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A chance invite to dinner.....



Summer holiday plans were scuppered for most of us this summer and the 'staycation' was something many of us decided to experience. Together with a priest friend I set out some three weeks ago for Donegal and Derry. (I hope there's no causal connection between our visit and the rise of Covid-19 cases in both places!) We were largely lucky with the weather and were able to savour the delights of the Donegal coastline and the charm of the many small towns and villages dotted around the county. If you've never visited Sliabh Liag on the coast above Killybegs I would recommend a visit

as soon as it's safe to do so. The rugged cliffs there give the cliffs of Moher a run for their money. It is a bit of a hike to the top, but the effort is well rewarded by the spectacular view. You certainly get a perspective on the Wild Atlantic Way.

A chance meeting and conversation with two ladies in the hotel in Derry saw us invited to dinner the following evening to the home of one of them, in Derry's famous Bogside. Derry was the cradle of the civil rights movement of the 1960's and the scene of the infamous Bloody Sunday killings of some 48 years ago, the Bogside was at the centre of it all. Our invitation was to the home of Mitchel and Mary-Lou McLaughlin. Mitchel McLaughlin is the retired chairman of Sinn Fein and was the first nationalist speaker of the Northern Assembly. He's a native of Derry and has painful memories of the dark days of discrimination that gave rise to the marches of the 60's and the years that followed. He is a contemporary of the late John Hume and of Martin McGuinness, fellow Derry men, and would count both of them as good friends. He's an impressive man to meet, likeable and friendly with a sharp mind and ease of expression, it's easy to see how he was chosen by a cross-community vote to be the first nationalist speaker of the assembly. He struck me as a man without bitterness, proud to have played a part in the seismic changes of the political landscape in the north. He and his wife recently celebrated forty-five years of marriage and it was clear to us how important family is to him. Our unexpected meeting gave me a first-hand glimpse into a chapter in Irish history as yet unfinished, and privileged to have met a man who has played such a key role. While I would never have thought of myself as a fellow traveller with Sinn Fein, but I do recognise sincerity and conviction when I see it.



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“The Orange state is now gone and we now have a peaceful and democratic way forward. This is a very different place than it was in 1968 and I am convinced that we are now on the verge of another seismic shift towards a new, agreed and united Ireland.”

Mitchel McLaughlin – 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement- Derry 2018

While I would love to share his optimism, I can't help but feel that many more bridges must be mended before that vision is realised. Past hurts on both sides will need much healing before 'them and us' can become any sort of a real 'We'.

But, if Ian Paisley and Martin McGuinness could find mutual respect and even genuine friendship, there is indeed real reason for hope.

Paisley's widow Eileen said after his death that during his final illness in 2014, McGuinness texted frequently to check in on him. *“It gave Ian a lot of happiness as well to know that he had left that impression with [him],”* Eileen Paisley said. *“His friendship with Martin McGuinness had meant something very special to him.”*

The Lord moves in mysterious ways,

*Philip Curran
St. Mary's Lucan*



PLEASE NOTE:

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

Alternately email any of the following:

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The Bábóg Project

The Bábóg Project aims to gather 6000 dolls. One for each of the estimated number of babies said to have died in Ireland's former Mother and Baby Homes.

You can make the dolls in any way you choose. The only requirement is that they fit into the palm of your hand.

The Bábóg Project is approaching its aim of gathering 6000 dolls. One to honour and love each of the estimated 6000 babies that died in Ireland's Mother and Baby homes.

As we are approaching this number it feels like the time to choose a closing date.

We are finishing this part of the project on All Souls Day, November the 2nd 2020 and are asking that all dolls are sent to the project by this time.

The address to send any finished dolls to is:
The Bábóg Project, c/o Courtmacsherry Community Shop, Courtmacsherry, Co Cork.



Lucan Community Garden

Are you interested in establishing a community garden in Lucan?

Please email carolm03@yahoo.com with your contact details

All welcome



Lucan Citizens Information Centre

www.citizensinformation.ie



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Take control of what happens next.

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

What's New?

Updates from Citizens Information

I'm getting a State pension. Can I get help with my heating costs?

You may qualify for a Fuel Allowance.

The Fuel Allowance is paid to people on long-term social welfare payments who are unable to pay for their own heating needs.

A full list of the relevant social welfare payments is available on the Citizens Information website.

If you are getting a State pension you may qualify for the allowance as long as you live alone or only with:

A dependent spouse, civil partner or cohabitant and/or dependent children.

