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Welcoming Advent, Season of Hope



Sunday November 28th marks the beginning of the season of Advent and the beginning of the new church year, it's a four-week season that ends on Christmas Eve. Advent invites us to prepare ourselves, to get ready for the celebration of the Lord's coming among us at Christmas. There was a time when Advent took on something of the character of Lent, a somewhat austere season of self-denial and penance in preparation for the feast. This aspect has largely been abandoned in our times although we are still encouraged to mark the season with some solemnity in order to do justice

to the great feast it leads us to at Christmas. Christians of earlier times might well be scandalised by our relaxed marking of Advent and there is certainly a case to be made for more time of prayer and reflection to prevent the true meaning of Christmas becoming a spend fest of excess. The name Advent comes from the Latin word *Adventus* which means coming, and it invites us to celebrate the Lord's first coming over 2000 years ago and to prepare for his return in the future.

At the heart of the Season is Hope. We look back on the hope of the people of the Old Testament who longed for the coming of the Saviour and whose hope was fulfilled in the Christ child of Bethlehem. We look forward also to the promised return of the Lord in glory. Hope comes in to its own in the face of hardship and difficulty, but hope is not some kind of self-comforting 'Whistling past the graveyard' exercise, since it is based not on ourselves or our own abilities and inner resources but on God himself. When we feel ourselves weighed down and overburdened it is then that we find an echo in St. Paul to the **Romans (8:18-25)**

The pandemic times invite us to hope.

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

It's easy to be carried along by the incessant enticements to Christmas spending which began weeks before Advent. The newly invented Black Friday (which now seems weeks long) has nothing to do with the birth of Jesus. Advent invites us to step back from the orchestrated frenzy and to reflect on the great mystery at the heart of what we celebrate. Sure, we have cards to write, cakes to bake, presents to buy and in their own way they have importance; but let's not forget the why of it all.

The word made flesh who dwelt among us.

Philip Curran

St. Mary's Lucan

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

www.citizensinformation.ie

The old 0761 numbers will remain operational in tandem with 0818 until **31 December 2021**. However, from 1 January 2022, **only the 0818 numbers will connect you to the relevant service.**



COVID-19 has changed the service we offer to the public. Our drop-in service is not currently available, but we are taking phone calls, answering emails, and providing a call back service. Call us on **0818 07 5090**, leave a message with your name and number and an Information Officer will return your call within 2 working days. Or you can email your query to us at dscis@citinfo.ie and someone will reply.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS)
0818 07 4000 operates on Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm.

MABS: The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over twenty years. MABS Clondalkin phone 0818 07 2270 or email clondalkin@mabs.ie

Calling non-geographic numbers (such as 1800 numbers)

A non-geographic number (NGN) is a type of telephone number that is not linked to a specific geographic region or 'area code'. An NGN is any phone number beginning with 1800, 1850, 1890, 0818 or 076.

NGNs are used by many businesses and charities, as well as public services and banking services.

Calls to 1800 numbers from landlines and mobiles are free. Calls to other NGNs cost the same as calling a landline number.

If your bundle includes landline calls, then calls to NGNs are included in the bundle.

Changes to NGNs from 31 December 2021

From 31 December 2021, the number of NGNs will reduce from 5 to 2. From this date, the only NGNs will be:

1800

0818

Organisations that use 1850, 1890, and 076 numbers are now changing to either 1800, 0818, or geographic numbers (geographic numbers are local numbers with an area code, for example 01).

Why are the changes happening?

Many people avoid calling 1850, 1890 and 076 numbers because they think they are confusing

and expensive. ComReg is reducing the number of NGNs to simplify NGNs for consumers.

From 31 December 2021, there will be just 2 NGNs – 1800 (Freephone) and 0818 (Standard rate). This makes call costs easier to understand.

Helplines

Men's Aid - mensaid.ie 01 5543811 Mon - Fri 9 am to 5 pm, Sat & Sun 10am to 2 pm

Women's Aid - 1800 341 900 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Pieta - 1800 247 247, Text HELP to 51444

Samaritans 116 123 - 24 hours a day 365 days a year

AA Alcoholics Anonymous.ie Tel + 353 1 8420700 and for deaf and hard of hearing only 087 1460387

GA - gamblersanonymous.ie - 01 8721133 087 7485878 10 am to 10 pm

Be Winter Ready

gov.ie - Be Winter Ready (www.gov.ie)

The Be Winter Ready Booklet has been prepared as part of the Government of Ireland initiative to assist households in preparing for winter while also living with the impacts of COVID-19.

Lucan Lions Club

Over the next few weeks we will be recommencing our fundraising activities so that we can help those less well off in our community.



We are grateful to SuperValu Lucan and Eurospar Ballyowen SC for their support for our Christmas Appeals. All of the funds raised over the Christmas period will be used to assist local worthy causes.

Many thanks to all our loyal supporters.



Thank you to Lucan Credit Union for continuing their sponsorship of "Lucan Live" in 2022. If your business would like to

sponsor one of our programmes next year, please contact Mairéad by email- stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie for our excellent sponsorship rates.

