

Lucky Dip winners (€30): Jake McGann, Sean hickey, Sínead O'Neill, Rob Ward and PJ Finnerty.

Next Draw: **Thursday, May 14, 2020**, Sponsor: **Dual Printing Limited**, Managed by **Team Flannery**.

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

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

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



Political Notes

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

Ph: 087 921 7741 emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie
78 The Orchard, Lucan

Griffen Valley Park:

Following representations I have asked the council to increase their presence in Griffen Valley Park, they confirmed that the Rangers and Dog Wardens will make more visits over the coming days to monitor activity.

Medical Card:

If your Medical or GP only card is due to expire soon, don't worry your card will be automatically renewed due to the lockdown.

TaxSaver tickets:

Once back commuting to your place of work you will be offered free travel for a number of months equivalent to the length of time you were unable to use your ticket as a result of travel restrictions. You can apply for this once you return to your place of work. Holders of TaxSaver tickets who will not be continuing in their current employment, will be offered a refund. See:

<https://www.nationaltransport.ie/.../taxsaver-customers-to-b.../>

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Social Distancing:

At the councils monthly meeting last Monday I asked the Chief Executive to take steps to reallocate space in the Village to ensure residents using the businesses that are still open have sufficient space to be socially distant while going about their business. The Chief Executive assured me that these steps would be examined.

Grange Castle Business Park:

I welcome the sale by the council of lands in Grange Castle to Lens Media will build and construct film and tv studios in the park providing new employment in the local area.

Online Clinics:

I will post details on my social media pages. Or if you prefer you can contact me using the usual channels for details.

Clr. Shane Moynihan - Fianna Fáil

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Footpaths and branches:

I have made further representations this week to have overhanging branches cut back to reduce the obstructions on our footpaths. Please let me know if there are areas which require attention.

COVID-19 Stability Fund:

There is funding available for community and voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises across Lucan which provide services for the most vulnerable but which have seen their fundraising income drop during the COVID-19 crisis. To apply, contact stabilityscheme@pobal.ie.

Media Park in Grange Castle:

I am very excited to see the planned development of a media park at Grange Castle Business Park, which was discussed by the County Council this week. This will be a boost for job creation in Lucan, and presents great opportunities for our local schools.

Online clinics:

Contact me to make an appointment for online clinic Saturday mornings.

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

Phone: 01-403007/01-6183816.
Email: gino.kenny@oir.ie

Extend maternity leave by 3 months with pay in light of COVID-19:

Babies born between January - March 2020 will have spent the vast majority, if not all, of the first six months of their lives in lockdown or under severe restriction due to Covid - 19. This has many negative developmental, social and emotional impacts on both babies and their parents. An online petition has now been set up. <https://my.uplift.ie/petitions/extend-maternity-leave-and-maternity-benefit>

Cancellation of the Leaving Cert:

Last week the Minister for Education announced that the Leaving Cert could not be conducted due to the ongoing public health emergency. Over all it was the right decision for both students and teachers. A system of calculated grades will now replace the examination. Those students that are not happy with their predicted grades can sit the examination in November.