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## Pope Francis on important issues



Pope Francis, in a keynote address to the popular movements, a group that includes activists working on a wide variety of justice causes, called for a universal basic income and the shortening of the working day. He also praised the protest movement that followed the murder of George Floyd. He also made specific appeals “in the name of God” to those responsible for key sectors of today’s world economy, especially in this time of pandemic: the pharmaceutical and food industries; the financial and credit institutions; the tech and telecommunications giants; the arms industry, as well as powerful

countries, governments and politicians of all parties. As a way to address the dire economic straits of so many people in the world and guarantee basic human dignity, and after consulting many specialists in the field, Francis called for “a basic income or salary so that everyone in the world may have access to the most basic necessities of life.

“It is right to fight for a humane distribution of these resources, and it is up to governments to establish tax and redistribution schemes so that the wealth of one part of society is shared fairly, but without imposing an unbearable burden, especially upon the middle class,” the pope said. He also advocated for shortening the workday as a way to improve the situation of people. “The minimum income is one [way to improve people’s situation], the reduction of the working day is another possibility, and one that needs seriously to be explored,” he said. He recalled that in the 19th century, workers laboured 12, 14, 16 hour days. When they achieved the eight-hour workday, nothing collapsed, contrary to what some sectors had predicted.

“I insist, working fewer hours so that more people can have access to the labour market is something we need to explore with some urgency,” he said. In another part of his talk, he commended the protest movement over the death of George Floyd: Do you know what comes to mind now when, together with popular movements, I think of the Good Samaritan? The protests over the death of George Floyd. It is clear that this type of reaction against social, racial or macho injustice can be manipulated or exploited by political machinations or whatever, but the main thing is that, in that protest against this death, there was the Collective Samaritan who is no fool! This movement did not pass by on the other side of the road when it saw the injury to human dignity caused by an abuse of power. The popular movements are not only social poets but also collective Samaritans.

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Throughout his pontificate, Francis has sought to encourage grassroots movements and organisations worldwide in their efforts to improve the lives of millions of people who live in poverty and misery. He asked the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace to convene the first World. He said, “Personal change is necessary, but it is also indispensable to adjust our socio-economic models so that they have a human face because many models have lost it. And thinking about these situations, I make a pest of myself with my questions.”

Aware that there are many, even in the Catholic Church, who criticise him for what he says on the social justice questions, Francis in his talk emphasised that what he is asking and saying is all based on the church’s social teaching and is in line with what his predecessors, including John Paul II and Benedict XVI, have taught. “The pope must not stop mentioning this teaching, even if it often annoys people because what is at stake is not the pope but the Gospel.” In his talk, Francis issued nine explicit calls “in the name of God” to those responsible for different sectors of the world’s economy.

1. He asked “the great pharmaceutical laboratories to release the patents” of the Covid-19 vaccines. He appealed to them: “Make a gesture of humanity and allow every country, every people, every human being, to have access to the vaccines.” He reminded them that there are countries “where only three or four percent of the inhabitants have been vaccinated.” Though he did not mention it, most countries in Africa fall into this category.

2. He called on financial groups and international credit institutions “to allow poor countries to assure ‘the basic needs of their people’ and to cancel those debts that so often are contracted against the interests of those same peoples.”

3. He pleaded with “the great extractive industries – mining, oil, forestry, real estate, agribusiness, to stop destroying forests, wetlands and mountains, to stop polluting rivers and seas, to stop poisoning food and people.”

4. He called on the great food corporations “to stop imposing monopolistic systems of production and distribution that inflate prices and end up withholding bread from the hungry.” He highlighted “the scourge of the food crisis” in the world and noted that in this year alone “20 million people have been dragged down to extreme level of food insecurity” while “severe destitution has

increased” and “the price of food has risen sharply.” He mentioned horrific numbers of people suffering in Syria, Haiti, Congo, Senegal, Yemen, South Sudan and other places. He declared that “annual deaths from hunger may exceed those of Covid!”

5. He appealed to arms manufacturers and dealers “to completely stop their activity” because, he said, “it foments violence and war, it contributes to those awful geopolitical games which cost millions of lives displaced and millions dead.”

