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Autumn Gold in Lucan



Whoever would believe that the above photograph was taken in Lucan just a couple of weeks ago!

On the lands of St. Edmundsbury, keen photographer and member of St. Mary's Camera Soiree, Paddy Mulkerrins, captured this beautiful autumnal scene. Time was when the village of Lucan was surrounded by such fields, and we hardly even noticed them.

It's true what they say – you never miss a thing until it's gone!

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.

MABS - Money Advice and Budgeting Service

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.

The new framework for living with Covid 19

The Government has published Resilience & Recovery 2020-2021: Plan for Living with Covid-19, which aims to help people go about their daily lives as much as possible, while managing the behaviour of the virus. The Framework consists of 5 levels. Most of Ireland is now in level 2. Dublin is in level 2 with some additional modifications.

You can get details of each level of the plan on gov.ie:

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Level 4
- Level 5

We are updating information on citizensinformation.ie about the plan and how it will affect you. You can read the full Plan on gov.ie (pdf).

Know your rights: Help to buy scheme

I'm planning to buy my first home, how do I qualify for the Help to Buy Scheme?

As a first-time buyer, if you buy or self-build a new residential property, you may be able to claim a refund of income tax and DIRT that you paid over the previous 4 tax years. You cannot claim relief on the PRSI or USC you paid.

The maximum relief has been temporarily increased until 31 December 2020. Now, you can claim enhanced relief on the lesser of:

€30,000

10% of the purchase price of the property

10% of the completion value of a self-build

The amount of income tax and DIRT you paid for the previous 4 years

To be eligible for the enhanced relief, you must sign a contract for a new house or draw down on a self-build mortgage between 23 July 2020 and 31 December 2020.

To qualify, the property must:

Be a new-build property or a self-build

Cost under €500,000

Be bought or built as your first home (it cannot be an investment property)

You must also:

Live in the property for 5 years from the date that it is habitable

Be fully tax compliant for the 4 years

immediately before your claim

You do not qualify if you:

Are a cash buyer

Are buying with someone else who is not a first-time buyer

Have previously bought or built a property, either individually or jointly with anyone else, even if you are now separated or divorced from that person. If you have inherited or been gifted a property previously, it does not affect your eligibility.

You must take out a mortgage of at least 70% of the purchase price (or, for a self-build, 70% of the valuation approved by the mortgage provider).

This is known as the loan to value ratio. You can have a guarantor on the loan.

You can read more about the Enhanced Help to Buy Scheme on Revenue.ie

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to the kind and honest person who handed in €50 which I misplaced in the Lucan branch of Bank of Ireland on Monday 7th September.



I am making a donation to charity in appreciation.
D.A.



Check out a brand new song from Mal Touhy of The Riptide Movement on our Facebook page, you can still donate to our

Virtual Fundraiser by clicking the link on our website www.liffeysoundfm.ie

Stay safe and well, the Liffey Sound team.

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook

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

Palmerstown Camera Club

We have started our fantastic new season this month. We will be meeting via Zoom till January 2021. We have a great line up of photographers from UK and Ireland.

We very much welcome new members at novice, Intermediate or Advanced levels. See our new Schedule for 2020 on our facebook page or website:

www.palmerstowncameraclub.com or email us at secpcc@mail.com for information on how to join, or even come along for a couple of trial sessions before you join.



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@sdblincoco.ie



LUCAN NEWSLETTER

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:

marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

roaselucannewsletter@gmail.com

catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com



Some green-fingered gardeners in our community have been clearing out their gardens for winter and very generously offering us plants. This has been a great boost to us, especially since we are experiencing removal of newly planted shrubs and flowers on an ongoing basis - something which we find very disheartening.

Have you noticed our beautiful stone walls around Lucan? We are presently working on clearing and exposing the wall along Sarsfield Park coming down the hill into the village. Ensuring that there is sufficient greenery available for biodiversity purposes, we choose our areas with this in mind. We have some way to go to bring about a pollinator friendly village but we are learning to modify our ways in this regard.



We had a welcome visit from Michelle our new local South Dublin County Council area supervisor who joined us for a walkabout. She is very positive and enthusiastic about our village and its surrounds and the potential to enhance and develop it. Her particular focus is on Biodiversity so she was very complementary of our obvious efforts. We are looking forward to working in partnership with Michelle and her team in the Council.

Kevin O'Loughlin

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Masses: Vigil Saturday, 6.30pm, 8.45am, 9.45am, 11am, 12.15pm and 7pm

Weekday Mass: Monday to Saturday 10am.

