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## Good news at last

This week's announcement from the government lifting the restrictions on numbers in churches is welcome news indeed. I for one hope never to return to celebrating the Eucharist in an empty church building while speaking to a disembodied absent congregation on the webcam. Recent weeks have eased us back to normality with the 50% of capacity rule in operation.

As the Taoiseach has reminded us, we are not out of the woods just yet. Covid-19 is still a stalker that continues to pose a threat and we must proceed with caution. We ask those attending church to continue to use the hand sanitisers provided in the porches and to continue also to wear a face mask in the church building. These simple precautions demonstrate an awareness of our responsibility towards others, particularly those who may be immuno-compromised.

As I mentioned in a previous article, we have recommenced passing the collection bags in St. Mary's, as the latest information suggests that the risk of contracting the virus from surfaces is miniscule, since the virus is airborne. The real dangers lie in exhalation, coughing and sneezing. **If anybody has reservations about handling the bags could we suggest bringing a small bottle of hand sanitizer with you to Mass and using it after you have passed the bag along.**



## Reach for your thermals

The experts have identified ventilation as a vital necessity in enclosed spaces, and for that reason church windows and doors will be opened while the church is in use, to maximise the airflow. This may mean that the building will be quite cold, but unfortunately that's the price we have to pay for ensuring safety for all. Please bear with us and understand that it's not because we're too tight to put the heating on. Winter woollies may soon be required.

## A word of sincere thanks

We really must say a word of appreciation to the many generous people who served as stewards throughout the past 18 months, without them we could not have opened at all. Their vigilance and dedication in regulating the numbers and sanitizing the church was an invaluable service to the parish community.

In the early days many of them were in the firing line when the maximum number had been reached and people had to be refused entry, these sometimes vented their anger at the unfortunate stewards. Thankfully there were no black eyes!

We hope to gather the volunteers in the not too distant future for a cuppa and a 'thank you' in person. They are now all made redundant!

*Philip Curran  
St. Mary's Lucan*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

[www.citizensinformation.ie](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:clondalkin@mabs.ie)

### Scam warnings

There is currently a big increase in the number of people reporting issues around scams. A number of government agencies are also warning people to stay alert. You can keep an eye on the Garda website for up to date warnings. The Department of Social Protection has an alerts page for scam phone calls and scam text messages.

### Smishing attacks

Smishing is a combination of the words "SMS" and "phishing". It is a scam where fraudsters use mobile phone text messages to trick you into opening a malicious attachment or link. You can read more about smishing and how to avoid it in the Central Bank's explainer.

### Social media scams

Fraudsters use social media for scams including quizzes phishing for personal details, scammers posing as friends asking for money, ads for 'free' vouchers and products or services claiming a celebrity endorsement.

### How do I know if it's a scam?

Some scams can be quite obvious, while others can be more elaborate and difficult to recognise. Knowing what to look for and how to avoid scams is the best way to stay safe. Look out for the following signs of a scam:

Unsolicited contact from a company out of the blue

A deal that seems too good to be true

You are asked to share personal details

You are being pressurised to respond quickly or transfer money quickly

You have been asked to pay by unusual method, for example through a transfer service like Western Union or virtual currency like Bitcoin

Contact details are vague

Misspellings or grammatical mistakes

You are asked to keep the offer quiet

More information is on our website

How to avoid scams ([citizensinformation.ie](http://citizensinformation.ie))

### Some information on Budget 2022

#### Carbon tax

Carbon tax will increase by €7.50 per tonne of carbon dioxide emitted, from €33.50 to €41.00. This applies from midnight on 12/10/21 for auto fuels and from 1 May 2022 for all other fuels.

#### Employers PRSI

The weekly income threshold for the higher rate of employer's PRSI will increase from €398 to €410 to ensure that there is no incentive to reduce the working hours for a full-time employee on the increased minimum wage (from 1 January 2022).

#### VAT

The reduced VAT rate of 9% for the hospitality sector will continue until the end of August 2022.

#### Social Welfare payments

The maximum rate of all weekly social welfare payments will increase by €5 with proportional increases for qualified adults and people on reduced rates of payment (January 2022).

This also applies to employment programmes such as Community Employment (CE), Tús and the Rural Social Scheme (January 2022).

People aged 25 and under who are getting a reduced rate of Jobseeker's Allowance will get the full €5 increase (January 2022).

The weekly rate for a qualified child will increase by €2 from €38 to €40 for children under 12 years of age. It will increase by €3 from €45 to €48 for children aged 12 years and over (January 2022).

#### Fuel Allowance

It was announced in Budget 2022 that the weekly rate of Fuel Allowance will increase by €5 from 12 October 2021. The increased payment, and the 3 weeks arrears since 12 October 2021, will be paid in the week commencing 1 November 2021. This applies if you are getting Fuel Allowance as part of a weekly payment, and if you chose to get the payment in lump sums.

*Continued next week...*

## Palmerstown Camera Club

At Palmerstown Camera Club this week we had a talk given by the very talented photographers from The New Generation Camera Club, on photographing models and lighting setup. They are a studio-based camera club in the Dublin 12 area.



