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A Lesson in how not to do politics.....



The lockdown has meant that most of us have watched TV much more than is our custom in recent times, and events in the USA have provided some distraction, amusement and even entertainment of a kind.

If the last few weeks of the American race for the presidency have taught the world anything it is surely an abject lesson in how not to conduct politics. At times the spectacle we were treated to was little better than a circus for children complete

with clowns and acrobats. Serious debate was submerged in a barrage of personal insults, name calling and innuendo all of which made for sad viewing. The undignified spectacle of the two contenders for the most powerful office in the free world trading insults did little to inspire confidence for the future. As though that wasn't enough we now have the fiasco of a disputed result with the incumbent unwilling to accept defeat. While we must await the outcome of any investigation into the alleged fraud, it is hard to envisage a graceful departure from the White house by the present occupant in any eventuality. It seems that the dignity of the office will be the prime casualty.

Irish politics tends to be a far more civilised affair and thankfully we have little of the personal invective that seems to have characterised the US contest. When politics descends into name calling and mud-slinging there really are no winners and the whole process is diminished by bullyboy tactics. Political arguments need to stand on their own without recourse to playing the man instead of the ball, poor players often have recourse to dirty tactics to disable the opponent, but we all see such behaviour for what it truly is.

There's an old saying that goes 'Self-praise is no praise' and that being true, much of the self-aggrandising rhetoric that we have been treated to from the US is unmasked as little more than flights of egotistical fancy. It's hard to feel that the free world is in safe hands when megaphone diplomacy seems to have replaced the careful nuanced negotiations of the past. The sight of a US President cosying up to tyrants and dictators and claiming them as among his best friends is at best unnerving. The role of the US on the world stage has implications for even the smallest of nations like Ireland. Leaving the World Health Organisation in the middle of a global pandemic and rubbishing the Global warming science that cries out for a response, threatening to leave NATO etc. leaves me for one hoping that change is coming, and the sooner the better.

*Philip Curran
St. Mary's Lucan*

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

www.citizensinformation.ie

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



During the COVID-19 pandemic, you can find comprehensive integrated information online at citizensinformation.ie/covid19/ and you can get daily updates on what's changed on Twitter at @citizensinfo. You can also get information and advice from: The Citizens Information Phone Service: Call 0761 07 4000, Monday to Friday, 9am – 8pm.

Our national call back service: Visit citizensinformation.ie/callback to request a phone call from an information officer. A limited number of appointments are being made in Citizens Information Centres offices where social distancing can be facilitated.

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NB: Please note the following change to our email address

People can ring 0761 07 5000 and leave a message, and someone will return their call, or they can email dscis@citinfo.ie and someone will reply to their email.

MABS - Money Advice and Budgeting Service

If you're behind in your mortgage payments, you may be worried about losing your home.

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.

South Dublin Co. Co. on Dumping

Household Waste Collection Services are operating and Civic Amenity sites are open.



If you witness dumping contact

014149000/wasteregulation@sducubincoco.ie



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.

Alternately email any of the following:

marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

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Come join Lucan Toastmasters

for our next club meeting

Thursday

19th November

from 7:45pm on Zoom

Email

vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com

for your exclusive zoom invitation



We want to say a big "Thank you" to Lucan District Credit Union who have confirmed they will continue their

programme sponsorship of "Lucan Live" in 2021.

"Lucan Live" is presented by Maria Murphy and is broadcast on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3pm. If you own a local business and would like to sponsor any of our programmes on Liffey Sound 96.4FM, please contact the Station Manager at stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie

Stay safe & well, the Liffey Sound team.

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook

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



Lucan



Christmas Community Spirit

Let's spread a little joy this Christmas. This year has been extremely hard on everyone in our community but especially our elderly. Debi Nevin from Lucan has decided to do something extra special this year and needs our help.

Debi's mum Joan is a resident of one of our local nursing homes. Joan has lost many of her dear friends to covid and hasn't been able to spend time with friends and family. Now like many more Joan may not be able to spend Christmas at home.

So let's spread a little joy.

We are calling on our local schoolchildren to write cards or letters to brighten up their Christmas.

We are also asking for gift donations, to give everyone in our three local nursing homes a little present to let them know we are thinking of them and how special they are to us.

Gifts and cards can be dropped to **Lucan Garda Station** or anyone who wishes to donate can also email noreen.c.barrett@garda.ie and items can be collected.

Santa will make a special delivery the week before Christmas, so we would ask that donations be dropped by the 12th of December.

Thank you to everyone in advance. Gifts may include: Chocolates, Sweets, Toiletry Sets, Perfumes, Soaps, Socks, Scarfs, Blankets, Books, Arts and Crafts, Stationery, Knitting Supplies, Puzzles Jigsaws, Magazines, Costume Jewellery, Hairbrushes etc.

We would ask that all gifts be unwrapped and in a gift bag. All items will be sanitised and quarantined for the required time.