Other people getting one of the qualifying payments who would also be eligible for a Fuel Allowance in their own right

A person who is getting Carer's Allowance or Carer's Benefit and is caring for you or for your dependent spouse, partner or cohabitant on a full-time basis

A person getting COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment (PUP), short-term Jobseeker's Allowance or basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance

You also need to satisfy a means test. A means test examines your income to establish your means. If you are on a State Pension (Non-Contributory) you automatically satisfy the means test. If you are getting the State Pension (Contributory) you satisfy the means test if you have means of €100 or less per week.

If two or more people living in the same household qualify for the allowance, only one allowance is paid. If your heating needs are met in other ways (for example, if you live in local authority housing where heating is provided) you do not qualify for Fuel Allowance.

The Fuel Allowance season usually runs from October to April each year for 28 weeks. You can choose to get the allowance paid weekly, €24.50 per week or in 2 lump sums of €343 – one paid at the start of the season and the second in January.

If you think you are eligible, you should apply immediately. The allowance is not backdated. You can get an application form for Fuel Allowance (NFS1) from your post office or Intreo centre. You can read more about the Fuel Allowance on the citizensinformation.ie website. *The application form can also be downloaded from our website - form NFS1*

Lost



Purple Fit Bit Watch on Sunday 20th September, between Hillcrest Drive and Tesco / Spar, Lucan. Please text or phone 086-3745813

Congratulations and Best Wishes

to **Jim and Anne O'Neill**, Hillcrest, on their Golden Wedding Anniversary, on Oct 3rd.



From all their Neighbours and Friends in Lucan.

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Mass will be available on the webcam:

Monday to Saturday: 10am

Sunday: 11am

Private Prayer:

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

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

Deepest Smpathy to the family and friends of **Claire Toon**, Ballyowen Lawns.

May she rest in peace.



St. Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

All Masses will be livestreamed only during level 3 measures.

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

Weekday Mass: Masses on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10am.

View the following on www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Mass Readings for the week

Morning Prayer – Lauds

Evening Prayer – Vespers

Take five at 10 - Daily Reflections–Weekdays:
10am

Taizé – Watch and Pray

Please note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is temporarily lifted by Pope Francis for the duration of the crisis.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

All Masses will be livestreamed only

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm,

Sunday 10:30am and 12.15pm

Weekday Mass:

Monday to Friday 9:15am

Saturday 10am.

Private Prayer:

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

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



COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of 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.

Acknowledgements

Balfe (Michael)
Died 3rd June 2020



The family of Mick would like to express their appreciation to their extended family and friends. To those who sent Mass Cards and messages of sympathy through R. I. P and to those who expressed their sympathy in person. To Fr Tom Kennedy and his team, Dr Lombard and staff, Cunninghams Funeral Directors and Ian, Laura and members of Coir Naomh Pádraig for their tribute outside the church. To the ladies of St Mary's Seniors for their continued support and finally our wonderful neighbours in Sarsfield Park for their kindness at a time when it is deeply appreciated.

Catherine, Mary, Ian and Nigel.

Smith (Ambrose)

Thank you to all those who sympathised with me on the sudden death of my dear brother Ambrose in Australia, those who sent Mass Cards, sympathy letters and cards.



The Holy Mass has been offered for all your intentions.

Sr Geraldine

**Those we love
Can never be
More than a
Thought apart.
For as long as there
Is a memory,
They'll live on
In our hearts.**



*From Divine Word Missionaries
Calendar*

Sister Rosario R.I.P.

The death occurred on Tuesday evening of Presentation Sister, Sr. Rosario Collier at the Shalom Nursing Home in Kilcock.

Sr. Rosario taught in St Joseph's College until her retirement in 1986, and then left Lucan for work in Zimbabwe. Eleven years later she returned to Ireland to the retreat house, Mt St Andrew in Portarlinton, and finally moved to the Shalom Nursing Home in Kilcock where she later became a patient. She was in her 100th year.

Sr. Rosario will also be remembered for her leadership of the choir here in St Mary's for many, many years. She was a very gentle and soft spoken soul.

In March 2017 along with other Presentation Sisters, Sr. Rosario attended the special Mass to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Sisters arrival in Lucan. The same day happened to be her 96th Birthday and she had the honour of cutting the special cake for the occasion.



We express our deepest sympathy to her family and to the Presentation Community.

May she rest in peace.

Sr. Rosario will be buried in Esker Cemetery this Friday 2nd October. As many will be unable to attend her funeral maybe you could visit the grave in the coming days.



Mo Laethanta Saoire

When I was in school and we returned after the holidays we would be asked to write a composition about what we did on our summer holidays – *Mo Laethanta Saoire*; these days it would be called *My Staycation*.