Next week in the club we have a judging night for our Nature competition, and we are looking forward to seeing all the amazing nature images from club members.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Nov, we have Richie Hogan (aka @minimal\_dublin on Instagram) in to give a talk on Mono (black & white) photography. He has a wide variety of stunning images, so we are looking forward to hearing about his images and his process for creating the images.



Two more winning images from last month's open competition - Nina Butler's image "The Beautiful Dancer in Pink" won the colour advanced category, and



image of the month for the club. Suzanne McMahon won the advanced projected image category with her image titled "Vonna".

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](mailto:secpcc@gmail.com)

## Esker Active Retirement Association

*Hi everyone,*

Well today we had around thirty members joining us in the hall for card games, scrabble and bowls. We had a few newcomers too and they seemed to enjoy the activities and chat with our other members. We are just so lucky to have some of the loveliest and kindest people in our club. I think some members are still afraid to come back to the club but I hope they will feel ready to join us again soon.

Safety is still top priority with us, masks are being worn by everyone and sanitizers are being used by all in the hall. Hopefully next week, the kitchen will be open to us again and we can offer everyone refreshments of tea or coffee.

Again, for next Wednesday could we ask some people to come down early, around 1.10pm to help set up the tables and chairs and sanitize them all. Many hands make light work and a few of our Committee members are away next week so we'd appreciate any help we can get.

One of our new members, Donald Forde, is bringing his Chess Board to the club so if anyone wants a game of Chess, Donald will oblige. Helen has been taking names and deposits for our Christmas night out which is in the Castleknock Golf Club on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December; we've had a Christmas party there before a few years ago and it was fantastic.

I'm still receiving phone calls from people wanting to join our club and as I said last week, 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*

# Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

[www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)



## World Mission Sunday



### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the pupils of *Scoil Mhuire* and *St Andrew's National Schools* who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday.

### Confirmations

Best Wishes to the boys and girls from *Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig* and *Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada* who will make their Confirmation this Wednesday.



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

### Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

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

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

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Saturday 10am

### Capacity:

As of 22<sup>nd</sup> October our Church can be at full capacity. However 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.**

**Masses will continue to be live-streamed on**

[www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)

## Annual Mass of Remembrance

Our Annual Mass for all our departed relatives and friends will take place on

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm**

At this Mass the names of those from parish community who died in the past 12 months will be especially remembered. The names of all those on the November list of the dead will automatically included.



**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.

**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 December. Dates will be added as the need arises. If you need to cancel a booking contact: [secretary@lucanparish.com](mailto: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 partner, children, parents, family and friends of *Graham Kelly*, Youghal, Co Cork and formerly of Woodview Heights and to the family and friends of *Ann Murray*, Woodview Heights and formerly of Main St. Lucan. *May they rest in peace.*



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We would like to thank the parishioners of St Mary's for your most generous contributions to the Annual Collection for **CROSSCARE** Community Food Banks and Cafes, Homeless and Youth Services, Migrants and Refugees with took place 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> September.

It is with your help and support that we continue to reach out to the needy in the diocese.

*Thank You*



## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm



### Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday 9:15am. Saturday 10am

### Important:

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

### Daily Readings on website:

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

## St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

[www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://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.

### Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday at 10am.

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

### Confessions:

Confessions can be requested after Mass.

View the following on [www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://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. Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

Sunday 10am. Wednesday: 10am

St Mary's, Leixlip:

Sunday: 11.30am. Tuesday: 10am

### Calendar of Events:

**October 31<sup>st</sup>:**

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](#)

## Lucan Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship: 11am.

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

**Services will be streamed online and available on Youtube?**

**ALONE** manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

## 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.stmarysbnsnslucan.com](http://www.stmarysbnsnslucan.com)

### For more information

please contact 01-6281857

or email [info@stmarysbnsnslucan.com](mailto:info@stmarysbnsnslucan.com)

# Acknowledgement

## CARTON (ANNA)

The family of the late Anna Carton of Hillcrest View would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their support and sympathy following Anna's passing in March.

A memorial Mass will take place in **St. Patrick's Church Esker at 3pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November** and we would like to invite all who knew Anna to attend in remembrance and celebration of her life.

## Anniversaries

### DEVINE (MARIE)

2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary - 24<sup>th</sup> October

In loving memory.

Sadly missed and never forgotten.

*Rest in peace, Willie and family*



### O'KEARNEY (FRANCIS - ALEC)

11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 9<sup>th</sup> November

Late of City Quay and Arthur Griffith Park Lucan.

The seasons they come

The seasons they go

Time it goes past

Like melting snow

Buds on the trees

Life is renewed

But nothing stays still

But my memories of you.

*From all your loving family*

### O'HARA (JIM)

9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 19<sup>th</sup> October

Just as you are

You will always be

Forever special

In our memory.

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



### SIMPSON (BRIGID)

28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 21<sup>st</sup> October

In loving memory of our beloved Mother, Brigid.

Your memory is our greatest treasure

To have, to love,

To keep forever.

