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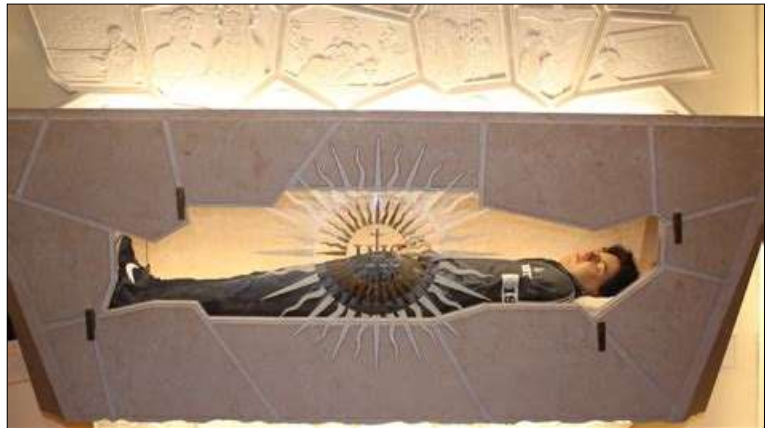
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Sunday 19th September 2021

A Discovery in Assisi

I recently spent a couple of days in the wonderful town of Assisi in the province of Umbria in Italy. Assisi is of course a world pilgrimage site because of its most famous son St. Francis, and his companion St. Clare. Each year hundreds of thousand converge on this hilltop town to visit the various places associated with the saints, I have been among them on many occasions.

This time however I stumbled upon a church I have never visited before in a quiet side street. The church of Santa Maria Maggiore dates from the earliest centuries of Christianity and for a time served as the Cathedral of the city. I was intrigued to see a large number of teenagers filing in to the church on a continuous basis and curiosity drew me inside.



The church houses the tomb of a young Italian teenager Carlo Acutis, who died at the age of 15. Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991, in London, where his parents were working. Just a few months later, his parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, moved to Milan.

As a teenager, Carlo was diagnosed with leukaemia. He offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church, saying “I offer all the suffering I will have to suffer for the Lord, for the Pope, and the Church.” He died on Oct. 12, 2006, and was buried in Assisi, at his request, because of his love for St. Francis of Assisi. His cause for canonization began in 2013. He was designated “Venerable” in 2018, and designated “Blessed” October 10, 2020. From a young age, Carlo seemed to have a special love for God, even though his parents weren’t especially devout. His mother said that before Carlo, she went to Mass only for her First Communion, her Confirmation, and her wedding.

But as a young child, Carlo loved to pray the Rosary. After he made his First Communion, he went to Mass as often as he could, and he made Holy Hours before or after Mass. He went to Confession weekly.

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A Discovery in Assisi *cont'd.....*

He asked his parents to take him on pilgrimages — to the places of the saints, and to the sites of Eucharistic miracles. There was fruit of Carlos' devotion in his life. His witness of faith led to a deep conversion in his mother, because, according to the priest promoting his cause for sainthood, he “managed to drag his relatives, his parents to Mass every day. It was not the other way around; it was not his parents bringing the little boy to Mass, but it was he who managed to get himself to Mass and to convince others to receive Communion daily.”

He was known for defending kids at school who got picked on, especially disabled kids. When a friend's parents were getting a divorce, Carlo made a special effort to include his friend in the Acutis family life.

And he promoted Eucharistic miracles, especially through a website he built to promote them.

On the site, he told people that “the more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven.”

When Carlo got sick, his life of faith increased, offering up his suffering for the Church, the pope, and for people who were suffering with illness.

And he was a gamer. Carlo loved playing video games. His console of choice was a PS2, which was released in 2000, when Carlo was nine. We know he only allowed himself to play games for an hour a week, as a penance and a spiritual discipline, but he wanted to play much more. Carlo was a modern young teenager with an extraordinary love for God, in death his influence is inspiring a generation of young people who see in this modern saint a shining beacon of faith.

He is the first Millennial to be beatified. Visit this website for further information <https://blessedcarloacutis.com/>

*Philip Curran
St. Mary's Lucan*

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

www.citizensinformation.ie

NB please note our phone numbers have moved to a new 0818 prefix.



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 dscis@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

Citizens Information has moved to 0818 prefix

This news item was posted on September 8, 2021. The Citizens Information Board and its funded services have now moved to the 0818 prefix for all its telephone numbers.

Following a ComReg review and consultation, the number of Non-Geographic Numbers (NGNs) has been reduced from five to two. Only the 1800 Freephone and 0818 Standard Rate NGNs will remain in use. All other numbers will cease to operate from 1 January 2022.

