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A change in parish personnel in Lucan



On September 12th last Archbishop Dermot Farrell appointed Father Samuel Akaguenyi Chinedu to the Lucan grouping of parishes. He replaces Father Dominic Kwikiriza from Uganda who has been transferred to Beaumont Parish.

We wish Father Dominic every happiness in his new appointment and thank him for his ministry among us. His gentle tone and thoughtful homilies were appreciated by many people. We will miss him.

Father Samuel is a diocesan Priest of the diocese of Nnewi in Nigeria. He was ordained to the priesthood two years ago and after a two-year parish appointment has been sent by his Bishop to study at Maynooth. He



is pursuing post-graduate studies in pastoral ministry with an emphasis on healthcare chaplaincy. As well as studying at Maynooth he has a two-day placement each week at Tallaght Hospital where he will gain hands-on experience. We welcome Fr. Samuel to the three parishes and hope that he will be happy among us for the next few years.

Lucan now enjoys the ministry of three African priests. In Lucan South Father Ubaldo Muhindo from Uganda is responsible for the parish, and in St. Patrick's Fr. Pius Faruna from Nigeria, who is also in Ireland to study at Maynooth, assists Father John Hassett.

At a time when vocations are at an all-time low in Ireland we are blessed indeed to have the ministry of these men among us. Our diocese will struggle in the coming years to meet the needs of the parishes. The average age of the Dublin clergy is almost 70, and with virtually no students for the diocese the future is bleak. Ireland was for centuries a missionary country sending priests and religious to many parts of the world, these men and women went as strangers to foreign lands and were welcomed and embraced. In many places they enjoyed great success and laid the foundations for a strong local church.

Shakespeare said 'There is a tide in the affairs of men' and while the tide of Vocations has indeed gone out in Ireland, on other shores that tide is full and rich and abundant and we are blessed to benefit here. We can only hope **and pray** that the tide will turn again in our direction.



I ask parish communities not to yield to discouragement but to continue praying that the Lord will send workers to his harvest. May he give us priests enamoured of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters, living signs of God's merciful love. - Pope Francis

Philip Curran
St. Mary's Lucan

www.vocations.ie

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

www.citizensinformation.ie

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



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

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

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

School Leavers: Information for school leavers is available on the following link. This includes information on "At what age can I?"
Checklist: school leavers (citizensinformation.ie)

Esker Active Retirement Assoc.

Well we had good fun again today in our club. We played cards and scrabble and we even did a little bit of keep-fit to keep our bodies warm and our brains engaging. We followed that with bowls and of course refreshments and chat.

We are heading off to the beautiful Connemara Coast Hotel in Galway next Monday for a few days so there is **NO CLUB NEXT WEDNESDAY 6th OCTOBER.**

Helen is busy organising our Christmas night out which has now been booked in Castleknock Golf Club on Friday 10th December so anyone who hasn't given their name to Helen yet, make sure you do so when we are next back in our club.

We had three new members in our club this week; it's great to see people making an effort to come back out again from many months of loneliness and isolation.

We hope to get back to our cinema trips shortly too – I'm looking forward to seeing "Herself" and "No time to Die" the new Bond film. It's lovely to have other people to go with on these outings. Anyone who has any queries about our club, please contact me before 7pm in the evenings.

Marian Egan (Club Secretary) 086 1269 043

Lucan Women's Network

Young Women's HUB

Young women 20 and over we **Have Your Back**. Join us for 6 weeks of **ART THERAPY** with Rowena to enhance Self-esteem and self-awareness whilst building emotional resilience **STARTING 06 Oct 2021 ONLINE 7-8.30 PM**
Come gather with women your own age, looking after their mental health and wellbeing. We will be running this short course in October. The aim of this course is to give young women a space to develop skills, tools and a network of people for support for more information please contact us: developworkerc.1@gmail.com WhatsApp: 083 860 7947

#selfcare #HaveYourBack
#MindYourMentalHealth
#ItAlwaysStartsWithYou

Be Mindful Through Art with Christine Carey 6 week arts and craft programme with

Christine Carey

Starting 11th Oct 10.00-12.00pm

ADAMSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Contact Joanne:

developworkerc.1@gmail.com WhatsApp: 083 860 7947

Walk in the Park for Breast Cancer Awareness

Join us for our Annual Fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

This year we are supporting LOCAL charity **The Marie Keating Foundation**

Join us on the 12th October 2021 @10.30AM in Corkagh Park followed by a cuppa, treats and a chat.

DID YOU KNOW

- Breast cancer is the second most common cancer in women in Ireland, skin cancer being the most common. However, the number of breast cancer cases is on the increase
- Every year 2,600 cases are diagnosed and 660 women die from the disease in Ireland
- Breast cancer is most common in women from 50 years onwards but it can be diagnosed at a younger age
- 1 in 10 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime

Monthly Book Club: This month's Book is *Freckles* by Cecelia Ahern come join us get in touch.

Lucan Drama

Exciting news from Lucan Drama as two more **One-Act** plays are cast and in rehearsal. Eminent director Philip Byrne is to stage two wonderful One-Acts in Lucan Spa Hotel in late **November**.



The first of these plays is **The Donahue Sisters** by *Geraldine Aron*. Three sisters, reunited at their mother's funeral, relive a horrific secret that occurred in the family attic many years before.