*Sadly missed by your loving family*



## PLEASE NOTE:

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

Alternately email notices/reports to any of the following:

**Community / Schools/ Local History**

[marylucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:marylucannewsletter@gmail.com)

**Sport / Politics**

[roselucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:roselucannewsletter@gmail.com)

**Parish Notes / Fund Raising**

[annalucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:annalucannewsletter@gmail.com)

**Anniversaries etc. / Advertising Queries**

[catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com)

## Accord Marriage Care

Relationship and Marriage Counselling

**"If you can't talk to one another talk to us"**

Accord Marriage Care, Lucan,  
Phone 6010844



## Senior Line

**Do you need someone to talk to?**

Senior Line is a confidential listening service for older people by older people anywhere in Ireland

**Free Phone 1800 80 45 91**

*Senior Line is open every day from  
10am to 10pm*



**Hard to believe** we are already into the last week of October, with the Halloween festival upon us.

We hope all the boys and girls enjoy their mid-term break, and will be careful out there, while still enjoying themselves. Remember all those little doggies get very afraid of loud bangs.....



**Lucan Library** is getting into the swing of things with their scary scene. Go along and while you're there, read about all the haunted places in South Dublin.

**New Printer!** Apologies for the Newsletter being late into the shops over the past few weeks. It had to be printed outside Lucan, as our printer sat down. And like many things these days, a new machine was ordered, but took some time to get into the country – that Brexit fella most likely to blame.

The new baby arrived last week, and we're still getting the hang of it. We're really delighted with the quality of the photos since. Hopefully, it will be plain sailing from here on.....

We've certainly come a long way from the old printing press!



**On the Tidy Towns front**, we gather that results will be announced next month, in November. Our local group are to be congratulated on keeping up their work over the past difficult months. Despite everything that's going on, they have Lucan Looking Lovely always!

Such a pity that some don't appreciate all the ongoing hard effort.



**LUCAN SARSFIELDS CALENDAR 2022**

Have you any photos which you would like to have considered for inclusion in our 2022 calendar? The photos should have a Lucan connection and could be of:

our teams, our games, our community, our village, our people, our pets, in fact anything Lucan!!

Be sure to have the permission of any person included in the photo.

Please email to

[lucansarscalendar@gmail.com](mailto:lucansarscalendar@gmail.com)



Can you find the cat in the above picture?





# SCHOOL NEWS



## Adamstown Community College

**Extracurricular activities** have restarted. Timetable of activities on the [school website](#).

Our students are busy working on their new school **Student Podcast** and **Newsletter**. Keep an eye on your emails for updates!

**Culture Week** will take place November 15th - 19th. Students will be painting a mural in our PE hall that they have designed based on the theme: What does diversity mean to you? We look forward to seeing the finished article!

**Climate Action Week** took place October 11th - 15th. The theme this year is Travel and students made pledges on how they could help the environment by making more sustainable travel choices.

**6th Year Mini Mocks** are taking place this week for all 6th year students. The timetable can be found on the [school website](#).

**October Midterm** runs from Oct 25th - 29th when the school will be closed. Happy Holidays to all!

**Cara Aire: Our 5th year Student Wellbeing Ambassadors had the pleasure of training in Restorative Practice with Michelle Stowe from Connect RP. A number of our staff have been trained in Restorative Practice over the past few years and as a school we're on the road to becoming a full Restorative school, focusing on building positive relationships between staff and students.**



**Diversity Mural: As part of Culture Week in November students will be painting a mural on our PE hall that they have designed based on the theme: What does diversity mean to you? We look forward to seeing the finished article!**

**TY Mentors: Our TY Mentors went on their bonding trip to Alive Outside Co Wicklow where they tried their luck at the Ireland's Fittest Family course!**



**Pink Day: In support of Breast Cancer awareness and to raise funds for charity, the school dressed in pink!**



**Social Media:** We're working hard to share our school news and activities with the local community. If you'd like to keep up to date with us please follow our Instagram and Twitter pages below.

**Contact details:** Phone: 01 6540348

Website: [www.adamstowncc.ie](http://www.adamstowncc.ie)

Instagram: @adamstowncommunitycollege

Twitter: @adamstowncc

Email: [info.adamstowncc@ddletb.ie](mailto:info.adamstowncc@ddletb.ie)

### 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](http://www.stthomasjns.com) for further information regarding the registration process.



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Awards:** Well done to **Jan Hurbanek Torres** from 1Spirit who won the Mark O' Neill Student of the Month Award for September in recognition of his very pleasant manners, diligence and co-operation in all of his classes.



Congratulations to **Brian Whelan** from 1Water who won the Sports Star of the Month Award. Brian has greatly impressed Mr. Phelan and Mr. O' Brien with his combined strengths across a number of athletic disciplines. In the Javelin, Brian managed to throw a distance of 14.5m (2<sup>nd</sup> in his class, 4<sup>th</sup> overall). In the 50m sprint, he ran an impressive 8.01 seconds (1<sup>st</sup> in class, 3<sup>rd</sup> overall) while in the 850m run he came 1<sup>st</sup> in his class and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall with a time of 3mins 22 secs.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **Jack Norry** ón rang 1Fire a bhuaigh an gradam Gaeilgeoir na Míosa do Mheán Fómhair mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt ach go háirithe agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge. Tá Jack fíor-paiseanta faoina theanga dhúchais agus is dalta díograiseach, dícheallach agus dea-bhéasach é.