Will calls to 0818 cost more? Calls to 0818 will cost the same as to the previous 0761 numbers. Calls to 0818 are included in call bundles or will cost no more than calling a landline.

Helpline numbers - The national helpline numbers with the new prefix are:

The Citizens Information Phone Service is **0818 07 4000**

The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is **0818 07 2000**

The National Advocacy Service is **0818 07 3000**

For a listing of all local service numbers, check out citizensinformation.ie or mabs.ie. The details of regional NAS offices can be found at advocacy.ie

Lucan Drama

2 One-Act Plays

Fun, passionate and intense rehearsals are underway here in Lucan Drama with two intriguing plays competing in the **One-Act Drama Festival** in venues countrywide, culminating in the final in Ennis in December.



A Kind Of Vesuvius by Gillian Plowman is directed by seasoned and successful director Carol Ryan.

David is played by Cian Lucas, Derek by Jack C. Flanagan and Ian by Brian Whitney. All three actors are experienced and accomplished.

This play is a sensitive treatment of the devastating effects of unemployment on individuals and their families. However there is much humour in the play.

Contractions by Mike Bartlett is a deeply humorous play centring on the climate of fear in which large companies increasingly hold their employees to ransom.

The two female roles, the only two roles in the play are played by Katie Noone who is new to Lucan Drama and Breda Guy Kelly, a talented actress and director who has many times graced the Lucan stage.

Many, many thanks to the generosity of Mr. Frank Colgan of **Lucan Spa Hotel** and his staff, in facilitating Lucan Drama in so many ways including providing rehearsal space.

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

Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club is a group of photographers that meet every Wed from 8-10 pm online at present. They also run a 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.

Palmerstown Camera Club kicked off its new season within the club on Sept 8th. And the speaker next week will be Paul Sherwood a press photographer based in Dublin.

His assignments range from PR, headshots, corporate events and has a keen interest in Food, Interiors and Vehicle photography. So, his talk on Wed the 22nd of Sept should be an interesting one. You can view some of Paul's work at his website <https://sherwood.ie/>



The image of Maynooth Chapel was taken by Mary Mangru a photographer from PCC. It is several separate images stitched together using software. The club would usually have a workshop on this type of effect during the year. 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@mail.com



Do good for others, it will come back in unexpected ways!

St. Mary's Boys' National School

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



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

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

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

Parish Notes



St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 8.45am, 10.30am, 12.15pm and 7pm.

**New Sunday Mass Times with effect
from 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

New Arrangements:

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.

Baptisms:

Dates are bookable online to the end of October. 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:

Monday and Wednesday after 10am Mass
Saturday after the 10am and 6.30pm.

Deepest Sympathy to the partner, children, parents, family and friends of *Shane Carey*, Ballydowd and to the parents, family and friends of *Alan Carey*, Ballydowd.
May they rest in peace.



Medjugorje Mass

Schedule: September – December

St Mary's Church, Lucan

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

11th October

15th November

13th December

To reserve a seat:

Call Pat at 087 223 8911

Mass also live at lucanparish.com

**Please note that the obligation to attend
Sunday Mass remains suspended by Pope
Francis**

St. Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro /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](#)

Please support
Community Connect
on Saturday 25th!

Community Connect
Drive & Drop Donation Day
will take place on

Saturday 25th September

in St Mary's Church Car Park from 1-3pm

Volunteers will be there on the day to collect essential baby items, which will be given to pregnant mothers, and families with young babies, who are struggling. Community Connect is busier than ever, and they are helping families across the country and here in the local area every single week. Every pack of nappies makes a big difference to a family in need, so please pick up a few extra items in your weekly shop to help a family who needs it!

For more details about what you can donate (new items only please), have a look at www.communityconnect.ie and click on 'Drive & Drop'.



Koins for Kids have a target of €1,000,000 to raise funds for equipment in the New Children's Hospital!

We accept all types of coinage and all types of notes, old money, new money, old notes, pre-decimal, foreign, anything you no longer have a use for and that might be lying in a drawer or a lint filled pocket of an old coat. We can make good use of it.

Contributions can be left in St Mary's Parish Centre, Lucan or the sacristy in St. Mary's Church.

Many thanks,
Damien Douglas, 0879519222.

Bayside Alpha – 40 Days of Prayer

Bayside Alpha are running a free 7-week Zoom course on prayer, starting on Wednesday 22nd September at 7.30pm. The course is called 40 Days of Prayer and consists of a 60-minute weekly meeting on Zoom which includes a video presentation and a time for prayer and sharing. If you'd like to join please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

Blast from the past



Altar Boys at St. Mary's in the 1950s

L-R: Declan Hughes from Esker, *Unknown*, and Nick Ennis from Weir View, along with Curate, Fr. James Loughran, who would become Parish Priest of St. Patrick's in Esker in the 1980s.