@debinev8

@christmascommunityspirit

Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 18th November, 10.00am Mass will be offered for our departed members who passed away during the year.

We remember with great sadness:

Carmel Clarke

Prim Dempsey

Kathleen Speight

Maureen Deegan

Tess Keogh

Maureen Smith

Kathleen Meehan



Family members and friends.

We hope to celebrate the lives of these wonderful ladies at a later date.

May their gentle souls and the souls of all the departed members rest in peace.

Deceased Residents of Woodview

will be remembered at Masses on **Sunday 15 November** in **St Patrick's Church, Esker**



Masses are streamed from **St Patrick's You Tube channel.**

Lost

Gold Bracelet lost Saturday 7th November between Hillcrest, Shackleton Drive, Somerton Walk to Adamstown traffic lights. If found, please contact Milo on 085-1063821.



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Masses will be available on the webcam at www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Mass Saturday: 6.30pm and Sunday: 11am

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday: 10am

Mass of Remembrance: Candles lit for those included in our Remembrance Mass on Wednesday night may be collected from the Church.

They are on a table beside the sacristy.



Private Prayer: The church will be open daily from **10.30am to 6pm – Monday to Saturday** (funerals permitting) and **noon to 6pm on Sundays** for private prayer. Please ensure social distancing when visiting the church and use hand sanitizers provided when entering and leaving.

Church Art Calendar 2021

Available in the Parish Centre. Cost €2.
Parish Office open Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri.
from 9.30am to 1pm. Please ring door bell.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

All Masses will be livestreamed only on www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm,

Sunday 10:30am and 12.15pm

Weekday Mass:

Monday to Friday 9:15am. Saturday 10am.

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**. Please remember to sanitise your hands when you enter and wear a face covering if you would like to visit the Church so it can remain a safe space for everyone.

St. Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

All Masses will be livestreamed only during level 3 measures on www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses:

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

Weekday Masses:

Masses on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10am.

St. Patrick's Parish Annual Mass of Remembrance

Our Annual Mass for all our departed will take place online on

Friday 13th November at 7pm.

A short concert by Lucan Gospel Choir will follow to honour those who passed away since the pandemic began. Please log onto stpatrickslucan.ie



November Altar List of the Dead: We will keep all last year's names in our Altar list of the Dead for this year. If you want to add new names to the list, please email: stpatrickschurchlucan@gmail.com

Private Prayer: Church is open for private prayer, weekdays 10 am to 12 noon.

View the following on www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Mass Readings for the week

Morning Prayer – Lauds

Evening Prayer – Vespers

Take five at 10 – Reflections – Weekdays: 10am

Taizé – Watch and Pray

Christmas Cards

Christmas Mass Bouquet and Christmas Novena Mass Cards are available from St Mary's Parish Centre.

Also available Charity Pack of cards in aid of **Peter McVerry Trust** and **Nagarhope**.

All will be on sale from **23rd November** in the Parish Centre –

Opening hours Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Please ring door bell.



Saint Laurence O'Toole

Feast Day 14th November



St. Lorcán Ua Tuathail (Saint Laurence O'Toole) was born in Castledermot, Co. Kildare in 1128. He became Abbot of Glendalough in 1153 and Archbishop of Dublin in 1162 at the time of the Norman invasion.

He died in Eu in Normandy on the 14th November 1180 and was canonised in 1225.

Laurence's father was Maurice O'Toole, King of Hy Murray (the southern half of Kildare). Maurice was in dispute with Dermot McMurrough, King of Leinster and as a result when Laurence was 10 he was given as a hostage to Dermot. The boy was sent to a remote area where he was ill-treated. The king's son learned what it was to experience real poverty and oppression.

After two years, Dermot was forced to release Laurence and sent him to Glendalough monastery, where his father could reclaim him. When Laurence's father arrived, he found his son had fallen in love with the life of the monks and he gave him permission to join the community. Laurence was only 25 when he was elected Abbot and he proved to be the greatest Abbot of Glendalough since its founder St Kevin. He encouraged learning, built new churches and renewed monastic life by bringing in monks from Europe. He was unfailing in his care for the poor and sold the monastery treasures to feed famine victims.

In 1162 Laurence became the first Irish Archbishop of Dublin. He made it his duty to deepen the faith of its people. He introduced Augustinian monks from France to Christ Church Cathedral to reform the liturgy and he became a member of their community. He continued his works of charity, especially towards homeless children, whom he led and housed in his own residence.

Laurence was a man of prayer. He rose in the early hours to sing the office with the other monks in the cathedral and often stayed on, deep in prayer. He would walk for a time in the graveyard, watching and praying over the city as it woke to another day. When his duties allowed him, he liked nothing better than to return to Glendalough and would spend time in solitude in a lakeside hermitage which could be reached only by boat.