The three winners each received a 20euro voucher as well as a framed certificate to recognise their achievements.

Well done also to the class tutor student of the month winners who each received a 5euro vouchers for the new school canteen.

**Tráth na gCeist:** Coláiste Phádraig continued our strong recent tradition of success in the Tráth na gCeist Boird Feachtas with our 3<sup>rd</sup> yr team advancing to the National Final after the Dublin regional round, held in the school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. All participating schools in this regional round held the quiz in their own schools due to ongoing social distancing concerns.

Our senior team, consisting of 5<sup>th</sup> yrs James Qin, Harry Thekkan Davis, Marshel Thomas and Jasper Nolan scored a respectable 35/60 but this was never likely to be enough to finish in the top two places.

Our Junior team, consisting of Cillian Lawlor, Eoin McGarty, Alex D'Alba and Tom Doran scored a very impressive 49/60 which was enough

to claim 2<sup>nd</sup> spot overall. (The winners, with a score of 52/60, were four senior students from an Irish speaking school that won the National Final last year so the standard was very high). This is the second year in a row that the team has made it through to the Craobh so they are serious, competitive and experienced quizzers at this stage.

Our Junior team will now represent Dublin in the National Final in March 2022, which will be held either in person in a Dublin Hotel or virtually via Youtube, depending on the health regulations in place at the time.

Táimid go léir sa scoil an-bhródúil as na daltaí ar fad. Coimeád suas an sár obair agus ádh mór sa Chraobh.

**Friendship Week:** A number of activities were organised to celebrate Friendship Week in Coláiste Phádraig which ran from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct this year. All year groups were served a delicious breakfast courtesy of our wonderful canteen staff. Unfortunately, due to continued compliance with COVID-19 regulations, the students couldn't sit together as a year group but they got to have breakfast together with their class groups at least in their base classrooms.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> yrs viewed an educational and thought-provoking short film on bullying, produced by Humourfit, in their SPHE classes. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> yrs viewed a film production from the same company on the issue of substance abuse which they found to be extremely moving and informative. A lot classes did Friendship related activities with their subject teachers such as poster competitions, friendship quotes and poems, role playing and friendship themed songs.

Well-being is everyone's responsibility and we take the issue very seriously at Coláiste Phádraig.

**Student Council:** Well done to 1<sup>st</sup> yrs Jeremiah Tyrone Pülle and Grantas Matulevicius on their election to the Student Council. The students were voted in as class reps first of all by their class groups (along with three other students) and then selected by Mr. Keane, after consultation with their Year Head Mr. Carey, as Student Representatives for all of 1<sup>st</sup> year. Each year group in the school have two reps each in order to ensure that everyone has a voice in issues that are important and relevant to our student body.

**Economics:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Current Affairs lunch since the pandemic began took place in the school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. The lunch was well attended by senior cycle Economics students and they discussed the recent budget and its implications for their families.

## St Kevin's Community College

**Young Scientist:** Congratulations to Emily Do and Ciara Byrne who have been selected to participate in this year's BT Young Scientist exhibition. They are working on a project which assesses the impact that COVID-19 has had on mental health of teenagers. Thanks to their teacher Ms Guinea for working with the girls. This is the first time ever that we will have an entry in the BT Young Scientist contest.

**Music at St Kevin's CC:** The music department is delighted with the arrival of lots of new instruments for students. We are delighted to have access to Ukuleles, guitar, bucket drumming, recorder and percussion, as well as a new PA and piano. Music is really expanding and bringing so much joy to our students, and we are really enjoying it.



We are also delighted to be partnering with Music Generation and Noise Music. Some of our students have been chosen to work with these organisations and our young hip hop and rap artists will be getting incredible opportunities to develop their music, work with producers and perform at some fantastic events. We love to encourage all forms of creativity and music making. If there are any other students who would like to get involved, please contact Ms Crehan.

**Hiking Club:** The schools hiking club went for their last hike for the time being this evening. Walked to Bray Head, down into Bray where some of the crew braved the cold & went for a swim. Everyone was then treated to a tasty takeaway for all their efforts over the last 6 weeks. The hiking club will start their weekly

hikes again in the Spring. Thanks to everyone for taking part & to Ms. Graham for leading.



**Maths Week:** Our annual celebration of all things Maths-related has been taking place this week. Our students have really gotten into the spirit of it with daily puzzles, word of the day, a Maths fair in the library and an intercom Maths quiz. Thanks to our TY students for their assistance and our 2nd years for organising a great exhibition in the library. Thanks to Ms Lynam, Mr Cassidy and the Maths department for coordinating.