In contrast, the second of these two One-Acts, which is also directed by Philip Byrne is a hilarious play entitled **Brenton V Brenton** by *David Testram*. It is an outrageous spoof of American soaps and blockbuster mini-series set in the manic world of Chicago's biggest advertising agency.

What an amazing line up of Drama to while away the darker evenings is in store for us with **four One-Act plays** in total, two of which are going into Drama Festival competition. The Festival plays are **A Kind Of Vesuvius** by *Gillian Plowman* directed by Carol Ryan and **Contractions** by *Mike Bartlett* directed by Vincent Casey.

Once again a million thanks to Mr. Frank Colgan and his staff at Lucan Spa Hotel for facilitating rehearsals and offering unstinting support.

For more information on Lucan Drama find us on Facebook or e-mail lucandrama@gmail.com



DO NOT MISS!!!

On Sunday the 10th of October at 11am, Teresa Quinn has a very special guest on "Bookline". Teresa will be interviewing the consummate storyteller, Jeffrey Archer. Check out our Facebook page for more details next week!

Liffey Sound 96.4FM - Lucan's Community Radio Station

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook

It's a long shot

Would it be possible that any old Lucanians, or indeed someone moved into an old Lucan house, might come across a photograph of the old graveyard beside St. Mary's Church? In the mid-70s, the church extension was built over the burial ground. If you have such a picture, please contact us at Lucan Newsletter, or email marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

Palmerstown Camera Club

Next week in Palmerstown Camera Club sees the start of the **FREE 6 – week beginners** photography course (to paid up members of the club) on Wed 7-8 pm. This course is given by an award-winning photographer within the club. The tutorials are informative with great tips on how to get the best out of you and your camera.



Also, next week our speaker in Palmerstown Camera Club will be Dublin based photographer Anthony Lynch and his talk on Astro Photography. He has a love of astronomy and night sky photography. This will be an interesting tutorial to attend. 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



The image of a "Maynooth Chapel, Maynooth University" was taken by Miriam Power a photographer from PCC.

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



New Sunday Mass Times with effect from THIS weekend 2nd/3rd October 2021

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

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

Notice:

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

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday 10am

Capacity:

Our capacity for each Mass has increased to **300** while this is great news we need to remember that Covid is still very much with us. We must continue to wear face coverings in the church and use the hand sanitizer on the way in.

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

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

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

Private Prayer:

The Church is open daily for private prayer on weekdays from 10.30am to 6pm (funerals permitting) and on Sundays after the 12.15pm Mass to 6pm. Please enter by the Main Porch Door and exit by the side door (near the Nuns' Chapel).

Praying with Scripture:

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

St. Mary's Readers' Roster October 2021:

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil and Sunday masses for the month of October 2021 was sent to all readers by email on 20th September. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Baptisms:

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

Visits to the housebound:

If the housebound person has been fully vaccinated and at least two weeks have elapsed since the second dose, either Fr. Tom or Fr Philip and/or any ministers of the Eucharist who are also fully vaccinated can call once again. As a precaution we will wear face coverings and ask those to whom we are calling to do the same. If you are housebound and are not already on the list you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

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

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of *Breda Malone*, Cooldrinagh and The Hollows, and to the family and friends of *Mary Flynn*, Woodview.

May they rest in peace.

Apostolic Work Annual Exhibition and Raffle

Due to Covid 19 Pandemic we will **NOT** be holding the above event this year.

**Anyone interested in sponsoring a Mass Box please contact
Mary Christal at 01 6282510**

The Mass Box contains everything a priest needs to celebrate Mass. Sponsorship of a Mass Box is a wonderful way to remember a deceased family member.

The named person will be prayed for at daily Mass by the recipient priest on the Missions.



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Sunday Masses:

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

Summary of measures until 17th October

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

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

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

Mass can be accessed over the usual Church media channels

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

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday at 10am.

Confessions:

Confessions can be requested after Mass.

View the following on www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Mass Readings for the week

Morning Prayer – Lauds

Evening Prayer – Vespers

Take five at 10 - Reflections–Weekdays: 10am

Taizé – Watch and Pray

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship: 11am.

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

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

Services will be streamed online and available on Youtube?

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Congregation capacity increase:

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

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday 9:15am. Saturday 10am

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Private Prayer:

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

Daily Readings on website:

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



St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

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

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

Bookings for both church services can be made at bookleixlip@gmail.com, please indicate which service you are booking for and the number of people.

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

Acknowledgement

O'NEILL (MARY)

The family of the late Mary O'Neill of Dodsboro Cottages would like to thank all the staff at Lucan Lodge Nursing Home for the care of our mother. To all who attended the Funeral, who sent Mass cards and sympathised with us on our sad loss. To neighbours for their kindness and to Father Tom for his lovely Mass and cremation service. Thanking you all.
The O'Neill Family



Anniversary

McCAHILL (JOSEPH - JOE)

12th Anniversary - 30th September

A beloved Dad and Grandad.
Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard but always near
Still loved, still missed and held so dear.
Missed beyond words,
*Your loving daughters Patricia, Mary and Laura,
sons-in-law Enda and Barry and adored
grandchildren Jordan, Stephen, Leah, Arthur and
Ruby xxxxx*

Remembering ...

MARIE COWLEY

Lucan Dramatic Society lost a treasured member with the sudden death of Marie Cowley last January. Her passing leaves a deep sense of sadness and loss throughout our group.