Liffey Sound 96.4FM - Lucan's Community Radio Station

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

Our much awaited winter trip away this year was to Rosses Point for a 5 day break. The journey was by rail (on our wonderful free travel passes) from Maynooth to Sligo, where a coach picked us up and brought us to our temporary home at Yeats Country Club hotel. The train journey was smooth and comfortable as we played cards, ate chocolates and enjoyed the passing scenery. A smaller group travelled by car enjoying tea and cake breaks in Carrick on Shannon. Yeats Hotel provided warm fires, a cosy Christmas atmosphere and comfortable rooms with sea views. Delicious food, fine drink, swimming pool, gym, and entertainment were provided. The music and singers were accompanied by our own 'Strictly Come Dancers', 'Line Dancers' and 'active retirees'. The Yeats staff gave us a warm welcome when we came and a big wave goodbye/send-off as we left.



Trips to Sligo and a day trip to Enniskillen, scenic walks, café visits, shopping and, of course, the beautiful sea air, were enjoyed. Visits to pubs such as the Thomas Connolly on the quayside and the Glasshouse Hotel for Irish Coffees were great fun. These establishments were handy as the bus stop back to hotel was close by so they were welcome interludes if bus was not due.

The Covid years have been difficult as we have lost far too many wonderful members and friends for various reasons, who we all miss dearly. Many activities have been curtailed, i.e. Drama, Choir, and Whist in the Springfield on Tuesday nights etc. The club continue to enjoy our meet up on Thursdays 11:30am to 2:30pm with tea and cake break. We do gentle chair exercises first to warm up, play Bowls, Scrabble, Whist, 25's or chat etc., there is something for everyone and we would love to welcome new members.

Lucan Drama



Congratulations to Director, Vincent Casey, Cast, B. Guy Kelly and Katie Noone and backstage Mary Kelly on their achievements and success in the recent One Act Festivals in Kiltimagh, Gorey, Coolgreaney Ballina and Dundrum. They had nominations for Best Director, Best Actress and won 2nd and 3rd places. They also got an adjudicator's award for their production of 'Contractions' by Mike Bartlett.

We are hoping to stage two One Act Plays the 18th to 21st January in the Spa Hotel but again this depends on the Covid situation...However rehearsals are continuing as I write.

Sympathies

Lucan Drama would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Rose Fitzgerald and family on the recent passing of Vincent, husband, father, neighbour and friend.

May Vincent rest in Peace.

We also wish to commiserate with the family, friends, neighbours and all the Lucan community on the death of Peter Brady. Peter was a great 'people person' and worked tirelessly for the people of Lucan for many years. He was always interested in Lucan Drama.

Rest in Peace, Peter.

Contact Bernie 0864015794 or Jack 0860666626 for further information re Lucan Drama



Lucan Men's Shed reopened on 9th November.

We had a long closure, but we survived it.

Our Committee Members stayed together. We held virtual meetings, kept in

touch with each other and with the members with similar virtual meetings and with walks in a variety of locations. This combination worked for us and here we are, reopened.

A Shed visitor on Reopening Day, on his first occasion in a Men's Shed, enjoyed his experience and when asked what he thought of it, he said that he liked the hospitality, the welcome, the craic and the friendship.

What more can be written, except to add that you will be similarly welcomed when you come to visit.

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Congratulations to the pupils of *Scoil Mhuire Girls N.S.* and *St. Andrew's Church of Ireland N.S.* who will receive their Confirmation this Saturday 27th November. Have a lovely day. *Please keep them in your prayers.*

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

Notice: If you have a Sunday Mass booked please ring Sacristy to confirm time. Ph. 01 6281487.

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday 10am

Important:

We need to remember that Covid is still very much with us. We must continue to **wear face coverings in the church and use the hand sanitizer on the way in.**

For all Masses, please **enter the Church via the Main Door and exit via the other 2 doors.**

Those in the **benches** please go out through the **back porch door** and those in the **chairs** please exit via the **side door beside the nuns' chapel.** No exit via Main Porch Door.

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



St. Mary's Readers' Roster December 2021

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil and Sunday masses for the month of December 2021 was sent to all readers by email on 21st November. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Private Prayer:

The Church is open daily for private prayer on weekdays from 10.30am to 6pm (funerals permitting) and on Sundays after the 12pm Mass to 6pm.

Praying with Scripture:

Praying with scripture has recommenced via zoom. If interested please contact Cheryl Murphy at 086 8343754 to register.

Church Art Calendar for 2022

Available in the Parish Office or the Sacristy. Cost €1.50



Visits to the housebound:

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

Baptisms:

Dates are bookable online to the end of January 2022. Dates will be added as the need arises. If you need to cancel a booking contact: secretary@lucanparish.com

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

After Saturday Morning 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan

**Rosary: 5.45pm,
Holy Mass: 6.15pm**

13th December

Mass also live at lucanparish.com

St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

Sunday 10am. Wednesday: 10am

St Mary's, Leixlip:

Sunday: 11.30am. Tuesday: 10am

Services are available on our parish Facebook pages: [St. Andrew's Church, Lucan](#) or [St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Masses: Vigil Saturday 7pm,
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday at 10am.