If anyone knows the boy in the centre, please drop us a line. Sadly everyone else in the photo has passed on.



Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services

Let's Brew Kindness

Host a joyful Coffee Morning for Family, Friends and neighbours, and support Patient Care

in Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services.

The crucial funds raised will improve the lives of so many patients, residents and their families.

Host our own Coffee Morning Social on or around 23rd September.

www.olh.ie or 1850 660606



More than half way through September.....

It's all over bar the shouting as they say, which might be true of the GAA Championships this year.

Commiserations to all the Mayo people in Lucan, and congratulations to anyone from Tyrone – who would have had a bet on that county earlier this year!

Someone pointed out that it is actually the first time that a team outside the EU has won Sam!!!

Your Reports and Notes are so welcome! We are delighted to see groups on the move again – **Lucan Drama** are back, and we can hardly wait to see who will be in, in the coming weeks!

Thank you to the contributor of **Pathways in Happiness** in this week's issue - words painting some lovely pictures there!



The 61st Liffey Descent took place on Saturday last, and there were thrills and spills down at Lucan Weir. With a smaller crowd than usual, there was still a great atmosphere, and lots of kiddies and their parents enjoyed the spectacle.

The above event reminded us that we were without our **Annual Lucan Festival** once again this year. Fingers crossed, it will be back for 2022!

Graveyard Names! Noticed a comment somewhere recently that the graveyards in Esker should have distinctive names, rather than old and new – they're all very old now! Did you know that the new burial ground under construction is on what was formerly known locally as *The Furry Glen*! Now there's a name!

Tidy Towns Results should be announced shortly. We gather that the 2021 competition is mainly based on photographs of the areas. Once again, it is something that we hope will be back to normal next year.



Garden of Secrets

is the title of this piece, in the Dublin Canvas program, and the talented artist is Magdalena Wilk. Watch out for it at the junction on the old Lucan Road in Ballydowd, close to Woodies. It's good to see the artwork on these boxes being updated!



Congratulations to **Eva Norton** of Scoil Aine Naofa on reaching the semi-finals of the Junior Eurovision contest which aired last Sunday on TG4. Eva made a great impression on the judges with her brilliant performance of *This Is Me* from *The Greatest Showman* - as Gaeilge.

Congratulations

to **Nicola Whyte** and **Donncha Hassey** on the birth of baby **Aine** last weekend?



No doubt she'll have a hurl in her hand very soon!

Pathways in Happiness - Sept 2021

Lucan Newsletter in Print and Full Colour –
“Conkers Abú”

Neighbours, Friends, Big Smiles of Young People
and Kindness of Strangers.

Quiet Citizen Litter-Pickers and ever-helpful
SDCC Representatives – Cheerful Park Staff and
great “Chatterer” of Walkers etc.

New Seating in Demesne – Community Orchards
– Goodies from Urban Market.

Wheelchair Accessible Exercise System, St.
Catherine’s Park.

Fenced-in Beech Tree, said to be c. 270 years old,
has been given its seasons to enthral us.

Black Avenue’s ‘Cúchulainn’ - St. Catherine’s
‘Gandalf’ – Village Green’s ‘Methuselah’, and
Brother.

An Ancient Well in gated Grotto, and a Keyhole
Stile to River Confluence.

Robin’s Pre-Dawn Song – Wren’s Nest in Thorn-
hedge and Juvenile Cormorant on River Branch.

Cobwebs spangled with Morning Mist – and a
‘Hairy Nellie’ Caterpillar shimmying across path.

Spiny Teasles, Bee-Happy Buddleia and the
sudden sharp smell of Nettles.

Donkeys in Paddock top Standford Hill – Lily
Pads on quiet river near Bleach Green.

Weir-side Breakfast al Fresco with Foraging
Swan Family and omnivorous Ducks –

All part of ‘Treasures of Lucan’

A beloved 90 year old lady danced at her hooley
and sang a hearty Molly Malone – a celebration of
life.

We love music and learning to fix things!

Georgian Gates and Railings etc restored to
Phoenix Park – Anna Livia at swim in garden
Wolfe Tone Quay.

Beautiful Street Artworks on Control Boxes.

Bewley’s Afternoon Tea in the environs of Harry
Clarkes Windows – Jim Fitzpatrick’s Éiru and
Patrick Campbell’s Bronzes – Gorgeous.

Ronan Gillespie’s Famine Group – Heart
Wrenching.