Lately I have been reminiscing on all our family staycations. I don't remember anyone going abroad on holidays. Back then our mother would book our holidays from ads in the newspapers, having to write to book and wait for a reply. There weren't many phones around and we didn't get ours 'til the 70's.

Our father was a builders foreman with Cromers Bros here in Lucan and the building trade all took their holidays in the first two weeks of August.

Our first holiday was in 1961, I was just gone 4 and we went to Salthill, in Co Galway. We stayed at a guest house run by two sisters, the Ms Folans. I don't remember much about the house itself but years later my sister Mary told me that one of the Ms Folans used to give me a shiny silver spoon every morning to eat my breakfast with. (I think she was a little jealous). I do remember seeing the Spanish Arch but then I couldn't pronounce 'Arch' and called it something else – use your imagination.



We spent our days on the Silver Strand, building sand castles. Coming home Daddy put sand in the back of the Comer Van for us to play with (health and safety was not big then).



Mary, Martin, Rosie, Anna and Johnny Nolan on a stroll along the prom in Salthill.

The following year, we forfeited our holiday, as we had just got a new telly the previous February. Telefís Eireann had just been launched.

1963 saw our Aunt Molly visit from America in August, so we met her, and filled in the holiday time with daytrips to Dollymount, and up the mountains for picnics.

We holidayed in Mr Reville's B & B in Courtown in 1964, where we enjoyed soft sandy beaches, crazy golf and all the amusements still associated with the place.

1965 saw us on a new adventure to a caravan in Garryvoe, Co Cork. The site was beside the sea and had three swinging boats which we played in each evening, making loads of friends. I think the people who owned the site were carnival folk and they put on a show in the evenings for the people staying on the site. As part of these show, they ran a talent contest for the children. I actually won, singing "*In my sweet little Alice blue gown*", and got a new pink dress for the final. I was lucky to win as the day after the final, Mammy's sister Tesie and her family arrived to the same site. My cousin Marie was a way better singer than I. Marie went on to study singing and music and made a career for herself teaching same.

I won two little plastic dogs in a basket which I still have.



1966 saw us in Duncannon, Co Wexford, and we stayed in one of Mrs White's chalets; a small complex beside a derelict mill, where all the kids from the chalets snook into and played away (again health and safety didn't come into it). I remember one night going to a bonfire nearby organised by a Scout Troop also on holidays. We had a great time singing songs and telling stories around the fire.

1967 brought us to another chalet, this time in Tramore. The chalets were kind of scattered here and there in shrubbery and all painted blue. Ours was attached to the owner's chalet, a lady who was visited by her niece while we were there, and who turned out to be one of Mary's teachers. That went down well. I remember one night coming back up from the promenade and my brother Martin was carrying groceries including some tomatoes in a brown paper back. When we got home, we discovered most of the tomatoes missing and the following morning we found them squashed here and there on the path going back down to the shore.

1968 took us to Carraroe in Co Galway, this time we had taken a house. A fabulous whitewashed bungalow with walls three foot thick. The toilet was in a galvanised shed in the field nearby, and with no running water in the house we had to get it from the pump down the road and bring it back in a bucket.

Martin and myself getting the water with our cousins Thomas and Marie Nolan who were holidaying nearby.



I think this is the holiday I loved most. We discovered the coral strand a couple of miles away, and Daddy brought some coral home to Lucan, to set in flagstones for the garden; they are still there 52 later. We visited Furnace, Letterfrack and Lettermullen

strands. I recall meeting a local family with all the kids barefoot, running wildly through the rocks and sands. They knew where to get the best seashells and would bring us off in search of the big ones. I often wonder where Barbara is now, she was the same age as me.

We were in Doonbeg, Co Clare in 1969. This time Mary was not with us as she had started to work. Here we visited the Cliffs of Moher, Lahinch, Kilkee, The Blue pool which was a great fishing area. Each evening coming back to the caravan we stopped at a local farm and got milk which was still warm from the cows.

In 1970 we took up camping and for the next 5 years we travelled to different places all around coastal Ireland. We got washed out of it in Westport, and blown out of it in Roundstone. We had great times.

In 1975 I did my Leaving Cert, and started to work, and as Daddy died in the July, we never had another family holiday as such again. Martin moved to the Gweedore area of Donegal and my mother and I took a week's holiday to the area every year until 2006, when she passed away.

We loved Donegal and its magnificent beaches. I still visit a couple of times a year but not this year because of Covid. I really miss the Wild Atlantic Way and can't wait to return to the beaches of Carrickfinn, Magheroarty (*below*), and the beautiful walks around Glenveagh National Park, Ards Forest Park, the Poisoned Glen and the majestic Errigal and Muckish Mountains.