Marie's contribution to drama for over forty years was immense. She brought a depth of interpretation to the wide variety of characters she played with humour and sensitivity.

That warmth and generosity she brought to her acting endeavours was reflected in her everyday life. Her husband Michael, her children Manus, Devoril, Leonie and grandchildren were pillars of her life. Her many other interests included gardening, travel, crosswords and her daily IRISH TIMES.

Many of us enjoyed the hospitality of the Cowley household on many occasions, when a glass or two of wine was imbibed after rehearsals or when celebrating a successful production.

Our beloved Marie made a deep impression on those of us who were fortunate to have shared her friendship. She leaves behind a reservoir of wonderful memories for us to recall.

From Lucan Dramatic Society past and present, thank you Marie.

Agnes McMahon



PLEASE NOTE:

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

Community / Schools/ Local History
marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

Sport / Politics
roselucannewsletter@gmail.com

Parish Notes / Fund Raising
annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

Anniversaries etc. / Advertising Queries
catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com

Lucan Library

Mood and Food. What's the Link? Nutrition and Mental Health.

Presented by Paula Mee, Dietitian and Author via Zoom. **Tuesday 5th October from 7-8pm.**
Booking via Eventbrite.
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/mood-and-food-whats-the-link-mental-health-and-nutrition-with-paula-mee-tickets-172101188287>

About the Event: It is well established that a Mediterranean style diet can reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes. Now new evidence suggests that this pattern of eating also reduces the risk of depression, substantially. Inspired by this fascinating new research, dietitian Paula Mee outlines a healthy eating plan based on the Mediterranean diet that is rich in healthy fats, wholegrain, unrefined carbs, and proteins. This talk will outline how you can stay in great shape physically and mentally while still enjoying delicious food.



Don't get caught out! We hear that parking regulations are changing in Lucan Village very shortly. While we will still have 30 minutes free parking, we will be paying for Saturday parking from now on!

Make sure to read the notice on the Parking Meter!

Winter is coming! Big change in temperatures this week, and did you notice your glasses fogging up again the minute you go into the supermarket? Get used to it!

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Mary Flynn, who was the first ever Lollypop Woman in Lucan. Her post was at Scoil Mhuire GNS. She left this world at the ripe old age of 98 years. May she rest in peace.



Above: a photo from our archives (1971), of Mrs. Flynn seeing the girls safely across the road, outside St. Mary's Church. It was a very busy road even back then, long before the by-pass was built.

Note the bell on the tower inside the gate! Around 1939, after the bell-tower was found to be leaning out, it was dismantled and the bell was placed on an iron tower just inside the chapel gates where it remained until 1975. It was then replaced on its original spot following renovations and the church extension.

Can you believe the amount of food we waste?

Saw a post from SDCC during the week, about the fact that **37%** of our bins is made up of organic waste (*mostly food waste*). That surely is a shocking figure!



October gave a party



The leaves by hundreds
came -

The Chestnuts, Oaks and
Maples,

And leaves of every name.

The Sunshine spread a carpet.

And everything was grand,

Miss Weather led the dancing,

Professor Wind the
band.

By George Cooper

Did you know?

Art Competitions were once a feature of the Olympic Games, from 1912 to 1948. In 1924, Dublin Poet, Oliver St. John Gogarty won a Bronze Medal in Paris, in the Mixed Literature Section, for his poem *Ode pour les Jeux de Tailteann* (*Ode to the Tailteann Games*).

Lucan Library Event

Fun-Believable Science Show

Saturday 16th October at 2.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/fun-believable-science-show-tickets-170146277095?aff=ebsdoporgprofile>

About this Event: Laugh, learn and help Dr. Brain with experiments and demonstrations. Dr. Brain performs an engaging science show that appeals to all ages.



Fun-Believable Science is a show with a 'wow' factor that will have your students buzzing. See Dr. Brain defy gravity, conduct an experiment on the entire audience, and involve students and teachers in demonstrations that are both fun and informative.



SCHOOL NEWS



St Kevin's Community College

Digital Wealth Project: St Kevin's Community College is delighted to be selected as the lead school for Maynooth University's Digital Wealth Project which focuses on improving Irish schools' access to technology. The Digital Wealth Project has received a grant of €450,000. The project aims to increase the digital capacity of 135 schools across Ireland. As part of the programme, the team is partnering with us in St Kevin's Community College, which according to Dr Holly Foley who is leading the project 'has already been identified as a **leader in the digital space**'.

iPad & laptop roll out – We are continuing with the roll out of iPads and laptops to all students at the moment to build on the skills and benefits that were accrued during the periods of remote learning over the past two years. We are almost in a position to give all 1st and 2nd year students an iPad to help with their class and homework and we have already committed to giving all 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th year LC students a laptop for research, classwork, homework and online tutorials/revision classes. 3 of our senior students won grants to receive free online tuition with the Institute of Education. We have also been selected to work with the Poer2Progress initiative in UCD, in association with Zurich, to give all of our 5th year students a new laptop to help with their studies. Our 5th year students will also receive online tutorials and revision in 2 subjects of their choosing for their Leaving Cert studies.

