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November remembering

It won't be long now until the clocks will go back and the already short days will become even shorter. Sunday 31st October will see the change.

November can be a difficult month particularly for those who have been recently bereaved. In November the darkness seems all pervasive and can seem to envelop us. The dark mornings and long evenings bring a type of gloom after the balmy days of summer past, November is the traditional month for remembering our departed loved ones and praying that they are in eternal peace. We believe that we have a connectedness to them still through what we describe as the communion of saints and that they are praying with us and for us as well.



The cycle of nature is a cycle of life and death, of growth, flourishing and decay, and it has much to teach us about the cycle of our own coming to birth growth and development and ultimate death and resurrection to new life. *"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain."* **John 12:24** Even as winter moves in and begins to tighten its grip we are secure in the knowledge that spring will come once again, we live in hope.

This past year has been a particularly difficult one in which to lose someone you love. Covid restrictions have meant that the normal rallying around by family and friends could not happen. Churches usually thronged by those who come to support the bereaved and to pray for the deceased were empty, with hundreds tuning in from home on the Internet. At the height of the pandemic restrictions just a handful of immediate family could be present for the funeral Mass which was both difficult and painful for all involved. Recent relaxation of the restrictions has seen a return to near normality and funerals are once again occasions when people can be there for the bereaved.

Each year every parish hold a November Mass of remembrance for the dead, with a special focus on those who died in the past twelve months. It allows the parish community to come together in a solemn act of remembrance of the departed and support for the bereaved. It allows families who have been trying to cope with their loss to see and understand that they are not alone in their grief and to be part of a special moment of prayer and remembrance of the parish family. St. Mary's will hold its annual Mass on **Wednesday November 17th at 8:00 pm**. Families who lost someone this past year will receive an invitation and others are welcome to come and remember their deceased. We are hopeful that by that date all restrictions on numbers will have been lifted.



*"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. ~
May they rest in peace. Amen"*

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 dcscis@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

Budget 2022

Budget 2022 was announced on Tuesday, 12 October 2021. The Budget sets out an overall package of 4.7 billion.

Our Budget 2022 document sets out the main changes in taxation, social welfare, health, housing, education, employment and other areas and the supports available as Ireland recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can view a summary of social welfare changes in the Department of Social Protection's factsheet which is available to download from on gov.ie.

Local Property Tax (LPT)

An annual Local Property Tax (LPT) is charged on residential properties in Ireland. You are liable for LPT if you own a residential property on 1 November.

The tax you pay is based on the market value of the property on the valuation date. The valuation date for the 2022 LPT payment is 1 November 2021.

The LPT is a self-assessment tax so you calculate the tax due based on your own assessment of the market value of the property.

You must submit your valuation by 7 November 2021 and arrange to pay the tax.

Even if you own an exempt property, you must still make a Local Property Tax return to claim an

exemption. Some properties that were previously exempt, for example, houses built after 2013, are liable for 2022 LPT.

You can choose to make one single payment, or you can phase your payments in equal instalments. Read about how to pay your LPT.

You can log in to the LPT On-line system to view your Local Property Tax record and to pay any arrears (using your PPSN, Property ID and PIN). You can also access LPT through Revenue's myAccount and ROS services.

You can contact the LPT helpline for assistance. Queries can also be sent to Revenue through MyEnquiries. The LPT helpline is 01 7383626 and operates from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday, except Bank Holidays.

Rates

The Local Property Tax (LPT) is based on market value bands. Changes have been announced for the Local Property Tax that is due in 2022. These apply to property valued on 1 November 2021.

These changes widen the bands and lower the tax rate. The new bands and rates are available on our website.

You are still required to submit your LPT Return by 7 November 2021 even if:

Your property is eligible for an LPT exemption or
You are claiming a deferral of LPT payment
You can defer (or partially defer) payment of your Local Property Tax (LPT) if you meet the conditions.

You may qualify for a deferral under one of 4 separate categories:

Income threshold; Personal representatives of a deceased liable person; Personal insolvency; Hardship grounds

Any deferred amounts have interest charged on them at a rate of 4% a year. The current deferral interest rate of 4% will apply up to 31 December 2021. The rate of interest that will be charged on all deferred amounts from 1 January 2022 will be reduced to 3% per year.

Revenue offer a range of methods for paying the tax. You can choose to make one single payment, or you can phase your payments in equal instalments. You can read about how to pay the LPT, including key dates for 2022.

If you do not pay the LPT Revenue will use a range of collection and enforcement options.

More information is available on www.citizensinformation.ie and Local Property Tax (LPT) (revenue.ie)

Esker Active Retirement Assoc.

Hi Everyone!

Well we all had a fantastic time on our trip to Galway. The Connemara Coast Hotel is lovely as were the staff who looked after us all so well. The food, the wine and entertainment were all just so good. We were very lucky with the weather and got to see Kylemore Abbey and grounds basking in sunshine. Our coach driver Brendan took us through some of the most scenic areas where the mountains, the lakes and countryside were just stunning. We got to visit the Celtic Crystal factory in Connemara, which is a family business, where we got to see one of the craftsmen Donal, cutting the patterns into the crystal bowls etc, such intricate work and such a skill to have.