6. He pleaded with “the technology giants to stop exploiting human weakness, people’s vulnerability, for the sake of profits without caring about the spread of hate speech, grooming, fake news, conspiracy theories, and political manipulation.”

7. He asked “the telecommunications giants to ease access to educational material and connectivity for teachers via the internet so that poor children can be educated even under quarantine.”

8. He called on “the media to stop the logic of post-truth, disinformation, defamation, slander and the unhealthy attraction to dirt and scandal, and to contribute to human fraternity and empathy with those who are most deeply damaged.”

9. He appealed to powerful countries “to stop aggression, blockades and unilateral sanctions against any country anywhere on earth” and said, “No to neo-colonialism.” He called for the resolution of conflicts to be done in multilateral fora like the United Nations.

Pope Francis issued his verdict on the present economic system, saying, “This system, with its relentless logic of profit, is escaping all human control.” But, he added: “It is time to slow the locomotive down, an out-of-control locomotive hurtling towards the abyss. There is still time.” He called on governments and politicians of all parties “to represent their people and to work for the common good.” He told them, “Stop listening exclusively to the economic elites, who so often spout superficial ideologies that ignore humanity’s real dilemmas” and encouraged them to serve instead “the people who demand land, work, housing and good living.”

*Fr. Paddy Byrne  
Parish Priest – Abbeyleix, Co. Laois*



## Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club had its judging night last Wed for our Nature competition, and we were treated to some amazing nature images from our club members.



Next week we have Richie Hogan (aka @minimal\_dublin on Instagram) in to give a talk to us 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 those images.



One of our members Andy took this beautiful image of an Owl at a bird of prey photoshoot recently.

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)

Take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak.

(1 Cor 8:9)

## Lucan ICA

*Hi Ladies,*

We are back after near 2 years "resting". We will open on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10am to 12-30 in the **main hall in the Parish Centre**. Please wear masks, tea / coffee as usual.



I'm sure you are all looking forward to returning to working on your crafts and catching up with all the ICA friends.

President and members would like to send sympathy to the family of Ann Murray RIP who was a past member and President from 1976-1978 in our Guild.

Ann is remembered for her beautiful crochet and knitting especially.

*Pauline*



Huge Congratulations to the award winners at the CRAOL Féile achievement awards last Friday night in Kilkenny.

Volunteer, Cian Sullivan received Gold for his documentary series "Here & Queer" - this was in the "Commissioned programmes" category.

The series was supported by the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland Sound & Vision scheme and explored how the LGBTQ experience in Ireland compared to other countries.

The objective of the series was to give a voice to people from the LGBTQ community who are living in Ireland but originate from other countries. Every volunteer who recorded their shows from home during the pandemic and our virtual online festivals received Gold in the "Creativity and Effectiveness during the pandemic" category.

To top off the night Liffey Sound received the standout award in the latter category also!

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

[www.liffeysoundfm.ie](http://www.liffeysoundfm.ie) or catch up on Facebook

# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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

### 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:** 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.**

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

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

**Masses will continue to be live-streamed on [www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)**



## St. Mary's Readers' Roster November 2021:

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil and Sunday masses for the month of November 2021 was sent to all readers by email on 24<sup>th</sup> October. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.



### 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 wife, family and friends of *Edward Beattie*, Beech Park and to the wife, family and friends of *Eric Carroll*, Moyglas and to the family and friends of *Mary McCarthy*, Ardeevin. *May they rest in peace.*



## 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 our 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 12pm Mass to 6pm.

## Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan

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

**15<sup>th</sup> November**

13<sup>th</sup> December

Mass also live at [lucanparish.com](http://lucanparish.com)



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

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



### Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,

Sunday: 9am, **10.30am** and 12 noon.

**The 10.30am Family Mass is now open to the public.** –This 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

## 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. 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?**



Anam Cara South Dublin are delighted to return to our Face to Face meetings this month. We will be adhering to all guidelines in accordance with recommendations issues by the government. The time spent in lockdown will have had untold effects on bereaved parents and even more so on newly bereaved parents who lost a child during this global pandemic.

**Anam Cara South Dublin**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly **Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7:20pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.**

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. (Subject to change in accordance with government guidelines).