All Masses continue to be livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

We must continue to **wear face coverings in the church and use the hand sanitizer on the way in.**

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

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday 9:15am. Saturday 10am

Important: We need to be diligent in continuing with the **wearing of face coverings and hand sanitising upon entering the church.**

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Daily Readings on website: Under our Welcome menu you will find links for the Daily Mass Reading which updates every day as well as Sunday Mass Reading for the following Sunday's Mass. It is a great way to be able to read along during Mass if you so wish or take time to reflect on the passages during the week and see what message they have for you. One quick note is that if it is a Sunday and you want to see the Gospel for today then click on the Daily Mass Reading link as the Sunday listing will be for the following week.

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship: 11am.

You will need a face covering (unless exempt) and your own Bible.

Services will be streamed online and available on Youtube?

Christmas Cards for Sale

In St Mary's Parish Centre

in aid of

The Peter McVerry Trust

Pack (assorted designs) of



NAGARHOPE

€5 for Pack of 12 –
Six beautiful designs.
Also available from
191 Beech Park
or contact 087-0666891

Also available

Christmas Novena Masses

€6 - Proceeds go to the Student Priests.



Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages

April - Oct 2022:

7 Nights apartment B&B and return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing. Guaranteed Airport transfer price for any flight. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you.

Tel. 01 4434510

or reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Acknowledgement

MURRAY ANN

The Murray family Susan, Rachel, Ruth, Rona, June and Paul would like to thank all who supported them on the great loss of their mother Ann.

We would like to thank all who attended her Funeral mass, those who watched online, called to the house, sent cards, letters, kind words, tributes and funny stories. To those who helped in any way your contribution made our loss more bearable.

Thank you to Fr. Phillip Curran, Eileen and the Funeral Team for the lovely service. To Cunningham Funeral Team for all their help. To Sarah Bass the vocalist who lifted our hearts at the mass. To all Ann's grandchildren and great grandchildren who took part in the ceremony their love for their nanny To Kenny's in Lucan Village for the lunch.

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. Ann will be sorely missed.



Birthday Remembrance

COWLEY (MARIE)

On this, your first birthday since the Lord called you home.

Until we meet again

Rest in peace.

Very sadly missed by your loving family

Anniversaries

KILDUFF (PATRICK)

23rd Anniversary

Chapel Hill.

In loving memory of our dear brother Paddy.

Silent thoughts of times together

Hold memories that last forever.

Remembered by all the family

MORRIS (JENNIE)

3rd Anniversary - 25th November

Late of Lucan Road, Chapelizod.

Mother

All our love

To our wonderful mother, in Heaven above

You walk beside us everyday

And show us signs along the way

A special song, a rainbow in the sky

It means so much and keeps us strong.

Sadly missed by your loving daughter Jane

and son-in-law Dessie, sons Joseph, Billy, Harry and Jerry xxxxxx



Nanny

Three years ago on this same day

You closed your eyes too tired to stay

The happy years we spent together

Treasured memories forever and ever.

Love and miss you more each day your

grandchildren Karen, Lisa, Kevin,

Breda, Andy and Rachel xxxxxx



Deepest Sympathy

BRADY (PETER) R.I.P.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Peter Brady this week.

Peter has been a regular contributor to Lucan Newsletter over the years – from his days in politics to more recent times when he was involved with the local St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Many of the old Lucan photographs published in Lucan Newsletter were courtesy of Peter.

To his wife Patty, and family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

May he rest in peace.



BRADY (PETER) R.I.P.

On Tuesday morning last we received the very sad news of the passing of our very dear friend and colleague Peter Brady who was a founder of Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade. He will be sadly missed. With a heavy heart we send our condolences to Patty and all his family at this very sad time. Ar dheis De go Raibh a Anam.

Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

Granny Bus

Somewhere over the rainbow

Granny Bus still sings

And we smile, cause we know

That you're keeping us safe

With protection from your angel wings

We will miss you always.

Your great grandchildren, Laurajane, Daniel,

Nikki, Kelsie and Craig xxxxx

Anniversaries

JARVIS (ELZABETH - ANNE)

10th Anniversary

Late of AGP.

Remembering you Mam today

It's been 10 years since you went away

Quietly while sleeping you left

Leaving us all heartbroken and bereft

While time goes by we are lucky to remember

All the great times we had together

Eating ice cream every Sunday in Donabate

To camping every summer, destinations great

Hockey, Dublin and Manchester United too

How fondly we remember you

How you took care and loved each of us

The generation has started again

How we miss you and wish you were here

To join in on the fun and cheer

Goodnight dear Mam, hug Dad for us

And know you are always loved.

Your loving children Ken, Linda, Elaine and Anne

Marie, grandchildren Richard, Katie, Ava and

Jack and extended family

MURRAY-FENNELL (DYMUNA)

4th Anniversary - 1st December

'He Who hath made the night of stars

For souls who tire and bleed,

Sent one of His great angels down

To help me in my need.

'He Who is wrapped in purple robes,

With planets in His care,

Had pity on the least of things

Asleep upon a chair.'

From The Ballad of Father Gilligan by W.B.

Yeats, a poem my mother found very moving.

Remembering her with much love today – and every day, Michael



Are we all ready for Bus Connects this Sunday?

Birdie got a booklet in the door, explaining the whole thing, but still can't make head nor tail of it. Perhaps when we see it in operation, the penny will drop!

