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CONFESSION

Many of us who struggle with the Christian message were uplifted by a recent RTE/BBCNI production on the topic of Confession. We were puzzled that a program was to be aired on a Sacrament known for its confidentiality. However the program turned out to be a Confiteor on the struggles of the Priests themselves, young and old. The difficulties of Ministering in a modern world and the severe loneliness suffered by them spoke volumes, as their exclusion has been worsened by the Pandemic.



No doubt some will say that the program itself was biased in a Liberal direction but a number of standout statements by the clerics made for riveting viewing and subsequent consideration. The value of listening and forgiveness was well evaluated.

That Pope Francis wants a more open, tolerant, inclusive, and forgiving Church is now evident to all. Less Religion by tick boxing and more humanity, humility and awareness of all our frailties has at last come to the fore. There are forces opposed to this but we now can have an open debate; some Catholic Media and some groups, especially in the USA seem less than Christian in their political friends and supporters. That attempts were made to stifle even the debate leads us to wonder just which planet some of these opposers inhabit.

There were a number of standout moments in the Broadcast. One older priest in his loneliness described a time when Bishops only admonished and never praised. Some younger priests displayed a revealing normality. The highlight for me was a comment by Fr Iggy O'Donovan. Fr Iggy has been carpeted in the past for a number of ecumenical events both personal and ecclesiastical. Had he lived in Lucan no one would have noticed as these events have gone on quietly here for over 20 years. He said "Certainty is the enemy of Faith". Many of us who grew up in the sixties and demanded change will celebrate this gem, all humankind is on a journey.

With pitfalls and frailties and we all need loving and caring. He also calls for a feminization of the Church which is now badly needed to heal and develop in a less legalistic and more caring and Christ like way.

The opposers and conservatives are people, and our siblings too. But their method has failed, and miserably in many cases. We can hopefully bring them along.

Renewal will mean more humility and less Princes of the Church. In the dark clouds of the Pandemic maybe we are going to see some light.

Tony Feeney

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

www.citizensinformation.ie

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



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

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

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

MABS - Money Advice and Budgeting Service

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

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

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

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

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

Take control of what happens next.

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

The over 70s Medical Card

To qualify for a medical card your income must be below a certain figure.

The Minister for Health has announced plans to increase the income limit from 1 November 2020. The weekly income limit for people over 70 will be increased by €50 for a single person (to €550 from €500) and by €150 for a couple (to €1,050 from €900).

More information is available on Citizensinformation.ie

Budget 2021 was announced on Tuesday, 13 October 2020.

This document sets out the main changes in taxation, social welfare, health, housing, education, employment and other areas.

This document on our website will be updated as more details become available.

Some of the changes announced in the Budget come into effect immediately. Others take effect from the beginning of January 2021 or later in 2021. Many others have to be finalised before coming into effect.

Some elements of these measures may change when the legislation required to bring them into effect is enacted.

The Irish Hospice Foundation

Bereavement Support Helpline on freephone 1800 807077

What is the IHF Bereavement Support Line?

It is a national freephone service 1800 80 70 77 which will be available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday.

We aim to provide a confidential space for people to speak about their experience or to ask questions relating to the death of someone during the COVID-19 pandemic/a previous bereavement which feels more difficult at this time.

We will listen to what a person says about what has happened.

We will do our best to provide comfort and emotional support.

We will provide any information that might help the caller, including information on practical supports.

We will provide support for employers or professionals who want to inform the care their organisation can offer to bereaved colleagues <https://hospicefoundation.ie/covid19careandinform/bereavement-support-line/>

Lucan Community Garden

Are you interested in establishing a community garden in Lucan?

Please email carolm03@yahoo.com with your contact details

All welcome





Hard to believe that we closed down almost seven months ago, advised our members of government's instructions and locked up for what could have been the last time.

So much has happened since then, in all of our lives, much of it quite unbelievable. COVID-19, then a strange name for a viral infection quite unknown, has been cruel and pernicious in its sinister effects. At times we seem to have exhausted our descriptive vocabulary in attempts to put into words what has happened to us, as individuals and collectively.

So often it has been said and written that things will never be the same again, that we have been changed utterly by recent experiences. An overpowering, ongoing situation, changing from day to day, is both upsetting and confusing, leaving us at a loss to know how to react. At a time such as this, both the best and the worst can be observed in public behaviours. It is hoped that the former will outweigh the latter.