I've had many holidays all over the world at this stage, but will always cherish the memories of our family staycations.

Anna Nolan



We know where this is heading by now!

It's looking very like rolling lockdowns here and there all over the country for the foreseeable future.

But, hey! We are not some poor refugees trekking non-

stop across borders trying to find a place to rest and be safe. Let's count our blessings, and mind each other out there.

Just wondering about Parklets! The one in Lucan Village looks to seat no more than 6 individuals observing social distancing. There definitely has been a bit of overcrowding on occasion here! Maybe they're not such a good idea these days!

Storm Alex will give us some wet and windy weather this weekend. Coming up from France, it was named by the French Met. Office. Hopefully it will have fizzled out by the time it hits Lucan.



What a lovely setting to have your canoe lesson in! As if we didn't have enough wonderful shades in Lucan Demesne these days, this group lent a great splash of colour on Sunday last, as they took to the waters of Anna Livia!

Leaving Cert shock this week, as we learn of mistakes in the marking system. Hope anyone effected will be sorted out!

It must also be very worrying for next year's Leaving Cert pupils, as there doesn't seem to be any change of getting back to proper school any time soon.

Benediction of Little Things

September 2020

Swifts' farewell twittering
Pre-dawn song of Robins
Thrum of Swans' wingbeat
Squirrel squirrelling through garden.
Sparrow showering beneath already engaged birdbath.
Spinning leaf caught on strand of gossamer.
Foraging hedgehog in a sawn garden.
Tip-down sound of falling leaves.
Badgers scuffing up turves beside paths in St. Catherine's Park.
Iridescent flight of Jay across river.
Burnishing Autumn landscape.
Wildflowers in colours of red, purple, yellow, white etc, by the path near "Old Beech Tree", St. Catherines.

So "*May the invisible cloak of love mind our lives*".

A propos of our missing conkers, I understand that Thomas Pakenham (Tree expert and author of *Meeting with Remarkable Trees*), has sadly lost some old Chestnut Trees due to disease.

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



SCHOOL NEWS



St Joseph's College

Well done and thank you to everybody in our school community for all of their efforts, since returning to school, to keep the school safe and reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19.

Congratulations to all of our Transition Year students who received their **Junior Cycle School Reports** on Wednesday!

Supervised Study will start next Wednesday, October 7th. This is a great opportunity for students to get work done in a quiet environment and has been very popular in recent years. Applications are currently open to 6th and 3rd year students and letters are available at the front office. Availability is on a strictly first come, first served basis.

Joey's TY Tidy Towns Committee got off to a flying start last week with 29 volunteers! With no time wasted, the Bronze Gaisce students set off with their cameras to identify areas to enhance and improve. We can't wait to see what happens next!



Ms Bligh with Joey's TY Tidy Towns Committee

We would like to thank the **Ahmadiyya Muslim Ladies Association** for the very kind and thoughtful gift of face masks and sanitizers that they donated to our staff.

Congratulations to everybody in the school community for the very positive ranking of our school in terms of the proportion of pupils gaining College places in 2017/2018/2019 as indicated in the Sunday Times last week.

The community of St Joseph's College was saddened to hear of the passing of **Sr Rosario Collier**, who was formerly connected to the Presentation Convent and College in Lucan. Sr Rosario died on Tuesday evening aged 99. May she rest in peace.



Sr. Rosario Collier

Sr Rosario who died this week was a much-loved figure in St Joseph's College. Known affectionately to both staff and students as 'Rosie' she taught many generations French, RE and Choir. She encouraged many students to develop their vocal talents as well as providing wonderful performances by the choir for special occasions. Despite her slight stature she was always full of energy and enthusiasm for life.

Her contribution to school life went way beyond the classroom. She had a great desire to make the school aesthetically beautiful. Green fingered she dotted the window ledges with plants. Woe betide if you knocked them over! This seldom happened as students had a great respect for her. No task was too menial for Sr Rosario. After a day's teaching she donned her apron and set about cleaning the corridors.

She had a great faith and lived it each day. Often the classroom door would open, a hand would appear around the door and the holy water font was filled. When Michelle McGuinness, a third-year pupil died suddenly in 1981, Sr Rosario provided enormous support to Michelle's devastated classmates assuring them that she had gone to a better place. *Over.....*

Retiring from teaching in 1986 did not mean a well-deserved rest. She promptly booked a flight to Harare in Zimbabwe where her brother, a priest was stationed. There she once again was teaching in a school and involving herself in the local community. Among other initiatives she set up a dress making group for women enabling them to set up a business and become independent. We were always delighted when she came back to Lucan on holidays and regaled us with her exploits.