**Football:** Congratulations to our boys' U-19 football team who had a comprehensive 7 - 3 victory over Rockbrook Park school last week. Joshua Ewassa & Scott Walsh scored a goal apiece, while Sean Lunney scored 2, and Kyle Carpenter O'Rourke secured a hat-trick for himself. Best of luck to the girls' squad who start their season this week. We look forward to hearing about it in next week's newsletter.



**Hallowe'en Activities:** Our students were busy in Hair & Beauty class working on their hallowe'en face paintings. Our 2nd year students also worked on their pumpkin carving in our new polytunnel, and our TY students were learning about the life cycle of pumpkins in Biology!

**For more info** check out [www.stkevinscc.ie](http://www.stkevinscc.ie) or follow us on Twitter @stkevinscc1 and search for us on Facebook.

## St. Joseph's College

### Gaisce Practice Hike to Djouce & Maulin

We were delighted to see 19 Silver & Gold Gaisce students heading off on a hike to Djouce and Maulin mountains on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> October with Gaisce PALs Ms. Bligh & Ms. Butler. After almost two years of no school trips to the hills, it was time to put on the boots, pack the rain gear, sandwiches and flasks and head off with great excitement and adventure. This year, we have an amazing group of 42 students completing the Silver Gaisce Award with 8 students taking on the Gold Award, not to mention our Bronze students that have exceeded 100 in number at this stage! Last week's hike is part of the students' preparation for their 3-Day Venture Trip next March – which includes a 50km hike challenge. The students definitely learned many important skills of map-reading, keeping hydrated, pacing their walk and the all-important skill of having fun! Thanks to our guide Garry for assisting us along the way!



**SciFest 2021 Awards:** We held a special presentation ceremony on Wednesday for the students who won prizes in the 2021 SciFest@College STEM competition. The competition was held online before the summer break, but we couldn't present the prizes until now.

**Sarah Eraseril and Hannah McGann:** won the Chemistry Award at the SciFest@College 2021 regional STEM fair. As a result the school won the Chemistry award also. They also came second in the Senior Life Sciences Category. Their project was called "Observing the Effects of Sulfate-Free Shampoo on Hair"

**Leah Dunne and Hannah Gibbs:** won a Merit Award at the SciFest@College 2021 regional STEM fair. Their project was called "A comparative analysis of the effectiveness of

cleaning products based on their Recommended Retail Price (RRP)"

**Elise Muldowney:** came fourth in the Junior Life Science category. Her project was called "Battle of the Creams- Hydromol vs Hydrocortisone". A huge thank you to Ms Lynn for supporting the students in this competition!



**Athletics:** Well done to **Emma Tobin Rehill** and **Nina O'Connor** who represented St. Joseph's in the Combined Events Athletics Competition in Abbotstown on Saturday.



**Maths Week:** This week was Maths Week and our Maths Department celebrated with some competitions. The 'Daily Maths Riddle' competition whereby the student with the most correct answers by Friday will win a €25 gift voucher for Liffey Valley Shopping Centre. The 'Maths in our World' photo competition, whereby the photo that best depicts the beauty and relevance of Maths in our day-to-day lives will win a €25 Liffey Valley gift voucher. Our Student Council also held a 'guess how many sweets are in the box' competition during lunchtimes. Good luck to all entrants!

**School website** <https://stjosephslucan.com>

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## Lucan Library

### Wooden Heart Shadow Puppet Show

**Thursday 28th October at 3pm-4pm**

Miss Picklefeather is very curious and has lots of questions about everything..... Then one day her curiosity leads her through the gateway of a strange and Shadowy World. She finds herself at Magnificent Marvello's Special Seaside Circus where the performers are in trouble, and they need her help. Mr Marvello the owner of this circus, used to be so kind but one day his heart turns cruel and hard but why? Will Miss Picklefeather be able to help Mr Marvello find his real heart again? Who is the little Wooden Boy that has caused so much trouble? Can she save the circus from a terrible end?

Created, performed, and written by Theatre Artist Margaret Callan-Bergin 'Wooden Heart' is an original magical tale that takes us on a journey with Miss B Curious Pickle Feather. This story is uniquely told through Shadow Puppet Artistry.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/wooden-heart-shadow-puppet-show-tickets-188173360587>

### Clayotic - the Cat in the Hat

Fun Cat in the Hat themed clay modelling workshop. **Thu, 28 Oct 2021, 11:00**

Sign up for this fun workshop using Ireland's only fast drying clay from Irish company Clayotic. Follow the step by step guide in this pre-recorded tutorial to make a zoo themed 3D picture out of Clayotic. Learn basic shapes and tips and tricks to perfect your model making skills! Remember Clayotic is an air drying clay so your characters become permanent keepsakes after 24 hours. Kits are available for collection from Lucan Library from Thursday 21st October. A valid email address is required to register for this workshop as the link to the workshop video will be sent to the supplied address by the library. 1 ticket for each child doing the clay modelling workshop.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/clayotic-the-cat-in-the-hat-tickets-189706405967>