We went on a cruise on the River Corrib where we heard all about the history of the area and sat back and relaxed with our Irish coffees. We were enjoying the music when suddenly Pretty Woman came on!! So of course, our resident Pretty Woman Marie, got up and did her special dance to entertain us all. It was brilliant.... such laughs we all had....



We shopped in Galway City, ate outside cafés, shared some lovely times with each other and got to know new people, it was just so good to get away together after being locked up for so long. Four fantastic days away thanks to Hilda for organising the trip, we all appreciate the amount of organisation that went into it.

Today we were back at our club where we had a speaker called Martin who gave us some very good advice on driving in the winter, security in our homes and personal safety. He also entertained us all afternoon as well. Thank you Martin for some really good tips, we all loved listening to you and having a bit of craic at the same time with you.

I have received phone calls from people wanting to join our club and of course you can join, 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 Stag 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. The long dark days are coming shortly so come and join us for the craic so you'll have people to talk to for a few hours each week.

Till next time,

Marian Egan (Club Secretary) 086 1269 043

**ACRE
project**

**Acre Project,
Maynooth Road,
Celbridge**

Lawn Bowling training this weekend

We are having a free training session for anyone interested in trying out Lawn Bowls this weekend.

We have some spaces available for the following time slots:

Saturday 1pm
Sunday 10am
Sunday 11.30am
Sunday 1pm

You don't need any equipment as we will provide bowls to suit everyone. Our local bowls experts are giving their time for free too.

Spaces are limited so if you're interested please email: james@acreproject.com with your chosen time slot asap.

Don't forget

Our Autumn Plant Sale is on this **Saturday 16th** and **Sunday 17th** October, **from 10am to 5pm.**



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the pupils of St Mary's Boys National School who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday.

Hope you all have a lovely day. Please keep them in your prayers.



New 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.

Phone 01 6281487.

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday 10am

Capacity:

Our capacity for each Mass has increased to **300** while this is great news 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.

We ask people to disperse throughout the Church when they come to Mass and to leave a space between themselves and the next person/household.

At each Mass, the priests will ask for extra volunteers, on the day, to help the Stewards sanitise the seats etc.

All Masses will continue to be live-streamed on

www.lucanparish.com

November Altar List of the Dead:

Envelopes for the November Altar List of the Dead are available in the main Church Porch. Envelopes may be returned in the letterbox of the Parish Centre or 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 12.15pm Mass to 6pm. Please enter by the Main Porch Door and exit by the side door (near the Nuns' Chapel).

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

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

Visits to the housebound: If the housebound person has been fully vaccinated and at least two weeks have elapsed since the second dose, either Fr. Tom or Fr Philip and/or any ministers of the Eucharist who are also fully vaccinated can call once again. As a precaution we will wear face coverings and ask those to whom we are calling to do the same.

If you are housebound and are not already on the list you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

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

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Tom McCormack**, formerly The Crescent and to the wife, family and friends of **Gerard Hewitt**, Weston.
May they rest in peace.



Thank You

Thank you to so many people for your good wishes, prayers, Mass cards and practical support extended to us during the past number of months, for successful Kidney transplant operation for Brendan and Louise. All is going well for them both in their recovery thank God. Mass has been offered for all your intentions

*Heartfelt Thanks,
Maureen, Brendan and Louise Carthy,
Esker Lawns.*



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm, Sunday: 9am, and 12 noon.
10.30am Family Mass – live streamed only This online Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families; it is an accessible liturgy for children and enables them to participate more fully in the Sunday Mass.

Summary of measures until 17th October

Capacity will be 50%, accommodating a maximum of 300 people. Admission continues on a first come basis.

Church opening times 9.15 a.m. Monday-Saturday inclusive

The facility of the Church car park for participation at **Sunday Mass** will remain available.

Mass can be accessed over the usual Church media channels

10.30am Family Mass will continue online only until Sunday 17th October

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday at 10am.

Confessions:

Confessions can be requested after Mass.

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

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship: 11am.

Reserve a place for church services: You can either register via our simple online booking form or give us a call on 0858231123. There will be 2 spaces available for anyone who drops in. But these will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

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

Services will be streamed online and available on Youtube?

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Congregation capacity increase:

Our capacity at each Mass has increased. While this is great news, we need to remember that Covid is still very much with us. With this in mind, we need to be diligent in continuing with the wearing of face coverings and hand sanitising upon entering the church. Let us all endeavour to keep everyone safe by following the guidelines from the competent authority.

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday 9:15am. Saturday 10am

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Private Prayer:

The Faustina Chapel is open for private prayer from 10am to 12 noon Monday to Friday.

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.

St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's: Sunday 10am. **Wednesday:** 10am

St Mary's: Sunday: 11.30am. **Tuesday:** 10am



Calendar of Events:

October 17th:

Harvest Service - 10am

St Andrew's, Lucan

October 31st:

Harvest Service – 3pm

St Mary's, Leixlip.

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

Acknowledgement

MARRON (NIALL)

The wife and family of the late Niall Marron wish to express their appreciation for all the kind thoughts and support during this sad time.

A source of great strength during our sorrow were the expressions of sympathy conveyed to us in many ways.

His loving wife Anne, son Niall and daughters Maria and Liza especially appreciated and took comfort in the warmth and thoughtful support of all those around them.