Extracurricular Activities: It is great to have so many activities up and running again, albeit with the relevant Covid-19 safety procedures in place. Our boys and girls football teams have commenced their training, and we are delighted to see our basketball players back at training. Our weekly Hiking club is going from strength to strength with hikes already to Maulin Mountain, Knocknagun & Glencullen mountains. We have started a new gym club and a girls'-only circuit training class, as well as a new after school computer coding club with www.computingschools.ie

Transition Year students have had a blistering start to the year with trips to Tayto Park, a teambuilding day in school and Hermitage park, the wonderful North Clondalkin Library and our

outdoor Pursuits class have already been to the Phoenix Park, the National Museum of Ireland and Merrion Square Park.

Courses for Parents: We have a 'Walk on Thursdays' club meeting at the front entrance of Collinstown Park at 9.30am from September 30th and a Car Maintenance Course every Tuesday from October 12th between 10-11am.

Leaving Cert Class 2021: The class of 2021 is continuing to do amazing things. Along with some gaining full time employment, or taking a year out before embarking on further education, 80% of the class of 2021 is now in 3rd level education. Among the courses they are studying include: Engineering and Law in Trinity College, Radiography, Zoology, Law & Psychology and Computer Science in University College Dublin, Early Childhood Care & education, Business, Arts, Robotics, Criminology & Psychology in NUI Maynooth, Nursing and pre-nursing in Crumlin and Marino Colleges, Psychiatric Nursing in Dublin City University, Mechanics and Culinary Arts in Technical University Dublin and many many more. We wish them all every success in their further studies.

Enrolment forms accepted from October 1st 2021 to October 22nd 2021

Forms available from school office.

Also available at www.stkevinscc.ie

Phone Deirdre Dalton on 085 7622992 for a chat

Features of St Kevin's CC

Strong Anti-bullying focus - Top Class Teachers

Excellent care of students - SPHE/RSE

iPads/Laptops available to ALL students for full-time use at home and in school

Lead School with Digital Wealth Project
in NUI Maynooth

Balanced Subject Choices

JC/JCSP/TY/LCA/LC/LCVP

Inclusive, Supportive, Safe and Friendly

Varied after school activities like Football, GAA,

Hiking, Music, Coding, Book Clubs,

Photography, Athletics, Basketball etc

Excellent SEN resources including ASD Class

Amazing SNA team - World class Library

Breakfast & hot Lunch available (all 1st, 2nd & 3rd year students MUST stay in for lunch)

Strong Home/School Links

Dedicated School Completion Staff

Superb Pastoral Care

Links with Musgraves, CAN, SDP, VDP,

Power2Progress

UCD, ALL Institute NUI Maynooth, TU Dublin

etc

St. Joseph's College

We would like to thank all of our 1st year parents/guardians who attended the **1st year Parents Information Evening Webinar** on Tuesday. The presentation notes are available on our school website if any parents were unable to attend.

Our 1st Year students attended a **Welcome Mass** on Tuesday as part of their welcome to St Joseph's College. Thank you to 1st Year Head Ms Ward, the 1st Year Tutors and our Religious Education teachers for organising and facilitating the mass. A big thank you also to our wonderful soloists: Katherine Sebastian, Robyn Leonard, Grace Jose and Niamh O'Donohoe.

There was a lot of interest in our new **Astronomy Club**, which held its first meeting after school on Wednesday and will continue every Wednesday. All years are welcome to attend. Well done to Mr Bobbett for starting the club and to everybody who attended!



Some of our Astronomy Club members

Some of the **TY Options** available to our busy 4th year students this week included Dance, Self Defence, Make-up, Sign Language, Knitting, Cardiac Training and Film Production!



TY Dance Students

6th Year students attended a **Study Skills** morning on Wednesday. The presentation was organised by our Guidance Department and hosted by Inspire Education. A number of useful study strategies, methods and tips were discussed during the well-presented 'Zoom' presentation. Our 6th years are all set to 'hit the ground running' as they enter their final year at St Joseph's College. After the Study Skills presentation some of our 6th year students attended an informative talk by Ulster University, which discussed many of the study options available to them at UU.

Our **Modern Foreign Language Department** was celebrating European Day of Languages this week. We hope 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students enjoyed the Poster Competition and the senior years enjoyed the games and quizzes!

Our **Student Council** was pleased to announce their newest members - the first-year representatives! Thank you to all 1st years who nominated themselves, there were many brilliant candidates and we applaud you for putting yourselves forward. Well done to **Maria Mulavarickal** from 1A5 and **Lily McGuinness** from 1A1 who will be the 1st year Student Council Representatives this year.

Joey's Tidy Towns students were busy tidying, litter-picking and enhancing aspects of our school and Lucan village again on Friday. We are delighted to have 25 new Bronze Gaisce Award candidates, join our Silver and Gold students helping out with this weekly event. Well done to Ms Blighe, Ms Butler and all of our super student volunteers!

School website <https://stjosephslucan.com>

Follow us on Twitter: @STJosephs3

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

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

Board of Management: Forms were distributed to all households on Monday as part of the voting process for the election of Parent Nominees to the school's Board of Management. Four parents were nominated last week in the election and two of these will be voted onto the Board for a period of three years from 2021-2024. Completed forms must be returned to the school by Monday 4th October. After the count is held, the names of the two parents selected will then be forwarded to ERST (Edmund Rice Schools Trust) for official ratification.