All Masses are on a **first come, first served basis until max of 69 is reached.** This is in compliance with Public health regulations. The queue will start at the Main Porch door across in front of the older stone part of the Church. We **cannot exceed the 69 person capacity** and we regret that you may be disappointed if the limit has been reached when you arrive at the Church. Please maintain social distancing at all times

The seating in the Church has been very carefully mapped out to ensure 2 meter social distancing so people will be asked by the stewards to sit in the marked seats. These measures are to ensure your safety as well as those around you.

Please do not congregate to chat after Mass; exit in an orderly fashion, observing social distancing at all times.

Private Prayer: The Church is open for private prayer after daily Mass. (provided there are no funerals taking place). However it will be closed on a **Monday and Friday from 11am to 1pm.** for cleaning. **Please enter by the main porch door only and exit by the door near the Nuns Chapel**

Webcam: All Masses are livestreamed.

Confessions: Saturday: After the 10am (provided there is no funeral taking place) and 6.30pm Masses. All Confessions are presently held in the Nun's Chapel. Social Distancing must be observed when waiting.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Michael O'Sullivan,** Ardeevin and to the husband, family and friends of **Annette Wade,** Esker Glebe. **May they rest in peace.**



The wearing of face masks in all public indoor spaces is required by law, please remember to wear your face mask when attending Church and to social distance all times.

Apostolic Work Annual Exhibition and Raffle

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

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

The Mass Box contains everything a priest needs to celebrate Mass. Sponsorship of a Mass Box is a wonderful way to remember a deceased family member. The named person will be prayed for at daily Mass by the recipient priest on the Missions.



Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10:30am and 12.15pm

All Masses will be on a first come, first serve basis. Weather permitting we can also sit people on chairs in the courtyard by the main doors as we have outdoor speakers to allow people to hear and open doors to allow people to see the altar.

Weekday Mass: Monday to Friday 9:15am, Saturday 10am.

Confessions: Saturday after 10am Mass and on request.

Live Streaming: All Masses will be livestreamed

Private Prayer: On week days the Sr. Faustina Chapel will be available for a maximum of 5 people at a time after Mass in the morning until 11:30 am. For now there will be no access to the Church on weekends outside of Mass times.

Gardening: The Church grounds are looking absolutely amazing with all the work that has been done by volunteers over the summer. The new flowers and plants are absolutely blooming, unfortunately so are the weeds. If you can please join us after 10am Mass **this Saturday 19th September.**



St. Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses: Vigil Saturday 7pm, 9am and 12 noon. **10.30am** family Mass will continue for the present as a **live broadcast on the parish website**.

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

All Masses are on a **first come, first served basis**.

Loud speakers have been erected in the car park behind the pastoral centre and also at the entrance of the church. Holy communion will be brought to the cars and those who may be standing at the entrance to the church.

Volunteers Needed: To be able to put the safety procedures in place for the benefit of everyone we **need volunteers** to help with stewarding and sanitising the Church at Masses. Thank you to those who have come forward.

Confessions: Confessions can be requested after Mass. The confession box is not to be used. However, a space will be available in the Church to receive the Sacrament on request.

Private Prayers: Weekdays and Saturday between 10am and Noon

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

Far Away

You are far away, my friend,
for the good of your health
and mine and everyone else's.

It hurts, of course,
for there is a longing to be together,
even while this pandemic hovers
and threatens lives, and keeps you
far away.

How wonderful, though, we can
hold one another in prayer
where isolation dissolves
and faith unites
and nothing is very far away.

by Fr. Jim Lyons

JOIN JOE for JUSTICE



Last Sunday over in Hartstown Tánaiste Leo Varadkar TD launched Fr Joe's Marathon for Justice.

**Fr Joe will walk a Marathon -
26 miles over a month (or two or three!!!)**

The event has been organised to raise funds for two charities working to lift people out of poverty.

Marys Meals provides school based meals in some of the poorest parts of the world helping children to stay in school.

The second is to provide tutors for a women's literacy project founded by the Presentation Sisters outside Delhi in India.

For more information on the event or for sponsorship cards please contact Fr Joe 087 6632944, Hartstown Parish Office 01 8249651 or Sr. Ann 086 3256307

Don't just "Talk to Joe" but "Walk with Joe"

Acknowledgements



DOYLE (NELLIE)

Willie Doyle and family, Beech Park would like to express their sincere gratitude to all their neighbours and friends who offered their sympathies for the recent loss of Nellie. To all those who sent Mass cards and sent messages online we would like to thank you for your support. Our sincere thanks also to all staff in Marymount Care Centre for the exceptional care given to Nellie while she was a resident there.

MOONEY (PAT) R.I.P.

Beech Grove.