To all our friends and family, to all who knew Niall, we thank you most sincerely.

Through your acts of kindness in sending flowers Mass cards or just for being there when it mattered the most. In speaking the words only you could say and keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. Our special thanks and love to you all.



Anniversary

O'BRIEN (JOYCE)

6th Anniversary - 22nd October

As long as our eyes shed tears
As long as our hearts keep beating
We will always love and miss you Joyce
No matter how we try
We will keep you within our hearts
Until the day we die.
And our dad, **Vincent**
May you rest in peace.
From the family xxx

Griffeen Art Group

The group returns on
Tuesdays at 7.30 pm
in **The Town Hall,**
Lucan.



Paint & Cake - All welcome!
Noel 0872512775

Lucan Lions Club

Just to let you know that Lucan Lions Club hope to resume fundraising activities post 22nd October and in the run up to Christmas.



We will keep you posted on developments in the coming weeks.

Lions & Diabetes

Action and Awareness

Don't sit – Stand up and get moving.
Cut sugar out of your family's diet.
Bin the sugary drinks.
Ensure 8 hours of sleep every night.
Take the stairs instead of the lift.
Exercise 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week.
Cook with olive oil instead of butter.
Need a snack? Go nuts!
Eat 3 daily servings of vegetables.
Limit your consumption of alcohol.
Eat healthy.

Understanding Diabetes – 2

Who? Typically, people over 40.
Prevention – Healthy eating, Weight loss, Regular exercise.
Symptoms – Increased thirst, Frequent urination, Fatigue and weakness, Urinary infection, No symptoms.
Cause – Overweight, Age, Medication.

Lucan Library

Healthy Food Made Easy is 6 week course which aims to help people to eat healthier and improve their health.
Parent and Teens (over 12) course, Wed 20th Oct from 5pm-6.45pm. Healthy Food Made Easy is 6 week course which aims to help people to eat healthier and improve their health.
Teens over 12 years of age may participate.
Each participant will be given a handbook with information and recipes, you will need to collect this from your local library to take part in this course.
You will receive the Zoom link and recipe for week 1 before the course starts.
1 ticket for all 6 classes.
1 participant per device.
A valid email address is required.
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/healthy-food-made-easy-for-parents-and-teens-tickets-185728668447>

Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club is excited to announce an evening workshop next Wed on photographing models and lighting setup. This talk will be given by the very talented photographers from The New Generation Camera Club. They are a studio-based camera club in the Dublin 12 area. Last week we had husband and wife photographers Robert & Sharon Prenton Jones, give an informative and interesting talk. A good evening was had by all.



We spotted Niamh, from Lucan Lodge Nursing Home on David Brophy's programme last Sunday night, when she was selected for the choir which featured front line workers from all over Ireland – and what a beautiful sound they made!

Their trojan efforts in this pandemic will never be surpassed!

Our FREE 6 – week beginners photography course is into its third week and all the photographers are enjoying the experience of getting to know their photography style and camera better.

Below are two more winning images from last month's open competition.



Brenda Hartley won the projected image category with her image titled "It's Ok". John Dunne's image "Bikers" won the mono intermediate category.



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

free.

Another Dublin Canvas for Lucan!

Walk on the Wildside by artist and graphic designer Maureen Fox Kelly, can be found close to Eurospar/Pennyhill. A thoughtful piece, Maureen is also responsible for *Heritage* (the beautiful Peacock) at Finnstown a couple of years ago.



Check out the Haunted South Dublin

Exhibition at Lucan library! Among the tales is one from Lucan, all about the old *Woodville House*, from Tarquin Blake's *Abandoned Ireland*. Not for the feint-hearted! If you can't manage to visit the library, the story is online at: http://www.abandonedireland.com/Most_Haunted_House.html

SOL CALENDAR NOW ON SALE!

The SOL fundraising 2022 calendar is now available to purchase at **Lucan Library**. The price of the calendars is €10 each, raising much needed funds to help keep all our tour/ events





Lucan Community College

Lucan CC student plays soccer for Ireland:

Aoibhe Fleming (3rd Year Class O’Riordan) has been representing her country abroad. Aoibhe has travelled to Norway to represent Ireland on the U17 women’s Irish Soccer Team in round 1 of the Euros. Ireland beat Hungary in their opening Group 1 game and went on the defeat Bulgaria 3-0 thus securing a place in Round 2.

Aoibhe is a fantastic role model to all and an excellent representative from Lucan Community College and the wider community to represent Ireland at an international level. Best of luck to Aoibhe and the Ireland u17 squad as they take on hosts Norway on Friday. You can get the latest updates at <https://www.fai.ie/ireland/under-17-womens/latest>

Active Learning in History class: Class Valentia created and designed their own Early Christian Monasteries through some beautiful artwork. Well done! Great to see examples of active learning in Lucan CC.

German Exchange: It would take more than covid to thwart the German exchange Lucan CC enjoys with Gymnasium Münchberg. And so it was that on the occasion of its 30th anniversary the exchange took place virtually. As Lucan CC principal Diane Birnie said to the cameras *Nichts kann uns stoppen! (Nothing can stop us!)*.