Bank Scams! We can't warn our Readers too often. Some of these texts are very convincing – eg coming in the middle of the night to tell that someone has tried to log in to your account, and you should click the given link if it wasn't yourself. **DON'T CLICK ANY LINKS!** Ring your bank and report it when you get a chance.

Hard to believe that Advent is here already. After this week, Lucan Newsletter will only have 3 more issues before the big day.

Birdie is looking forward to the Late Late Toy Show this Friday night, and we hear that there are a couple of local children featuring again this year.



Me carrying around all the patience I have left for 2021



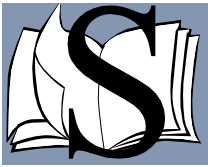
Finally I saw that worrying had come to nothing. And I gave it up. And took my old body and went out into the morning and sang.

- MARY OLIVER,
"I WORRIED," FROM SWAN



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



CHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

This week our students are completing their **Term Exams**. We wish them all the very best and hope all of their hard work pays off!



Joey's Tidy Towns 2022 Calendars for St. Vincent de Paul

Joey's Tidy Towns students are delighted to have two fundraising calendars on sale once again this year, in aid of St. Vincent de Paul. Our 45 students have been very busy over the last three weeks capturing many spectacular images of local sights, scenes of nature and places of interest that the students visited on school trips and excursions. Their wide range of photos have been compiled into two calendars that make great planners for home and work and also a great Christmas present for family near and far! The calendars will be on sale from 3rd December from the school at €10.00 per calendar, approx. €5.00 will go towards the Lucan branch of St. Vincent de Paul.



Presentation Day (21st November) is celebrated in the school every year. This year, like last year, due to Covid restrictions we could not celebrate Mass in the church. All students remained in their classes and linked together through Zoom. We had a lovely ceremony, led by Ms. Fitzgerald and Fr Tom Kennedy. A girl from each year group read a Prayer of the Faithful and Holly McGuinness from 5th Year, sang a beautiful rendition of "Who will light the lantern?"

Our Head Girl Hannah Farrelly and Deputy Head Girl, Mary Adegbuyi spoke about the history of Nano Nagle and what it means to walk in the footsteps of Nano today in 2020. During the ceremony, a lantern, symbolic of Nano Nagle, was lit in every classroom.

Thank you to Fr Kennedy and to our Religion department, Ms Mellett and all staff and students involved, for a lovely Presentation Day celebration.



Holly McGuinness sang at our Presentation Day Mass.

Well done to Ms Ford and her family on their Participation and Performance in Ireland's gruelling **Fittest Family** on Sunday evening!!

We will be watching them eagerly again in two weeks time!

School website <https://stjosephslucan.com>

Follow us on Twitter: @STJosephs3

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Transition Year: The TY work experience block, that was due to begin next month for two weeks, has unfortunately been cancelled due to health and safety concerns with the rising number of Covid cases in the country at the moment. The students are understandably disappointed as they were all looking forward to heading out on their various placements and gaining some valuable real life work experience. They will instead continue with their school routine until Christmas with the hope that the situation will improve in early Spring when they will try to book their placements again for two weeks.

The students are being kept busy and active anyway in school. They are currently planning and organising a soccer tournament for 1st yrs in aid of St. Vincent de Paul as part of the extensive well-being programme for 1st yrs. They are also heading off to Kylemore Karting soon for some friendly, yet competitive, go-karting. They are also hoping also to go ice-skating next month as a compensation for missing out on their work-experience.

School Canteen: The new school canteen has been a wonderful addition to Coláiste Phádraig and it has proved to be extremely popular with the students. The kitchen was built in the school canteen over the summer by a company called Get Fresh Catering. The canteen menu is designed to cater for all tastes and the food and drinks on offer are very reasonably priced. Students and staff must pre-order and pre-pay from an app the day before to ensure that their order is ready for collection in various designated socially distanced spaces the following day.



The canteen is an entirely cash free environment but there is a tap a pay back-up option in cases where students forgot to pre-order. Lost/stolen cards (which are valid for two years) can instantly be blocked online and support is always available to ensure that no-one goes without a meal for financial reasons.



The canteen is run by four staff, Miriam, Jennifer, Mags and head chef Pat. Food can be ordered for breakfast, small break and lunchtime. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, the students are not yet allowed to sit down in the canteen with their friends to eat their meals. They are allowed to bring their food back to their base class rooms or spacious designated areas in the school where they can relax with some friends and enjoy their meals together.



Scrambled eggs, pancakes, homemade scones and beans on toast, all washed down with a selection of fruit juices, have proven very popular for Breakfast before school every morning. Filled Baguettes, especially chicken tikka, cheese and ham and egg mayonnaise, specially prepared noodle boxes and oven baked potato wedges are popular at mid-morning break time.

For lunch, lasagne with garlic bread, macaroni and cheese, chicken stir fries, chicken rolls, wraps, sandwiches and paninis are all very popular with the students. All the food is cooked fresh in the kitchen each day. The canteen also offers vegan and gluten free food which also sell well, as well as a variety of snacks such as muffins, iced doughnuts, rice cakes and nutri grain bars. It also offers numerous refreshments such as still water, fruit water, juices, vitamin drinks, tea and coffee. *Cont'd over.....*

Coláiste Phádraig *cont'd.....*

Get Fresh Catering have a three-year contract with the school so the canteen will continue to enhance the school experience for our staff and students in the years ahead.