Her last visit to St Joseph's was in 2017 for a celebration night marking the 150th Anniversary of the arrival of the Presentation Sisters to Lucan. She left the staff and students of St Joseph's all the better from knowing her as she lived the ethos of Nano Nagle. Sr. Rosario Collier died peacefully on Tuesday, 29th September 2020, in her 100th year.

Ar dheis De go raibh a h-anam dilis.
Siobhán Corry

School website <https://stjosephslucan.com>
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Scoil Mhuire GNS Lucan Enrolment 2021

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

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



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

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

Cleaner Required for Scoil Mhuire

Woodview Hts/ Airlie Hts, Lucan

Hours are 2.30pm to 4.30pm, Mon to Fri.

**Please ring the Office on 01 6240203
for more details**

St. Mary's Boys' National School

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



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

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

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

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Transition Year: Our TY students enjoyed their first outing of the year when they did the stunning Greystones to Bray Cliff Walk recently. The 7km hike took them a leisurely 90mins in the crisp Autumnal air and they enjoyed fantastic views of the Irish sea and the Wicklow Mountains throughout. They also learned about the rich history of the cliff which is brimming with wildlife and colourful flowers. The TYs also spent the day last week at the zoo revisiting their childhood!

Because of social distancing restrictions, only one group at a time can go on each outing with the other group remaining behind to partake in various work projects around the school. At the moment the students have started working on the Memorial Garden, trimming back the shrubs that grew over the summer, cleaning the poly tunnel and weeding and painting the raised beds. The TY students are also busy helping Ms. Bonner organise the Virtual Talent Show which takes place in the school on Friday 23rd Oct. They will also be doing the popular 1916 walking tour around Dublin, go-karting and a cookery class via zoom before mid-term so a busy and enjoyable year of activities await our TY students despite the numerous COVID-19 restrictions.

1st yr news: Our 1st yr students are now in week four of their "Subject Taster" module which involves them trying out all six subject options available for a week each. The subjects involved are: Metalwork, Wood Technology, French, German, Technical Graphics and Visual Art.

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Coláiste Phádraig cont'd

Making the decision to study unfamiliar subjects can be daunting at times for our young students so the taster module allows them to experience in class the type of learning and skills involved in these subject areas. The students will then choose the two subjects that appeal to them the most, which allows them to make informed decisions based on their aptitudes and interests.

In Wood Technology the 1st yr students are making pencil holders which is a brief introduction to the practical side of the subject at Junior Cycle. The students are learning basic marking out skills to mark out the pencil holder before then using a hand plane to shape the wood to the desired design. They are also being introduced to the pillar drill to drill holes in the wood to hold the pencils/pens, as well as the Pyrography Machine, which allows them to burn in their name and other designs into the wood. The students are free to add some colour to their pencil holders using colouring pencils. The final stage involves adding a coat of varnish to protect the pencil holder and ensure that it looks good for the years ahead in Coláiste Phádraig!

In Visual Art class the students have completed self-portraits based on work by the renowned artist Andy Warhol, a leading figure in a visual art movement in the early 1960s known as Pop Art. The students used a photograph taken by their art teacher Ms. Ryan to aid the drawing process and their finished portraits were of a very high standard. They displayed vibrant colours and tone and were so realistic that it was hard to distinguish them from their photographs! The students got the opportunity to sample a variety of mediums and discover a little bit about what is involved in studying Visual Art at Junior Cycle. Ms. Ryan has been very impressed so far with the enthusiasm and creativity of our 1st yrs so far and is looking forward to working with those that select the subject at the end of the Taster Module. There will be a monthly Art Corner in the newsletter throughout this school year where our talented students will take the opportunity to share their finest art work with the public.

In German class, the 1st yrs are being introduced to the basics in the language, covering short conversations, numbers, alphabet, countries and common verbs. The students have greatly impressed Ms. Looby with their dance moves while learning a German song! This year the school has a German Assistant who will be helping out throughout the academic year so the students will have the opportunity to meet Carlotta, a native German speaker, and try to

impress her with their first few words of German! Carlotta will be a wonderful asset to the German Department this year and we would like to extend a "Céad míle fáilte" to her. Herzlich willkommen Carlotta. The German students will also be invited to take part in poster competition in the weeks ahead with some lovely German prizes on offer.