At the opening ceremony students introduced themselves as teachers gave encouragement, ‘Traut euch einfach!’ (*Have faith!*). The ceremony included words of praise and encouragement from principals and former principals, and a message from former student Nellie Woods who now works with Post Primary Languages Initiative. A letter from President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins was also read out in which conveyed his “congratulations on arranging such an innovative event”.

Over the course of the exchange students attended classes in Lucan CC in areas of History, Geography, Music and Celtic Art. Jack Harte, a former Principal of Lucan CC, also conducted a poetry reading. The Irish students each worked alongside their German partners to practise GAA and soccer skills, do some baking, singing and dancing. The virtual exchange was reported on in the German newspaper Frankenpost whose reporter Claudia Serbert said ‘Was in Harry Potters Zauberwelt funktioniert, geht diese Woche auch im Gymnasium Münchberg’. (*What works in Harry*

Potter’s Magic world is also possible in the week in Gymnasium Münchberg.)

There were also more formal opportunities for students to develop and practise their language skills through making PowerPoint presentations on language and culture of Ireland and researching Irish artists. Students were also set a project to work on with their partner in preparation for the second leg of the exchange which will be hosted by gm in February.

The event concluded with a farewell ceremony packed with music, quizzes and a wealth of memories of the week together virtually. Well done to the German department on the super-efficient organisation and thank you to all those who continue to make this exchange such a worthwhile experience for our students her in Lucan CC and the students of Gymnasium Münchberg.

Basketball is Back! The wait is almost over! Basketball Ireland have announced that League games will begin after the Midterm Break. Training for under 16 and under 19 boys and girls has begun with a great uptake of almost 100 students. This shows how much extra-curricular activities have been missed by students in Lucan CC. It has been great to see the return of many players as well as a good cohort of new recruits. Training for boys is on a Monday at 4 in the gym and is being coached by C. MacGrianra and K. Clancy. Training for girls takes place every Tuesday at 4 in the gym with Ms. L. Quirke, Ms. Dowling and Ms. R. Doherty. This is the last week for registering players so if interested please contact Ms. L. Quirke ASAP!

3rd Year Study Skills: Our 3rd Year students will attend a study skills and Mental Health workshop in Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th November. In this workshop they will cover topics such as: Managing emotions, Building resilience, Finding balance and minding yourself. What a great opportunity for these students at such a crucial time for them!

Transition Year Students Volunteer at the Academy in Lucan Sarsfields: While many are enjoying a much deserved lie in on a Saturday morning, some of our Transition Year students are helping develop football and hurling players of the future at Lucan Sarsfields. Well done to Sean McGowan, Conor Smullen, Lee Murphy, Josh Murphy, Daragh Kenna, Rory Egan, Eabha Lillis, Lauren McGivney, Robert Keher, Cormac Coffey and Milly Hughes!



Adamstown Community College

Virtual Open Evening: Our school and subject information videos are now live on our website and YouTube channel. Check out the 'Virtual Open Evening' on our site.

Climate Action Week: Climate action week will be taking place October 11th - 15th. We have a few events organised for the week as we begin the two year process of applying for our third Green Schools flag which is all about travel.

There will be a poster competition for students starting Monday based around sustainable travel methods.

On Thursday we will hold a slogan competition for all students to design our Green Schools slogan for the year.

This week all students participated in their annual walk to water as part of Climate Action week 2021.



Transition Year: Students are very busy preparing for their **Local Community and Culture week running from Nov 22nd - 26th 2021**. Students will spend the first 3 days visiting local and cultural locations and then spend 2 days volunteering in their local community. Day 1 will be spent doing a walking tour of the city, day 2 is a tour around Croke Park and Day 3 is a visit to the Botanical Gardens and hopefully (depending on Covid restrictions) a history tour around the neighbouring Glasnevin Cemetery. The aim of this week is to familiarise our students with some of the great local offerings we have here in Dublin and to give something, however small, back to their local community during their Volunteer/fundraising days.

We have many upcoming workshops planned as well. The students got to participate in a **Circus Skills Workshop** recently which by all accounts

was fun and enjoyable. They have another day with **E-movement Ireland** coming up soon, a **skipping workshop, self-defence workshops** with certification and **drumming workshops**. As well as this teachers are bringing groups out and about for subject specialist events such as the **Horticulture trip** to Airfield Estate.

We are also offering an *optional extra* trip this year. We are inviting students to visit **Belfast for an overnight trip** and experience the Christmas Markets and some tourist sites. Information about this trip and costs are on students' Google Classroom should they wish to join in.

Lots happening here in Transition year and we like to take every opportunity to thank the students for getting involved and being enthusiastic about the year. We would like to thank the teachers for facilitating all of this holistic learning and very importantly, the parents and guardians, for constantly assisting and encouraging our students.

Another big shout out to our local community here in Adamstown who are also assisting and encouraging our students to get involved locally.

Make sure to say 'hi' if you see us out and about in our HI Vis coats.

Guidance News: RGS Our Guidance Department is delighted to be able to offer the following course to a small group of students **"The Science of Health and Happiness for Young People"**. This course has been designed by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland's Centre for Positive Psychology and Health course. The overall aim of the programme is to allow students to increase self-awareness around their health and wellbeing in a small class setting. This support can only be offered to a limited number of students. The group will meet for one class weekly for 10 weeks to participate together on this course.