Kathy, children and their spouses and families express their thanks to everyone for their sympathy and kindness shown to us on Pat's passing.

To my wonderful neighbours and friends unnamed (they know who they are) for their help and concern for us at the most difficult time. The first month of Covid 19 here and to say thanks for their ongoing support to me.

Also, thanks to my children's' friends here and abroad who have helped them through a sad time, especially those abroad who were unable to come home to their Dad's Funeral due to Covid 19 regulations.

A very special word of thanks to Fr. Philip Curran who recited prayers over Pat's graveside and for being supportive to us.

Thanks to Dr. David Lombard for his care over many years to Pat. Also, the doctors and nurses at Holly and Beech wards in Blanchardstown Hospital who did their very best for him.

To Cunningham's Funeral Directors for advice and professional help.

Those who sent Mass cards, flowers, phoned and texted and beautiful baking – much appreciated.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Kathy Mooney and family

Quote

Let go of yesterday.
Let today be a new beginning
And be the best that you can,
And you'll get to where
God wants you to be.

Joel Osteen



Anniversaries

SHERIDAN (PAT)

1st Anniversary - 24th September

In loving memory of my dearest Pat, beloved Husband, Father and Granddad. Rest in peace.

Tears can never wash away

The pain that's in my heart

How suddenly, without warning we had to part

Though we always knew deep in our hearts

That true loves and true love lasts

Our Blessed marriage would transcend all time

For I am forever yours Pat

And you are forever mine.

Safe in the arms of Jesus

His Blessed Mother Mary Queen of Heaven.

May you Rest in Peace.

Forever in my heart, your loving wife Anne

SHERIDAN (PAT)

Dearest Dad.

Memories of you are painted in gold

You our beacon of guidance will never grow old

'We all love one another', you used to say,

Your words, your precious words

Are engraved in our hearts forever and a day

We were privileged to have you for our Dad.

Sadly missed by your ever loving children.

May you Rest in Peace.

Louise, Brian, Hilary, Mark and Sile and Patrick

SHERIDAN (PAT)

Grandad Pat.

Right from the start, you gave us your heart,

You showed us right from wrong

Always a warm welcome, a kindness

And sometimes a song.

We still feel you around us

Watching from on high

Grandad Pat, you are the brightest

Star in the Heavenly sky

We love and miss you always.

Rest in Peace

Joshua, Chloe, Mark, Niamh, Aisling, Aoife,

Gareth, Alison, Jack, Emily-Rose, Mia-Belle and

Donal

SHERIDAN (PAT)

A kind and loving brother.

Loving and kind in all your ways

Upright and just to the end of your days

Sincere and true, in your heart and mind

Beautiful memories, you left behind.

Love Jean Andrew and family

'Never out of mind, always in my heart'.

Greetings one and all from Nepal,

Unlike other times when sending a mail, there really is not a lot to talk about with regard to progress or school programs. Like most of the rest of the world, the Covid 19 pandemic has affected life as we know it.

Nepal went into lockdown in late March 2020 when the first case of Covid 19 was detected. The lockdown lasted for three months. We managed to finish our final exams in Nagarhope Basic School just before the lockdown started.

Our local Municipality – Mandan Deupur partially reopened schools in its area (41 Government schools in total), albeit only three days a week and for 90 minutes each day. This only lasted three weeks as the monsoon rains started to cause havoc. Due to floods and landslides, the schools were closed again the second week of July.

At least the three weeks we had with students and teachers enabled us to transport books, copies, stationary and furniture to the school. Our student intake increased from 80 to 105, mainly due to locals whose wards had studied in Bhaktapur (which had not reopened schools) wanting to get their kids back to classes.

So, our students have books and copies at home, but not every house has a parent / older sibling to teach the students. The three week window also gave us the opportunity to some painting, fitting of doors and windows, and general maintenance.

Unfortunately, rather than the enforced weather closure enabling us to reopen again, a rise in cases in Nepal forced the government to reinforce the lockdown (now nearing a fourth week).

Any district (county) with over 500 cases is effectively shut to outsiders, shops (essentials) are only allowed open until 11am, all public and long haul transportation (as well as internal flights) are suspended indefinitely. Only 800 Nepali citizens are allowed to fly into Nepal each day, most of them Nepalese working abroad in countries also affected by the crisis.

Many of these workers had been laid off and unpaid for months, some were lucky enough to work for companies who paid their expenses to get home, but the majority had to borrow money on top of the money borrowed to get them there in the first place.

New cases are around 1000 per day in the country with about 5-15 deaths daily, both figures are rising slowly. There is no end in sight for now,

our neighbour India has overtaken Brazil as the 2nd most affected country worldwide.