(An Odyssey!!) B.L.M.C.

Lucan Library

Family Natural Art Workshop with Aoife Munn

Go for a family nature walk and create something
wonderful with your collection.

Date: 25th of September at 2pm

This is a nature inspired workshop that will get
the whole family getting creative. Please take a
nature walk beforehand and gather some
interesting items, perhaps some pebbles, some
leaves, some twigs etc... For the workshop you
will need these, some paper or card for each
person and some colours. It will be suitable for all
ages and abilities.

Book just one ticket for your family group. Adults
must stay with children for the workshop.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/family-natural-art-workshop-tickets-169521905583>

The Brand New Lucan Junior Book Club

For ages 9-12 years. Meetings done through
Zoom. Book using Eventbrite.

Tuesday 28th September at 3.30pm.

This session’s book will be Damsel by SE
Connolly. A great book by an Irish writer about a
damsel in distress who turns things around and
saves others instead.

This book club is recommended for children aged
between 9-12 years old.

We have several special copies of the book
behind the desk ready to give out to our junior
book club members. You will take them out the
same way as you would a normal book. So bring
your library card to the desk and ask for the
Junior Book Club book. The Library Assistant
will scan it out for you. Be sure to give the email
address you used to book your membership when
you collect the book.

Midday Monday Book Club

Are you looking for a book club?

- During the day
- While the kids are at school
- While visiting the shopping centre
- Or just to start off your week on a social
note,

This club might be for you! This will appeal to
readers of popular fiction, come along and enjoy
half an hour or so of relaxed discussion. All
Welcome!

*First meeting at 12 noon on Monday 4th October
in the library (Restrictions permitting).*

Book your place through Eventbrite.

Come along and enjoy our new book club with
Siobhan at Lucan Library. Copies of the Midnight
Library are available from the front desk.



SCHOOL NEWS



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Talent Show 2021: The Talent Show is always one of the most eagerly anticipated school events of the year. This year's Show will once again be a virtual affair in order to comply with COVID-19 restrictions and regulations surrounding social distancing. Audition recordings will be done at home and the deadline for recordings to be submitted is Friday 8th October. Ms. Bonner will then work with the Transition Year students editing the recordings that qualify for the Final which is to take place on Friday 22nd October. The final edited recordings will then be shown in all classrooms from 11:10am with each class then voting for their top three acts. The act with the most votes will of course be announced as Talent Show Winners 2021! Maybe last year's run-away winner John Judd Joshua will become the 1st person to win back-to-back Talent Shows! As always, it is sure to be a competitive and hard fought event, we wish all participants the best of luck in their quest to claim this prestigious title.

Prefects: Applications for Prefect duty were submitted this week and interviews for the positions available will be conducted next week by Mr. Keane and management. We are delighted to be able to appoint prefects once again as their assistance and helpfulness has been greatly missed in the school throughout the pandemic, when it was not possible to mix Year Groups at all. While strict social distancing rules and public health guidelines will still be adhered to, our soon to be appointed prefects, 10 from Transition Year and 10 from 5th yr, will be assigned various important duties around the school throughout the week. The new school canteen in particular will benefit greatly from the presence and support of the Prefects as more and more students opt to pre-order and collect their meals there each day. We have a very proud and long tradition of Prefects in operation in the school and there is no doubt that they will be warmly welcomed back by both students and staff alike in the coming weeks.

Transition Year: Our TY students were delighted to go on their 1st outing of the year on Wednesday when they headed off to Greystones for a hike along the cliff walk to Bray. TY trips have not been permitted for the majority of the past 18 months but thankfully they are up and running again and everyone is understandably thrilled with the prospect of heading out and about on various outdoor adventures throughout the school year. Due to ongoing social distancing concerns, the two TY groups will undertake the outings separately on

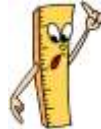
alternate Wednesdays. The 7km hike took them a leisurely 90mins in the crisp Autumnal air and they enjoyed fantastic views of the Irish Sea and the Wicklow Mountains throughout. They also learned about the rich history of the cliff which is brimming with wildlife and colourful flowers. The students finished up with a visit to the ice-cream parlour in Bray for a delicious sweet treat at the end of their scenic and rewarding hike.

GAA: Some of our most talented GAA players were in action for Dublin over the summer. 6th yr Zach Delmar was an integral part of the Dublin Minor Footballer panel that reached the Leinster Final where they unfortunately were beaten by eventual All Ireland winners Meath. Zach played at wing-forward in the final and he performed admirably throughout, working back tirelessly for the team and winning plenty of kick-outs and challenges. The Dublin Minors were managed by our own Mr. Lyons so well done to both on their excellent contribution to the team's run to the Leinster Final. In hurling, 5th yr Liam Garrigan represented the Dublin Minors for their Leinster campaign this summer. Liam captained the Dubs from midfield but they were narrowly beaten by a talented Wexford team in the semi-finals.