Tech Month: October 2021 is Tech Month. We are very excited to announce through **South Dublin Partnership and with Amazon Web Services (AWS)**, that we can offer to students with the assistance of Ms. Linnane the following four workshops

1. Introduction to Cloud Computing
2. Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
3. Introduction to Big Data
4. Introduction to Data Centers and Career Paths

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Admissions 2022: A final reminder that Enrolment application forms for new 1st yr students beginning in Sept 2022 are currently available from the school office. Completed forms must be returned to the school by **Friday October 22nd 2021**.

Careers: 6th yr students attended a talk from a representative from My Future Options last Monday in preparation for the new online Aptitude test that they will soon sit (replacing the traditional paper DATS).

MyAptitude is a psychometrically based aptitude test that gives students valuable insights into the work and careers best suited to their skills and interest. Students will complete a series of questions that are either right or wrong, and these are used to indicate a student's aptitude level in a particular area and gives them some deeper insights into their potential and capabilities. The hope is that students discover outstanding personal strengths which can should give them greater confidence in their academic work and career planning in the months ahead. The results will be made available to the students immediately upon completing the tests online. They will also have access to a pdf which they can download and share with parents, teachers and the Careers Department.

MyEirQuest, the career interest assessment, analyses individual student responses to 200 questions and produces an Interest Profile based on over 40 broad career areas. Students will be given access to an online research area to WORKBRIEF; a comprehensive up-to-date source of over 450 careers. The programme will allow the students to investigate initial career choices and explore the unknown or "un-thought" of career areas. The online student portal is an interactive work area with details of careers and links to short career videos and relevant websites. Essentially, the students will get a picture of their occupational and academic interests, related abilities and personal qualities. The results they receive are broken down into well-matched career areas that may be of interest to the students. These new online tests and assessments are cheaper than the traditional paper DATS assessments so they are highly recommended by our Career and Guidance Departments as well as management. 5th yrs will avail of these services later on in the school year as they begin the somewhat daunting task of planning their career paths. The resources and support now available to them should at least alleviate a lot of the stress and pressure usually associated with making such important college and career decisions.

Talent Show: Well done to the 17 acts that have made it through to the final of this year's Virtual Lucan's Got Talent, to be held in the school on

Friday 22nd October. The Transition Year students helping Ms. Bonner organise, promote and run the Talent Show were on the initial judging panel and helped her select the acts that advanced. In the final, the top three places will be decided by student votes. The finalists now must record a second performance and have it submitted by the end of this week, to allow time for the arduous process of editing the entire event for the Virtual Final.

Rumours are also circulating of a few teachers getting in on the action with recordings of their own...but we will all have to wait and see if there is any truth to these rumours!

It promises to be an epic, enjoyable and fun two-hour show, packed with undiscovered talent and surprise breakout acts that may well be talked about for weeks and months ahead in the school.

Transition Year: TY Edmund had an enjoyable day trip to Dublin Zoo last week, home to over 400 rare and endangered animals from around the world. The students were transported back to their childhood by their youthful giddiness and excitement at the sight of so many exotic animals at one of Ireland's top tourist attractions. The African Savanna, the zoo's largest habitat, was a big attraction with its collection of giraffes, rhinos, ostriches and zebras. The new Gorilla Rainforest, home to a troop of the largest living primates-the western lowland gorillas, was also one of the main highlights.

The students got to see the gorillas perched on the high, rocky ridges and climbing trees, proudly surveying their surroundings. They also enjoyed stepping into the dense bamboo rainforest as they travelled through the Kaziranga Forest trail to see the mighty and magnificent herd of Asian elephants bathing in pools, munching on branches and rolling around in mud baths. The sea lions were another highlight with students thrilled to witness the underwater acrobats of perhaps the zoo's most elegant and graceful animals. It was a memorable and thoroughly rewarding day-trip for the students and indeed the teachers!

The TY students also attended a talk in the school from Ger Brady, who spoke to them about Gaisce (also known as the President's Award), a self-directed personal development programme for young people in Ireland between the ages of 15 and 25. She explained the whole process of signing up and the many advantages of the Gaisce programme, such as interpersonal skills, positive mental health, building resilience, setting and achieving goals, societal awareness etc.

The students will be signing up for their Bronze Gaisce Award soon and they will be supported by two of our President Award Leaders (PAL) Ms. Shanahan and Mr. Douglas, who have both attained their Gold Gaisce Awards.

St. Joseph's College

Our **Parents' Association AGM** will be next Thursday 21st October. All parents are invited to attend the event which will probably take place by Zoom. Details will follow closer to the event.

It is great to see our sports teams back in action again after such a long break.

Well done to our **Senior Camogie Team** who got off to a winning start after a strong second half performance saw them overcome Maryfield College in Drumcondra on Tuesday. Thanks to Maryfield for a great game! Well done to Mr Kirwin, Mr Quinn & all of the players!



Our Senior Camogie Team

Our **Senior Football Team** won their match with Holy Faith Clontarf on Monday. It was a brilliant game of football - the teams were so well matched. Our players showed great character to come back and win by a single point in a hard fought game. Final score 3-10 to 2-12. Well done to Ms Farrell, Ms Forde and all of the players!