Well-being: As part of the school's extensive well-being programme, two speakers from Wolf Academy, an organisation set up to inspire and empower young people to live happier and healthier lives, ran a series of 1 hour workshops in the school over the past few weeks with all Senior Cycle students. The speakers, two brothers, shared their personal back stories with the students and talked about their struggles to find well-being and their true paths in life. They spoke of the importance of having goals in life, learning from mistakes and how life is a journey. The feedback from those in attendance, teachers and students, was extremely positive.

The initial workshops will be followed up by a further thirty guided online sessions that will be facilitated by various teachers throughout the school year. This will involve three 10 session modules; 1: Optimising the day. 2: Visualising your future. 3: All about your emotional well-being.

The programme is designed to help students build the mental resilience needed to cope with life's challenges, boost their motivation and concentration levels in class, develop healthy habits that they can implement in their everyday lives and give them clarity about who they are and what they want to do with their futures.

Our Junior Cycle classes will attend a series of well-being workshops run by Pieta House entitled "Building a road to Resilience", starting next month. They will also take part in a range of activities for "Friendship Week" which starts on Monday 11th October as part of the school's ongoing well-being programme of events. Paddy Moran, a neuro coach, has also just completed three hour-long well-being online sessions for staff entitled "Building a Resilient Brain".

TY: Our Transition Year students enjoyed an adventurous day excursion to Ticknock Forest last Wednesday. They were there to experience their famous Mountain Bike Trail, a network of purpose-built single track trails and forest roads that are designated for use by mountain bikes on a way-marked circular route of approximately 13km in length. Under the guidance of two experienced instructors, the students went cycling through beautiful forest and heathland with spectacular views over Dublin City, Dublin Bay, Bray Head and the stunning Wicklow

Mountains. The students cycled up challenging rocky forest road climbs that tested their leg power, fitness and stamina, before reaching tight, twisty single tracks with loads of adrenaline fuelled descents, tight turns and technical rocky bits.

The fine Autumnal weather, warm and sunny but with a gentle cooling coastal breeze, made for perfect conditions for a daytrip, out cycling in the fresh air getting plenty of exercise. At the end of the cycle, the students rested their somewhat aching muscles and enjoyed some well-earned cappuccinos, hot chocolate and sweet treats at a spectacularly located café, with outdoor seating and beautiful views of the coast.



Ms. Bonner's TY Rice Irish class got to experience the joys of being a teacher for 40mins last Friday as they split up into teams for the five 1st yr Irish classes. The TY students spent a lot of time over the past few weeks planning and preparing interesting lesson plans for the 1st yrs under the guidance and support of Ms. Bonner. The Irish teachers were present for support but it was the TY students that were ultimately in charge of the entire lesson. They had prepared a variety of different approaches for the classes and the feedback from the 1st yrs afterwards was very positive. They especially enjoyed the Kahoot! challenges, the word searches, the games, the quizzes and Irish conversation about sport and hobbies. The TY students managed to keep the 1st yrs interested, occupied and engaged throughout the interactive and fun classes, so much so that the some 1st yrs said that they preferred them than their actual Irish teachers!

Soccer: Well done to Cory O' Sullivan on his fantastic achievement in captaining the Republic of Ireland u16 team last week in their 6-0 win away to Malta. Cory, who has been with us since 1st yr, is currently away completing the FAI Transition Year Programme and he will return to 5th yr in Coláiste Phádraig next September. The students on this much sought after



course mix academic subjects with UEFA Kick Start 1 and 2 coaching courses along with modules in Fitness Instruction, Media Skills and Personal Development, as well as the all-important football training. Cory currently plays left back for Shamrock Rovers u15s and he was named as the League of Ireland u13 player of the year in 2019.

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Extra-Curricular Activities

1st Year Badminton: First Year Badminton got off to a great start. Great fun was had by all. Well done to Ella McGrath, Reka Kiss Kallo, Sophie Carberry, Aoibhe Fitz-Henry, Clara Reid, Bobby Shang, Brian Belotindos, Clyde Villamil, Oisín Quearney and Richard K Varkey who took part. Still plenty of time to get involved - all first years are welcome - even if you have never played badminton before! It's a great way to become more active, and to make lots of new friends. Practice takes place in the gym every Friday at 1:15 - just make sure to bring a pair of runners!



Concern Debates: We have set up a senior Concern debate club that meets for an hour after school every Wednesday. The Concern debate competition is open to senior students (Transition year, 5th and 6th year). We still have space for a few more students to join to so we can have a full team (plus subs). If you are interested just pop along to M3 after school any Wednesday or speak directly to Ms Gregory.

Gaisce: Eight students from 5th year have already registered for their Silver Gaisce award. Best wishes to you all! We expect this number may increase over the coming weeks so watch this space!!

Team Maths – students helping students! Transition year students continue to offer support to students from 1st to 3rd year in areas of the Junior Cycle Maths course. Senior students are welcome to drop in for some help from the Maths teachers who are there too. Team Maths happens every Monday for 1st year students and every Thursday for students from 2nd to 6th year. (13:06-13:51 in H6.)

Also Students continue to have fantastic opportunities to take part in many extra-curricular activities including Green Schools, BT Young scientist, Basketball, Amnesty, Athletics, Camogie and Gaelic Football.

Other News From Around the School!