## 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



### COLCLOUGH (MARY)

#### 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Mary you are a legend  
Who will stay in our hearts forever!  
We now know you are resting well with Michael.  
Your memory will always be  
Our greatest treasure.  
Love you forever.  
*Your loving family*

### KILDUFF (MARY)

#### 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear Mother, Mary Kilduff, Chapel Hill.  
Silent thoughts of times together  
Hold memories that last forever.  
*Remembered by all the family*

### TRUNK (PATRICK)

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 31<sup>st</sup> October

A date that is filled with sadness  
Returns to us today  
To mark the day you left us  
In such a sudden way  
In thoughts we see you just the same  
In love and pride we speak your name  
Sunshine passes and shadows fall  
But love and memories outlast them all.  
*Sadly missed by your loving wife Máire and family*



## Deepest Sympathy

### METCALFE (IVAN)

Deepest sympathy from all their neighbours in Edmundsbury Court to Carmel and Evan Metcalfe on the unexpected passing of their beloved Ivan. "He weighed so lightly what he gave"  
Rest in peace Ivan.



#### 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





**Happy Halloween** to one and all! Hopefully, all will enjoy the festival safely. Dog owners will be taking extra care of their pets, who find the noise of fireworks very frightening. Just be mindful of other people too.



**Lots of excitement at Scoil Mhuire**, as boys and girls (and teachers), dressed up on the last day before mid-term. This lad met a Scarecrow on the way into school!



**The Autumn equinox** is upon us when clocks go back this Sunday morning – an extra hour in bed! The downside is that the evenings will be a lot darker, but then the

mornings will be brighter.

**November is the month when the Tidy Town results** are expected – later than previous years, but hopefully, Lucan will have a good outcome.

**Bank scam texts!** A reader contacted us after witnessing an older person being treated very badly in one of our local banks – the lady was seeking advice about scam texts, and how would she know what was genuine etc. She was dealt with in a very dismissive manner! Please be aware that not everyone is as ‘smart’ as a ‘smart phone’. If you are of the old school, it is very hard to get your head around some things. It’s not just the elderly being caught out, there are several instances of young tech-savvy people getting into trouble with these scams. So, if you are in a position to help people out, do so!

**Great to see Fr. John Hassett** back celebrating Mass in St. Patrick’s, on Sunday last, at the Children’s Mass. We wish him well!

**Big Welcome back also to Lucan ICA** – we see they are meeting up again after their long rest. Good to hear from you again!

## Happy 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday

to

**Seán and Tadhg**

On 31<sup>st</sup> October

*With tonnes of love  
from all your family*

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## 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. *Some great photographs!*



## Clean Water, Education and Forestry...

About this time way back in 2005 we were making plans to head into the unknown of Northern Malawi, after having a short visit earlier in the year.

A friend told us that SJOG had a mission there, so we arranged to return, having come up with a crazy notion to do something about the horrific state of the drinking water, which we had witnessed.



The journey by air was long but exciting, and when we arrived, we were met by Br Aidan, who had driven the 400 km from early that morning to pick us up, who then immediately turned around and drove back, non-stop. What a man, doing all this for, two crackpots with so much to learn. From then on, we were absorbed into the community, we had a place to stay, (and still have), we got years of practical advice with staff and vehicles available to us to visit and meet a huge number of communities, enabling us to outline where and how we might get started, all in 11 long days.

“What a start” to what has now become “What a journey”.

After almost 50 visits, staying up to two months at times, we sadly haven’t been there since December 2019, but to our amazement everything just goes on, improving all the time.

Of our 70 permanent Malawian staff, only one has a recent degree while some haven’t even finished primary school, but they all continue learning from each other all the time.

Contact via email, what’s app, etc, is available even in the most obscure locations, in the third poorest country in the world!! This enables non-stop communication. So *where are we now?*

**Water and Forestry:** Beginning in mid-2006 and based in, Northern Malawi, we are still and focused on enabling the rural poor to access clean, safe, drinking water, with the numbers over for 800,000. Pumps are produced by Malawian workers in our pump factory in Mzuzu with locally available materials, even recycling plastic waste from our indigenous tree planting *potting tubes*, into pump valves.