On the bright side, again the 3 week window gave Nagarhope some time to hold meetings, pass budgets, and get permission from some of the local authorities to run our programs for the year. Most of this is late, but local bodies understand the problems we all have been facing.

The festival time draws closer, my own families annual trip to the in-laws to celebrate will most likely not be possible, and even a trip back to Ireland with my family looks too far off on some distant horizon. But it is better to be safe, than ultimately sorry.

And so to sign off, a continuous thanks to all sponsors, donors, well-wishers and volunteers on both sides. Stay safe one and all.

'We get knocked down, but we get up again, you're never gonna keep us down'.

Let's hope that a brighter immediate future lies around a corner not too far away.

*Kind regards and thanks again.
Fachtna 'Doc' Clandillon
08.09.2020*

NAGARHOPE Annual Church Gate Collection

will take place at
**St. Mary's next weekend,
Saturday 26th / Sunday 27th.**

As you can see from Doc's mail, Nagarhope continues to provide education in Nepal, though Covid restrictions are limiting this at the moment.

For those of you unable to attend Mass, we will gladly receive donations at 191 Beech Park.

You can also make a donation through any bank using the following IBAN no. IE30 ULSB 986040 10122317.

Alternately, you can donate through the website nagarhope.com.

If you would like an acknowledgement, please ensure that your name appears on your donation.

*Many thanks
Niamh Clandillon*



Indian Summer – what a beautiful week, this past one has been with lovely sunshine and nice warm temperatures. It would help you to forget all our troubles at the moment.

Level 2 and a bit, or 3! It's looking very like Level 3 for Dublin as we go to press. Who are these people who won't behave themselves, and row in with the rest of us by following rules made by experts on the matter? It's a nuisance, and none of us like wearing face masks etc, but until we know as much as the experts, we should just follow them.....

No one to talk to! How frustrating it is trying to contact some departments these days! A local woman had to book her two small children in for a Covid test this week. With her doctor's references, she went online and followed instructions. Immediately, she received appointments for both children – one for 3.30pm in City West, and the other for half an hour later in Punctestown! With no way of speaking to anybody who might help her, she ended up cancelling the later appointment picking the option of 'not being able to travel'. The return message said her appointment would be rescheduled.

A Parklet no less!



Your eyes do not deceive you! Above is a 'Parklet' – the first of such seating planned for Lucan Village, provided by South Dublin County Council, to lend to the ambience of the place. *As if finding parking isn't hard enough!!!*

Where to draw the line between Lucan and Leixlip! Straight in the middle of Leixlip Bridge is the answer to that one – where the county border lies.

Census 2022 – It's been announced that the National Census which takes place every 5 years, will not now take place in 2021, being deferred to April 2022, because of Covid. If memory serves right, the last time the Census was deferred was during the Foot and Mouth epidemic of 2001, when we had to wait until April 2002 to complete the document.

The Dieter's Prayer

Lord, grant me the strength that I may not fall
Into the clutches of cholesterol
At poly-unsaturated I'll never mutter
For the road to hell is paved with butter.
Cake is cursed, and cream is awful
Satan is hiding in every waffle.
Teach me the evils of hollandaise
Of pasta, salt and mayonnaise.
As for crispy chicken from the South -
Lord if you love me, shut my mouth!



**A True Friend is someone who thinks you're a good egg
Even if you are a bit cracked!**

Society for Old Lucan (SOL)

SOL is the local history group for Lucan; open to everyone.

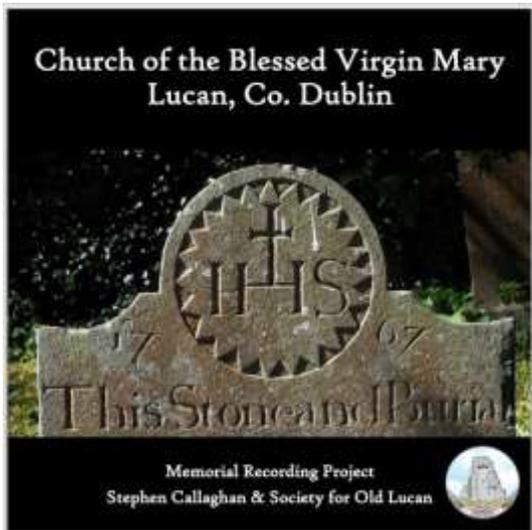
Free to join - email OldLucan@gmail.com.