Talent Show: The announcement that this year's Talent Show will be a Virtual affair has certainly been a topic of excited conversation and speculation in the classrooms and corridors of Coláiste Phádraig this past week! Participants normally have to summon up the courage to be prepared to perform their act up on stage in the canteen in front of (a baying mob!) of 250 of their fellow students who are expecting to be entertained. This year, those taking part will record their auditions in the comfort of their own homes so the only booing and jeering they are likely to hear will probably be from their siblings! The audition tapes are due in on October 9th and Ms. Bonner will then work with The Transition Year students to create the final show which will be shown simultaneously in all classes on Friday 23rd Oct.

There has been plenty of enquiries so far so it promises to be another entertaining and enjoyable event despite the disappointment of the loss of the live element.

Why are you worrying?

Everything is not locked down!
Sunrise is not locked down
Oxygen from air is not locked down
Family time is not locked down
Responsibilities are not locked down
Love is not locked down
Friendship is not locked down
Meditation is not locked down
Creativity is not locked down
Prayers are not locked down
Hobby is not locked down
And finally the hopes are not locked down

Do whatever you wanted to do
But at home
Mask is better than ventilator
Home is better than ICU
Prevention is better than cure
Wash hand regularly
Avoid touching face and eyes
Maintain social distancing
Be at home Be safe
God bless you all.

An Indian Summer

An Indian Summer is a period of unseasonably warm, dry weather that occurs in autumn in temperate regions of the Northern Hemisphere. In Ireland it takes place in September and October but in other parts of the world it can also take place in November. The expression “Indian Summer” owes its origin to North America. The native Indians there knew about this weather and depended on periods of fine, quiet, sunny weather in autumn in order to finish the harvest and ensure provisions during the long snowy winter season.



Experiencing an Indian Summer

Recently in mid-September 2020, we had an Indian Summer lasting a few days. In the Phoenix Park the temperatures reached almost 22C on September 14th and 15th.

An acquaintance of mine once told me that as a young man he went from Ireland to start a job in New York in early November. He was delighted to find the weather warm and settled for the first couple of weeks. Then, to his dismay, very cold weather quickly set in, largely remaining for late autumn and through the winter. His ‘Indian Summer’ lasted just two weeks!

In Boris Pasternak’s *Doctor Zhivago*, the term “Indian Summer” is used to describe the unseasonably warm weather leading up to the Great October Socialist Revolution in Russia in 1917.



Referring again to the U.S. Brendan McWilliams in his book “Weather Eye – The Final Year” describes autumn in New England. The whole process from green foliage to bare trees may take little more than two weeks.

In between is a short spectacular display of colour

which if combined with settled weather is very memorable.

Summer 1985: Unforgettable Thunderstorm

Summer 1985 is regarded as having the worst weather in living memory. On the night of July 25/26 a spectacular, prolonged thunderstorm occurred. Some people consider



it the worst thunderstorm they ever experienced. Much of the spine of Ireland was affected. There was some very heavy rain, violent hail and frequent cloud to ground lightning strikes. There was damage to crops and buildings and many farm animals were killed. On Saturday July 27 the Irish Independent had a main headline: Electrical storm failed to clear the air”. The report goes on to say that a pensioner left homeless when the chalet he occupied beside Malahide Golf Club was destroyed by a lightning strike.



Memorable Indian Summer 1985

It is any wonder that people enjoyed the lovely spell of mostly warm, settled weather that followed that very poor summer? The fine weather occurred from the second week of September to the third week of October. On September 28 Casement Aerodrome had a temperature of 24C. In Ardfert, Co. Kerry the temperature was 21C on October 15. A pleasant memory of the time is the blessing and consecration of St Patrick’s Church Esker / Dodsboro by Archbishop Kevin McNamara. The date was October 6 and the temperature was 15C. There was a great turnout for the Sunday afternoon ceremony. Among the priests who attended was the late Fr James Loughran P.P. of Esker / Dodsboro. There was a great sense of celebration.

Another memory was the reports of a moving stature in Ballinspittle, Co. Cork. Other similar phenomena were reported from around the country.

Music and Poetry

Victor Herbert composed the song “Indian Summer” in 1919 for classical orchestra. In 1984, U2, / included “Indian Summer Sky” on their “The Unforgettable Sky” album.

As we enter October, here are some lines to lift your spirits.

“I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers”.

Anne of Green Gables.

*“October Poblars
Are flaming torches
Lighting the way
To winter”.*
Nova S. Blair.

D.T.



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The Orchard, Lucan

Library Funding: Lucan Library is to receive €100,000 in funding for essential upgrades and measures in response to Covid-19. The works will include new air conditioning units and partitions, which will assist the library as they adapt to the new public health guidelines.