### A Hallowe'en story time with a difference!

**Fri, 29 Oct 2021, 13:30**

Try out gentle yoga exercises for an interactive Hallowe'en story and keep you moving on these chillier days. For 5-8 year olds. Takes place in the library - limited numbers. Please bring your own yoga mat or similar for the child/children to use. The parent/guardian may stay in the room with the child/children.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/halloween-for-little-yogis-tickets-184913119117>

### Comic Creation Workshop for Teens with Jaime Lawlor

**Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 12:00pm – 1:00**

A trained illustrator specialising in comics and character design, has created a workshop focused on Comic creation and visual storytelling. During this workshop you will learn the basics of storytelling and constructing a comic. This will include the essential questions to ask yourself when creating your story, for example 'genre' and 'the hero's journey', and then how to start constructing your story outline and script. It will also touch on the important elements of visual storytelling including 'show don't tell', 'shape theory', 'colour theory' and more as well as how to create your characters and the worlds they live in. You will learn how to use panelling, explore character group dynamics, the infinite possibilities of stylistic expressions you can use to express and enhance your story and more. There will also be a short tutorial on how Jaime personally creates her comics full of tips to make creating your comic a little easier.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/comic-creation-workshop-for-teens-with-jaime-lawlor-tickets-178139890207>

### The Last Halloween on Earth

**Thursday 28th October, 12pm.**

A creative adventure workshop to stop the Hallowe'en magic from taking over the world! The Last Halloween on Earth - Everyone knows Halloween is the spookiest time of year! But this year, the magic bubbling at the centre of the earth is going to spill into the cities and the streets, transforming the world as we know it. The students will have to find a way to stop the magic pouring out before they find themselves growing whiskers and tails.



Focused on fun and creativity, this workshop will explore the importance of character development, while challenging the students to solve the story's problem and save the day! For 9-12-year old. If taking place online, an email with the Zoom link will be sent out shortly before the event starts. The workshop giver, Maeve, will have your email address for this purpose and to assist with connecting to the workshop if necessary. Limited places, so booking is essential.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-last-halloween-on-earth-tickets-179120262527>



## Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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**Lucan Demesne Car Parking Facility:** A Part 8 public consultation has commenced on a carparking facility for the Lucan demesne on the Leixlip Road. Submissions and observations can be made up to the 26<sup>th</sup> November via <http://consult.sdblincoco.ie>.

### Breast Cancer Awareness' Month:

October is breast cancer awareness month. A number of months ago I submitted a motion in regards to lowering the age of breast cancer screening for women from 50 to 40. Approximately 3500 new cases of breast cancer are diagnosed each year. One in 7 women in Ireland will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. Following our call for a debate on the issue statements by TD'S will be heard this week.

## Joanna Tuffey - Cllr. Labour Party Lucan Electoral Area

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### Opportunity to get rid of unwanted furniture and other bulky household waste:

A Pilot Bulky Household Waste Collection has been announced by the Council. It will be run in conjunction with Recycle IT, in the lead up to Halloween, and is open to all local Householders. Items for collection are those that have potential for re-use and are too large to be accepted by the regular waste collection service e.g., furniture, carpets, bikes and kitchen & bathroom units. Collections 9.00am and 3.00pm, 26<sup>th</sup> Oct –30<sup>th</sup> Oct. €40 per collection of 6 individual items. Householders can register interest in the service by email to: [info@recycleit.ie](mailto:info@recycleit.ie) or telephone 01 4578321, 9.30am and 3pm Mon– Fri. Payment is by bank transfer in advance. If you would like more information feel free to contact me.

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**Bulky Goods Collection:** The Council is offering a new pre-Halloween bulky waste collection scheme. The service is charged at €40, for up to 6 bulky items (couches, beds, garden furniture etc). You can add 4 further items for €5 per item. Collection between Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. This is a pilot scheme. Slots are limited so book yours by emailing [info@recycleit.ie](mailto:info@recycleit.ie) or by calling Recycle IT directly on (01) 4578321.

**Lucan Village:** This week the council will meet with representatives to present plans for improvement works to Lucan village. The Village Green, The Promenade (Liffey weir side), Lucan Demesne Entrance, The Canal Loop (Grand Canal to Royal Canal via Lucan), Main Street Public Realm Works, New Car Park close to Lucan Demesne (managed by EWCC Parks) I will keep everyone updated as information becomes available.

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**Vaccine boosters:** I am relieved NIAC recognised need for booster shots for over sixties. It has been a long campaign and I continue my efforts to have booster shots for healthcare workers. I have engaged with the Taoiseach and asked for boosters earlier than 5 months for those travelling to US and similar.

**239 bus:** Ombudsman and Minister for Transport inform me they cannot help us because extending the route by one stop to Blanchardstown Hospital is an NTA operational matter. I have asked Minister for Public Expenditure to review public monies going to the NTA until accountability is clearer.

**Traffic calming at Weston Park:** SDCC inform me they are currently reviewing effectiveness of measures to slow traffic to allow pedestrians access the bus stop safely, and are introducing new measures shortly.