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



The summer flew by and with it, a very busy, but very virtual Heritage Week in August. The timing for getting our publication on the *Graveyard inscriptions of the Church of the Blessed Virgin, Lucan Village*, into print, coincided with the planning around our online Heritage Week material, and we were swamped with tasks. Since then we have also been hard at work lobbying in the background for our heritage and applying for funding for an urgent conservation project. However, we hope that most of you followed our updates online via our Facebook page, and via Twitter. We have much more in the coming weeks on events, projects, SOL calendar 2021 coming up, SOL keyrings for sale, and updates on our work.

Graveyard Recording Project: Church of The Blessed Virgin, Lucan On Sale Now!



Our new publication by Stephen Callaghan and SOL, 21 x 21 cm, 68 pp., illustrated with all colour photos, is now on sale. It contains a photo and written transcription of every gravestone in the graveyard in Lucan village; the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are very proud of the quality of the work and production. It is now **on sale in Lucan Library for €15**. We are also selling copies directly with **P&P covered to**

anywhere in the ROI for €20 – please email OldLucan@gmail.com if you wish to arrange a P&P order. We can facilitate orders to other locations on request. All profits go to SOL running costs. We are already moving on to photographic and full transcription recording of other historic graveyards in Lucan, starting with St. Mary’s church.

Lucan Village Signage Project: Sub-Group Update

The Lucan Village Signage group completed their research of Lucan street names and drew up a report (*Jonathan Cully, John Colgan, and Mary Mulhall*). We have been in contact with the Mayor of SDCC, Ed O’Brien, who has advised us that SDCC will be reviewing signage in the village in September, or very soon to this. We will be submitting the report as proposals for this signage in the consultation and hope that our recommendations will result in some quality street signage for Lucan village, based on the true names of the streets and lanes. Many thanks to Mary, John and Jonathan for their hard work.

Heritage Week: Summary of What We Did – Links Online To View

With the numbers rising rapidly we decided, very reluctantly, not to hold our Heritage Week tours at St. Finian’s church. However, we entered lots of our work to the online Heritage Week website.

You can still look at these online, and we have:

- Our historical tour of St. Finian’s here; <https://bit.ly/2E6qI8c>
- Plus Jonathan Cully’s 3D digital reconstruction project of St. Finian’s medieval church, including details of how he created the project and the source of interior decoration here: <https://bit.ly/3mpzuO2>
- Plus a drone tour by Paul Butler: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coQvhecD-0I> – or just Google “Society for Old Lucan YouTube” and you’ll find it there.

We are now beginning work on recording our tours of St. Finian’s as short video/audio clips and linking it into the presentation, so that visitors can self-guide and still hear our tours. More on this next week.

New Blogs from Lucan Members on their Family History

- Catherine Kelly: my genealogy story (Ballydowd & Chapel Hill)
<https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/2020/08/06/catherine-kelly-my-genealogy-story/>
- The Merriman Family in Lucan - research by Caroline Lawless
<https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/2020/08/06/the-merriman-family-in-lucan-research-by-caroline-lawless/>

Well done to Catherine and Caroline on these fascinating pieces of family history research. We would love to publish more short pieces online from you, our members. Have you got a short family, or local history story to tell? Get in touch with us here and we can upload your work to the website for you.

Committee: Helen Farrell (chair), Elaine Hurley, Billy Sines, Darren Tully, Paul Butler and Jonathan Cully.
Contact us:
OldLucan@gmail.com



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 p.m. starting up again in September, and currently we meet on Zoom. Admission is free for new guests.

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

**Time is precious.
Make sure you spend it with the right people!**



SCHOOL NEWS

St Joseph's College

CAO Offers: We hope our students were happy with their CAO offers. We were delighted to hear many of the career and life paths that the girls now intend to pursue. The warmest wishes to all, as you embark on the next stage of life's journey!

Outdoor Seating: We would like to thank our parents and our Parents' Association for sourcing outdoor seating and ground sheets for students to sit on at lunchtimes. They are particularly beneficial at this time, when the weather is good and we are encouraging students to take their lunch in the fresh air. If any parents would like to donate ground sheets, they can be left at our school reception.

New Student Council: We would like to give a big welcome to our newly elected Student Council and wish them every success this year. Our new Head Girl is Áine O'Brien (many of you might remember Áine as the lead in our 2018 musical 'Mary Poppins') and our Deputy Head Girl is Laura Sharkey. We know Áine and Laura will be excellent in their new roles.

Our 4th year students went on their first **TY Trip** on Wednesday. They visited Causey Farm and the weather was glorious!

Canteen: We are delighted that our canteen is back up and running, serving a selection of cold lunches and snacks to students and staff.