The Normans landed in Ireland in 1190. The following year they besieged Dublin under their leader, Strongbow. Laurence met Strongbow to arrange a peace but the Normans attacked while the talks were going on. They seized the city, and began killing the citizens and looting their houses. Laurence saved the lives of many by the sheer force of his presence and he carried the bodies of others in his arms to be buried. In spite of many setbacks, he was to continue his efforts as peace-maker to the end of his days.

For the last ten years of his life, Laurence was a constant traveller. He often visited England in his efforts to bring about peace between the two countries. Sea travel was hazardous and shipwrecks were common. More than once, his ship was caught in a violent storm and its safe arrival was attributed to the power of his prayer. Travellers believed that when he was on board, they had nothing to fear. His efforts were not entirely in vain. In 1175 he was one of the signers of the Treaty of Windsor between England's King Henry II and Ireland's High King, Roderick O'Connor.

Laurence led the six Irish bishops who attended the Third Lateran Council in Rome in 1179. Pope Alexander III was so impressed that he appointed him Papal Legate to Ireland with the responsibility of reforming the Church in Ireland and defending it against attack. On his return, Laurence summoned a council of the Irish Church at Clonfert which took action against the abuses of the time. It was only his death that prevented him from completing his work of reformation.

Laurence left Dublin for the last time in the Spring of 1180. His mission was to settle a dispute that had arisen between the English and Irish Kings. Henry II, the man responsible for the murder of St Thomas a Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, received him badly and forbade him to return to Ireland. Then he went to visit his dominions in Normandy. Laurence followed him, sick and exhausted though he was. He died in the monastery at Eu, without having met the King.

His tomb in Eu rapidly became a place of pilgrimage and many miracles were attributed to him. He was canonised in 1225.

Following Laurence's canonisation, some relics of his were returned to Dublin, where they lay in the cathedral's relic collection until the Reformation.

In 2012 his heart from stolen but was recovered undamaged six years later.

Acknowledgement

URSULA CLEARY (née Fahey)

Lucan and Ratoath, died 9th October 2020
The family of the late Ursula Cleary wish to express our sincere thanks for the kindness and support shown to us at the time of our recent sad loss. A sincere thank you to all those who sent Mass cards and messages of support.

Please accept our heartfelt appreciation from her husband Walter, children Sarah, Patrick, Shane, son-in-law Paul, father Michael, brothers Nigel and Simon and all the family.

Anniversaries

ANDERSON (MICHAEL)

9th Anniversary – 16th November

In loving memory of my brother.
Silent thoughts of times together
Hold memories that last for ever
*Loved and remembered always
Frank and Ann xxx*



BIRNIE (MAY)

3rd Anniversary – 15th November

In loving memory of our dear Mother.
*Missed and loved always by all your family
and friends*

DIGNAM (HUGHIE)

33rd Anniversary – 20th November

Finnstown Cottage, Lucan.
Remembered always, your son Joe

GALLIGAN (PHILIP)

6th Anniversary – 14th November

Late of Woodview Estate.
You left us beautiful memories
Your love is still our guide
Though we cannot see you
You're always at our side.
*Love you always, Dolores, Karen, Vanessa,
Natasha, Amanda, Lynn, grandchildren and sons-
in-law x*

RANKIN (DAVID)

23rd Anniversary – 11th November

Dodsboro.
Gone are the days we used to share
But in our hearts you are always there
The gates of memory will never close
We miss you more than anyone knows
With tender love and deep regret
We who love you will never forget.
*Sadly missed by all your loving family
and friends*



McCABE (BABY CONCHÚR)

9th Anniversary – 13th November

If only, our child, we could send
A basket filled with love
And pretty blue forget-me-not's
To your new home above
If only we could send a hug
Past every twinkling star
And a suitcase filled with kisses
Up to Heaven where you are
If only we could rock you
As we did not long ago
And sing you one more lullaby
Before you had to go
If only's fill our every thoughts
As our hearts are aching for you
With faith, we'll wait until the time
"If only's" all come true
To our most beautiful baby boy Conchúr
"Our joys will be greater
Our love will be deeper
Our life will be fuller
Because we shared your moment."
Mammy, Daddy and little sister Réaltín xxx



McCABE (BABY CONCHÚR)

The world may never notice
If a snowdrop doesn't bloom
Or even pause to wonder
If the petals fall too soon
But every life that ever forms
Or ever comes to be
Touches the world in some small way
For all eternity
The little one we long for
Was swiftly here and gone
But the love that was then planted
Is a light that still shines on
And though our arms are empty
Our hearts know what to do
Every beating of our hearts
Says that we love you.
*Remembering you always - Inár gcroíthe go deo
From Nana Magsie, Granda Mattie, Uncle Alan
(and Cammy) and Auntie Helen (and Ciaran)*

McCABE (MICHAEL - WHEELY)

26th Anniversary – 12th November

*Sadly missed and loved always by Catherine,
Robert, Anne, Eileen and their families.*

PLACE (TOM) - 26th Anniversary

Your life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure
You are loved beyond words
And missed beyond measure
*Missed and loved so much, your loving wife
Phyllis, daughters Suzanne and Niamh.*

Lucan Lions Club

Pictured below are ladies from Lucan Lions Club, who completed a 10k walk in St Catherine's Park, as their part of the annual Woman's Mini Marathon. President Bernadette Boylan (L2R) was joined by Lions, Ger, Kay, Eilene, Mary, Joan, Marion, and Anne.



