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Living in the present moment....

One day a man walked past a camp of elephants. Looking closer, he was surprised to see that these mighty animals weren't held in cages or kept in chains. The only thing stopping them from escaping? A thin rope tied from one of their legs to a simple pole in the ground. Confused, as to why they didn't use their strength to break the rope, he asked the trainer why they weren't attempting to run away. To this the trainer replied, "As baby elephants, we use the same system. But, at that age, the rope is strong enough to stop them from escaping. They grow up like this, believing they can never break the rope, so even as adults they stay put." In other words, these powerful, magnificent and intelligent elephants didn't *believe* they could free themselves, so they never tried. Our personal beliefs are powerful beyond measure and often dictate our outcomes. They can work for or against us. Identify your limiting beliefs so you can push against them.



As we journey in life, often of our greatest struggle, is to find ourselves in the present moment. How many of us are burdened and carry too much heavy baggage, because of past events and unresolved issues. How many of us may be overwhelmed and full of worry or anxiety, regarding what may happen down the road. In fact, very few are blessed with the freedom and contentment to live in the present moment. When I am present in the now, I am not consumed by what happened yesterday or fearful regarding what may occur tomorrow. The great St. Padre Pio, had a powerful spirituality regarding living in the present moment. Towards the end of his life, a life, that contained a huge amount of personal suffering, he made a profound prayer of serenity, rejoicing in his liberation, for being blessed just to live in the present moment. His prayer is a gift for all of us as we walk our daily pathway. The best pathway, proven by the wisdom of the elders, is one that takes one step, one moment at a time. Saint Padre Pio said, "My past life I give to your mercy, O Lord, whatever may happen tomorrow, I hand into your providence, Today, let me live in your love".

"Lead, Kindly Light"

I've been reading a biography of St. John Henry Cardinal Newman recently. I offer one significant moment of his life to ponder this week. In 1833, several years before his reception into the Catholic Church, he travelled to Rome. Then, on his return voyage, he became seriously ill and, at the same time, the ship was becalmed in the Mediterranean. That is, the winds ceased and the ship was more or less stalled, drifting, until the winds came back.

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Newman's life coincided almost exactly with the 19th century — he lived from 1801 to 1890. It was a time of great advances in scientific knowledge, in mechanisation and industry. Political upheaval was widespread as well; old dynasties fell and experiments in new forms of government began. In all these fields, persons seemed to grasp a greater mastery of their own fates. And yet, even with all humanity's new knowledge and power, one could still be "becalmed." Nature could still do something that simply made you stop. On this occasion, while at sea, Newman wrote the poem "The Pillar of the Cloud," better known by the informal title, "Lead, Kindly Light." It has been set to many tunes, and has become a well-loved hymn.

There isn't room for the whole text, but here's an excerpt:

Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom
Lead Thou me on!

The night is dark, and I am far from home —
Lead Thou me on!

Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene — one step enough for me.

It's a great expression of trust, and of patience: he doesn't ask to see "the distant scene" — the end of this road, wherever it goes. "One step enough," sufficient grace for the present, is all he asks. Both afflicted with illness, and unable to go anywhere, Newman put his faith in a Light, a Light he knew was kindly disposed to him, and was leading him to safe harbour. May the light of hope and peace bring us all great serenity and acceptance....

*Fr. Paddy Byrne P.P.
Abbeyleix Parish*

Lucan Active Retirement Association

Venue - St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan

Day and time - Thursdays
at 11.30 am

We play bowling,
Scrabble and cards.
We are planning a short
Winter break in
November.

New members welcome.



Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

Our office is located in the Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre, Ballyowen, Lucan

Opening hours:

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am - 12pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

Tuesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Thursday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

MABS – the Money Advice and Budgeting Service

is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over 20 years. MABS phone service is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm on 0818 07 2000

Back to School clothing and footwear allowance - the closing date is 30th September 2022.