Our **Junior Camogie Team** was playing away against Mount Sackville last week. It was fantastic to see the players back in action again. Great skills and teamwork were shown by both sides. Well done to Mount Sackville who were the victors on the day and thanks for a great game! Thanks again to our coaches Mr Quinn & Mr Kirwan.

We had a very successful **Fire Drill** last week. Students are to be complimented on their performance!

As part of their Visual Culture course, **5th Year Art students** viewed Street Art and Sculptures on O'Connell Street and then visited the 'Sculpture in

Context' exhibition at the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin. They had a lovely day viewing and sketching the many artistic sights on display.



2nd year SPHE students 'Team-Building' exercises with spaghetti & marshmallows!

Thank you to Ms Dunne who has arranged that our School be involved in a project to monitor the quality of air in Dublin, focusing on the level of Nitrogen Dioxide in the air - **a perfect opportunity to link Stem and Wellbeing** in St Joseph's College!



Ms Dunne & Student Council pointing to our new CleanAirTogether measurement Tube

School website <https://stjosephslucan.com>
Follow us on Twitter: @STJosephs3

St Kevin's Community College

1st year 2022 applications: The application form for 1st year 2022 is available on our website - www.stkevinscc.ie. Closing date is Friday 22nd October.

Junior Achievement Ireland - We welcomed Aisling Andrews to the school this week to launch their Career Ready programme, in association with Microsoft Ireland, with our TY students. 9 of our 5th year students are starting year 2 of the programme with their Mentors and we look forward to our TY students embarking on their own journey.

Hiking Club - A lovely sunset ascent of the Sugar Loaf mountain in Wicklow was enjoyed by our school's Hiking Club! A super group of 20 students hike in the Dublin and Wicklow mountains every Tuesday after school. This term to date they've climbed over 4,500 meters - half the height of Mount Everest, we'll be at the top by the end of the term! Thanks to Ms Graham, Mr Sheridan and Ms Smyth for accompanying.

Boys' Soccer training continued this week with a great turn out from our 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students. Thanks to Mr Crosbie and Mr Ryan for coordinating.

Goal Jersey Day - Thanks to our TY students who organised the Goal Jersey Day last week and raised over €200 for GOAL. A selection of students & staff who donned their favourite jerseys can be seen below.

TY Food Production - Our TY Food Production/Horticulture class have been busy recently... preparing areas for planting flowers, herbs & vegetables; and looking forward to working in the newly erected polytunnel. Thanks to Ms. Gray for her incredible work with the students.

Coding Club - our coding club continues every Monday after school and students are now able to practice their work during lunchtimes on Tuesday and Thursday. Some of the brilliant work they have done so far can be seen below.

Parent Classes - some of our parents have been enjoying our new car maintenance class with Mr Darmody, our walking club with Ms Dalton and our Art class with Ms Gallagher. Contact Deirdre Dalton on 085 7622992 for more info on all of the above.



Enrolment 2022 St. Thomas' J.N.S.

Esker, Lucan, Co. Dublin



We will commence registration
for incoming

Junior Infants (2022)

on **Monday Nov. 1st 2021.**

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

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

Scoil Mhuire GNS Lucan Enrolment 2022

During the **month of October**
Scoil Mhuire Girls National School
are taking names of girls living in
St. Mary's Parish for Junior Infants 2022.

**Please email the school for an application
form.** The school email address is
smgns.lucan@gmail.com

*You will need to provide with
the completed application form:*

A scanned photocopy of your
daughter's **Birth Certificate**

Your daughter's **PPS Number**

A **current household utility bill**
(*proof of address*).



St. Mary's Boys' National School

are now enrolling
Junior Infants for September 2022

**The closing date for enrolment is
Friday 19th November 2021**

The application forms can be downloaded from
the home page of our school website which is
www.stmarysbnslucan.com

For more information please contact 01-
6281857 or email info@stmarysbnslucan.com



Emer Higgins TD

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Budget 2020: This Budget has three main aims of helping to recover our economy from the pandemic, repairing our public finances and restoring our public services. Some of the key measures include an extra €5 in the main weekly welfare payments, including the state pension, fuel allowance, parents leave, back to school allowance and job seekers allowance. An increase in the minimum wage to €10.50, a €50 increase in personal tax credit, half price public transport for 19-23-year-olds, €250m to reduce waiting lists in health, free GP care to children under eight and an additional 800 Gardaí and 400 civilian staff.

Lucan Women's Network: I was delighted to join with the Lucan Women's Network to celebrate [Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#) in Corkagh Park and to raise funds for [The Marie Keating Foundation](#). Well done to all involved!

Paul Gogarty - Independent

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Several new initiatives taking place in Lucan village shortly:

The Council are planning a number of works to Lucan village in the near future. In the coming weeks we will see the next phase of the canal route cycleway proposals. A scheme to improve the village green area and make the area around the shops more pleasant for users is proposed for public consultation shortly also. Improvement works on the weir will continue, while this week the consultation process for additional parking opposite Lucan Demesne commenced.

The most far-reaching proposal will likely come next spring with a three-month trial of a one-way system through the village. As one who suggested such a plan, albeit with off-street parking options, I await the trial with interest. It will either prove unworkable from a traffic management perspective or a real opportunity for necessary revitalisation. Watch this space.