In the planting seasons of 2021 (January - March) we assisted rural communities to plant about 1.7 million indigenous tree seedlings and additionally 2,775,000 were directly planted from our nurseries. For the current season over 4.5 million

seedlings are targeted in large community nurseries. About 2 million additional seeds & tubes are being provided to 250 tree planting clubs of 2500 planters in total.

**Preschools:** The very first time we sat on the ground with a group of women, clean water was their primary concern but preschools were a surprising (to us) second. Primary schools only take students after they’re 6. At this stage, girls are minding children and carrying water while boys might be making bricks. So large numbers, particularly in remote rural areas, never get to school. So from the beginning, we have actively supported the establishment of preschools mainly by w training local uneducated women to become amazing carers. The leader of our team Miriam is now a fully qualified primary teacher, having sent her, first to Secondary school, and who has just recently qualified at Teacher Training College.

Between Pump installations, pump maintenance, and forestry we have five vehicles on the go every day, with everything planned well in advance. So this year Miriam and Margaret head off with one of our five teams, are, dropped off at a trading centre along the route, where they hire motor bike drivers to bring them to an (often inaccessible) location to stay in (a B&B???) in the middle of nowhere and then with the help of Chiefs, Village Headmen and regularly the whole community, set up what they call a workshop. The would-be trainees walk from miles for the training days and finally head off with their bits and pieces to set up their own “schools” and enable the little ones to begin in education at the age of 3 rather than 6. The effect on primary school attendance is spectacular.

(A little note: If the Government Department: Social Welfare, want training for *their* preschools, the two girls get the gig, free of charge of course.

This year we have added a course in sowing *tephrosia* seeds which enables village (women) to grow maize without expensive fertilizer or noxious pesticides. We supply the seeds and varieties of “Local Maize” to replace the questionable Monsanto varieties.

It has become a huge success and a real gift for women who are constantly worried about bad maize harvests and hunger.

**Girls Education:** For the last 7-8 years we have supported about 250 girls per year in what we call: Our *Girl Child Project*: enabling girls from the poorest families to go to Secondary School, as well as providing Saturday ..... **over**



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..... and non-term time learning support at our office /factory classrooms base in Mzuzu. With 7 excellent teachers and a qualified counsellor, the results have been wildest expectations

As well as a focus on general education and exams, we have a focus on female empowerment and issues as illegal child marriage and gender-education in general. Our very close contact with the Mzuzu Police, Victim Support Unit, has added a wonderful dimension, where help is on hand at a short notice and with excellent co-operation from the Justice department. We also receive frequent visits to our centre, with talks from the team of two male and two female officers.

The underlying goal is to provide knowledge and support to better the lives of the poorest in Malawi with a focus on education, ensuring delayed marriage, with reduced family size, where all will certainly go to school and make such a difference to future generations.

As we moved on Girls started getting better results, at first by repeating their fourth year. Then, one qualifies for nursing, graduates, comes back to tell her story. (A retired nurse had supported her) and so it goes, then a teacher trainee was supported by a retired teacher, and there are miracles every day. Just this week two more girls set off for two different teacher training colleges.

Then we already have girls studying Biological Sciences, Law, Agriculture, English, Journalism and our latest dots are two little ones who weren't great academically who are half way through a course in dressmaking or whatever it's called using two old Singer sewing machines and making more magic for a few more possibilities. Hopefully many more dots to come.....

Our forestry division is expanding or exploding by the day in terms of planting and research. Our big forestry restoration project is making huge strides and all indicators show that we will plant over 6 million indigenous trees this season, but that's for another story.

That will employ up to 800 day-workers in the planting season, all paid and about 65% female, earning money for the first time in their lives. Another dream come true.

**If you need to have a look our website** [www.wellsforzoe.org](http://www.wellsforzoe.org) has lots of bits. [wellsforzoe@gmail.com](mailto:wellsforzoe@gmail.com) if you have any thoughts

*John and Mary Coyne*

## Lucan Library

### **A Gap in the Clouds Poetry Workshop**

with writer and poet Nell Regan

**Thursday 18 Nov 6.30 – 8pm Lucan Library**

In this workshop with award winning poet Nell Regan, we'll be reading some of the most famous tiny Japanese poems about winter. We'll look at how they convey the mood of a season in a few words and then embark on some writing exercises to make up our own winter poems. An engaging and lively session suitable for anyone with an interest in creative writing, poetry and or winter!