Threshold

Threshold provides free, independent, confidential advice to anyone in Ireland with tenancy problems. Telephone 1800 454 454, 9 am to 9 pm Monday to Friday www.threshold.ie

Budget 2023 is due to be announced on Tuesday 27th September 2022

What is the Free Travel Scheme?

The Free Travel Scheme allows you to travel, free of charge, on public transport and some private bus and ferry services.

Everyone aged 66 and over, living permanently in Ireland, can get the Free Travel Scheme.

People with disabilities and carers aged under 66 may also qualify for Free Travel.

If you qualify for Free Travel and you are married, in a civil partnership or cohabiting, your partner may travel with you for free. If you can't travel alone for medical reasons, you may get Free Travel for a companion. This allows a person aged over 16 to travel with you for free.

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Lucan ICA

Monday 26th September: Craft ladies will be busy with various crafts in the Parish Centre from 10 am to 12-30.

Tea Hostesses are Helen Kinsella and Kathleen May.

Carmel Lyons is beginning a class in Chicken Scratching (Tenerife Embroidery). This is a very simple craft to do but looks lovely when finished. It can be used for making and decorating a tablecloth, table runner, cushions, aprons and pincushions.

We send huge congratulations to our long-standing member Margaret Hynes who Celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday, it is a wonderful achievement.



Above: Margaret with her best friend Kathleen May.

Hillcrest Residents Association

'Meet the Neighbours'



Residents are invited to another **Meet the Neighbours Coffee Morning**

on **Thursday next, 29th September, 11am**

in **The Lord Lucan**
for a friendly chat and update on future plans for our neighbourhood.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi everyone,

Today we had thirty-eight members at our club, everyone in top form and we had loads of activities to suit all needs. We played table-tennis, scrabble, whist and bridge and after our tea break, we got on the floor and did some keep-fit exercises. A lot of people came back today for the first time since lockdown and they all enjoyed themselves. It was lovely to see them all back looking so well.

To our members who are out at the moment with Covid, we wish you a speedy recovery. Next week, we have the same sort of activities so hopefully we'll see you all next Wednesday at 1.30pm at St Andrew's Church Hall in Lucan village.

Marian Egan (Club Secretary)

Mother & Toddler Group



Thursdays
in **St. Mary's Parish Centre,**
from **9.30am to 11.30am.**



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Parish Notes / Fund Raising
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Anniversaries etc. / Advertising Queries
catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com

Reports and Ads. etc may also be left at the usual addresses:
St. Mary's Parish Centre
Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.



Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Masses are live-streamed on

www.lucanparish.com

Christian Meditation: We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.

All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

Scriptural Readings: We meet from 7.30-8.30pm every **Monday** evening in the Bungalow opposite the church.

The group will read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel to get a deeper understanding of the Word of our Lord. *All are welcome.*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group: We meet every **2nd Monday at 10.45am and 4th Thursday at 8pm of the month** in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen to or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. *Sr Geraldine*

Divine Mercy Devotion: On **Wednesdays after 10am Mass**. Everyone is welcome to participate in the devotion regularly or occasionally.

St Mary's Parish Divine Mercy Group.

Baptisms: Dates are bookable on line up to the end of **December 2022**. If you need to cancel a booking contact: secretary@lucanparish.com

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel: After Saturday Morning 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Coffee Dock

Return of the Coffee Dock on **Sunday 2nd October** and Weekdays from **3rd October** 10am to 12noon.

All Welcome



Visits to the housebound: If you are housebound you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

Deepest Sympathy to the partner, daughters, family and friends of **Debbie O'Byrne**, Bewley Drive, to the family and friends of **Maureen O'Connor**, Esker Lane and to the family and friends of **Maido Lynch**, Esker Lawns.
May they rest in peace.



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families. It is an accessible liturgy for children and enables them to participate more fully in the Sunday Mass.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting: Meeting every **Monday night** in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St Patrick's Church) from 7.30pm to 8.15pm.