Their sponsorship efforts raised €3000, which will be used to purchase food vouchers for local distribution at Christmas.

www.lucanlionsclub.com

Lost at Sea

Roars of water gushing past
My ears abounding to their rasp
The dangerous flow inviting me
To rush on down to meet the sea.

I am emboldened off I go
Content to be embraced by
Waters old and waters new
Riding ripples, Sharing waves
Excited to bathe alongside knaves
Swirl and splash, duck and dive
Identity lost in oceans wide
Drowning deep within the tide.

Feeling frightened, lost and sad
My cries are swallowed by the noise
Of cascade waters washing bows
Who will claim me take me home
Nurture me as if their own.

But I am homeless lost at sea
There is no one to care for me
No future but a sea of waste
A sea of misspent youth and haste.

MGM

Lucan Dramatic Society

The Corona Virus pandemic has been the only show stopper this year. Not only has the virus deprived our members and patrons of any productions or social activities, it has robbed us of a great friend and mentor when Ewan O'Flynn became a victim of this awful disease. Our beloved Ewan has a deep bearing on those of us who were fortunate to have known him, both as a friend and a talented and enthusiastic drama supporter.

Ewan combined humility and enormous talent and his contribution to Lucan Dramatic Society over forty years was immense. We share unforgettable memories of Ewan and his wife Joan. They will be forever in our hearts and minds, with a reservoir of wonderful memories.

We are still coming to terms at Ewan's passing. On behalf of members of Lucan Dramatic Society past and present, a big thank you.

In conclusion to quote from one of Joan's own poems:

I almost feel like crying -

It's a little bit like dying

When the seasons runs its course

And winters here,

I can only hope the sorrow

Will bring a new tomorrow

Will bring something

That will take away the fear.

Agnes McMahon



*When the world seems down,
and no one seems to be around,
just remember there's someone up above ...
looking down on You with Love*



LOCKDOWN has been acclaimed as the Word of the Year by Collins Dictionary! It surely had a few contenders, though it is probably the predominant one. I wonder if anyone has a tattoo of it yet!

Nice to hear from some old friends again!

They're still out there, and we hope and pray that all groups will find ways to safely operate over the coming months.



Work on Lucan's new graveyard is progressing at a steady pace, with great mounds of earth being moved here and there.....



Local attractions: Marian McCabe, sent in the above photo of the cattle and sheep in St. Catherines, and she tells there are 30 sheep and 7 Highland Cattle on site.

The demesne and St Catherine's Park is a wonderful amenity and to see the number of people out walking is a testament to it's popularity. Both Fingal and SDCC have done tremendous work in it's upkeep.

Work progressing at St. Finians: If you follow the **Society for Old Lucan (SOL)**, on Twitter or Facebook, you'll be aware of the great work ongoing in preserving the old ruins.

This past week, a large part of Fr. MacCartan's (*the priest who was murdered on Chapel Hill in 1807*), headstone, was rediscovered, after lying from view for close on 100 years perhaps. It was broken into several pieces when masonry from the gable end tumbled down on it around 1900.



Fr James MacCartan's epitaph:

Below is the transcript recorded from the full headstone, the part in green is what appears on the rediscovered piece of stone.

"The United Parishes of Lucan and Palmerstown erected this tombstone over the Mortal Remains of the Reverend James MacCartan, R.C. Curate of said Parishes. As a grateful tribute of their Respect for and as a fitting monument of their sincere regret for the loss of that Worthy Clergyman, by whose death Society was deprived of a Valuable Member, and Religion one of Her most zealous Ministers. Lamentable to add, He fell Victim to the Sacrilegious Hands of a Sanguinary Banditti, by who he was Robbed and Murdered on the Hill of Lucan on the 3rd day of June, A.D. 1807, And in the 42nd year of his Age. Requiescat in Pace. Amen."

A smaller portion of the stone was discovered in recent times, so perhaps it will all come together once again!



SCHOOL NEWS



St Joseph's College

We would like to thank all of the parents who joined our **Parents' Association AGM** via Zoom on Monday.

Congratulations to our **Concern Debaters** for their excellent victory over St. Angela's College in Cork on Tuesday. This was the first debate in this year's league phase of the annual competition and was conducted by video recording of the girls speeches and adjudicated remotely.

The debate motion was a topical one: 'Criticism of the WHO over its handling of Covid-19 is both irresponsible and unfair'.

Our team was ably led by our captain Ashling Sharry, with team members: Sandra Joseph, Hannah Farrelly and Seba Joseph.