1st Years enjoying their new canteen

3rd yr news: The 3rd yr Parent-Teacher meeting was held via Zoom on Monday 15th November. Each sets of parents/guardians had a 5-minute slot with the relevant teacher which they had to pre-book in advance of the meeting. They then logged on via their sons' school email account. This was the first such PT meeting in the school and the feedback from teachers and parents afterwards was extremely positive.

Apart from a few minor technological hitches here and there, the whole operation ran very smoothly and we thank the school office for their hard work setting up the online meetings and ensuring all went to plan on the day. It was an enormous logistical operation and without such planning and professional expertise the meeting would not have been possible.

It was great for teachers to reconnect with the parents/guardians after such a long break due to Covid restrictions and the Department of Education has recently informed schools that Covid guidelines will remain in place until at least Feb 2022. This means that the remaining PT meetings in Coláiste Phádraig this school year will now be all held online.

The next PT meeting is the 6th yr one which is to be held on Tuesday 14th December.

The 3rd and 6th yr students have just finished their Christmas exams. The next main exams they will sit will be their Mocks which will be held in February 2022.

Scoil Mhuire

Woodview Hts / Airlie Hts

Junior Infants Enrolment for Sept 2022

Until Dec 3rd, 2021



See www.scoilmhuire.ie
for application form

Enrolment 2022

St. Thomas' J.N.S.

Esker, Lucan, Co. Dublin

Junior Infants (2022)

*Closing date for applications
Is January 28th 2022.*



Please see our website www.stthomasjns.com
for further information regarding the registration
process.



PLEASE NOTE:

Lucan Newsletter Office is **NOT OPEN** 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 notices/reports to any of the following:

Community / Schools/ Local History
marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

Sport / Politics
roaselucannewsletter@gmail.com

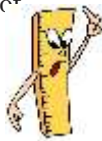
Parish Notes / Fund Raising
annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

Anniversaries etc / Advertising Queries
catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com

Lucan Community College

Visit from DDLETB Management Team: We were delighted to welcome Caitriona Murphy (Chief Executive of DDLETB) and Adrian Flynn (Director of Schools) to visit our school last week. They were greeted by our school captains Yasmin and Desmond and by the Senior Leadership and Management Team. During their visit they met with representatives of the Board of Management, of student leadership groups including our prefect team, student council, Gluais team and Diversity group and with teacher representatives. They also toured the school and spoke with students and staff members visiting classes. Ms. McKeever presented the CE with a piece of artwork created by 6th year student Amy Martin and this picture will be displayed in DDLETB head office. Ms Flynn's science class presented their models for 'the school of the future'. After the visit the CE said "It was an absolute pleasure to spend time in Lucan CC. As I mentioned, the school has an amazing reputation and that is a credit to each and every one of you. Thank you for your open, generous and warm welcome." The CE also committed to update the school on the progress of the extension on a regular basis.

Extension and Refurbishment Project: We were delighted to receive news from our Chief Executive this week that work on our extension project is progressing. The pre-qualification process of stage 2B is now complete and letters of intention will be issued this week to all successful contractors to enable them to progress to tender for the project. We will then enter Stage 3 of the process which involves tender documents being issued, contractors costing the project, tenders being submitted and evaluated by a panel. This process takes approximately 6 months. The evaluation of the tenders and the approval from the Department of Education will take a number of months but the DDLETB building team managing the process would hope to see construction commence in late 2022 or early 2023 with the building and refurbishment process taking 1.5-2 years to complete. We still have a long way to go to have a building that properly meets the needs of the school community, but the wheels are turning again and we are heading in the right direction. Thanks to all staff, parents, students, board members, community representatives who have continued to support the school in our need for this additional and updated facility and thank you to the DDLETB building team and the Design Team for their ongoing work on this project over a long period of time.



Lucan CC Students in World Health

Organisation Video: Our 1st and 2nd year students were delighted to be part of the Sea of Change choir video broadcast world-wide on media platforms on Wednesday 17th November as part of the World Health Organization Cervical Cancer Elimination Day of Action 2021: <https://www.who.int/initiatives/cervical-cancer-elimination-initiative/day-of-action-2021>
Thanks to past pupil Ian Brabazon who worked with our students as well as conducting the Sea of Change choir to produce these video. Lovely to see such happy faces to give us hope while highlighting an important issue. Lucan Community College works closely with the HSE to offer students in their first year of secondary school the HPV vaccine as part of the school vaccination programme.

First Year Well-being Walk: Unfortunately, the first-year walk, which was organised by the Gluais team, had to be cancelled at late notice on Wednesday, November 24th. This was due to very poor weather conditions at the time. All was not lost however...as the students remained in great spirits and got to watch a movie with their tutor groups instead. Thank you to all the Gluais team for putting in such an effort to make this event a success. They hope to reschedule this walk to take place in the early spring....when hopefully the sun will be shining! 😊 Thanks to teacher Ms. Mc Kelvey.