NAGARHOPE

Nagarhope, Doc Clandillon's charity, educating children in Nepal, is holding its Church Gate collection at both St. Mary's and Esker Churches

THIS weekend 23rd and 24th September.

The charity's work has gone from strength to strength over the years.

We have not been able to fundraise since before Covid, hence the need for a boost in funds.

Donations can also be dropped in to Niamh at 191 Beech Park.

Thank you for your support over the years.

Niamh Clandillon

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

Weekday Masses: Mon.-Fri.9:15am. Sat.10am

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net



Wanted - Singers of all ages

We are looking for new choir members of **ALL** ages for our four different Church choirs. We are very welcoming and choirs are a great place to meet new people and enjoy singing. There is no cost to join. Come along to a rehearsal or chat with us after Mass, all are welcome!

Children's Choir (2nd class onwards)

Practise: Thursdays 6:00pm - 6:45pm

Sing: 10:15am Sunday Mass every 2nd week

Teenage Choir

Practise: Fridays 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Sing: 10:15am Sunday Mass every 2nd week

Family Choir (All ages)

Practise: Fridays 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Sing: 12:15pm Sunday Mass

Adult Choir

Practise: Mondays 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Sing: 6:30pm Saturday vigil Mass



Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

Thurs: 7pm: Holy Hour (Adoration/Confession)

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

Fri: 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.

Morning Prayers of the Church:

Monday to Friday: 8.40am.

The Church will now be open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm for private prayers.

St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

Sunday: 9am and 10am. **Wednesday:** 10am

St Mary's, Leixlip: Sun: 11.30am. **Tues:** 10am

Services are available on our parish

Facebook pages:

[St. Andrew's Church, Lucan](#) or [St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Main Street, Lucan, Co. Dublin

Sunday Morning Worship: 11am.

(There's tea and coffee after the service)

Lucan Presbyterian Church is a growing family of Christians who come from a variety of different church backgrounds, traditions and nationalities. Regardless of your age, background, experience or previous church connections you are welcome to come and visit us.

Contact:email: lucanpresbyterian@gmail.com

Pilgrimages - Medjugorje 2022

Depart 19th October

6 nights. €685.00. 8 nights €745.00 p.p.s

Call Marian Pilgrimages Tel: 01 878 8159

Please say I'm going with PAT COLGAN

Mob: 087 223 8911.

Morning Soirees in the St Mary's Parish



Irish Conversation,

Wednesdays:10.30am to

11.30am: Tea and coffee for like minded people who want to

engage in conversation as Gaelige. Whether you know the basics or you are advanced, all are welcome to join and take part

(We apologise to those who turned up on Monday last for the Irish Conversation – Deirdre)



Photography - In the Parish Bungalow

Fridays 10.3am to 11.30am:

Whether you are experienced or just like taking photos bring along your camera and get tips on how to capture the perfect image, while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee.

Anniversaries



Joseph Collins

14th Anniversary - 22nd September

Always remembered

By his loving family.

Frank Cruise Junior

10th Anniversary - 22nd September

Loved and remembered every day

Always in our hearts

Love and miss you

Dad, Mam, Michelle, John and family xx

Patrick (Pat) Sheridan

3rd Anniversary - 24th September

Precious memories of my beloved husband Pat, Father and Grandfather.

May your beautiful soul rest in peace.

Forever in our thoughts.

From your loving family, wife Anne, Louise and Billy, Brian, Hilary, Mark and Sile, Patrick and Cathy.

When you are Old by William Butler Yeats

When you are old and grey and full of sleep,
And nodding by the fire, take down this book,
And slowly read, and dream of the soft look
Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep.

How many loved your moments of glad grace,
And loved your beauty with love false or true,
But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you,
And loved the sorrows of your changing face.

And bending down beside the glowing bars,
Murmur, a little sadly, how Love fled
And paced upon the mountains overhead
And hid his face amid a crowd of stars.