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Darragh Adelaide Selected for PBP in the Clondalkin LEA:

Last Saturday People Before Profit launched their new local area representative for the Clondalkin Local Electoral Area Darragh Adelaide.

Darragh, a native of Clondalkin, was joined by Gino Kenny TD, Cllr Madeleine Johansson and family and friends at the small outdoor event in Clondalkin. Darragh was selected by the People Before Profit branch to represent the party in the Clondalkin area at the next local election.

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P O L I T I C I A L S

Bus stops on St Loman's Road/Ballyowen Road:

Some people have asked me about the new bus stops being set on Ballyowen Road/St Loman's Road. These will form part of the new 251 bus route which will connect Liffey Valley to Adamstown, on an hourly frequency. This is part of the Bus Connects Scheme for Lucan which will be rolled out in November. You can view the map for the Lucan Area

at <https://busconnects.ie/media/1731/lucan-online-map-141019-fa.pdf>.

Bonfire stockpiles and fireworks: If you are aware of illegal bonfire stockpiles in your area, please let me know and I will ask the Council to remove them.

Mattress amnesty: The Council is organising collection of unwanted mattresses at locations around the County. Collection points Rathcoole Community Centre 9.30 and 12 on 18th October and Tymon Park Car Park, Tallaght 9.30 and 12 on 21st October.

N O T E S

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Pay & Display: Saturday pay & display will be introduced into Lucan Village, council management have confirmed to me that they are waiting for the machines to be recalibrated to reflect these new charges. There will also be an awareness campaign carried out in advance to ensure prior notice of this new charge.

LAMA (Local Authorities Members

Association) Awards 2021: Delighted to have nominated both Jack Tuite cofounder FitFor45 and Patrick Brophy Event Director Junior Grifeen parkrun and Wolfpack running club member for 'Best Community Health Initiative' 'Best Community Sports Team/Club' and 'Community Volunteer of the Year' both are now FINALISTS for this years awards, ceremony takes place on 27th November. Best of luck to both!

Proposed Temporary Closure Hayden's Lane

R120: To facilitate Fastlane Half Marathon, South Dublin County Council propose to temporarily close Hayden's Lane, on Sunday the 7th of November 9am-12.30pm.





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Senior Footballers were comprehensive winners over Plunketts in the last of the group games, and as runners up will advance to meet Ballymun in the quarter finals of the championship. Senior Camogie, following Sundays win over Faughs, await the winners of the other shield semi-final. In Ladies football, the intermediates drew at home to Clann Mhuire and now meet table toppers Sylvesters in the last of the group stages, all three U13 teams made their cup finals, U14A are in the Div 1 final and U15B in shield final. There were wins too for the Minor A and B hurlers.

On Saturday next at 5pm, Craobh Chiarain will be the quarter final opposition for our **senior hurlers** in Parnell Park, and is an all ticket fixture. Tickets are now available online at the link below. Presale online: Adults €13, Juveniles (16) €5. In the event tickets do not sell out online, tickets will be available at the gate @ Adults €15, Juveniles (U16) €5.

<https://www.universe.com/events/craobh-chiarain-v-lucan-sarsfields-go-ahead-shc-a-14-final-tickets-YR7D3H>

In the Junior Hurling quarter finals, the Junior A's are at home to Skerries, and the C's away to Monicas, both on Saturday, while the B's are at home to Sylvesters on Sunday.

Also on Sunday the **Minor A footballers** will contest the Shield quarter final away to Thomas Ashe, **Lucan's B's** are away to ClannaGael in the Minor D Football Championship quarter finals and the C's away to Geraldines in the Minor E south quarter final.

All Club fixtures and results are available on our website.

Dublin (with Tommy Brennan on the squad) will face Mayo on Saturday, October 16 in St Brigid's GAA club, Kiltoom, Roscommon, in the semi-final of the Masters (Over 40) all Ireland football championship. Best of luck to all teams!

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.



GAA for All: Lucan Sars Stars, GAA for All training is continuing on Tuesdays on the all-weather pitch. We would like to thank our special guests who visited training last week and this week; Lucan players, Abbie Shiels, Dublin Ladies Football goalkeeper and Alan Murphy, Dublin U20 hurler. It is great to see our Dublin stars make time to train and join in the fun with our young Lucan Sars Stars.

Hurley & Helmet Donations: A teacher in a local secondary school is trying to promote Camogie within the school with a view to taking part in school competitions. He has requested our assistance to collect some equipment and is looking for helmets or hurls that are no longer in use – the plan is that these hurls and helmets will be loaned by the club to the school for the duration of the year. Can you please have a look in your attic, sheds or garage for any usable hurls and helmets - they can be left into the Club café.

Parking at the clubhouse: As we return to dark evenings and training at the 12th Lock, we would like to remind everybody to slow down, please park in the overflow car park first if it is open before entering the main carpark, and if using the main carpark, enter by the main entrance gate, observe the one-way traffic flow-system and exit by the gate located next to the AWP, and a reminder to all our members and visitors, that except for assistance dogs, no dogs are permitted on our premises.