School website <https://stjosephslucan.com>

Follow us on Twitter: @STJosephs3



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Zambia Immersion Project: The much anticipated Zambia 2020 trip was another casualty of the COVID-19 outbreak unfortunately. A group of 16, comprised of five teachers and eleven senior students, were due to head to Zambia on 27th May for a two week stay but the trip was understandably cancelled due to the pandemic.



The Immersion Programme is a wonderful opportunity for students from CBS schools to visit a developing world in the Christian spirit of being with the people on the ground. The groups offer as much support and assistance as is practicable over the course of the two weeks that they generally stay for. The school's 1st such Immersion Project took place in the summer of 2018 and the feedback from those who took part was exclusively positive. They got the opportunity to experience 1st hand issues of inequality, poverty and injustice in the developing world and for pretty much all of them it was a life changing experience.

This year's group had spent almost 18 months fundraising for their trip and they were extremely close to their target when the schools closed on March 12th. The trip was fully organised, with flights and accommodation booked, and everyone was gearing up for a trip of a life time. They had planned to fully immerse themselves in a local Zambian community and work with those most need of support and assistance in homes, schools and hospitals. They were to work on various aid projects and share their expertise, knowledge and talents with those in the host community.

The Immersion Programme is rooted in the desire to have meaningful experiences rooted in basic kindness and decency with the emphasis on human relationships. The principal aim of such projects is to increase the desire and capacity of students from Edmund Rice schools primarily to act in Christian solidarity with others for a more just world. It provides those who participate with an opportunity to live their faith through working together for social justice.

The students were looking forward to making a positive contribution to their host community in Zambia and they had been in constant contact with their hosts throughout the planning and preparation process. At the moment, the Zambia 2020 Immersion Project is on hold for the moment, with no clear start-up date lined up yet.

The hope is that it can take place sometime in 2021, obviously depending on how things progress both nationally and internationally with the virus. Further updates will hopefully follow in the weeks/months ahead.

The entire school community is extremely proud of our Zambia 2020 group and their fantastic fundraising efforts over the past 18 months. They have all been, and continue to be, outstanding ambassadors for our school and the CBS name in general. The host community are equally devastated at the cancellation and they too are praying that the trip can go ahead in the very near future.

School news: Our students have settled well into a new sort of rhythm over the past two weeks and once again we commend them on their adaptability, determination and co-operation in the face of unprecedented changes and challenges in their school experiences. They have fully complied with all of the new health and safety regulations and have shown tremendous maturity at all times despite the loss of some aspects of school life that they most enjoy.

Sport has always been an integral part of the CBS experience so the lack of competitive sport is a loss keenly felt by players and mentors alike this current school year. Hopefully this is just a temporary situation as it saddens us greatly that we are currently unable to offer the traditional sporting activities to the huge number of sports fanatics in our school. At least they are allowed to play non-contact sports in PE classes, with volleyball and tennis football proving to be very popular at the moment.



Football: Hard luck to Lucan Sarsfields on their defeat to reigning champions Cuala in the Dublin Senior A Hurling Championship semi-final held in Parnell Park recently. Approximately half of the panel is made up of fairly recent past pupils of the school so we had a keen interest in their efforts to qualify for their 1st final appearance since 2010. Their magnificent victory over traditional powerhouse Kilmacud Crokes in the 1-4 finals had sent shockwaves throughout Dublin Hurling but Cuala, going for their 4th successive Senior A title, were just a step too far for the Lucan lads unfortunately.

Well done also to Harry Ladd (another very recent past pupil) who won the prestigious Intermediate Footballer of the Year Award from his college DCU in the summer.

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Tree Planting Programme: I have been informed that tree-planting due to take place in March should take place in November/December this year. If you would like an update on planned tree-planting for your area, please contact me.

Public housing voids: I welcome the provision of €3.5mn to South Dublin County Council (SDCC) to bring almost 250 void public housing units into use by year-end.

Griffen Community College: I have been informed by the Minister for Education that provision has been made for five classrooms for Griffen CC from November this year to be located on Kishogue CC campus. Further classrooms and specialist rooms will also be provided for 2021/22. Contingency measures are being put in place by both schools until November. I will continue to liaise with the Minister and SDCC for the need for a permanent home for Griffen CC.

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Covid test delays in Lucan: Resident from Lucan were experiencing delays in getting a Covid test, this was in turn impacting the efficiency of contact tracing. Thank you to everyone who got in touch. I highlighted the problems to the HSE and addressed the Covid Committee in the Dáil on the issue. I have posted my contribution to my FB page ([facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/EmerHigginsTD)\EmerHigginsTD). Delays have decreased, although demand is still high.