Think Languages: Bonjour, Hola, Nin hão, Guten Tag, Olá, Hej, Goedendag,
The MFL department organised a #ThinkLanguages event for Monday the 22nd of November for all Transition Year students. Workshops included Irish Sign Language, French Cuisine, Spanish Flamenco dancing, Chinese Art and a Latin American drum workshop. They also took part in a National Quiz and enjoyed some international snacks! A school-wide survey was also undertaken to celebrate the linguistic diversity of our school and find out all the languages our students can speak/speak at home. We would love to celebrate and involve all languages and cultures in our school community. Merci, Danke, Gracias, Grazie, Obrigada, Thank you, to all teachers in the MFL department.

Amnesty Webinar: Well done to Senior students from LucanCC Amnesty group who attended a "Write for Rights" webinar last Monday. This webinar highlighted the case of Rung Panusaya from Thailand. Thanks to May who spoke to us from Thailand and Deirdre from Amnesty Ireland for organising. Thanks also to teacher Ms. Mc Carthy.

St. Edmundsbury lands

Dear Editor,

I see from Tuesday's *Irish Times* that planning consultants for three of the country's leading businessmen will step up their engagement with Fingal and South Dublin County Councils to agree a plan to develop more than 800 acres of land on either side of the river Liffey stretching from Lucan to Castleknock that would deliver "more than 5,000 homes, a public park of 256 acres at St. Edmundsbury for the local community and a range of other amenities". Such a proposal to be successful will involve rezoning land that is currently zoned for agricultural use and subject to strict environmental and amenity protections. If the application were to be successful it will result in the elimination of another green space.

How much more "development" of the Lucan area, which is already grid-locked for much of every day, can the residents of Lucan endure? Separately the Council has plans, inter alia, to turn Lucan into a "tourist" destination at the expense of those who live in and around the village, has plans to reduce parking in the village including the removal of disabled parking spots at the expense of the most vulnerable members of our community who need access to medical services etc., the livelihood of the village business community and those who do their shopping there, intends to introduce paid parking on a Saturday and to trial a one-way traffic system.

On the basis of past experience, we can be sure of one thing and that after the consultation process on these proposals has concluded the views of the actual residents of Lucan will probably be largely ignored in favour of the powerful interests of big business. An analysis piece in *Wednesday's Irish Times* suggests that councillors will be reluctant to rezone any of these lands for housing. However, I wonder where our local councillors will actually stand on the day in relation to all of this?

Yours sincerely,
Michael Grant

Lucan ICA

Tuesday 30th November: Craft Group meet as usual 10am to 12.30pm in the Hall at the Parish Centre.

Come along and share our ideas and patterns for various projects you are working on.

There will be a nice cup of tea for everyone!



Lucan Library Events

We are delighted to present a Decade of Centenaries Online Talk, "**When will it every end? 1921 a Year in Review**", on the **2nd December at 7pm**. As 1921 dawned, many in Ireland wondered if the War of Independence would ever end. Ambushes, assassinations and executions continued unabated until 11th July. A truce was declared, the war was over.

Our Historian in Residence Liz Gillis will discuss the events of 1921, nationally and locally. It was a year of two halves – one dominated by war, the other by the hope of peace.

You can book your place through Eventbrite at locallibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie

Karen's Singing Workshop for children with additional needs - Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 10:30am – 11:30am.

This workshop is a fun, developmental, music activity for pre-school children in general & more specifically children with additional needs. As music stimulates both hemispheres of the brain, it generally helps to promote & encourage communication building, cognitive stimulation, relaxation & positive mood enhancing.

This event will take place at Lucan Library. A parent/guardian needs to stay with the child and help participate in the workshop. Please book a ticket for each child AND each adult attending. Numbers are very limited, so if you cannot attend, please be sure to cancel your ticket either by Eventbrite or by contacting Lucan Library on 01-6216422 or lucan@sdblincoco.ie. Thank you. <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/karens-singing-workshop-for-children-with-additional-needs-tickets-208634540527>

Teaching and Learning Intervention for Autistic Children and Adults –

Online Talk with Dr. Susan Crawford.

Wednesday 8th December at 7.00 pm.

Online Over Zoom. This topic explores the different teaching and learning approaches that are useful when planning programmes and developing skills for autistic children and adults. It will include an overview of applied behaviour analysis, TEACCH, Pivotal Response Therapy, Use of Technology and others.

The talk will provide guidance on how to adopt an "eclectic" approach where the best of all approaches are combined or adapted to meet the learning needs of the child or adult.

Booking: <http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com>

Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club hosted its judging night for its “People’s” themed monthly club competition, last week and we were treated to some amazing images.



A few weeks back we had our Nature competition, and we had some super shots from our photographers, below we have two of the winning images.



Michelle Butler won with this image titled “Aisha” in the intermediate projected image competition, and Ojesvi Rao won the novice projected image competition for her image titled “Light House” (*Below*).

People interested in joining the club or even attending one or two meetings free of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting secpcc@gmail.com



Esler Active Retirement Association

Hi everyone,

This week, we had a nice crowd attending; we had a quieter day today with scrabble and cards being played and everyone seemed so relaxed and at ease with their friends. Loads of craic taking place too. We’re thinking of having a Skills Sharing Programme in our club so we can help each other out when needed e.g. with gardening, form filling, online government forms etc. We’ve asked everyone to think of what their particular skills are: we’ve all got different skills; some people think they don’t have any but they forget they have the skills to drive, give advice, bake, cook, knit, crochet, paint etc.