Since we closed, the members of Lucan Men's Shed have remained in contact with each other, at two levels at least. Our six-member committee has held a monthly meeting since last March, during which we have kept Shed affairs under review and have updated administrative details. Secondly, for those who wanted to participate, a weekly walk has been organised by a Shed member, an idea which has been well-supported and enjoyed by all, in a different venue each time. Where we may walk for an hour or so has been relatively unimportant, because the enjoyment is in the meeting together and the chat.

Committee Meetings are no longer held face-to-face, in fact we haven't seen each other for a while. The answer is Zoom, a facility relatively easy to use and few technical problems, so far. Most of the time, both audio and video links are possible. While Zoom may be the answer for meetings, another solution is impossible for walks, considering the current advice in the Covid-19 context, where we must cut down on our contacts to limit the virus spread.

Our walks have been abandoned, it being irresponsible to do otherwise. It's dangerous out there, no one can afford to be careless and we are individually in charge of own destiny.



A Welcome Visitor

A bird flew in the room today



Stopped for a while then flew away
I asked if he had lost his way
Or was he coming in to stay

He shook his head and looked around
He didn't make a single sound
He just kept peering round and round
And then he hopped down to the ground

He waddled towards the chimney breast
I thought, he's looking for his nest
Then puffing out his tiny chest
He settled down and had a rest

Then seconds later off he flew
I think he was just passing through
I'm hoping he was sent by you
To say Hello
Veronica Stafford.

(Many thanks to Maria Murphy for sending on this poem which was written by her sister Veronica who lives in Madrid).



PLEASE NOTE:

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

Alternately email any of the following:
marylucannewsletter@gmail.com
annalucannewsletter@gmail.com
roselucannewsletter@gmail.com
catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com

Big thank you to all who continue to send in reports and other bits and pieces!

Parish Notes



St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

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

Monday to Saturday: 10am

Vigil Mass Saturday: 6.30pm and Sunday: 11am

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 will be open daily from **10.30am to 6pm – Monday to Saturday** (funerals permitting) and **noon to 6pm on Sundays** for private prayer.

Please ensure social distancing when visiting the church and use hand sanitizers provided when entering and leaving.

Deepest Sympathy to Damien and Mary Douglas and family on the death of Damien's father, Dan. May he rest in peace.

From all at St. Mary's

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

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

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm,

Sunday 10:30am and 12.15pm

Weekday Mass:

Monday to Friday 9:15am

Saturday 10am.

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

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

St. Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

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

Weekday Masses:

Masses on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10am.

Private Prayer: Please note that due to essential maintenance the church building will be closed for private prayer until 29th October.

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

St John Paul II – Feast Day 22nd October.

Born: 18th May 1920, in Poland

Died: 2nd April 2005, Vatican City

Full name: Karol Józef Wojtyła

Buried: St Peter's Basilica, Rome

Pope John Paul II was ordained in 1946, became a bishop in 1958, and archbishop of Krakow in 1964. He was made a cardinal in 1967, and in 1978 became the first non-Italian pope in more than 400 years.

As the leader of the Catholic Church, he travelled the world, visiting more than 100 countries (including Ireland in September 1979) to spread his message of faith and peace.

Pope John Paul II died on 2nd 2005, at the age of 84. More than 3 million people waited in line to say good-bye to their beloved religious leader at St. Peter's Basilica before his funeral on 8th April.

On 5th July 2013, waving the usual five-year waiting period, it was announced that the Roman Catholic Church would declare Pope John Paul II a saint he was canonized on 27th April 2014.

The announcement of Pope John Paul II's canonization came after the Vatican revealed that two miracles were attributed to the late pope. After a dying French nun, prayed to Pope John Paul II during her battle with Parkinson's disease, the same illness that killed the pope, she was cured. The second miracle involved a 50 year-old woman, who claimed that she was cured of a brain aneurysm after a photograph of Pope John Paul II spoke to her.



World Mission Sunday is helping communities to build schools, clinics, parish halls and Churches for marginalised communities and missionaries in our church family in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

It provides missionary programmes that protect and care for children’s wellbeing by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education and hope for the future and it is vital to give generously to this special collection as the pandemic has brought about even more challenges in many war-torn countries but also these crises will remain thereafter.

In basic terms, World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father’s annual direct appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of missionaries can continue.