Soccer: Well done to 6th yr student Reece Webb who had the tremendous honour of being selected for the Republic of Ireland u19 training squad that travelled to England at the start of the month for a week-long training camp. The squad of 27 players played in two behind-closed-door games with all players getting a good run-out. Reece, who plays for St. Patrick's Athletic, played an attacking right back role against Nottingham Forest u23s and by all accounts he had a very good game as Ireland ran out 2-0 winners. Reece is an outstanding athlete with incredible stamina so he was well able to get up and down the line Seamus Coleman style.

The Republic of Ireland take on Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro in the 1st round of the UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualifiers in November. Reece was an integral part of our National Junior u17 Cup winning team in 2019 and we all hope that he makes the final panel of players that will be announced very soon, as he is an exceptional young footballer with a bright future ahead of him in the game.

Student Council: Our Student Council will also be restarting soon with elections to be held in all classes in the coming weeks. The elected class reps will then form the new Student Council under the guidance of Mr. Keane. Meetings will be held regularly throughout the year in adherence with strict social distancing regulations with the aim being giving a voice to the students in issues of interest and relevance to their day to day experiences at Coláiste Phádraig.



Lucan Community College

Admissions 2022: The application period for 1st year 2022 will open on 1st October 2021. Our admissions policy is available on the school website and the application form will be available on the website from 1st October. Application forms will also be delivered to schools on our Feeder School list.

DDLETB Adult Education Evening Courses - open for enrolment: Adult Education courses are now open for enrolment in DDLETB centres. While we do not have any classes running this term in Lucan Community College, some of our sister colleges have courses running that may be of interest. We hope to have a full Spring programme on offer in our college from January 2022. Please click on the link below to get further information about all classes and to complete enrolment online:

<https://www.ddletb.ie/further-education-training/locations/adult-education-classes/>

Extra-Curricular Activities: Lucan Community College offers a wide range of extra- and co-curricular activities. Members of the school community give voluntarily of their time, energy, expertise and commitment in organising these activities. In this edition of our Newsletter we give a flavour of what is on offer. A full list of what is available can be seen on the school website.

Chess Club: The Chess club helps existing chess players to improve their skill while encouraging complete beginners to learn something new that will have great benefits.

The club is supervised by Mr Doyle and sees Fifth year student Finn Tuohy and TY student Cian Tuohy coach beginner students in developing their skills of the game, teaching them some basic rules and building important mathematical and strategy skills. Chess is also a great activity for helping with memory skills.

The Chess Club is a perfect opportunity for new students to come and try a challenging fun activity outside of the normal classroom experience. We plan to hold inter-year competitions with prizes. We aim to build a team to compete with other post-primary schools.

The Chess Club will run each Thursday at lunch in H3, starting the 23rd September

Warhammer Club: Thursday lunchtime will soon see a new club all about the Warhammer franchise. The club will have models from both

Warhammer 40k and Age of Sigmar. The Warhammer hobby has something for everyone, so whether you like organising and assembling stunning collections, building intricate models to test your creative talents, or you want to show off your artistic skills through painting, it's all here. There's also a whole world of playing games, in which

you'll make new friends and test your best tactics and strategies against each other.

Warhammer 40k is set in the far future of our galaxy, in a distant time where humanity must battle for survival against untold horrors.

The Age of Sigmar is set in the mortal realms which are places of magic, wonder and adventure. Each realm is home to amazing creatures, and every landscape is more incredible than the last. Though the realms are marvellous to behold, for aeons they lay conquered, enslaved by the daemonic legions of Chaos. All seemed lost. But, even as the booming laughter of the Dark Gods echoed throughout the cosmos, their plans were thwarted.

Warhammer Club: E4 Thursday lunchtime (second half)



Gluis 2021-2022

Badminton is back! Badminton starts up next week. All badminton sessions will take place in the gym at lunchtime. All you need are your runners. Rackets will be provided.

1st years- Ms Howley/ Ms Hackett- Friday

2nd/3rd yr- Ms Geraghty/ Ms Clarke- Thursday

Seniors- Ms Gallagher - Monday

An Gaisce: Are you in TY and do you want an award from the Irish President? If your answer is yes, then sign up for An Gaisce. A meeting will be held next week for those interested in the bronze award. Any students from 5th/6th year interested in pursuing the silver award, a meeting will also be called for next week. Your President Award Leaders this year are, Ms Feeney. In Ní Ruaidhrí, Ms Gallagher and Mr O'Donnell.