Nell Regen's latest book is *A Gap in the Clouds: A New Translation of the Ogura Hyakunin Isshu* with James Hadley (Dedalus Press, 2021) The Irish Times said 'these delightful translations reveal millennium old voices still fresh and full of yearning'. *A Gap in the Clouds* – Dedalus Press See also [www.nellregan.com](http://www.nellregan.com)

This talk will be held in Lucan Library.

Booking through Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/a-gap-in-the-clouds-poetry-workshop-tickets-195078273367>

### **'December-glinting fruit' - A Seasonal**

**Workshop** with writer and Poet Nell Regan

**Thursday 25 November 6.30 -8pm in Lucan Library.**

Before we head into the busy month of December, take a pause for a creative writing workshop on the themes of mid-winter and Christmas. Join poet and non-fiction writer Nell Regan to read poems including Patrick Kavanagh's 'A Christmas Childhood'. Using these as a springboard we'll write our own poems or prose about the season/ family traditions etc.

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Limited places, booking through Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/december-glinting-fruit-a-seasonal-workshop-tickets-195097270187>

### **Decade of Centenaries Dáil Courts**

Join historian John Dorney on the **4th of**

**November** to learn more about the Dáil Courts and their place in the Irish judiciary. Booking now open. <https://tinyurl.com/DailDofCs>



## A Look at Halloween

### Halloween Weather

In his book "Weather Eye – The Final Year" Brendan McWilliams says: "With the arrival of October, the year has entered the youth of its old age. It marks a turning of the year." At the start of the month the average maximum temperature is a pleasant 16°C, falling to 12°C by the time Halloween arrives. Looking back at the Halloween temperature since 1970 we find the warmest 31 October was in 2014. An impressive 18°C was recorded at Casement Aerodrome, 6 degrees above normal. That year Halloween and the following day were unusually warm. On November 1 Glenbeigh, Co Kerry reached 20°C. The UK's November temperature record was broken on the same day. In Aberystwyth, mid Wales an amazing 22°C occurred.

In the lead up to Halloween the weather around the feast day of St Luke (October 18) can provide a pleasant surprise with very mild, sunny conditions. This occurs only on some years of course, but when it does it can be referred as "St. Luke's Little Summer."

### Scary News at Halloween!

#### Mussolini appointed Prime Minister

At Halloween 1922 Benito Mussolini was appointed Prime Minister of Italy. He founded and led The National Fascist Party and was dictator of Italy from 1922 to 1945. Mussolini inspired and supported the international spread of fascist movements during the inter-war period.

#### Violet Gibson

Violet Gibson was born in Dublin in 1876. Her father Lord Ashbourne, became Lord Chancellor of Ireland. She left behind the advantages of her Angle-Irish



upbringing and dedicated herself to anti-war activism, social justice and opposition to fascism. Some people called her "a crazy Irish mystic".

In 1922 she suffered a nervous break-down, was declared insane and committed to a mental institution for two years. She attempted suicide in early 1925. On April 7 1926, while mixing in a crowd in Rome, she shot Benito Mussolini at point blank range. He only suffered a superficial injury to his nose. Violet tried again but the gun misfired. She explained that she shot Mussolini "to glorify God." She was deported to Britain and spent the rest of her life in a psychiatric hospital in Northampton. Her pleas for release went unheeded. She died on May 2 1956.



### At Halloween No Disguising Munster's Victory!

Munster played an unforgettable match against the All Blacks (New Zealand) in Thomond Park on October 31 1978. Twelve thousand spectators were packed into the Limerick venue to see the All Blacks start the Irish leg of their tour. Apart from inside the stadium other vantage points were taken. Hundreds were perched on the 20 ft. high boundary wall. Others were on the towering trees immediately outside the grounds. Some people also watched from windows of houses at the Ballynanty end that have since been demolished.