It always falls over the second last weekend in October, and similar to the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land and Peter’s Pence, it is one of three yearly Universal Church collections. Since its announcement as a papal collection, all parishes worldwide have offered Mass collections from the day to aid the work of missionaries and mission overseas.

Many are surprised to know that World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and across Europe, but also in poorer parishes in the developing world. World Mission Sunday is a moment of universal solidarity, when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, can play their part in supporting each other. This is why it is such a special and vital celebration.

Donate towards the life-giving work of missionaries now!
www.wml.ie/mission
or call Fiona on 01-4972035

Quote:

Kindness in words creates confidence.
 Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.
 Kindness in giving creates love.

Lao-tzu

JOIN JOE for JUSTICE



Fr Joe is continuing his marathon 26 miles over a month (or two or three!!!)



Here he is with our own Bernie Martin

The event has been organised to raise funds for two charities - Marys Meals and the second is to provide tutors for a women’s literacy project founded by the Presentation Sisters outside Delhi in India.

For more information or for sponsorship cards please contact: Fr Joe 087 6632944,
 Hartstown Parish Office: 01 8249651
 or Sr Ann 086 3256307

Don’t just “Talk to Joe” but “Walk with Joe”



Autumn sunshine streams into St. Marys.....
 The Flower fairies worked their magic too!

Anniversaries

CAROLAN (BRIAN)

11th Anniversary - 22nd October

Those of you who think of Brian today

A little prayer to Jesus say.

*Always remembered by Helena, Stephen, Alan,
Louise, Ellie, Hannah, Alfie and Frankie*

NIÐHOIBHILIN (NIAMH)

17th Anniversary - 15th October

Especially remembering Niamh whose 17th
Anniversary is on 15th October .

Love Mum, Dad, Aisling, Jenny and Neasa



O'BRIEN (JOYCE)

5th Anniversary - 22nd October

To some you may be forgotten

To others a part of the past

But to us who love and lost you

Your memory will always last

Each of us in our own way

Have special memories of you today.

Also remembering our dear father and husband.

Love and miss you both very much

May you rest in peace.

From all the family xxxxx

O'HARA (JIM)

8th Anniversary - 19th October

Those we love

Do not go away

They walk beside

Us every day.

*Sadly missed by your loving wife Chrissie,
daughters, grandchildren and great
grandchildren xx*

RANKIN (NORA)

17th Anniversary - 9th October

Doddsboro.

Precious people are very few

That's why there was only one of you

Nothing on earth can ever replace

The sound of your voice

Or the smile on your face

You always had a kind word to share

Time to give and time to care

A loving nature kind and true

These are the memories we all have of you.

*Sadly missed by all your loving family and
friends.*

Be-attitudes for Special People

For friends of people with special needs

Blessed are you

who take the time to listen to difficult
speech,

For I know that if I persevere, I can
be understood.

Blessed are you

who never bid me to hurry up and take
my tasks from me and do them for me,
For often I need time rather than
help.

Blessed are you

who stand beside me as I enter new
and untried ventures,
For my failures will be outweighed by
the times I surprise myself and you.

Blessed are you

who asked for my help,
For my greatest need is to be needed.

Blessed are you

who understand that it is difficult to
put my thoughts into words.

Blessed are you

who with a smile encourage me to try
once more.

Blessed are you

who never reminded me today that I
asked the same question twice.

Blessed are you

who respect me and love me as I am
And not as you wish I were.

Remembering Sadie Conway

30th Anniversary in her 100th year

Sadie Conway nee Caples lived a very happy life in Chapel Hill along with Veana, Una, May (our late Mam), and Peggy under the watchful eye of sisters Rose and Kate McGovern, along with their beloved niece MaryJo. Sadie worked most of her life in Lucan Printing Works, printing the Non-Stop tickets and many other things.

She married Billy Conway in 1952 and lived in Coldblow beside his parents. It was a wonderful day for them both when they got their keys to number 13 Sarsfield Close. Sadly Billy only had a few short years there and passed in 1976.

But in true style Sadie picked herself up and founded St. Anne's Social Club. The ladies met each Monday for a chat. Once a year they took a day trip off to Avoca or maybe Arklow. Then she took them off to Lourdes. Fr. Conlon once said it took him a year to recover from all the laughing and then it was time to go again!

Sadie had a flair for writing poems and songs, and a song about **Lucan** was her favourite. She sang it many times in Chapel Hill, Bob Carrolls, or on the bus home from their day trips.