A very big thank you also to Mr Smyth, who has been championing, mentoring and encouraging our debaters for many years!

Ms. Duignan's **TY Irish Classes** have been busy creating children's story books 'as Gaeilge'. The finished books are most impressive indeed. We definitely have some very creative, budding authors in our midst!



Some of the fabulous Books 'as Gaeilge' produced by our TY Irish students

November is the month when we especially remember those who have died. A book has been placed on the altar at the front door, where we invite students to write down the names of those who have passed away, so we can all remember them together.

6th year students received an informative presentation about the CAO application process this week, courtesy of our Guidance Department, as well as important dates and deadlines that relate to the process.

Great work is being done by **Joey's Tidy Towns** group, after school every Friday, clearing the main paths along Lucan Road of fallen leaves and litter! Ní neart go cur le chéile! It was great to have our Silver Gaisce students join the TYs as part of their Community Involvement! Well done to Ms Bligh and TY Co-ordinator Ms Butler for facilitating the weekly activity.



Some Joey's Tidy Towns members cleaning the paths last Friday after school.

Ms Ryan is forming a **String Ensemble**. This will involve a group of students playing string instruments and performing as a group together. The group will meet every Thursday after school to practice. Everyone is welcome to come along!

School website <https://stjosephslucan.com>

Follow us on Twitter: @STJosephs3

Remember
Don't count the days,
Make the days count!



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Awards: Well done to **Shane Whelan** from Transition Year who won the Mark O' Neill Student of the Month Award for October in recognition of the outstanding job he did in editing the entire Virtual Talent Show.

Congratulations to 5th yr **Christopher Marnell** who won the Sports Star of the Month Award. Christopher is a talented dodgeball and volleyball player and he has impressed Mr. Phelan and Mr. O' Brien with his infectious enthusiasm in PE this year.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **Aaron Gilmore** ón rang 1Yeats bhuaigh an gradam Gaeilgeoir na Míosa mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge.

The three winners each received a 20euro voucher as well as a framed certificate to recognise their achievements. Well done also to each of the 18 class tutor student of the month winners for October who each received 5euro vouchers, sponsored by Lunch Bag, from the principal this week, in recognition of their good behaviour and application in class.

Art: Congratulations to **Max Leonard** from 3 Connacht who was the inaugural winner of the **Artist of the Month Award** for October 2020. This award has been introduced to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding talent and creativity of the many budding young artists in our school. Max is very passionate about his art and he has been working on a Graphic design project based on the theme 'Patterns' these past few weeks. His work is at a very high standard and incorporates all of the art elements that have been practiced since Max began art in first year.



The work Max has produced is similar to the style of illustration Irish artist Philip Treacy is known for. Philip Treacy the award-winning haute couture milliner, has had many exhibitions all over the world and has designed hats for Lady Gaga, Madonna and British Royalty. Here at Coláiste Phádraig we have a connection with Philip Treacy as his nephew Andrew Treacy attended our school from 2009-2015.

Max's art teacher Ms. Ryan, is very proud of his artwork and she looks forward with great excitement to seeing how his work develops over the coming months.

Exam news: Our 3rd and 6th year students begin their Christmas exams on Monday 16th and they will run until Tuesday 24th November. The students have all been assigned a seat and desk in a specific socially distanced exam centre and they will use this for all of their exams in order to reduce unnecessary movement and sanitising. We would like to wish good luck to the seven students from the class of 2020 who are sitting the rescheduled Leaving Certificate Exams in the school beginning on Monday also. The exams will take place outside normal school hours and at weekends and these exams will run until Friday December 11th. The students can take some or all of their exams for which they had originally entered and can also mix the results from this sitting with their Calculated Grades they received in September. They will then be credited with the higher subject grade for the purpose of CAO points. The results of these exams are not expected until February 2021 at the earliest.

Careers: Our 6th yrs students visited the Virtual Higher Options event held over the course of two days last week. Despite the current restrictions, they were still able to meet a large number of representatives online from Irish, EU, UK and International Further and Higher Education Institutions at the virtual exhibition.

The students were required to buy a ticket that enabled them to have unique access, on their phone or tablet, for the two days of the event and to access material on the event site and in their personal virtual backpack for one month afterwards. Students traditionally spend a lot of time researching courses and educational institutions as they start to think about life after secondary school. The Higher Options exhibition traditionally forms a very important part in helping them make informed decisions and this year's online event proved to be extremely useful to our students. They were still able to visit stands and ask questions about courses and college life.
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They were able to access a full programme of career talks that gave them the opportunity to find out about the areas of studies that might interest them in the future. If they missed any of the talks live, they were still able to access the recordings throughout the day, all from the comfort of their own homes! They also learned some important tips on making highly informed CAO choices. Other issues such as student grants, student welfare, student accommodation, apprenticeships, European studies etc were all covered and the students gave very positive feedback afterwards.