Kenwood Young Baker Competition: Students are encouraged to take part in the Kenwood Young Bakers competition. The theme is Dreams. You do not need to be studying Home Economics to take part. Further details from Ms Walsh or Ms Gregory. You can also find details here:

<https://kenwoodkidsclub.com/competitions/young-baker-2021>

6th Year: Our sixth-year students had a great opportunity this week to take part in a seminar dealing with both Wellbeing and preparation for the Leaving Certificate. The seminar was presented by Brainbox. Brainbox looks at “how issues in young people’s lives can impact negatively on their motivation, academic performance and relationships”. Feedback is that students found the seminar to be both informative and re-assuring.

3rd Year History: Many 3rd year classes are now busy working on their History CBA 1. This week we focus on Class Malala. The title of the CBA is “The Past in my Place”. The deadline for this CBA is Friday 1st October. The students are engaged in research and making historical connections to their locality or family histories. Some of the local projects are on St Finian’s Church (on our school crest) and The murder of Fr Mc Cartan.

Other students have chosen topics with a close family connection such as the Evacuation of Dunkirk, The Nigerian Biafra War 1967-1970, The famine in Ukraine (Holodomor) 1932-1933, The collapse of Soviet control on Latvia, The Greek War of Independence, and the Ancient City of Babylon to name but a few.

Class Mala’s History teacher Ms Gallagher is really looking forward to reading the finished versions which many students will present on power point or in a scrapbook.

5th Year Politics and Society: Well done to the 5th year Politics and Society class, who organised an insightful online meeting with three representatives from the Lucan Community College Board of Management. This was done as part of their study of the topic power and schools!

Thank you to Board of Management members Councillor Gus O’Connell, Rose Dolan and Fintan Hanley.

First year 2022 applications: The application form for 1st year 2022 will be live on our website **from 1st October**. Closing date is **Friday 22nd October**. Application forms will also be distributed to feeder schools.

Transition Year News



Reptile Workshop:

Transition Year students had another exciting workshop this week when Melanie from Reptile Haven visited. Students learned about these creatures and were even allowed hold them.

Work Experience: Transition year students are busy preparing for their first two-week block of Work experience which starts on Monday 11th October. Relevant forms available on the school website.

Society for Old Lucan (SOL)

SOL is the **local history group** for Lucan; open to everyone. Free to join - email OldLucan@gmail.com.

Facebook group; “*Society for Old Lucan (SOL)*” & Twitter: @Soc4OldLucan. Website:

<https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/>



ADOPT A MONUMENT: ST. FINIAN'S MEDIEVAL CHURCH & GRAVEYARD

Excellent progress in St. Finian's in several areas. During early September the walls were defaced with extensive graffiti again, but South Dublin County Council (SDCC) moved very quickly to clean it up, and the church is looking clean once more. We strongly urge all residents to immediately contact Lucan Gardai if they suspect any anti-social behaviour on site, to avoid this happening again to this treasured piece of Lucan's heritage.

On Mon 27th September SDCC carried out the second part of the biodiversity study on site. While the results for the wild plant survey are imminent, we headed out to see if any bats are using St. Finian's to roost or hunt. The weather was very poor in terms of bat activity (cool and wet) but one bat was detected, which is a good result. Thanks to Oliver, Eugene, Sean and Matilda for attending.

SDCC have been continuing to work with us to finalise wording for the planned information board, and excellent site map designed by Jonathan Cully, and we anticipate that this will be installed in the coming months. Delivery of stone for gravelling the interior of the church happened this week and a specialist team will be carrying out further repair works and conservation cleaning to the church. We are awaiting a firm date for commencement of these works from SDCC, and the site will be closed to the public for the duration.

The nearby King John's bridge will also be having repair works (at long last) to the remaining arch-rim, and we are extremely relieved that this work can now proceed. More updates as we hear of them.

SOL 2022 CALENDARS ON SALE 23rd OCT 10-12 GRAVEYARD OF BLESSED VIRGIN

We will be selling copies of the Society for Old Lucan 2022 A4 wall calendar on **Saturday 23rd October from 10am – 12 in the graveyard of**

the Blessed Virgin Mary, to the rear of O'Neill's pub. The full-colour calendar would make an excellent Christmas present and are €10 each. Paul will also be selling his mounted prints and SOL keyrings. Members are also welcome to visit the graveyard during this time to look around, as it is normally kept locked.

FREE ONLINE COURSE ON ORAL HISTORY & FOLKLORE BOOKING NOW!

Ballyroan Library were in touch with us to say that they, with funding from Creative Ireland, are running a series of six online workshops to teach participants the **fundamentals of collecting and recording oral history and folklore**. The series will be delivered by renowned folklorist Michael Fortune. The series will begin on 13 October and run for six weeks. Participants will need a pc, laptops, or tablet to access the workshops which will be delivered via Zoom. Access to a smartphone would also be beneficial to complete the exercises of the series. *Places are limited so book quickly if you're interested!* You can select the below link to learn full details of the course and to book your place.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/oral-history-and-folklore-workshops-with-michael-fortune-tickets-176530947817>

HERITAGE WEEK IN LUCAN: THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND ATTENDEES

Our open day on 22nd August in the graveyard of the Blessed Virgin in Lucan village went very well, with **over 100 attendees, and lots of positive feedback**. We would like to thank members John, Breege, Eugene, and Niamh who all volunteered of their time to assist the committee in the event, as well as all the attendees on the day. We look forward to running this event again in May 2022, for those who were unable to get tickets this time.