Housing: 248 families in our area will receive homes due to €3.3 million grant to Council to refurbish social housing. €3.3m is the highest allocation in the country, to refurbish social housing units which will be re-let to individuals struggling with homelessness or on a housing list. As part of the July Stimulus Programme the Government announced over €40m for social housing that requires refurbishment.

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LPT: The Fianna Fail group on SDCC confirmed a reduction of 15% on this year's LPT charge.

The decision was taken in light of the current uncertainty caused by the Covid 19 pandemic. It is near impossible to tell if the Council could put the funds to use in the manner which residents wish it to be spent and this underpinned our position.

Parklets: I welcome the installation of the first parklet in the village outside the River Café. I believe this is the first tentative step towards making the village a more pleasant place to visit.

Ministerial Visit: I want to thank Minister Darragh O'Brien for accepting my invitation to visit the constituency to oversee new housing developments in Adamstown.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty – Independent

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Covid-19 measures: Confusing or not, the latest rules need to be looked at closely. This continuing spike in numbers of Covid-19 infections across Dublin means we should all be acting extremely carefully. Act responsibly and think about others in a more vulnerable position. Keep that extra step away from people and always wear a mask in shops or wherever there are groups close together.

Grass cutting: The normal schedule was curtailed due to reduced staffing levels and social distance measures. The recent spell of good weather has helped to speed up delayed works and several areas are scheduled to be completed shortly. I've also requested that Esker Cemetery be tidied up at this time.

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Litter Bins/Solar Bins: Following my requests to install Solar Bins within our County, a very detailed report on a pilot scheme carried out was provided to me this week. The report detailed that 160 Solar bins could cost 1 million. Staff currently assigned to the current bin programme could be substantially reduced and re-assigned for other work. The vehicles currently in operation could also be deployed elsewhere. Overall there's a reduction in many areas and considerable savings. The detailed report is available upon request, I will continue to work on this proposal. Local Property Tax: I voted to reduce the local property tax by the maximum 15% this year. A total of 18 submissions were submitted through the public consultation process, most of which came from the Lucan area. The overwhelming requests were to reduce to maximum 15%.

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Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



A very busy weekend ahead for Lucan

Sarsfields; the Junior A hurling final in Parnell Park takes place on Saturday where we face St Brigid's, while in O'Toole Park, the opposition for the Junior C Championship final is St Sylvester's. The third and fourth adult Camogie teams both progress to shield semi-finals following victories at the weekend. The intermediate and junior ladies football teams continue their league campaigns, while minor A and B have shield semi-finals on Saturday, minor C are still in group stages.

This weekend will also see juvenile ladies football competition semi-finals with, U13A in Cup, U14A in Féile shield, U15A in shield, U16A and U16B in championship. The U16A hurlers contest the championship final on Saturday, The U15B hurlers have a championship semi- final on Sunday and the U15A's have a shield semi on the same day. Féile na nGael continues on Saturday for the U14's. U16A and U15A Camogie are in their championship finals. The very best of luck to all. See the website for all fixtures and times.



Sympathies: The death has occurred of Annette Wade, mother of Kenny, senior football management team. Our Sympathies also to the Synnot Family on the death of Charlie, brother of former Lucan and Dublin footballer, Kevin and to the Nolan family on the recent death of Pauline, sister of former Lucan Sarsfields Player, Séan. May they all rest in peace.

Plans for the safe return of the **Lucan District Credit Union Academy** for girls and boys born in 2013, 2014 and 2015 only, are at an advanced stage. To register your child for a place, contact David Moran, Club GPO, on 0879267607. Pre-registration with David is essential.

Following the release this week, of the Government's Resilience and Recovery 2020-21: Plan for Living with COVID-19, the **FAI, GAA** and **IRFU** have set up a working group to bring a collaborative approach to the development of a roadmap for the safe return of spectators to stadia. More details will follow in due course.

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. Now on sale: Club Midi Socks!



U14B Ladies Football through to Division 6 Shield Final

Below U9 Football and Hurling squad



Lucan Sarsfields Golf Society:

Results from Luttrellstown Outing Saturday 12th September; 62 played. Super turnout and great to see so many hurlers and footballers there. Many thanks to John Dalton and Co Estate Agents for sponsoring the tasty breakfast baps.

1st overall; Gerry O'Grady (16) 37pts.
Well done Gerry.

2nd overall; Barry Aird (4) 36pts bb9.

3rd overall; Paul Crummey (13) 36pts.

4th overall; Peter Kelly (12) 35pts bb9. Front 9;

Christy Tucker (16) 18 on countback. Back 9;

Dave Mescall (26) 19 on countback.

Cat 1; Kevin O'Reilly (15) 35pts.