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €15,800: Ní raibh aon buaiteoir phota óir de €15,800 sa chranncur a tharla ar an Déardaoin, ar an 30ú de mhí an Meán Fómhair. Tarraingíodh na huimhreacha seo a leanas: 15, 16, 24, 28. The Lucky Dip winners of €30 each: **Caroline Casey, Tommy & Liam, Margaret Doyle, Gerald Gleeson, Matt O'Donovan.** The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 14th October, is **€16,200**, and is sponsored by: **Lucan Village Pharmacy.** The draw managed by Diarmuid Dawson will be held in the Club house, at 9pm and live streamed on our Facebook page.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

Club Siúlóide

Tá club siúlóide tosnaíthe againn agus beimid ag bualadh lena chéile ar 9.10am gach Céadaoin i bPáirc Griffreen. Fáilte mhór roimh gach éinne. Seol téacs chuig Cónán ar 00447514033624 má tá suim agat a bheith páirteach nó chun níos mó eolais a fháil.

We have started a new walking group that meets every Wednesday at 9.10am in Griffreen Park. Everyone is welcome! Send a message to Cónán on 00447514033624 if you are interested or for more information.

Traenáil máithreacha

Traenáil máithreacha agus daoine eile ar siúl againn gach Luan ar 6.30pm in Ospidéal an Rí. Fáilte mhór roimh gach éinne. Seol téacs chuig Cónán ar 00447514033624 má tá suim agat nó chun níos mó eolais a fháil.

Mothers and others training every Monday at 6.30pm in King's Hospital. Everyone is welcome! Send a message to Cónán on 00447514033624 if you are interested or for more information.

Foirne iomána - cluiche ceathrú ceannais

Tá cluichí ceathrú ceannais ag na foirne iomána fásta Dé Domhnaigh seo chugainn. Ar dtús ar maidin beidh an chéad fhoireann ag tabhairt aghaidh ar Bhaile Buadain ar 11am i bPáirc Chaitríona agus ar 3pm beidh an dara fhoireann ag imirt in éadan Naomh Áine i bPáirc Chaitríona freisin. Bheadh na foirne seo an-bhuíoch as tacaíocht ar bith!

Buachaillí Faoi 9, Iomáint

Bheannaigh maidin aoibhinn Fómhair dúinn i bPáirc Ghleann Álainn, áit ar imir na buachaillí faoi 9 dhá chluiche i gcoinne Naomh Pádraig, Baile Phámair. Bhí na cluichí breá iomaíoch agus an dá fhoireann ar chomhchaighdeán.

Sa chéad chluiche a bhí againn, bhí scileanna cosanta iontacha ar thaispeáint ó Fhinn Ó Gréacháin agus Cian Mac Giolla Phádraig, le neart blocála ar siúl. D'oibrigh Aoidhfin Faircheallaigh go chrua i lár na páirce agus é an-láidir sa choimhlint, agus ghlac James Mac Cuinneagáin le gach deis a fuair sé, ag scóráil roinnt cúlíní deasa.

Sa dara chluiche againn níor stop Jude Touhey ag rith, agus bhí Darragh Dunbar agus Conor Sheehan ina bhfathaigh i measc na gcosantóirí. Ar nós a dheartháir sa chéad chluiche, d'imir Ruairí Mac Giolla Phádraig an-chluiche agus é ag feidhmiú i lár na páirce.

Tagairt speisialta do James Ó hÍcí a d'imir le Naomh Pádraig chun na huimhreacha a choinneáil cothrom.

A bright Autumn morning greeted us in Glanaulin Park where the under 9 boys played St Patricks Palmerstown in 2 games of football. The games were competitive with the two teams evenly matched.

In our first game there was some great defensive skills on display from Finn Ó Greachán and Cian Mac Giolla Phádraig with plenty of blocks. Aoidhfin Faircheallaigh worked hard in midfield, tackling and passing and James Cunningham was scoring some lovely points at every opportunity.

In our second game Jude Touhey never stopped running and Darragh Dunbar and Conor Sheehan were giants in defence. Not to be bettered by his brother Ruairí Mac Giolla Phádraig was tackling hard in midfield.

A special mention for James Ó hÍcí who played with St Patricks to keep the numbers even.



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 notices/reports to any of the following:

Community / Schools/ Local History

marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

Sport / Politics

roselucannewsletter@gmail.com

Parish Notes / Fund Raising

annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

Anniversaries etc / Advertising Queries

catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com

St. Mary's Camera Soirée



The members of the St. Mary's Camera Soiree are meeting again indoors for the first time since March 2020 this Friday 15th October. They are meeting for the present in the Coffee Dock in the Parish Centre. I will not be able to report on the meeting until next Friday as our photographs each week are submitted to the editor of the Newsletter on the Wednesday before the weekend of publication. I know that the members are excited about this return to some form of normality and I am confident that there will be a pretty full attendance.

Autumn continues to feature strongly in this week's submissions on the WhatsApp group, with beautiful photos submitted by Kay, Paddy and Joe.

Conor submitted a novel photograph of his rowers (I am sure there is a correct term for what they are, but I don't know it) under Shackelton's Mill. I suspect that the use of flash achieved the vibrant colours.



For me the highlight of the week has to be Anna's photograph at sunrise of the new bridge at Achill Sound. One of the great things about this time of year is that you do not have to get out of bed at an ungodly hour to take photographs of the sun rising. Anna's was taken at the very civilised hour of around 8.30am.

Till next week stay safe!