Team Maths: Team Maths is a programme run by the Maths department, where TY students offer students in 1st to 3rd Year support in areas of the Maths course, which are causing them problems. TY students will be doing this as part of their voluntary work. Senior students are welcome to drop in for some help from the Maths teachers too.

Times are as follows:

1st year students - Monday 13:06-13:51 in H6.

2nd-6th year - Thursday 13:06-13:51 in H6.

St. Joseph's College

Parent Nominees to Board of Management

Nominees are invited for the two parent-seats on the Board of Management for the three-year term commencing 16th October 2021. Parents/legal guardians whose daughters currently attend the school are eligible to be elected to the board. Nominations must be received not later than 10am Wednesday 29th September. Nomination forms were sent home with students on Wednesday and have also been posted on our website.

*St Joseph's College is seeking to recruit a **part time Home Economics teacher**. May suit a retired teacher or a person with relevant transferable skills and experience (such as chef, catering, Baking etc). Expressions of interest and CV should be emailed to the Principal at stjosephslucan@gmail.com*

Our Transition Year students had a brilliant day out at **Causey Farm** on Wednesday! The busy day included baking bread, bog-jumping, a tour of the animals on the farm, a trip on the back of the tractor, boating, a dip in the pond and many more team building activities. This is an annual trip for our TY students and their tutors, which is enjoyed by all.



Three of our **Transition Year Religion Classes** took a trip to Lucan Library recently to visit an exhibit by Paul Butler from the Society of Old Lucan, on the old churches of Lucan.



TY Religion Students visiting the Paul Butler exhibition at Lucan Library



Clothing Collection

A reminder that our Parents' Association has organised a Clothing Collection for Saturday 18th September between 9am and 1pm in the Layby carpark beside our school. They will be accepting clean clothing, footwear, belts and shoes. We thank you for supporting our Parents' Association fundraisers.

School website

<https://stjosephslucan.com>

Follow us on Twitter:

@STJosephs3



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

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Departs 13th October 2021

Dublin to Mostar, Mostar Airport is only 30 minutes from Medjugorje

7 nights: €695 pps (insurance included)

9 nights: €755 pps (insurance included)

Terms and conditions apply
Professional Guide – Spiritual Director
Tour Operator: Marian Pilgrimages –
Fully Bonded – Fully Licensed

Contact: Pat 087 2238911

Departing and returning tests required in absence of Covid passport. **Pilgrims must arrange and pay for those tests separately.**

A Covid test centre has been opened beside the First Aid Centre in Medjugorje to facilitate people needing a test before returning home.

For more information regarding Pilgrimages and Monthly Medjugorje Mass visit facebook page: Medjugorje Mass Lucan

Historic Events of September

September 1, 1715 - Death of King Louis XIV of France ("The Sun King")

September 1, 1939 - Hitler invaded Poland; thus began World War II in Europe

September 1, 1875 - Birth of Edgar Rice Burroughs (1875-1950), author of Tarzan of the Apes

September 2, 1666 - Great Fire of London

September 2, 1945 - President Truman proclaims V-J Day upon the surrender of the Japanese

September 3, 1783 - Treaty of Paris signed that ended the American Revolutionary War

September 5-6, 1972 - Eleven members of the Israeli Olympic Team were killed during an attack on the Olympic Village in Munich by members of the Black September faction of the Palestinian Liberation Army.

September 5, 1997 - Death of Nobel Peace Prize winner and advocate for the poor, Mother Teresa of Calcutta

September 9, 1776 - The U.S.A. came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new American nation from the United Colonies to the United States.

September 11, 2001 - The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history.

September 12, 1990 - Treaty was signed to reunite East and West Germany

September 14, 1982 - Former actress, American born Princess Grace of Monaco died following a car accident.

September 15, 1890 - Birth of prolific English mystery writer Agatha Christie (1890-1976)

September 6, 1620 - The Mayflower ship departed from Plymouth, England, bound for America with 102 passengers and a small crew.

September 19, 1893 - New Zealand became the first country to grant women the right to vote.