€10m funding to support people with disabilities during COVID-19: The Government has announced €10 million is being made available to support the resumption of day services and enhanced home support services for disability service users. €7.5m will increase the level of day service provision and €2.5m will provide intensive support packages for children and young people with complex/high support needs.

National Training Programme for Special Needs Assistants: UCD School of Education will deliver 3,500 free places over the next four years, on a new national online training programme for SNAs employed in Irish schools.

Gino Kenny TD – People Before Profit

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Skate Board Park Lucan: Over the past number of years the flood lights at the skate board park adjacent to the Griffeen community centre hasn't been operational in the winter months. This has meant that the skate board park couldn't be used in the winter months due to the lack of light and safety reasons. Some of the users of the park contacted public representatives including myself to request that the local authority make the park useable all year round. Thankfully in recent weeks the park is now functional in the winter months. This is a great amenity where skateboarders from all parts of the Lucan and beyond can utilise this facility.

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September Local Area Committee Meeting:

This took place this week and it was the first opportunity since June to ask questions about local issues at a meeting. Replies to my questions included news that funding has been applied for by the Council to refurbish Lucan Library; a design for additional plots at Esker Cemetery is being prepared and the feasibility of a wall for ashes is being considered - residents will have also seen that works are underway to construct the privately owned cemetery on the opposite side of the road that has very attractive layout and landscaping and a public walkway. I had a motion passed calling for a heritage app for Lucan. There are a number of other issues I raised at the meeting and I have updates on

my Facebook page but if you would like me to post you a printed update about the meeting please text or phone me at 087 392 0931. The agenda can be viewed on the Council website

at <http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings>

Newsletter Team: Thank you to the Lucan Newsletter team for keeping the show on the road during the different phases of the Covid response and for getting it back into local shops.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Lucan Swimming Pool: I received an update from council management this week confirming the project has been delayed due to poor weather conditions this year and closure of the site for some time during Covid19 national lockdown. The original handover date of February 2021 has been re-scheduled to June 2021.

Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE/Griffeen Park: My motion requesting an update on this project was provided at this week's Lucan area committee meeting. This is a collaborative environmental project between South Dublin County Council and DunLaoghaire/Rathdown. Its intention is to carry out assessments of misconnections to identify and rectify. Typically the misconnections are in private households. There are plans to build five Integrated Constructed Wetlands (ICW) in our parks. Notice of works will be given including signage along Griffeen Park. Further details are available on my social media platforms or you can contact me directly.

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Esker Cemetery: I was pleased to learn that South Dublin County Council will undertake a feasibility study of a columbarium wall to facilitate the placing of cremated remains in Esker Cemetery. This was in response to a motion I had down at the Lucan, Palmerstown & North Clondalkin Area Committee, following representations from several residents.

Tree maintenance: While tree maintenance works were paused during COVID-19 restrictions, I have been informed that tree maintenance will take place in Mount Andrew and Ballydowd Grove over the coming months. I continue to press for quarterly updates so information can be given to residents about planned works.

Ballyowen Square: Following my representations, South Dublin County Council have agreed to close out the preliminary investigations for the taking-in-charge of Ballyowen Square by the end of the year, with a view to taking it forward soon after.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lucan Sarsfields, 2020 Dublin Intermediate 2 Shield Winners!



Lucan Sarsfields are the 2020 Dublin Camogie Intermediate 2 Shield Winners. In a thrilling battle, hosts, CBC/Portobello provided strong opposition, but were unable to contain the Lucan ladies who snatched a one point victory with a late goal. Congratulations to the team and management. Elsewhere in the Junior 3 Camogie Shield final, St Finians took the spoils. In Football, there was no joy for the Junior teams in their cup games against Whitehall and Man O'War.



The Ladies Football Intermediates travel to St Mairs on Wed 30th September, and the Juniors, who have reached a semi-final spot in the division 7 League Cup, play their last group game away to Fingal Ravens on Sunday 4th October.

Intercounty football will be back on Saturday, October 17, with the Dubs facing Meath in round 6 of the Allianz Football League. The Match, to be played at Parnell Park will be shown live by Eir Sports. On the same day the Dublin U20s play their semi-final against Tyrone at Breffni Kingspan Park, TG4 will be covering this game live.

On Saturday 24th October the county senior hurlers contest the Leinster Championship quarter final against Laois where the winners will have a semi-final date against Kilkenny at Halloween, venue and TV details to follow.

All underage games are still suspended until at least October 10th, please continue to observe the guidelines, remember, no spectators are allowed at adult games.