## Liona O'Toole – Independent

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**Bulbs not Bonfires:** This scheme rewards community groups for undertaking local pro-environmental/non bonfire orientated Halloween activities and projects. Community and environmental groups, resident associations, and schools can apply. There was an overwhelming response for this scheme which included mixed pollinator bulbs (Crocus, Muscari, Alliums and Snowdrops) for the Bulbs not Bonfires campaign. Due to the high number of applicants received there was a shortage of supplies for some groups, and they have been notified of this. Do contact me if you're interested in similar pollinator projects.

**New Bus Stops:** A number of residents have contacted me regarding the new bus stops. I can confirm that the council have been in touch with the NTA and they agreed to organising further information meeting in the next few weeks with Councillors on the roll out of Bus Connects. I will continue to keep you all updated.



## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



**Our Senior Hurlers** claimed their place in the GoAhead Dublin Senior Hurling Championship semi-finals following Saturdays quarter-final final quarter rally against Craobh Chiarain. The goal by man of the match, Paul Crummey with five minutes to go, put Lucan five points clear and there was no way back for the Donnycarney side after that. If you missed the game, you can watch it back on the DubsTV YouTube Channel.



30 Minutes earlier, the Junior A's went through to the semis with a home win over Skerries, and on Sunday the Junior B's also booked a semi-final spot with a win at home to Sylvesters; the U16A Hurlers booked a final spot with a win over Na Fianna. In ladies football, the intermediates are through to a Shield semi against Ballinteer. U16A, U14A and U13B camogie are through to championship finals and U14B camogie are into a shield final.

**Dublin's Masters Footballers** are through to the All-Ireland final against Tyrone in Clones on November 6th. Best of luck to Tommy Brennan and all the boys in blue!

This weekend it's the turn of the **Senior Footballers** as they take on Ballymun Kickhams at 5pm in Parnell Park. Ticket details are on the website.

**An imríonn tú peil nó peil na mban?** An bhfuil Gaeilge agat? An bhfuil tú tharr 18 mbliana d'aois? Má tá, tá sibh uainn! Tá muid ag lorg 4 fhir agus 3 mná chun foireann a chur le cheile i mbliotz atá ar siúl ar an 13ú Samhain i gCLG Naomh Fionnbarra, Cabrach. Beidh sport agus spraoi agaibh! Má tá suim agaibh, seol r-phoist chugam roimh Aoine 22ú Deireadh Fomhair.

**Do you play football or ladies football?** Do you have Irish? Are you over 18? If so, we need you! We're looking for 4 men and 3 ladies to enter a team into a blitz that is happening on 13th November in St. Finbar's GAA, Cabra. If you're

interested, send me an email before Friday 22nd October. [oifigeachgaeilgels@gmail.com](mailto:oifigeachgaeilgels@gmail.com)

**The GAA Healthy Clubs Conference** will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. Key speakers confirmed: Dr Tony Bates, Renowned Psychologist & Writer; Conor Meyler, Tyrone All Ireland Winner and GAA/GPA Player of the Month for September; Keith Ricken, Cork U20 Football Manager; Geraldine Mc Garrigle, Ulster Wheelchair Camogie Player and Coach; Julia White, Former Cork Camogie player and six time All Ireland winner. Please see website for more details.

**GAA Generations:** We are currently looking for all GAA, LGFA, Camogie members between 12-21 years old to interview someone in their life aged 55+ on Gaelic Games experiences and belonging as part of our GAA Generations Research Project. We would love if you could share this opportunity amongst your network, this really is a worthwhile opportunity for all young people in your club. See the YouTube video below. Visit [GAA.ie/Generations](http://GAA.ie/Generations) for more information on how to get involved.

**Lucan Sarsfields is going green** - please ensure to use the recycling bins correctly

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

**12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €16,600

There was no winner of the Club Lotto Jackpot of €16,200 held on 14th October 2021. The numbers drawn were: 5, 11, 21, 25 The Lucky Dip winners of €30 each: **Claire Joyce, Keith Eley, Louise O'Neill, Michael & Joan Molloy, Don Dardis.** The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October, is **€16,600**, and is sponsored by: **Newcastle Golf Center.** The draw managed by Edel Mooney will be held in the Club house, at 9pm and live streamed on our Facebook page. Tickets can be purchased via the website, ClubForce APP or at the following link:

<http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.



**Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin.**



## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

**Buachaillí Faoi 9, Iomáint:** Bhí cúpla cluiche deacair an deireadh seachtaine seo caite ag ár laochra ar fhoireann na mbuachaillí faoi 9 i gcoinne Naomh Jude i bPáirc Thigh



Mhotháin. Bhí Naomh Jude an-láidir agus is dócha gurb iad an fhoireann is fearr a d'imir muid i mbliana. Sheas ár bhfoirne leis an tasc áfach agus throid siad ar son gach sliotar.

Sa chéad cluiche, bhí roinnt taispeántais iontacha ó James Ó hIcí agus ó Bobby Merrigan-Foy mar chosantóirí agus bhí Eoin Mac Eochaidh agus Shayne Ó Laigneach an-láidir i lár na páirce.