September 28, 1066 - The Norman conquest of England began

Political Notes

Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Bus Stops: The following report was sent to me in relation to works been carried out around the Lucan area: *“The works are understood to be a general rebranding of bus stops begin undertaken by the NTA. The NTA will be contacted to establish the expected duration of the works and the extent to which the works relate to Bus Connects”.*

Bus Priority Measure: Throughout the Bus Connects consultations I have consistently raised the lack of plans along the N4 to alleviate traffic for the Lucan area. I welcome the proposal at this weeks council meeting to introduce the following: *The National Roads Office in Kildare County Council has advised the Council of a pilot targeting the provision of dedicated bus priority measures along the M4, in the eastbound direction, that can be used by buses and coaches to avoid congested traffic lanes.*

Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Instagram: cllrshanemoynihan

Green Ribbon Campaign: September sees the launch of the Green Ribbon campaign which aims to get as many people as possible talking about mental health to help end stigma and discrimination. By wearing the Green Ribbon – an international symbol for mental health awareness – you show you are committed to influencing positive change. You can learn more at <https://seechange.ie/green-ribbon/>.

Castle Road: I have requested that the overgrown bushes on Castle Road line between Colthurst, Rochfort and Earlsfort are cut back to ensure maximum space on the footpath.

Monthly newsletter: Every month, I send a community update setting out what I'm up to and providing information. You can have a look at the most recent one at <https://www.shanemoynihan.ie/your-community-update-august-2021/>. Please feel free to send me an email to add your name to the distribution list.

Emer Higgins– TD

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Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

Gender Balance Bill 2021: In Ireland only 22% of company directors are women. Last week I launched the Irish Corporate Governance (Gender Balance) Bill 2021, which I have been working on with the National Women's Council of Ireland. If passed, this law will compel companies to improve the gender balance in their boardrooms. Research shows that balanced boards are better for representation and decision making, but most importantly, better for business.

Dog Pound Update: South Dublin County Council will cease using Ashton Dog Pound. Midland Animal Care Ltd have been awarded the contract and will use Hollygrove Kennels, located in Newcastle as its local base. I was contacted by many concerned constituent regarding concerns with the previous provider. It's great to have this service located within our county and have such a committed team there.

Gino Kenny TD – People Before Profit

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

25D Bus Frequency: Recently I was contacted by a number of residents in regards to the frequency of the 25D bus. This bus goes from Adamstown to Merrion Square. I wrote to Dublin Bus asking them was there any plans to increase the frequency of the service because of the number of houses built in the area in recent years.

Dublin Mid-West Constituency Office: Our office is back open to the public on Monday and Friday from 11.30am to 1.30pm.

Paul Gogarty

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Management of refurbished Lucan Leisure Centre/New Pool as well as traffic issues arising from temporary closure of car park:

Contrary to speculation on social media, the refurbished leisure centre and new swimming pool will not be privatised when completed next Spring. The management of the leisure centre was previously tendered out to a company and subsidised by the Council to keep prices down and this will continue after the revised tender process is complete. It will remain in public ownership. Separately I'm again raising the need for SDCC to be proactive in terms of finding alternative spaces for users (thanks to C of I centres we were able to find slots for some groups at least). Lastly, the closed car park has led to traffic/parking issues in the vicinity, including Ash Park estate. I've raised this directly and have motions down at upcoming meetings.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Senior Football opened their championship campaign with a draw against St Jude's on Sunday last at O'Toole Park. There were wins over the weekend for the Minor A and B Hurlers, U16A, U14A, U14B, U13A (pictured below) and U13B Ladies footballers, as well as U16 Footballers and U14 Hurlers. In Camogie, the intermediates took the points against Kilmacud on Thursday evening 9th September. Three of our Ladies Football Minors, A, B, and D's have qualified for championship semi-finals and the C's are in the shield semi; the Junior A's continued their winning ways in the league during the week. All results and match reports available on the website.

Go raibh maith agat do gach duine a rinne postaer inár gcomórtas póstaer "Luachana ar gCluib" i rith an samhraidh. Bhí siad go léir go hiontach. Comhghairdeas mór le Cathy Cosgrove - buaiteoir den chomórtas. Beidh sibh in ann a postaer dochreidte a fheiceáil in aice leis ár bpáirc imeartha go luath.

Thanks to everybody who entered our "Club Values" poster competition during the summer. All the entries were excellent. Congratulations to our competition winner Cathy Cosgrove. You will all be able to see her super poster beside our pitches shortly.

The GAA has launched a strategic planning survey to give every member and supporter a say in shaping its next five-year strategic plan. Have your say now by clicking the survey button on the website version of Club Notes



This weekend sees the continuation of the Dublin SHC, with St Jude's our opponents in Parnell Park at 4pm on Sunday. The Junior A's are away to Skerries on Saturday (6pm), and on Sunday, the B's away to Naomh Olaf (11am) and C's also away to Skerries (3pm). Senior Camogie are at home to Kilmacud on Sunday (10:30). The Minor football championship games are at 11am on Sunday with the A's and C's at home, while the B's travel to Pairc Barrog. On Saturday afternoon, three of the Ladies Football Minor Semi-Finals will take place at 3pm - Please see the website for the updated fixtures and venues.