Lucan favourites! Sadie renders a song, accompanied by Joe O'Brien, of Sarsfield Terrace.

We do hope you enjoy our memory of a special lady.

From Patricia Barlow and Catherine Kelly (nee McNally)

Lucan

Lucan is a very pretty place,
as everybody knows
It's a truly rural little town,
through which the Liffey flows.

CHORUS

Then carry me back to the Lucan Spa,
there let me remain,
Among the meadows that I love,
down in the old Demesne.

If ever you are down that way,
drop in and see the mill,
It's there the best of Irish tweed
is made by Mr. Hill.

Chorus

And for accommodation
There's no place that can excel,
The Lucan Hydropathic,
and the grand new Spa Hotel.

Chorus

If ever city life you tire,
and feel not very well,
Drink nothing but the Spa water
and live in the new hotel.

Chorus

You talk of pretty maidens
and faith unto my mind
A finer lot of girls than ours
you will not easily find

Chorus

At noble sports and pastimes
sure Lucan takes the cake.
Show me football or cricket match
that Lucan could not beat.

Chorus

The pictures in The Premier
are always very nice,
And people show their gratitude
to Mr. Ronald Rice.

Chorus

The men in this locality
are steady, brave and true,
They tie strings of friendship,
which time will not undo.

Chorus

And when in Lucan
don't forget our Anna Liffey Mill,
Where Messrs. Shackleton
and workers cure all our ills.

Chorus



It's gone from bad to worse this past week, as we have to up our game a bit. No household visits at all for now. Please God, we'll see some favourable results soon.

Lucan Newsletter will play things by ear. If worst comes to worst, we may not be able to produce our hard copy, but will continue publishing on line. It will be a last resort!

It's easy to forget 'the elephant in the room' with the pleasant weather we've had this past week - nature is very good to us here in Lucan.

Virtual Fund Raisers!



Well done to the organisers of a virtual Cake Sale in Woodview Estate on Saturday last. Monies raised were for **Cups against Breast Cancer.**

Many more people have been taking part in the **VHI Mini Marathon**, where you can walk 10k in your own time, and hopefully raise loads of money for many deserving causes. Once registered with the organisers, a number, vest and the all important medal were sent out to entrants, but the medal was not to be worn until the feat was completed! Nice one!

Not a lot to say about the Boys in Green this week! The whole week was a shambles for them. Is there really any point in playing these matches at this time?

The Dubs take on Meath this Saturday in the league, in Parnell Park. It's very easy to feel apprehensive about any games these days, the way things are.

Top of the Quizzers! Kenny's weekly Zoom Quiz is still going strong, with lots of locals logging in each Thursday night. Well done to Quizmaster Terry, who brings some light relief to many – quite serious for some though!

Congratulations

To **Michael and Colette Grant** who recently celebrated 50 Golden Years!



We wish them many more years of married bliss.

Redneck Medical Terms

- Artery The study of paintings
- Benign What you be after you be eight
- Bacteria Back door to cafeteria
- Barium..... What doctors do when patients die
- Caesarean Section..... A neighbourhood in Rome
- Catscan Searching for kitty
- Cauterise Made eye contact with her
- Colic A sheep dog
- Pain Getting hurt at work
- Medical Staff A Doctor's came
- Morbid A higher offer that I bid
- Nitrates Cheaper than day rates
- Node I knew it
- Coma A punctuation mark
- D & C Where Washington is
- Delate To live long
- Hangnail What you hang your coat on
- Tablet A small table
- Fester Quicker that someone
- Enema Not a friend
- Fibula A small lie.



SCHOOL NEWS



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

New enrolments: A reminder that all places for **1st yr enrolment in Sept 2021** have been allocated and the school will be in touch with all those concerned very soon. For **5th class** students due to enrol in **Sept 2022**, application forms can now only be distributed from 1st Oct 2021 (due to a new Admissions Bill) when students are in 6th class. Further information can be obtained from the school website www.colaistephadraig.com, by emailing admin@colaistephadraig.com or by contacting the office at 01-6282299.

Transition Year: Our TY students are currently beginning a number of online modules that will be certified and included in their Digital Portfolios. The 1st of these modules began on Monday when the TY Rice students took part in a virtual cooking class with Mr. O' Brien. The students were given a recipe for a simple lunch last Wednesday and had to get hold of the ingredients by Monday. The ingredients were fairly common items such as Self Raising Flour, porridge oats, butter, eggs, vanilla essence, sugar and chocolate chips.