Committee: Helen Farrell (chair), Elaine Hurley, Darren Tully, Paul Butler, Jonathan Cully and Lesley Blairsdale.

Contact us: OldLucan@gmail.com

Live life and forget your age!

Political Notes

Emer Higgins TD

78 The Orchard, Lucan

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Tandy's Lane Park:

I was delighted to attend the opening of Tandy's Lane Park this week. This 7.7-hectare public park is now complete with pitches, playground and fitness area. In 2018 the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government allocated a combined €15m to deliver three projects for Lucan – Tandy's Lane Park, Airlie Park and the Celbridge Link Road through the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Funds, with South Dublin County Council allocating an additional €5m.

Mobile Library Service:

[South Dublin Mobile Libraries](#) are back serving our communities with two brand new vans with lots of great books for young and old! As the evenings draw in, this a fantastic free facility is on our doorsteps. The bus will stop in the Lucan area on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Call 4597834 for locations and times.

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

Phone: 085-7211574. Email: ginkenny@oir.ie

Lucan Village Tourism Project:

Lucan Village has been allocated €2 million from Fáilte Ireland as a tourist destination. There are currently discussions between various consultants and stakeholders on the possibilities for improvements in Lucan Village. They include developing the village green, Lucan Demesne and other possible projects around the village area. There is also a proposal for a Canal Loop Cycleway through Lucan Village. People Before Profit have argued that there needs to be a holistic approach to the development of the village to ensure the best outcome for residents, local businesses and visitors.

Medical Cannabis Access Programme:

After many years of campaigning the MCAP will now commence in Mid-October. For the first time patients can get medical cannabis products under prescription. The programme will be very limited for a small number of conditions. I will be campaigning with others to broaden the scope of the programme to include other medical conditions.

Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Official response to my question at this week's meeting:

Lucan Swimming Pool, total project cost of approximately €12.9million, currently under construction with a projected completion date Q1/Q22022.

Separately, the existing adjacent Lucan Leisure Centre closed for urgent structural repairs, refurbishment works with a budget for these works of €400k included in the Council's Capital Programme. It is not intended that the Council will operate the facilities directly - both facilities will be under combined management after an upcoming tender process to manage, operate and maintain the facilities. This tender will highlight the importance of local involvement, access to the facilities and provision will be made to ensure that local sporting and leisure organisations, including leisure centre users at the time of closure, & Esker Boxing Club, whose longstanding needs for facilities are recognised by the Council will be prioritised for use of the new facilities.

Seven Laws of Peaceful Living

- 1. Make peace with your past so it doesn't spoil your present*
- 2. What others think of you is none of your business*
- 3. Time heals almost everything*
- 4. No one is responsible for your happiness except you*
- 5. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.*
- 6. Stop overthinking. It's okay to not know all the answers.*
- 7. Smile, you don't own all the problems in the world*



CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

0818 222 024

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.



Lucan Sarsfields Senior Footballers won by the narrowest of margins against Round Towers Lusk in the second group game at Parnell Park on Saturday 25th and will go on to face St Oliver Plunketts in the final group game. The intermediates won at home to Ballymun by the same margin. The Junior A's won well against Fingallions on Sunday, as did the C's against St Annes and the U16 footballers also recorded wins for both the A and B teams. Senior Camogie progress to a shield semi-final against Faughs/Celtic next Sunday following the defeat by St Vincents, and Junior 4's are into a championship final.

This weekend will see the senior hurlers play St Vincents at Parnell Park at 4pm on Sunday, while all three Junior teams play at home. Tickets for Parnell Park can be purchased in advance, see our Website/Facebook Page for more details, and the game will also be shown live on the DubsTV Youtube channel. Minor A and B footballers are also both at home on Sunday morning, all results and fixtures available on the website.

sister and brothers, on Jack's untimely passing. It is no understatement to say that Jack was a fanatical Tipp and Lucan Sarsfields supporter. Jack was no mean golfer either, and was a two-term Captain of Lucan Sarsfields Golf Society, and deftly steered us through the covid pandemic. His recent Captain's Day in Luttrellstown was second to none and will be remembered by all who were there. In recent years Jack was a huge driving force behind the success of the Annual Golf Classic. Jack was an inspirational and charismatic leader, a force of nature. He was a thorough gentleman, full of warmth and generosity. We are so blessed to have had him amongst us. We will miss him greatly. Suaimehneas síoraí dá anam usal.

For the record, the results from Millicent are: Golfer of the Year; Stephen Murphy. Well done Stephen, 3 great cards. Overall Winner in Millicent, Mark Carton (28) 42pts. Great score Mark. 2nd Overall, Liam Carton (34) 40pts. Winner Category 1; Seamus Fagan (13) 39pts. Winner Category 2; Stephen Barrett (18) 36pts. Winner Category 3; Sean White (24) 39pts. Winner, Visitors Cat; Luke Murphy (28) 41pts. 2nd Visitors Cat; Donal Flannery (28) 36pts, 44 played. Congratulations to all the winners, and many thanks to all who supported the Golf Society during 2021.



Our Senior Hurling team and management, present Dee Hayden, Pieta, with a cheque for €2000 following the recent fundraising event organised by Bernard Crowley.