Cat 2; Gerald Gleeson (19) 32pts bb9.

Cat 3; Paul Watts (25) 32pts bb9.

Congrats to all winners and many thanks to all who played. Looking forward to 2021. Stay safe. Jack Butler (Capt.) and Committee.



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

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €4200

There was no winner of the €3800 Lotto Jackpot sponsored by John Ryan, Accountant held on 10th September 2020. The numbers drawn were **2, 15, 19, and 25.**



The lucky dip winners of €30 each are: Tiernan Swords, McGarrigle Family, Tommy & Liam Mulhall, Barbara Doyle and James Casey.

The next draw jackpot is €4200, sponsored by Clandillon Motors, and managed by Frank Fleming, will be held on Thursday 17th September Clandillon Motors, and managed by Frank Fleming, will be held on Thursday 17th September You can enter the draw by clicking <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto> before 6pm on Thursday. If you have, or are involved in, a local business and would like to build an association with Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club through sponsoring the Lotto, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Seamus Clandillon at 087 2189960.

If you have Match reports and articles for inclusion in the weekly Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Notes, please email them to pro@gmail.com before 9pm on Monday Evening.

Doddsboro Golfers Outing Lucan Golf Club 11th September 2020

Members Results

- 1st. Mark Henry 40 Points
- 2nd. Niall Rankin 38 Points.
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- 3rd. Keith Doherty 37 Points. BB9
- 4th. Martin Reilly 37 Points.
- 5th. Martin Curtis 36 Points.
- 6th Pat O Toole 34 Points. BB9
- 7th Dermot Doherty 34 Points. BB9
- 8th Brian Croke 34 Points. BB9
- 9th Joe Curtis 34 Points. BB9
- 10th Shane O Neill 34 Points.
- 11th David Harding 33 Points.
- 12th Larry Weldon 32 Points. BB9
- 13th Johnny Thompson 32 Points.

Visitors Results

- 1st. Mick McCarthy 39 Points.
- 2nd. Stephen Keegan 38 Points. BB9
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- 2nd. Stephen Keegan 38 Points. BB9
- 3rd. Tony Dempsey 38 Points.
- 4th. Victor Olaoya 37 Points. BB9
- 5th. Bluey Coyne 37 Points. BB9
- 6th Pat Flannery 37 Points.
- 7th Daire McGloughlin 36 Points. BB9
- 8th Stuart Clarke 36 Points. BB9
- 9th Kevin Richmond 36 Points. BB9
- 10th Sid Kavanagh 35 Points. BB9
- 11th John Power 35 Points. BB9
- 12th Alan Croke 35 Points.
- 13th Kevin Halpin. 34 Points.

A wonderful day had by all and a big thank you to Lucan Golf Club.

Lucan Library

Baby Sign Classes. With Clever Little Handies Teach your baby to communicate before they can talk. **4 week course begins Tuesday 29th September at 11.30 am.**

Booking from Monday 21st September.
Lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie

A 4 week course teaching how to communicate with your baby before they can talk. Delivered via Zoon. This class will be delivered by Claire Glynn of Clever Little Handies via Zoon.

Please Note: You are booking 1 ticket for all 4 workshops.

A valid email address is required to register for this event. Your email address will be forwarded to the facilitator who will send you on the Zoom codes for the live workshop.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

A group of members of the Camera Soiree went to see the exhibition of new paintings and photographs entitled *“Shifting sands...a startling evolution”* by the artist **Kathrine Geoghegan** who lives down the road in Straffan on Friday. It was only the third time that members have got together since we abandoned the bungalow last March. It was great to see each other face to face instead of exchanging cryptic comments via WhatsApp even if we had to be 2 meters apart and wore masks!



There is only one word to describe Kathrine's exhibition – *spectacular*. Her unique portrayal of the natural world of the North Bull Island, a world that at best we take for granted and probably if we were to be totally honest don't notice, lifted all our spirits in these difficult times.

As Kathrine says Bull Island is a treasure for plants, animals, birds and insects. It has been designated a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO. The exhibition comprises over forty paintings as well as two large photographic installations that capture close up the extraordinary variety of the island. In seeking inspiration for her wonderful work Kathrine walked the island exploring the different habitats through the four seasons of the year following the life of the mud flats, dune complexes, saltwater marshes, freshwater marshes and grassland dunes.

So this week instead of our usual selection of photographs taken by the members of the Soiree we have some photographs of the artwork on display. We hope that you get some sense of the wonderful artistry of Kathrine and that you appreciate and enjoy them as much as we did.

For those who are interested details of the exhibition and the art works themselves can be found at www.kilcockartgallery.ie

Until the next time stay safe.