Transition Year: Our TY students are also currently busy writing letters to residents in local nursing homes telling them about life in school during the current COVID-19 restrictions and asking them about their own experiences of life under Lockdown. The students will be organising a fundraiser later this month to raise money to buy some Christmas gifts for the residents. The students will also complete basic First Aid Training in the coming weeks while they are all looking forward to the lifting of Level 5 restrictions in December so that they can go out on their trips again.

Palmerstown Camera Club

The Club invites all adults to our friendly, educational and entertaining club meetings on Wednesday nights. We normally meet in the Palmerstown Parish Centre but due to Covid-19 restrictions we currently use Zoom to run our meetings so it will be easy for you to attend.



Our club members range from Learners to Advanced and there is opportunity for everyone to participate. To visit, free of charge, for one or two meetings, and to see how you can benefit contact pccmemberssecre09@gmail.com for more information and for the Zoom link.
See you on Wednesday nights.

Lucan Community College

1st Year News: Our first year students have settled in well to life in Lucan Community College. It has been noted by many, how well-mannered and respectful they are. With guidance from their dedicated tutors, they are on task. Their tutors are currently promoting positive behaviour in the classroom and this is proving to be very effective. Well done to all involved.



Thank you to all our parents/guardians who attended our remote 1st year information evening on Tuesday 20th October. It was an opportunity for you to receive useful information in relation to the education of our first years. If you were unable to attend, you can view the PowerPoint of information which will be on our website by the end of this week. Our Literacy and Numeracy booklet with useful ideas for parents will also be available on our website. Our anti-bullying team will start after midterm with our 1st year classes. Congratulations to William Okafor for scoring the highest marks in the Manga High Maths Tournament. A great achievement. Well done. Thanks to those of you who are attending our weekly step aerobics class on a Friday morning at 8.20am. It is great fun and a good way to start the day.

Our students have worked hard during term 1 of this academic year and seem to be doing their best. Continue doing the homework and keep up to date on all your assignments and projects.
By C. Clarke

St Mary's Friday Photography Soirée

8th (Virtual) Exhibition of Photographs

Now on view at www.lucanparish.com

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Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Foxhunter Planning Application – reminder:

Submissions and objections to the proposed development at the Foxhunter site, including the twenty-storey tower and termination of the Hermitage Gardens cul-de-sac, will be accepted until the 18th November. If making a submission, make sure that you have paid the €20 fee by contacting the SDCC Cash Office on 01-4149000 in advance. You should quote the application number SD20A/0259, and your name and address. If you would like access to a template with which to make a submission or to see a copy of my objections, please contact me.

BusConnects Consultation: The consultative Community Forum on the proposed core bus corridor from Lucan to the City Centre took place this week. This round of consultation runs until 3rd December. I would encourage all residents to visit the virtual consultation room which describes the proposals including proposed cycle infrastructure.

Cllr. Emer Higgins – Fine Gael

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Foxhunter Site: A planning application for a 20 storey block of 160 apartments has been lodged at the Foxhunter Site. I believe there are serious issues with this proposed development and have made my submission to South Dublin County Council. Thanks to everyone who contacted on this matter. If you would like a copy of my submission or need any advice on making your own submission please phone or email, closing date is Nov 18th.

Coronavirus Vaccination Update: This week we have more hope than ever before, 200 Covid-19 vaccines are in development, 11 are in the final phase of clinical trials. Ireland is set to get 3.3m doses from the Pfizer EU Deal, if that vaccine is approved. An Irish Taskforce has been set up to prepare for vaccination roll out once an approved vaccine is ready to go.

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Lucan to City Centre Core Bus Corridors Community Forum: I attended the BusConnects Core bus corridor community forum online this week. It gave an extensive overview of changes from Lucan to the city centre. There is exciting changes for cyclists with the introduction of new two lane cycling lanes adjacent to the Hermitage Golf course. There is a proposal for a new pedestrian bridge north of the existing N4 footbridge. Consultations on the proposals runs until 16 December. Submissions and observations may be made by email cbc@busconnects.ie

Paul Gogarty – Independent

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Parking on footpath at lay-by near St

Joseph's: This route to five schools has got particularly bad in recent weeks and even the occasional intervention of Gardaí hasn't managed to curtail. It's very selfish to park up over the double yellow lines and onto this narrow footpath, particularly during a Covid outbreak when people are distancing. It's also highly dangerous, especially to children. If the area is congested (and it's not possible to walk to school), keep moving around the loop until a space is free. I'd contacted SDCC before, leading to yellow lines, but bollards were ruled out in case of emergencies. A parent recently reminded me about the newer rubberised poles, currently used outside another Lucan school. In my view these are ideal for deterring such ignorant parking practices; I've requested this be discussed at the Traffic Management Meeting on the 24th.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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www.lionaotoole.com NTA Launches 3rd Round of Public Consultation on the Core Bus

Corridors: I attended online presentations for Lucan to City Centre corridor. Another meeting is planned on 24th November for South Dublin County Council councillors with the NTA. If you have any questions you would like raised in relation to the plans please email me by 17th November. The consultation rooms are also available until 16th December. You can log onto www.busconnects.ie or email cbc@busconnects.ie for further queries.