Health and safety were not a priority in those days!

The Munster players were amateurs but they were spurred on by their coach Tom Kiernan, a former Irish international player. October 31 1978 dawned wet and windy, possibly giving an advantage to the home team who would be more used to these conditions.

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## A Look at Halloween *cont'd.*

However, by kick-off time it was mild and sunny with a temperature of around 14°C, a couple of degrees above normal.

After 11 minutes Christy Cantillon scored a try (4 points), converted by Tony Ward (2 points). Ireland were 6 points ahead. An explanation might be necessary here. In 1971 a try went from 3 points to 4 points and in 1992 up to 5 points. The rest of the scoring consisted of two drop goals scored by Tony Ward, giving the final result: Munster 12 – All Blacks 0.

The noise and excitement was unbelievable. The All Blacks were beaten and held scoreless as well. Who would have predicted that?

The following day the New Zealand coach lamented: “We were up against a team of Kamikaze tacklers.”

A play called “Alone it Stands” by John Breen tells the story of the match. The title is borrowed from the anthem of Shannon Rugby Club. “There Is An Isle.”

## Welcoming the Spirits Home at Halloween!

### Japan

The Japanese celebrate a Buddhist tradition called o-bon. It honours the spirits of deceased family members. Lanterns are hung outside the home to guide the spirits inside.



### Latin American Countries

In these countries the favourite food and drink of deceased family members are placed on an altar erected in the home. This is to welcome the spirits and to encourage them to enter the house.

*D.T.*



## A Little Mixed Up

Just a line to say to say I'm living,  
that I'm not among the dead  
Though I'm getting more forgetful,  
and mixed up in my head;

I've got used to my arthritis,  
To my dentures I'm resigned.  
I can manage my bifocals,  
But, Oh God, I miss my mind.

For sometimes I don't remember,  
At the bottom of the stairs  
If I was going up for something,  
or if I just came down from there.

And before the fridge so often,  
my poor mind is filled with doubt--  
Have I put the food away . . .  
Or come to take some out?

There are times when it is dark  
And my nightcap's on my head  
I don't know if I'm retiring,  
or just getting out of bed;

So if it's my turn to write you,  
There's no need in getting sore,  
I may think that I have written  
And I don't want to be a bore.

Please remember that I love you,  
And I wish that you were here;  
But now it's nearly mail time,  
So I must say goodbye, my dear.

Now here I stand beside the mailbox,  
With my face so very red,  
Instead of mailing you my letter,  
I have opened it instead!

# 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)

## Some information on Budget 2022

*Continued from last week*

### Disability and illness payments

The minimum paid PRSI contributions required to qualify for Treatment Benefit will decrease from 5 years (260 weeks) to 9 months (39 weeks) for people aged between 25 and 28 (June 2022).

A grant of 50% (up to €500) towards the cost of wigs, hairpieces or hair replacement systems due to illness will be introduced under the Treatment Benefit scheme (June 2022).

The income disregard for Carer's Allowance will increase from €332.50 to €350 for a single person and from €665 to €750 for a couple. The capital disregard will increase by €30,000 from €20,000 to €50,000 (June 2022).

The period during which Carer's Allowance and Domiciliary Care Allowance can be paid for children in hospital will be extended from 3 months to 6 months (January 2022).

The earnings limit on Disability Allowance will increase by €25 from €350 to €375 and the weekly means disregard will increase from €2.50 to €7.60 (June 2022).

PhD scholarships will be disregarded in the means test for Blind Pension (January 2022).

The income threshold for Fuel Allowance will increase by €20 from €100 to €120 (January 2022).

People who have been getting Jobseekers Allowance or Supplementary Welfare Allowance for 12 months will qualify for Fuel Allowance – this is a reduction of 3 months - from 15 months (September 2022).

### Living Alone Increase

The Living Alone Increase will increase by €3 from €19 to €22 (January 2022).

### Payments to families

The Working Family Payment threshold will increase by €10 across all family sizes (June 2022).

Parent's Benefit will be extended by 2 weeks from 5 weeks to 7 weeks for the parents of children born or adopted from November 2019 (July 2022).