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

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

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Lucan Sarsfields *cont'd....*

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

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €5000:

There was no winner of the €4600 Lotto Jackpot sponsored by Coláiste Laichtín, Inis Oírr held on 24th September. The numbers drawn were 14, 18, 21, and 27.



The lucky dip winners of €30 each are: Seaghan & Sinead, Eilish McNally, Kevin Brennan, Kathleen Rigney and Andrea Kelly.

The jackpot for the next draw is €5000.

Newcastle Golf Centre, managed by Mary Flannery, and will be held on Thursday 1st October live on Facebook, behind closed doors.

When you are bored, just think about a few things that don't make sense, like....

If poison expires, is it more poisonous, or is it no longer poisonous?

Which letter is silent in the word 'Scent' - is it the S or the C?

Do twins ever realise that one of them is unplanned?

Why is the letter W, in English called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?

Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty!

The word "swims" upside down, is still "swims"!

If you replace W with a T, in What, Where, and When, you get the answer to each of them!

What happens when you spill carpet cleaner all over your carpet?

Why is, what doctors do called "practicing"? Aren't they supposed to already know what they're doing?

South Dublin Co. Co. on Dumping

Household Waste Collection Services are operating and Civic Amenity sites are open.

If you witness dumping contact

014149000/wasteregulation@sdublincoco.ie

Princess Isla and her Magical Home

Once upon a time in a faraway castle lived a pretty princess named Isla. Isla had a home named Belle but little did she know Belle was magic.



Belle had a long, beautiful, rainbow tail with sparkles shimmering down it. Isla and Belle decided to go on an adventure.



They travelled over big hills and steep valleys which was quite tiring. They decided to take a break down in the forest where there was an apple

tree. Isla picked an apple off the tree and gave it to Belle. Sometime later Isla and Belle continued their journey. All of a sudden there was a humongous river in front of them. They didn't know what to do. Belle leapt up into the air and was flying! Isla was so amazed. From that day, they are always up in the air flying.

The End.

By Erin & Keelin Lenihan Murphy.

Lucan Toastmasters

Are you as quiet as a mouse?

Do you hate speaking in public?

Do you want to make new friends?

If so, then Lucan Toastmasters is the place for you.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.45 pm, and currently we meet on Zoom. Admission is free for new guests.

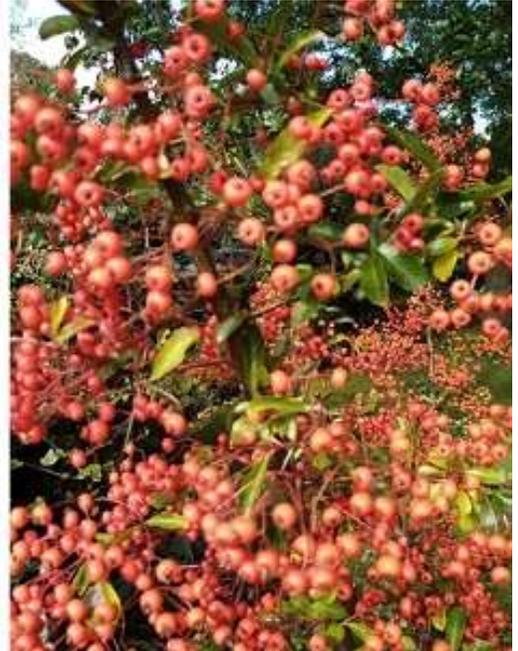


Email vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com for an invitation. A warm welcome awaits you.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

In keeping with the Government health guidelines, the members of the Soiree have been confining their photographic activities to the Dublin area. Kay has again provided us with some photos of her beautiful garden which has entered its rich autumnal phase. She also ventured down to the Weir to photograph some ducks even though in more normal circumstances if we could go about our normal daily

lives
photographing
ducks would
have been
verboten!



Paddy and
Conor seem to
have been in
competition
with each
other in
relation to
photographs
taken in and
around Dublin
Bay. For
some of their
photographs



they have had to get up early to catch the sunrise on the Dublin shoreline (or maybe it is the sunset). Paddy also made it as far as Dalkey. Conor submitted some gorgeous shots of seals and baby seals as well as of some birds clearly arguing over their territory. Unfortunately there is not enough space in the Newsletter to publish them all. Thankfully the birds and the animals are not affected by lockdown and photographs of their activities lift our spirits in these strange and difficult times.



Work is about to start on assembling our virtual Annual Photography Exhibition to be hosted on the St. Mary's Parish Website in about a month's time and I will have more news about this in the coming weeks.

*In the meantime,
stay safe.*