Cycle network: We were presented with the Cycle network plans at this week's council meeting. Dates to note 17th November Commence non-statutory public consultation 25th November Online Webinar 18th December Close of non-statutory public consultation.

Dublin LIFE River Project: Public consultation has commenced for the part 8 to build 5 Integrated Construction Wetlands (ICW) along the Griffeen Park. Notices around the Park.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



The 2020 Annual General Meeting of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club will take place on **Thursday November 26th** at 9pm. Due to the restrictions in place, the meeting will be conducted online by an invitation link. Please see the notification email sent to all members for full details.

In a further update relating to juvenile competitions, **Dublin GAA County Board** has advised the following in relation to underage competitions: Bord na nÓg in conjunction with both CCC1 and CCC2 have decided they will issue no more fixtures in 2020. The following is the status for all 2020 Juvenile outstanding competitions:



U12 and U13 Hurling & Football games – season over
U14 Hurling & Football Féile competitions will not be completed.

U15 Hurling & Football Championships will not be completed.

U16 Hurling & Football Championships – the intention is to finish.

No more U8 to U11 Go Game fixtures will be issued.

The position of the sixteen outstanding U16 competitions which are at Semi-Final or Final stages is similar to that taken by the Adult CCC concerning outstanding Minor competitions. The remaining games will be scheduled from 17th January 2021 subject to Government and Croke Park guidelines in place at that time and also subject to Dublin's Minor Hurling Inter-County Championship commitments which may impact some Club U16 Teams.

Get Well Soon to Pat Glover, we wish Pat a speedy recovery following his recent heart attack and subsequent surgery.

The Lucan District Credit Union Academy for girls and boys born in 2013, 2014 and 2015 only, continues on Saturday. To register your child for a place, contact David Moran, Club GPO, on 0879267607. Pre-registration with David is essential.

Club Shop opening hours: O'Neill's club shop will be closed until Dec 5th due to Covid-19 restrictions

The 12th Lock Café opening hours 6-9pm Monday to Friday and 9:30am to 1:30pm on Saturday. These times may change in line with Covid-19 guidelines. Now in stock: Brian Walsh hurls, grips and gum shields. Why not check out the Café's new FaceBook page, <https://fb.me/12thLockCafe>, to see more special offers and Christmas ideas.

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €2600.

There was no winner of the €2200 jackpot of the draw held on Thursday 5th November Sponsored by John Ryan, Accountant.

The numbers drawn were **4, 16, 21, 28.**

The Lucky Dip winners of €30 each:

David Geraghty; Barry Aird; Declan Lee; Carol, Catherine and Rian McGann.



The Jackpot for the next draw at 9pm on November 12th will be €2600, sponsored by O'Gradys Hearing Care Services and managed by Mary Flannery. The

draw will be held behind closed doors and streamed on our Facebook page.

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link:

<http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

Annual Remembrance Mass

The Club Mass to remember members and relatives of members, who have passed away during the last year, will take place on

Wednesday 18th November at 8pm.

Due to the ongoing restrictions, the Mass celebrated by Fr. John will be broadcast from St Patricks Church, Esker, on their YouTube Channel.

Go to www.stpatrickslucan.ie and click on 'St Patricks Video Channel'



Lucan Library



Thursday 19th November: Church Records

Booking opens Friday 13th November, 10.00am, via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/introduction-to-family-history-church-records-tickets-127320640463>

Thursday 26th November: Valuation Office Records including Griffith's Valuation

Booking opens Friday 20th November, 10.00 am via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/introduction-to-family-history-griffiths-valuation-tickets-127321037651>

Thursday 3rd December: Burial and Cemetery Records.

Booking opens Friday 27th November, 10:00am, via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/introduction-to-family-history-burial-and-cemetery-records-tickets-127321242263>

Thursday 10th December: Newspapers

Booking opens Friday 4th December, 10.00am via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/introduction-to-family-history-newspapers-tickets-127321701637>

These sessions will be delivered online via Zoom. Each session will consist of a 45 minute workshop delivered by the facilitator followed by a 45 minute Q and A clinic where the facilitator will answer any questions from participants that have been submitted through the chat function on Zoom. A link to join the Zoom session will be emailed to attendees on the day of the event. Each genealogy session must be booked separately on Eventbrite.

See <http://lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.com> for an overview of all sessions.



Music Appreciation Classes with Music Generation South Dublin.

Starts Monday 16th November, 10:45am - 11:15am. Continues Monday 23rd, 30th November and 7th, 14th and 21st December. Join Music Generation South Dublin for a six week online course running from Monday 16th November - 21st December.

A fun-filled song, movement and percussive musical experience through play.