The students joined the live demonstration by Mr. O' Brien on Monday afternoon and followed his step by step instructions carefully. The students were in charge of every step of their own cooking process and after about 15 mins cooking time, they removed their finished cookies before proudly displaying them live to the rest of the virtual class. The proof of the pudding is always in the eating of course so they then got to taste the cookies and deliver their final verdicts. Virtually all of them (pardon the pun!) were delighted with their efforts. TY Rice students have certainly laid down a marker for their Edmund counterparts who will take part in another live demonstration by Mr. O' Brien next week! Both classes will then partake in a 2nd live demonstration after mid-term.

The TY students are also busy finalising arrangements for next Friday's Virtual Talent Show and after mid-term they will take part in a FAI soccer coaching course which will run for 6 weeks in November and December.

Student Council: As Chairperson of the Coláiste Phádraig Student Council, I am delighted that our 1st report of the year is being included in the Lucan newsletter. It's very important for parents

and students to be aware that the Student Council exists to give the students a voice and make recommendations to management that will improve some element of school life for each and every one of us, especially in these unprecedented and challenging times. Everything that is happening is having a direct impact on us, the students, so I've made it my aim to ensure the students' thoughts are expressed in a manner that leads to positive change for us all.

There are a number of approaches we wish to take in order to carry out our objectives, the first being a student survey that we will plan to distribute in the coming days. The survey is composed of questions regarding the return to school, satisfaction levels with the safety precautions rolled out throughout the school and views on the online learning that took place during Lockdown. The 6th year would also have an extra question about their thoughts on the controversial Calculated Grade System that was used for the class of 2020. At the moment, the proposed survey and the various questions are in the process of being approved by the principal so we will edit the survey accordingly based on his recommendations.

The idea of giving prefects new roles was also brought forward. The staggered lunch break times for the senior and junior classes has rendered the traditional duties of prefects temporarily unworkable at the moment unfortunately. We are suggesting that they would instead be required to maintain PPE equipment throughout the school as one of their redefined duties. They would carry out duties such as refilling hand sanitiser stations when needed and restocking any wipes or sanitiser bottles in classrooms during the day. The Prefects have always been a massive asset to the school and we believe that anything that gets them involved in leadership during these challenging times should be considered.

An election in each of our five 1st yr classes was held last week with each class tasked with the election of one rep. From the five reps elected, two students, Matthew Grohman from 1Yeats and Phelim Dunne from 1Beckett, were then elected to the Student Council. The two students have already demonstrated promising signs of leadership and initiative so we have no doubt that they will serve the Council and school well throughout the year.

We look forward to working with Mr. Keane, who oversees the work of the Student Council, and seeking his guidance and expertise on certain issues.

Alex Knowles 6th yr.

Lucan Community College

Open Evening and new Admissions Policy: Our open evening was postponed from 1st October 2020 due to health advice. We will have online information available at a later date for incoming 1st years 2021 including a taste of option subjects. We are also preparing resources for an online Open Day (if needed) in October 2021 for students and parents/guardian in 4th to 6th class in local primary schools. Admissions applications for 2022 and after can now only be taken from the October of 6th class primary. See our website for more details. www.lucancc.ie

Work Experience: We are delighted that despite the obstacle of a pandemic and added restrictions, approximately 60 of our Transition Year students were able to find a Work placement. All placements were all individually contacted to make sure a clear Covid procedure was in place and to ensure the welfare of our students. A big thank you to the various local employers who have taken on our students. Work experience is an important milestone for transition year and would not be possible without the support of local businesses.

An Gaisce: Well done to the 36 students who completed the Bronze Award despite the difficult and challenging position they found themselves in since March. The students used creative and imaginative ways to complete their skills in each section by turning to online learning and environmental projects. Two students from last year's 5th year participated in the Silver Award. They were David Wright and David Griffen. Both students completed their adventure projects by hiking in Lucan Domain and with the Scouts. The students will receive their medals and certification on Lá Gaisce, 21st October.

We have 24 TY students who have started the Bronze Award challenge this year and Romeo Essombo in 5th year going for Silver. The very best of luck to all participants.