We had some very interesting discussions on plants today, when to lift dahlia tubers and store them and what seeds we’ve saved from the summer that we will have to share around in the club in the Spring. Taking an interest in gardening and watching plants grow is really good for your mental health.

FYI We are still cleaning chairs and tables before and after we use them, masks are worn except when taking refreshments and hands are well sanitized to keep us all safe.

We have cancelled our Christmas Party Night Out due to the rising Covid numbers but we still hope to have our daytime party on Wednesday 15th December in our own hall. We will only have our members attending so we should be safe enough as we sanitize everything before members arrive.

If anyone wants to join a fun, lively and friendly club, you can join us, once you’re fully vaccinated and have a vaccination certificate with

photographic ID. We meet every Wednesday afternoon at 1.30pm in St Andrew’s Church Hall in Lucan (close to Stagg Cycle shop which is blue and yellow); there is parking inside the Church gates plus a bus stop just outside the Church gates. Don’t be afraid to come in, you’re very welcome.

*Till next time,
Marian Egan (Club Secretary) 086 1269 043*

Paul Gogarty - Independent

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Peter Brady RIP

Condolences to the Brady family on the loss of the late Cllr Peter Brady this week. Peter was well known to many Lucanians and served his community with distinction in so many ways, including as an elected representative.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Bus Connects: Leaflets have arrived in most of Lucan. Some good features but some losses. There will be something problems in Shackleton/Dodsboro area not least because the C2 route has no turning point and can't operate for several weeks on this side. They won't retain 25, even for this period, despite protestations.

St Edmundsbury latest housing proposal: This is a Trojan Horse for unsuitable housing. It's 1998 all over again. All the goodies of a park on areas that are already protected are not worth the cost of destroying the rest. I will oppose strongly.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Bus Connects: Changes will roll out on Nov 28th and improve frequency and connectivity to the city centre, to railway stations, nearby colleges, hospitals and shopping centres. I raised the issue of a direct route to the city for the people of Adamstown, Shackleton, Dodsborough etc. The intention is for the C2 route to eventually service the Adamstown area but at the moment due to development work it is not safe.

Street Ambassadors will be located to help passengers in the busy areas from next Sunday.

Peter Brady

Sadly this week we said good bye to Peter Brady. As a devoted Fine Gael local councillor, Peter's hard work, commitment and good humour will never be forgotten in Lucan. He made such an impact locally and leaves behind a lasting legacy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

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Village Project Works - Update: Once the public consultation process opens, you can make online submissions via the Council's portal <http://consult.sdublincoco.ie>

Lack of GP / Medical Services: This is particularly a growing concern in West Lucan given sizeable developments. My motion below was agreed at recent Area Committee to write to the Minister for Health; "That this Council agrees to write to the HSE and the Minister for Health outlining the growing concerns of the vastly expanding population of Lucan West, namely the newer development areas of Adamstown, St Helen's, Shackleton, Hallwell, Gandon, Somerton and the Paddocks, all within an SDZ, yet still totally void of a single local GP service, dental practitioner or pharmacy. The recognition for delivery of primary healthcare facilities must now be addressed as a matter of urgency and fast-tracked to meet the health demands in line with this rapid growth."

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Lands at St Edmundsbury: This week there were reports in regards to a master plan of the 860 acre St. Edmundsbury/ Luttrellstown land bank that is owned by a number of business men. This site is subject to a Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO), which means it has been designated as an area of exceptional interest from the point of view of natural, built and cultural heritage. The lands on the south side of the Liffey are nearly one third of the overall land in question. In order for the SAAO to be overturned it would need the support of SDCC councillors in the upcoming development plan. The chances of this happening is remote as all advice from senior planners at SDCC stated there is more than enough land designated for residential use in the general Lucan/ Clondalkin area.

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Council budget: Last week, the County Council adopted its budget for 2022. I was pleased to see new items feature in it, as well as retention or increases in the necessary allocations for tree maintenance, footpath repair, grass cutting and cycle track maintenance.

Mobile floodlights: The Council has allocated up to €70,000 for a pilot fund for mobile sports equipment, including mobile floodlights to be used during the winter. The provision for mobile floodlights is a cause I have championed for the past few months, in direct response to feedback from clubs and residents.

12th Lock: The Council budget allocates €100,000 for a feasibility study to explore the potential of the 12th Lock area and how it might be realised. This is an exciting prospect for this area of Lucan and I will share further details as they become available.

Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Bus Connects: From Sunday (28th) street ambassadors will engage with passengers at following Bus Stops: Foxborough-4619 Castle Rd-4613 Liffey Valley-4795 Lucan Village-3372 L51 - Dodsborough Road 3890 L53 - Finnstown Abbey 3368 L59 - St Mary's Church-3958

These locations will be kept under review as the team seek to maximise interaction with customers

Key times: 7am to 7pm Sunday 10am to 4pm &

Saturday 10am to 6pm;

- Street Ambassadors will be in place from day 1 to 7;

- Street Ambassadors will hand out brochures, answer questions

- Street ambassadors will move from Bus Stop to Bus Stop if locations are quiet

GP's: My motion was passed at this week's area committee meeting requesting a letter to be sent to the Minister for Health in regards to the current situation in the Lucan area on the issue of shortage of GP places.