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BTSCFA) for a child aged 4-11 will increase by €10 from €150 to €160. For children aged 12 and over, it will also increase by €10 from €275 to €285.

The weekly income limit for one-parent households will be increased to the same as two-parent households (June 2022).

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## Political Notes

### Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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**Funding Announced For Safe Use of Motocross Vehicles:** The Department of Justice has confirmed in a Parliamentary Question submitted by me that almost €200,000 of funding nationally for youth projects to tackle issues with scramblers. A number of Youth Services applied for the funding in Dublin Mid-West. The scheme is modelled on the Moyross project in Limerick where young people are taught how to use motocross bikes in a safe manner off public roads. The project was set up as a means of intervention and diversion from the misuse of scramblers in communities, as opposed to enforcement alone. It's welcome that the Dept of Justice are rolling out this initiative to engage owners of these off road vehicles. Hopefully this funding will help start a process where young people can continue to use motocross vehicles in a safe manner.

### Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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**Lucan Village:** The Council is proposing changes to Lucan village. They want to trial a one-way system up the village and make the village green a more usable space and more pedestrian friendly. The drawback is that would mean removing parking spaces along the shop fronts opposite the green. They will be putting their proposal out for public consultation next year and it will be your local Councillors who will decide whether or not to approve them. In the meantime, they will work with local businesses and politicians to shape the proposals further. I feel that parking and traffic congestion are huge issues in Lucan village and I don't want any changes to make this worse. I welcome the investment into improving Lucan but I want to make sure it's done right and would welcome your feedback.

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

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**Re Plans for changes in Lucan Village:** Just to let residents know any plans for changes in the village, are at a very early stage. Councillors are being shown a few possible ideas. The objective is to improve the village as a space to spend time in and this may involve changes to parking. Not

just removing spaces - new spaces may also be added. A trial period of a one-way traffic system is one suggestion, but no decision has been taken on this yet. There are related proposals in relation to improving routes for pedestrians and cyclists, and the enhancement of the boardwalk at Lucan Weir and the entrance to Lucan Demesne. I will make sure to keep in touch, and I know my fellow councillors will do so too.

### Liona O'Toole – Independent

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**Skate Park:** My motion to requesting the Chief Executive to support the examination of a new skatepark into the Adamstown area was agreed at this weeks area committee meeting. Funding would be required for a new skatepark, however the opportunity to introduce this into the new parks, district centre or any further developments should be explored. Many thanks to all councillors that supported this and to the local residents for raising this with me.

**Bus Route proposals:** I've requested South Dublin County Council officials to ask the NTA to provide the councillors with a presentation on the new bus routes/changes. The following was confirmed to me: The NTA have promised to organise an information session in the next few weeks to update the members on the Bus Route proposals. When the date and time is finalised for this information session, the members will be immediately informed.

### Paul Gogarty - Independent

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**Village Parking rumours:** I flagged upcoming consultation on a number of village schemes two weeks ago. Since then rumours have spread online and through flyers that there is a plan to get rid of parking altogether in Lucan village green area. Not true. There is consultation coming for a plan to slow traffic around the village/green and make it a more user-friendly area. SDCC proposes reducing some parking spaces, but the final proposal is not complete. Myself and other local Councillors have stressed the need to maintain sufficient spaces close to shops and banks and to ensure immediate access to the medical centre/pharmacy as well as create additional spaces nearby. The Council is currently assessing feedback before going to formal public consultation.

A proposed trial one-way system aimed at reducing non-local through traffic will also be looked at. I'll update when details become available.

## Lucan Boys National School – 5<sup>th</sup> Class, and some 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, March 19<sup>th</sup> 1951



*Back 4<sup>th</sup> Row:* Michael Buggle, Denis Morton, Des Kelly, Tommy Collins, Tom Magee, Eamonn Lacey, Michael Collins, John Archibold, Jimmy Greene.

*3<sup>rd</sup> Row:* Ned Gough, Michael Reilly, Alec Collins, Jimmy Freeman, Conor O'Brien, Freddie Poole, Paddy Kilduff, Frankie Dunne, Jimmy Lanigan, Joe Breen.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Row:* Paul Bevan, Noel Gavigan, Michael O'Toole, Brendan O'Hehir, Eddie Cullen, David Foxe, Seamus Malone, Tom Malone, Matt O'Reilly.