Friday 9th October was **World Mental Health day** for our school community. It was an important time for students and teachers to take part in wellbeing activities. On offer was step aerobics, chair yoga, some mindfulness exercises, some checking in on how everyone is doing and valuable relaxation techniques. Students were also given individually wrapped treats and reminded that care of their mental health is important. Examples were given about how this could be achieved.

The Final event for the day was a table tennis competition, Ladies on staff V's the Gents on staff. The Ladies won the day but a rematch is

promised! Special thanks to Margaret Ryan and the wellbeing committee for helping our school community appreciate the unique spirit that have at LCC.

Reading Week: Drop everything and read (DEAR) time took place this week. Students brought in their own reading material and a class was set aside, every day to allow students to read and review. "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go" - Dr. Seuss

Retirement Celebrations: Friday 2nd October was a very special day for Art Teacher Maree Kerwick as she began the celebration of her retirement. Ms Kerwick started working in the school in 1991 and has been a wonderful advocate for the school and for the importance of Art in society ever since. She has worked with many other Art teachers since she took over from Ms O'Dea including Ms Gibney, Ms Quish, Ms McKeever, Ms Richardson, and Ms S Gallagher. We estimate that she has nurtured the talent of over 500 students of art over the years and encouraged many of our most talented students to study art in college. She ran many art competitions and we even had school-based art exhibitions.



Ms Kerwick - thank you for all you have done for Lucan Community College - for your wonderful teaching of so many art students and for your support, kindness and friendship to many staff members past and present. Thank you for giving us a reason to celebrate and reminisce back over almost 30 years of Lucan CC history - it is good to remember that we can still smile and celebrate within and despite the current restrictions in place. A big thank you to the social committee, area E teachers and fellow art teachers Ms McKeever and Ms P Byrne for all of their efforts to make her final days with us so special. As Ms Kerwick walked through a guard of honour of Art students in the college, we wished her health and happiness on her new exciting journey!
by Diane Birnie

St Joseph's College

We would like to once again thank everybody in our school community for their continued efforts, since returning to school, to keep the school safe and reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19.

A reminder that our **Parents Association AGM** will take place on Monday 9th November at 7.30pm. The meeting will be online and is open to all parents. Login details will be provided closer to the date.

Our **'Online' Assemblies** continued this week. They are a new way of connecting with Year Groups and have been a great success.

This week and next, our TY students will go **rafting down the Liffey**. This has always been a very exciting event. We wish all participants a great day out!

Ms Kearney would like to express her gratitude to the many people who have donated their **Stamps** to her over the years. The stamps are given to the Irish Peatland Conservation Council, who sell them to collectors and great work has and is being done with the funds raised to support our boglands and to help preserve and conserve this unique habitat and its flora and fauna. Ms Kearney has been supporting this cause for many years and anybody wishing to donate their stamps to her can drop them into our school reception. Thank you!

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

St. Mary's Boys' National School

are now accepting
enrolment applications for
Junior Infants for the
academic year 2021/2022.

**The closing date for
applications will be
Friday 20th November.**

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



Scoil Mhuire GNS Lucan Enrolment 2021

The application
process for
Junior Infants
September
2021 is open from
1st October.



Please apply by email for the
application form at
smgns.lucan@gmail.com

Please return the application form by
email to smgns.lucan@gmail.com

**Due to COVID 19 restrictions we ask you
not to call into the school.**
Thank you.

Gridlock



A serpent of light
Slowly, stealthily, winding
Sluggishly along the streets
Stretching back into oblivion
Scurrying shadows showing no interest
Stooped down hurrying past
Intent on their own mission
Not stimulated by the light.
Evening after evening
This scene invades my vision
Flowing, following, merging
Like a mighty python lit up
Weaving its way along
As bright threads in a tapestry
Destination unknown.

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Political Notes

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I received the following update on Lucan Swimming Pool at the recent Area Committee Meeting of the Council:

Construction commenced on site just over 12 months ago. The project handover date was originally February 2021, however, the project has been significantly delayed due firstly to poor weather conditions in the early part of 2020 and then the enforced closure of the site for a number of weeks during the COVID19 national lock down and subsequent revised work patterns on site. The effects that Covid will continue to have, especially when the building becomes more enclosed, remain a concern for the project delivery and will be monitored closely by the design and project management team. Further delays have recently been experienced with the progress of the contractor's procurement programme. The project handover date is currently scheduled for June 2021.