We had over 180 entries in the draw for one lucky member to have the chance to purchase 2 tickets for last Saturday's Mayo v Tyrone All Ireland Football Final. Congratulations to Sean O'Conghaile, who was drawn out after the Lotto results, live on Facebook. Thanks to all who entered.



Lucan Sarsfields Golf Society - The last outing of the year is in Millicent on Sat 25th Sept. To book a slot in Millicent please contact/text Jack Butler on 087 258 2780 or Seamus Fagan on 086 816 8984.

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Lucan Sarsfields *con't.....*



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. - There are a number of items of clothing: club tops, hoodies, etc., that were left behind after the recent summer camps. If your child is missing any of these items, please call up to the 12th Lock Café.

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

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €14,600

There was no winner of the Club Lotto Jackpot of €14,200 held on Sept 9, 2021. The numbers drawn were: **6, 9, 10, 17.**

The Lucky Dip winners of €30 each:

Teddy O'Connor, Rory Gilmore, The McGarrigle Family, Ali Twomey, Martina McGilloway.



The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 16th September, is **€14,600**, and is sponsored by: **Feargal McCarthy, Painter and Decorator.** The draw managed by Shay Hurson, 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 Sáirsealaigh Leamhcáin.



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.

GAA do Máithreacha

Beidh seisiúin traenála do máithreacha ag tosú go luath. Ní gá aon taithí spóirt a bheith agat. Seisiúin sóisialta a bheas iontu agus bealach maith le haclaíocht a dhéanamh le píosa spraoi. Beidh siad ar siúl ag an am céanna le seisiúin traenála na bpáistí. Seol téacs chuig Annette ar 0868662208 má tá suim agat.

GAA training for mums starting soon. No prior sports training is required. These will be social sessions and a good, fun way to keep fit. We will try to run these sessions at the same time as the children's training. Contact Annette on 0868662208 if interested.

Buachaillí F9

D'imir na buachaillí F9 (peil) in aghaidh Kilmacud Crokes maidin Dé Sathairn i bPáirc Naomh Chaitríona. Bhí roinnt sraitheanna pas láimhe dochreidte le feiceáil agus tá an obair fhoirne ag dul ó neart go neart. Bhí taispeántais láidre ó na buachaillí ar fad, ach go háirithe ó Evan a chuir brú mór ar Crokes agus é sa tóir ar gach liathróid. Bhuail Zachary roinnt ciceanna fada dochreidte síos an taobhlíne. D'oibrigh Orin agus Ruairí Ó Fiaich an-mhaith le chéile i lár na páirce, ag buachaint liathróid i ndiaidh liathróid. Chuir gach uile ball den bhfoireann a gcoíthe isteach sa cluiche. Maith sibh a bhuachaillí!

The under 9 boys played against Kilmacud Crokes on Saturday morning in St Catherine's. There was some great hand passing and the team work is going from strength to strength. There was a strong performance from all the boys, particularly Evan who put great pressure on Crokes, chasing every ball. Zachary sent great long kicks down the sideline. Orin and Ruairí Ó Fiaich played great together in mid-field and won every ball. The entire team put their hearts into the game. Well done boys!

Club Chonradh na Gaeilge

An bhfuil post uait? Tá Club Chonradh na Gaeilge ag earcú! Rátaí pá iomaíoch agus uaireanta solúbtha. Bheadh taithí oibre i mbeáir ina buntáiste d'iarrthóirí. Ceisteanna, CV agus litir chumhdaigh chuig bainisteoir@anclub.ie

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This week there was a decidedly French air to many of the photographs submitted by members of the Soiree.

Donal submitted a very interesting view of Cobh taken from the ferry from Cork to Roscoff in Brittany. This was probably the last view of Ireland seen by those passengers who travelled on the ill-fated maiden voyage of the Titanic.



Donal also provided an atmospheric photo of the dawn in Roscoff and some photographs of delicious black grapes ready for harvesting.

We also had some photographs from further east, Saint Raphael on the Cote d'Azur where the daytime temperature is still hovering around 30 degrees.



Nearer home Paddy submitted a beautiful golden harvest picture while Conor captured some great shots of the Irish Barn Owl.



I don't want to bore everybody by repeating the desire of many members of the group to get back to the parish centre in person after a gap of almost 17 months. Just to say that subject to being able to be in compliance with the public health guidelines and to a sufficient number of the members of the group being interested and comfortable with the idea it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that this may be may happen sooner rather than later.

Till next week stay safe!