Sympathy: Our deepest condolences to the Butler family on the death of Jack, last Saturday. May he rest in peace.

Lucan Sarsfields Golf Society. It was with great shock and deep sadness that we learned of the very sudden passing of our esteemed Captain Jack Butler, on the day of our last outing of the year in Millicent G.C. last Saturday, 25 September. Our deepest sympathy to Anne, Aoife, Sean and Sarah, to Jack's parents, Mary and Johnny, and his

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



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



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Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

Cúrsa Cóitseála: Beidh Paudie Butler ag leanacht leis an mbonnchúrsa cóitseála (GAA foundation course) Dé Sathairn, 2 Deireadh Fómhair ar 3pm ar pháirc astro Ghaelscoil Naomh Pádraig. Tá sé riachtanach do gach duine a bhíonn ag cabhrú le foirne an cúrsa a dhéanamh. 🐾 Cuir téacs chuig Eoin ar 0861954176 má tá sé i gceist agat a bheith ann.

Camógaíocht: Thug an fhoireann camógaíochta taispeántas croíúil i gcoinne foireann láidir ó Naomh Jude sa chraobh i bPáirc Tymon ar an Domhnach. Gann ar roinnt imreoirí de dheasca gortaithe srl. sheas na mná an fhód go fíochmhar ach ar deireadh bhí an lár le Naomh Jude. Is iad Mary, Rachel, Cairtróna agus Nora is mó a sheas amach ar an lár.



Buachaillí F9: Dhá chluiche spreagúla a bhí againn i gcoinne Cumann Mhuire na Dea Chomhairle le roinnt scileanna den scoth ar thaispeáint. Ghluais na buachaillí trasna na páirce ag

lorg spáis agus bhí na pasanna láimhe agus na cic pasanna go hiontach. Sa chéad cluiche, léirigh Aodhfin Faircheallaigh scileanna blocála iontacha agus é ag ag cosaint agus bhí Eoin Mac Eochaidh i gceannas i lár na páirce. Bhí Orin Crowe ina bhagairt leanúnach agus bhí roinnt sábhálacha sár-mhaithe ag Luke O' Toole. Sa dara chluiche d'oibrigh Bobby Merrigan-Foy agus Conor Sheehan gan stad agus bhí seilbh lár na páirce ag Shayne Ó Laighneach le roinnt gabhálacha iontacha. Bhí gluaiseacht agus scóráil iontach freisin ó Nathan Mac Riocaird chun tosaigh.

Two exciting games against Good Counsel, Liffey Gaels with plenty of excellent skills on display. The boys moved around the pitch looking for space and the hand passes and kick passes were great. In our first game Aodhfin Faircheallaigh showed great blocking in defense and Eoin MacEochaidh led in midfield. Orin Crowe was a constant threat up front and Luke O Toole pulled out some superb saves. In the second game Bobby Merrigan-Foy and Conor Sheehan worked tirelessly and Shayne Ó Laighneach ran midfield with some great catches. Also some great movement and scoring from Nathan Ritchie up front.

Buachaillí F10: Thug buachaillí 2010 aghaidh ar Bhaile Brigín do chluiche i gcoinne Chumann Uí Dhuibhir. Ní raibh morán idir an dá fhoireann, leis Na Gaeil Óga ag tabhairt sár-thaispeantas cosanta sa chéad leath. Sheas Killian de Paor amach sa chúl, le taispeántais mhaithe freisin ó Ryan Pollard agus Donnacha Ó Duibhe. D'imir Fionn Ó hEarcaí agus Caolin Reilly go maith agus bhí an cúl glic a scóráil Dónall Mac Diarmada ina bhuaicphointe. Bhí feabhas mór ar an mharcáil agus is bunchloch maith é an taispeántas seo do na cluichí atá le teacht.

Ballyowen Castle Friday Morning Bridge Club

It has been decided to wait until the New Year to further explore the possibility of re-opening of above.



Kay

LUCAN SARFIELDS *continued ...*

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

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €15,400

There was no winner of the Club Lotto Jackpot of €15,000 held on Sept 23, 2021. The numbers drawn were: **1, 12, 13, 21.**

The Lucky Dip winners of €30 each: **Mark Hanley, Olive Benson, Don Crowley, Chris O'Grady and Eoghan Williams.**

The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 30th September, is **€15,400**, and is sponsored by:



Clandillon Motors. The draw managed by Cormac Gordon, 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 Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This week the emphasis of our some of photographers for some reason has been on cats with Kay submitting a majestic photograph of her cat, Fluffy, posing on the bird table! There is not a bird in sight so that begs the question.



Another member of the group has got as far as Dubrovnik in Croatia and has submitted beautiful photographs of sunsets off Lopud Island which is apparently near that city.



Paddy has taken photographs of some Stone Sculptures in the new Tandy's Lane Park which is a wonderful new amenity for the people of Lucan and according to the SDCC website is part of a €20 million infrastructural upgrade in Adamstown with €15 million coming from the state and €5million from the Council.

Things are moving in relation to if and when St. Mary's Camera Soiree may be able to return to the Parish Centre. The latest information I have is that all going well with the lifting of the final restrictions on indoor events and gatherings from Friday 22nd October we will be able to go back to the Bungalow or use the Coffee Dock. All members of the soiree are excited about the prospect of being able to meet again on a regular basis after just 20 months.

Till next week stay safe!