Sa dara cluiche againn bhí imirt iontach ó Oisín Ó Murchú agus ó Ruairí Ó Fiaich. Bhí na pocanna amach ó Aodhfin Faircheallaigh ar fheabhas agus bhí James MacCuinneagáin, mar is dual dó, gnóthach ar fud na páirce.

Beidh sos againn, atá tuillte go maith, an deireadh seachtaine seo chugainn ach beimid ar ais níos láidre ná riamh do na cluichí deireanacha den séasúr.

A difficult couple of games against Naomh Jude in Páirc Thigh Motháin this weekend for the warriors of the under 9. Naomh Jude were very strong and probably the best team we have played this year. But our teams stood up to the task and fought for every sliotar.

In the first game, there were some great performances on display from James Ó hIcí and Bobby Merrigan-Foy as defenders. Eoin Mac Eochaidh and Shayne Ó Laigneach were very strong in midfield.

In our second game again there was some great play from Oisín Ó Murchú and Ruairí Ó Fiaich. Aodhfin Faircheallaigh puck outs were excellent. James MacCuinneagáin as always was everywhere on the pitch.

Next weekend is a well-earned rest weekend and we will be back stronger for the last few games of the season.

**Club Siúil Na Gaeil Óga:** Beidh an club siúil ag bualadh le chéile gach Céadaoin i bPáirc Ghrífin ar 9:10. Tá níos mo eolais le fáil ó Conán ar +44 7514 033624.

**Foireann Iomána (A):** Bhí mí-ádh ar an gcéad fhoireann iománaíochta Dé Domhnaigh i bPáirc Chaitríona. Ar maidin scamallach, bhí cluiche an-iomaíoch againn in aghaidh Naomh Éanna. Bhí na foirne ar chomhscór ag deireadh an chluiche ach bhí an bua ag an fhoireann as baile tar éis am breise. Bhí cluiche an-mhaith ag Naoise Ó Lionaird ón imirt agus ó phocanna saoire agus bhí taispeántais iontacha freisin ag Tadhg Mac Liam agus Richie Peavoy sna cosantóirí.

**Foireann Iomána (B):** Bhí an dara fhoireann iománaíochta ag imirt in aghaidh Naomh Áine trathóna Dé Domhnaigh in bPáirc Chaitríona. Cé gur bhfuair Ruadhán Ó Feinneadhá cúl agus go bhfuair Adam Ó Faoláin roinnt scóranna ó phocanna saoire, bhí an fhoireann as baile trí chúilín chun tosaigh ag leath am. Bhí Naomh Áine láidir sa dara leath freisin agus, cé gur bhfuair Rob Quinlan cúl díreach tar éis an tsosa uisce, bhí leaids Naomh Áine in ann leanúint chun cinn go dtí an fheadóg dheiridh. Bhí taispeántas iontach ó Rob Quinlan sna cosantóirí agus d'imir Adam Ó Faoláin an-mhaith i lár na páirce freisin.

## Cluichí na Seachtaine

### Foirne Fásta

Peil na mban v Uí Tuathail, Páirc uí Thuathail, 27 Deireadh Fómhair 19:30

Peil na bhfear (B) v Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin, 12th Lock, 24 Deireadh Fómhair 15:00



### Faoi Aois

Cailíní F8 – Peil v Naomh Marc, Páirc McGee, 24 Deireadh Fómhair 10:00

Cailíní F10 - Peil v Tomás Dáibhís, Bóthar Kiltipper, 23 Deireadh Fómhair 12:00

Cailíní F12 - Peil v Naomh Máire, Saggart, 23 Deireadh Fómhair 13:00

## 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 free

This raises much needed funds to help keep all our tour/ events free for all our members and also helps pay other costs like insurance etc for SOL





## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

There was virtually a full attendance at the first meeting indoors in the Coffee Dock of the Parish Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> October of St. Mary's Camera Soiree since March 2020.

Everybody was delighted to be back and everybody was comfortable with the arrangements, windows and doors open and masks on!

The group is working full steam ahead on the production of their annual calendar for 2022. Given the current state of affairs with regard to the prevalence of COVID 19 the general view was that it might be better to postpone any thought of a physical photography exhibition until the New Year.



Last Saturday one of the members of the group headed off to the UCD Belfield Campus to explore and take photographs of the sculptures on the sculpture trail there. Since UCD moved to Belfield over 50 years ago the College has built up an extensive sculpture collection comprising works by both nationally and internationally renowned artists.



You can download a map of the trail and details of the works on display from the UCD website at [UCD Sculpture Trail 2015.pdf](#). The trail is open to the public and if you go at weekends you can avail of free parking. Some favourites are "**Judgement**" by Ronan Gillespie, "**Wind and Water**" by Paddy Campbell, "**Iphigenia**" by Thomas Glandon, "**Portal**" by Catherine Green, "**Black Tulip**" by Eamonn Ceannt and "**Rendezvous**" by Bob Quinn.

*Below:* Not a sculpture – **A Selfie!!!!**



*Till next week stay safe!*