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Public lighting: I am concerned that there is a large number of public lights which are being obstructed by trees. I have contacted the Council about addressing this in a number of locations, including Castle Road. If you are aware of such an obstruction, please let me know.

Biodiversity: I was pleased that my motion calling on the Council to display explanatory signs in areas being maintained to protect biodiversity. This is an important part of educating people about the importance of biodiversity in our communities.

Divine Mercy SNS: I was delighted and honoured to meet the new members of the School Council in Divine Mercy SNS this week. It was inspiring to meet young people with an interest in serving their school community. Congratulations to all new student councils elected across Lucan.

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Budget 2021: The lifting of essential supports like the Pandemic Unemployment Payment, the eviction ban, mortgage moratorium and rent freezes is not the social solidarity needed to beat back the Covid-19 virus. The lack of a real

increase in the carers allowance was extremely disappointing. To see People Before Profit's Budget 2021, click on to this

link <https://www.pbp.ie/budget-2021/>

Dying with Dignity Bill: Last week a vote was taken to reject the government's amendment to set up a special Oireachtas committee on the issue of assisted dying. Instead by 81 votes for and 71 against TD's voted to pass the bill and send it to be scrutinised by Oireachtas committee on Justice and Equality. I look forward to hearing from all sides on this difficult discussion.

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Parking at Dispensary Lane: I have again asked the council to extend the double yellow lines at the steps at Dispensary Lane (opposite the clinic) as the cars parking there are preventing disabled access from the Lucan Road to Sarsfield Park.

Overhanging Brambles at Esker Lawns: I have contacted the Council to ask them to trim back the overhanging brambles/bushes at the hill to Esker Lawns/ Lucan Heights which are causing an obstruction for people walking to and from those estates.

Budget 2021: I welcome the most expansive Budget in the history of the state this week in particular provision for increased local authority housing. I hope that my fellow councillors can work with me to deliver these much needed houses.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty "Not just at election time"

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Grass cutting: Works continue to run behind schedule. An additional problem reported was cut wet grass lying slippery on footpaths.

Footpath - Lucan Heights to Lay-by:

Water still oozes from spots along the wall despite previous works. I've asked SDCC to look at what further action is possible before frosts.

Footpath repairs: Some estates on the current schedule unfinished due to the allocated budget drying up. Have requested progress report on all works this year operating under Covid restrictions.

Traffic calming: The new system requires elected reps, residents or associations put in formal requests using a form. Shortlisted projects are then put out for public submissions and everyone must resubmit their support as well as any objections. Subject to funding. Many parts of Adamstown remain ineligible, even main roads, as they have not yet been taken in charge.

Scenes we are unlikely to see again.....



These photos might be out of season, but nonetheless, they'll hold special memories for some of our readers. Taken around 1980, they show the Corpus Christi Procession travelling down from Chapel Hill through Main Street, and celebrating Benediction on the Village Green. Fr. Liam Belton, (*left of the canopy*), was Curate at the time, and Fr. Donal Coughlan was Parish Priest of St. Mary's. *Below: Familiar faces in the choir.*



Thanks to *Joe Byrne* for putting these photos our way. Fr. Belton gave them to him, on leaving Lucan. We have more which we will publish as space permits.
If anyone would like a digital copy of same, please email: marylucannewsletter@gmail.com



Intercounty games resume this weekend, although without spectators, best of luck to all Lucan Sarsfields players: Aisling Behan, Cara Ware, Clíodhna Ní Bhuachalla, Hannah Gibbs, Sinead Daly, and Sophie McIntyre, all part of the Dublin U16 Camogie squad traveling to take on Kilkenny in Kilkenny, while Chloe O'Connor, Aoife McKearney and Claire Rigney travel with the Dublin Intermediate Camogie squad to Pearse Park to take on Galway. Alan Murphy and Mark Lavin are part of Tom Grays Dublin U20 Footballers as they face Tyrone in Cavan at 2pm on Saturday (Live on TG4) in the All Ireland semi-final.



Sport.