Six weekly interactive sessions give parents the chance to actively participate in preparing their babies and toddlers for the later development of accurate rhythmic skills, pitch skills and sensitivity to the expressive qualities of music through the medium of play!

Each child will need a parent to join in with them at the session. Suitable for babies from 0 - 18 months. **Please note:** A valid email address is required as the Zoom links to the event will be emailed to the supplied address by the facilitator. Only one ticket is required per device. Please only book for 1 session of this workshop. Booking now open.



via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/music-appreciation-for-babies-and-toddlers-0-18-months-tickets-128475219841>

Music Appreciation Classes with Music Generation South



Dublin. Starts Monday 16th November, 11:30am - 12:00pm. Continues Monday 23rd, 30th November and 7th, 14th and 21st December. Join Music Generation South Dublin for a six week online course running from Monday 16th November - 21st December.

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Suitable for toddlers from 18 months - 4 years. Please note: A valid email address is required as the Zoom links to the event will be emailed to the supplied address by the facilitator. Only one ticket is required per device. Please only book for 1 session of this workshop. Booking now open via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/music-appreciation-for-babies-and-toddlers-18-months-4-years-old-tickets-128476507693>

ISL Story time for Babies and Toddlers with Clever Little Handies.

Thursday 19th November, 11:00am. A fun online event for babies and toddlers to learn a little Irish sign language through stories. This class will be delivered by Claire Glynn of Clever Little Handies via Zoom.

Please note: Only 1 ticket is required per device.

All Participants must also have a valid email address as the Zoom links to this event will be emailed to the supplied address by the facilitator. Booking now open,

via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/isl-storytime-for-babies-and-toddlers-with-clever-little-handies-tickets-124704339035>

Magic Show for Hearing Impaired Children and their Families.

Saturday 21st November, 11:00am. A magic show adapted for hearing-impaired children and their families. All the family can enjoy this short online magic show by Brilliant Events. **Please note:** A valid email address is required as the Zoom links to the event will be emailed to the supplied address by the facilitator. Only one ticket is required per device. Booking now open

via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/magic-show-for-hearing-impaired-children-and-their-families-tickets-124700868655>

The Weight of Words

“Thank you for the sugar”. You’d think it was just a simple, commonplace phrase. If you ran into a neighbour from whom you’d borrowed a cup of sugar, that’s exactly what you’d say, and the words would soon be forgotten. Something I heard on the radio, however, completely changed the significance of those words in my mind.

I caught the middle of an interview with an elderly woman; her English was perfect but she had a slight German accent. I gathered from what she was saying that she’d been arrested by the Gestapo for attempting to escape from a prison camp during the Second World War. She and her fellow escapees had come up with some sort of plan for this eventuality, and one of them had managed to procure small vials of poison. Rather than risk torture and re-imprisonment, or the indignity of a death at the hands of the Nazis, they would commit suicide. For some reason, the bearer of the poison also happened to be carrying a few small bags of sugar. When the escapees were left alone in a temporary cell, they discussed their plans and the vials of poison were handed out. At the last minute, however, the one who’d brought the poison stopped them and said he could not bear to be responsible for their deaths. He asked them to give back the poison, and he would return it to them later if deemed absolutely necessary. They complied, and the woman being interviewed said that he gave them each some sugar instead. Somehow, they all survived the war, and the woman was eventually reunited with the man who had brought the poison. To him, she simply said, “Thank you for the sugar”.

And so, 70 years later, those words still mean so much more than a basic social convention. They carry the weight of deep gratitude for a fate much better than death, for a long life well lived.

Allison Hudson – (Pen to Paper – Lucan Creative Writers Group 2015).

Just A Photograph

“Your smile is lovely, Just a little parting of
the lips,
Corners slightly turned up with just a glimpse
of teeth.

So typical, so really you.

You are about to say a funny, witty thing.

I know it – I recognise that gleam of
mischief,

I have seen you smile that way so many,
many times.

And now I find I’m laughing as I write.

We laughed so much, ‘twas part of every
hour.

And you are happy as you always tried to be

When others had a happy day.

No wonder so many wanted you around.

Your eyes say all of that to me

And through those eyes shine out

The courage, and the hope, and love of life

That touched us all.

It may be just a photograph, I know the
illness may have won

But the memories will always stay alive.

by Fr Ray Reidy

Apostolic Work

**Anyone interested in sponsoring a Mass Box please contact
Mary Christal at 01 6282510**

The Mass Box contains everything a priest needs to celebrate Mass. Sponsorship of a Mass Box is a wonderful way to remember a deceased family member. The named person will be prayed for at daily Mass by the recipient priest on the Missions.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This week we selected some buildings captured by the group on their travels of the area.

Shackleton's Anna Liffey Mill – where the famous *Lily of the Valley* flour was made.



St. Patrick's College, Maynooth – a seat of learning since 1795.

The Boat House at Carton – on the River Rye which was widened to form an ornamental lake in the early 1800s.