*Front:* Albert Gleeson, Frank Murray. (*2<sup>nd</sup> Class* – Kevin Cullen, John Smith, Joe Beck, Paudric Grant, Archie Malone, Padgo Gough, Mickey Kilduff, Sonny Kearns).

*Many thanks to Frank Murray who sent us the photo.*



### St. Mary's Boys' National School

are now enrolling  
**Junior Infants for September 2022**

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

The application forms can be downloaded  
from the home page of our school website  
which is [www.stmarysbnslucan.com](http://www.stmarysbnslucan.com)

**For more information**

please contact 01-6281857

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



### 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.



## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



A week after our hurlers reached the county semi-finals, **the footballers** put in a great performance against Ballymun Kickhams to also book a semi-final spot against St Judes in a fortnight. Trailing by two points after the first water break, Ballymun extended their lead to four before man of the match, Brendan Gallagher, pointed three times from frees, and then CJ Smith blasted into the net. Ballymun pointed either side of half-time to draw it level. Lucan then took control to build a six point lead, but the second water break interrupted Lucan's dominance, allowing Ballymun to regroup and with Dean Rock hitting the equalising point for Kickhams, it looked like extra time was on the cards. Lucan won a free close in during the dying seconds which Gallagher pointed, sending Sars to the semis.

**The Junior C footballers** also reached a semi-final with a home win against Na Gael Oga.

**Congratulations to our Senior Camogie team** who win the Division 1 Shield during the week.

**Also congratulations to our ladies football juvenile teams**, U15B who captured the Division 7 Shield.



*U14A who won the Division 1 Championship*



*U13A who won the division 2 Cup*

**This weekend coming will see Senior Hurling** take centre stage again when Lucan take on Na Fianna at 1:30pm on Sunday 31st in Parnell Park. Now that attendance restrictions have been relaxed, it would be great to have a big crowd to cheer them on.

Earlier on Sunday, the **Junior A's** are away to Ballyboden and the **Junior B's** away to Erins Isle in their semi-finals.

**In the juvenile camogie championship finals** scheduled for Sunday 31st, the U14A's are taking on Kilmacud Clokes in Abbotsown at 12:30, U13Bs at home to Beann Eadair at 13:30, and the U16As will face Naomh Maur at 14:30, also in Abbotsown, In the Shield competition, the U14B's are at home to Naomh Padraig at 13:30

**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 €17,000**

There was no winner of the Club Lotto Jackpot of €16,600 held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021. The numbers drawn were: 10, 12, 17, 22.

The Lucky Dip winners of €30 each: **Aisling Regan x 2, Greg & Annemarie O'Neill, Sinead O'Neill, Ella Dawson, Fiachra McGrath, Dara Keher, John O'Connor, Mary Freeman, Moya Sweeney.**

The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October, is **€17,000**, and is sponsored by: **REA McDonald Estate Agents.** The draw managed by Josephine Donohue 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.**



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

By the time you read this we will have had our third meeting indoors in the Coffee Dock of the Parish Centre. Everybody continues to be comfortable with the arrangements - windows and doors open, masks on and a duration not more than one hour. The way the COVID numbers are going at present we can only hope that we will be able to continue to meet safely. On a happier note, arrangements for the production of the Group's 2022 calendar are almost finalised.



This week Willie submitted photos taken at Lady's View in Kerry. Paddy was out at dusk taking some beautiful photos of the illumination of the Phoenix Monument, also known as the Eagle Monument (which was erected in 1747 apparently), and of the entrance to Áras an Uachtaráin in the Phoenix Park. Donal treated us to some photos of fungi and Conor seems to have established a very personal relationship with his squirrels and other animals who seem to be happy to pose for him when he wants to photograph them.

Looking back through the archives of the Newsletter for this time last year I find that in

the edition of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020 I noted that we were back under lock-down again. In the edition of 1<sup>st</sup> November the editor reviewed the group's first on-line photography exhibition on the Lucan Parish website courtesy of the priest of the parish. How time flies! *Till next week stay safe!*