For the first time in 10 years, the Dublin Senior footballers will play a league game at Parnell Park when they take on Meath at 7pm on Saturday evening, this game is covered live on Eir

Our Sincere Sympathies to the Shannon Family on the tragic loss of Jack, son of Joe and Caroline, brother of Dylan, Zoe and Phoebe (Minor/Adult, Camogie and Ladies Football), Jack played hurling and football with the club, and Rugby with Belvedere College and Barnhall RFC. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Please find here the latest edition of the GAA Club Newsletter. It contains news, information and updates for club officers and club members and we'd ask that you circulate it widely. Correspondence can be sent to clubnewsletter@gaa.ie
<https://www.gaa.ie/news/read-the-latest-club-newsletter-september-2020/>

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

The 12th Lock Café opening hours 6-9pm Monday to Friday and 9:30am to 1:30pm on Saturday. These times may change in line with Covid-19 guidelines.

Club Shop opening hours: Thursday, 7:30-8.30pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm.

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto

Jackpot €1000: There was one lucky winner of the €5400 Lotto



Jackpot sponsored by O'Grady's Hearing Care Services held on 8th October.

The numbers drawn were **3, 6, 9 and 11**. Congratulations to the winner, Margaret Smith.

The lucky dip winners of €30 each are:

Willie Coogan, Emma & Donal Flannery, Pat Cahill, McKelvey Family and Caroline Gallagher. The jackpot for the next draw is €1000, sponsored by Newcastle Golf Centre, managed by Edel Mooney, and will be held on Thursday 17th October live on Facebook, behind closed doors.

Lucan Sarsfields Club Onesies are available now from www.clubonesies.ie, each purchase supports our club and Jigsaw, 'Young Peoples Health in Mind', www.jigsaw.ie





Where did we get Halloween and how old is it?

How did it fare when Christianity came to Ireland?

Are there witches, goblins, vampires, and zombies?

Why do we make Jack O' Lanterns and carve out pumpkins?

These questions and many more will be answered by Mike Moylan from Irish History Live as he regales children with the blood curdling truths of Halloween in his fun history Zoom show, **HALLOWEEN!!!** (brought to you by Lucan Library).

The Zoom show will take place at 4pm on Wednesday 28th October, aged for children 8-12 and you can book a place via <https://LucanLibraryDublin.eventbrite.ie>



Have you ever wondered why Victorian Dublin produced two of the most seminal writers of Vampire fiction, Le Fanu and Stoker?

As middle class Protestants in Catholic Ireland, did they relate to the outsider status of Vampires?

Was Dublin laden with inspiration for such gothic horror ie. Marsh's Library, St. Michan's Church?

Was Dublin itself a factor, the second City of the Empire, more in common with that imperial system than rural celtic Ireland?

Jarlath Killeen, Associate Professor of Trinity College and contributor to the Irish Journal of Gothic and Irish Studies, will discuss such issues, on Lucan Library's Halloween special Zoom talk, Victorian Dublin and Vampire Literature.

This adult talk will be on the 29th October at 7pm and is available to book at <https://LucanLibraryDublin.eventbrite.ie>

Halloween Lego Workshop at Lucan Library 30th October – 11.00-13.00

Take your favourite Lego figure on a scary Halloween adventure. CreateSchool will work with you to create your own Spooktacular stop motion adventure for Halloween, all you need is your own Lego mini-figure and any tablet, phone or device with a camera. This workshop is suitable for 8+ years and requires an adult for supervision and collaboration.



Please Note: A valid email address is required. Zoom links to the event will be emailed to the supplied address by the facilitator. One ticket is required per device, max 2 children and 1 adult per device.



Lucan Kayak Club

As part of European Week of Sport Lucan Kayak Club ran a kayaking session on Saturday 26th September and this group of Lucan ladies took part. The group of ladies are part of a running group with Lucan Harriers.



It was held on the Royal Canal at Ashtown



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Well we hope that you enjoyed the excellent photographs in last week's Newsletter of the sterling work of the Tidy Towns Group here in Lucan.

The members of St. Mary's Camera Soiree have been capturing some beautiful autumnal shots of berries, fungi and deer. Some members of the group have even ventured out for some night time photography. At the same time they have been selecting the best of their photographs for the virtual photographic exhibition.



I mentioned previously that we would miss the buzz of physically printing, mounting and hanging the photographs if we were able to go ahead in the Parish centre as normal. However there are other issues to be resolved because the exhibition is virtual, giving a different kind of buzz - not least why some photographs will not open in my photography software.

However never fear all problems will be overcome and we expect the exhibition to be on the St. Mary's Parish website starting the weekend of 31st October. Again many thanks to the priests of the parish for facilitating us in our efforts.

Until the next time stay safe.