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Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Congratulations to our U21B Hurlers who have reached the U21 D Championship final following the win over Kilmacud Crokes on Sunday last, they will face Craobh Chiarain in the final on 4th December. And well done to our Junior C Footballers, runners up in the Division 6 South, All County final who came up against a more experienced St Marks side. The Camogie U20A's and U20Cs are both through to championship semi-finals, and the Camogie U16B's will contest the Shield Final next weekend. Please see the home page of our website for the latest fixtures and results.

Senior Hurling Management

Sean McCaffrey, our senior hurling manager for the past 3 years, has decided to step down from the position. The Club Executive, everyone involved in hurling and all in Lucan Sarsfields would like to thank Sean and his management team of Bernard Crowley, Paul O'Donoghue, Aidan Roche, Declan O'Leary, Mark Smith and Richie Doyle for their great commitment and contribution over the period. They have overseen a transition in the team introducing many new younger players while keeping Lucan competing at the highest level, reaching senior championship semi-finals both this year and last year. Sean has been involved in running teams in the club, hurling and football, for over 30 years and we hope to see him involved again at some stage in the future. A process to appoint a new senior hurling manager has now commenced. Anyone who wishes to express an interest in the role should contact Paul Stapleton at 087 2058572.

Alice Whyte is stepping down from her role as Adult Games Secretary, having served in the role for the last 7 years. We would like to thank Alice for her stewardship, dedication and hard work throughout the last number of years in her current role and previous role as Juvenile Games Secretary. A new Adult Games Secretary will be announced in due course.

Lucan Sarsfields Junior C Footballers in conjunction with Lucan Healthy Clubs are hosting a Quiz Night on Friday 26th November at 8pm; the quizmaster will be Tommy Flannery. All proceeds go to Lucan Homeless Donations. Entry is €5 per person or €20 for team of 4. For more info and to purchase tickets, please contact Michaela Caseley on 086 850 8553. Tickets also available from behind the bar, and at the door on the night.

Please note the deadline for items to be included in the weekly edition of club notes is 9pm on Sunday evening. Please send articles / match reports / photos by email to pro.lucansarsfields.dublin@gaa.ie.

The LDCU Academy takes place on Saturdays for boys and girls aged between 4 and 7. See our website for booking details.



12th Lock Café is open from 6pm-8pm weekdays and Saturday 9am-2pm when training is taking place.

The Club Shop is open Thursdays 7-9pm and Saturdays 10am to 1pm.

LATÓ NA SÁIRSÉALAIGH LEAMHCÁIN Lucan Sarsfields Club Lotto

Ní raibh aon buaiteoir phota óir de €1,800 sa chrannchur a tharla ar an Déardaoin, ar an 18ú de mhí an Samhain a raibh urraithe ag: There was no winner of the €1,800 Jackpot held on Thursday 18th November 2021 sponsored by: **O'Grady Hearing Care Services**. *Tarraingíodh na huimhreacha seo a leanas:* The numbers drawn were: **13, 19, 20, 25**. *Buaiteoirí tobair an áidh a fhaigheann €30 an duine ná:* Lucky Dip winners of €30 each: **Jackie Foley, Cormac Gordon, Kathleen Roche, Kieran Durkan, Gemma Mulrooney**. *Tá €2,200 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine:* The Jackpot for the next draw is €2,200, and is sponsored by **Diamond and Gem Jewellers** *Tarlóidh an crannchur ar an Déardaoin, 25ú de mhí an Samhain ag 8 i.n. faoi bhainistiú Frank Fleming.* *Beidh sé beo ón Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook. Déan cinnte go bhfuil d'iontráil curtha isteach agaibh roimh 6 i.n. oíche an chrannchuir, chun í a chur san áireamh sa chrannchur na seachtaine sin.* The draw will be held on Thursday 25th November, at 8pm, managed by Frank Fleming and live streamed from Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse, on our Facebook page. Make sure your entry is submitted before 6pm on the evening of the draw to be included in that week's draw.



Is féidir libh ticéadaí a cheannacht ar líne leis an nasc seo:

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>. *Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin.* Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Imagine! There are only four weeks left to our second COVID Christmas Day and as my late father used to say after Christmas Dinner – “it’s all over until next year”!



I suppose it is appropriate that Donal has submitted the first photograph of holly which is looking very healthy. Indeed all trees with berries seem to have an overabundance of them this year.

On account of the unseasonal weather we have recently been having wild

mushrooms are also flourishing. Donal and Joe seem to be having a competition around photographing these fungi. Other members of the group have been counselling against eating any of the varieties photographed.



Kay got in as far as the Grand Canal at Baggot Street to photograph the last vestiges of Autumn Leaves and Paddy has been up bright and early to take very atmospheric photographs in the Phoenix Park.

We continue to meet in the Coffee Dock of the Parish Centre on Friday mornings and all members of the group are happy with the arrangements – windows and doors open, masks worn and duration of less than an hour! Hopefully no further restrictions will be imposed upon us before Christmas but so be it if our health is protected.

Stay safe until next week!