Patrick (Pat) Sheridan

3rd Anniversary - 24th September

Our Grandad Pat,

You are the brightest star above

Forever sending us your love.

From Jack, Emily-Rose, Mia and Donal.



Patrick (Pat) Sheridan

3rd Anniversary - 24th September

Our Brother Pat

We hold you close within our hearts

And there you will remain

To walk with us throughout our lives

Until we meet again

Love from your sisters, Marie, Nuala, Ann and Jean

Acknowledgement

Eamonn Hilliard

A big thank you to our neighbours and friends in Lucan who sympathised with us following the recent untimely death of my husband Eamonn Hilliard and much loved dad of David, Paul, Fiona, Nicola, son in law Umar. Eamonn was also a grandad to our much loved baby granddaughter Anya.

Mairead Hilliard

Coastal Rosary for Faith & Life in Ireland



On

Sunday 9th October

The annual **Coastal Rosary** will take place at **2.30pm**.

Join thousands of people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our coasts, grottos, rivers, churches, and other suitable places.

Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

*"Your mind is a garden
Your thoughts are the seeds
You can grow flowers
Or you can grow weeds"*

POLITICAL NOTES

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

Phone: 085 7211574. Email: gino.kenny@oir.ie

Cost of Living Public Meeting Lucan: Last week we had a successful meeting on the ongoing cost of living crisis in Ballyowen Community Centre Lucan. This Saturday 24th will be the national demonstration organised by the Cost of Living Coalition. It will start at 2.30pm at the garden of remembrance Parnell Square.



Last week of September already! As we pass the Autumn Equinox this weekend, Friday 23rd at 2.03am in Ireland to be precise, we are officially into Autumn, and can enjoy those beautiful colours along

the way. Lucan certainly has its fair share of trees, including Chestnuts, the fruit being abundant this year – it's time for Conkers! And it looks like many of the chestnuts were beaten down in Thursdays heavy rain.

Spotted berries on a Holly Bush last week – in the old days, people regarded this as a sign of a bad winter – the berries were there for the birds to build themselves up in time for the hard weather to come.

Great to see St. Joseph's building project under way. Over the past few years, Lucan Newsletter has reported on planning permissions applied for and granted for school extensions all over Lucan, but for some reason or other, the actual construction does not happen for many years later, when the population has once again exploded!!!

Lucan Swimming Pool..... It was very disappointing to read of further delay to this project. It will most likely cost a lot more money by the time it is finished, if it ever is!!!

Ants – those little critters that invade our gardens in summer! A study recent study has estimated that there are at least 20 quadrillion ants on Earth – that's 20 million billion! Wonder how they counted them!



Our Members and Committee were very moved by the Nationwide Programme on Laura Lynn Hospice and Care Home, and decided top. Everyone contributed very generously to this fund.



Claire Shiels being presented with the cheque by Clare McDonald, Geraldine Archbold and Pat Dwyer.



Castletown House, Celbridge

Join us for our monthly market in the magnificent historic setting of Castletown House Sunday, 25 September @ 10am- 5pm

Our popular monthly market is back on the 25 September. From food to craft stalls. There is something for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there.

Historic Parklands & Ice House Walk

25 September @ 3pm

Meeting Point: Guides Reception

Soak in and discover Castletown's historic landscape. This **FREE** tour will include a visit to the Ice House.

To book your spot on the tour

Phone 01 628 8252 or Email: castletown@opw.ie



Canon Despard Centre

Chapel Hill

Lucan Village

We have a few vacant times in our main hall if you or your organisation would be interested in renting.

We offer competitive hourly rates to Adult and Youth Groups.

There are also vacant slots in 2 other rooms which are suitable for small groups or committee meetings.

Please contact leixlipunion@gmail.com for more information

Society for Old Lucan (SOL)

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

OldLucan@gmail.com to be added to our members' mailing list where full details of projects are shared.

Facebook group: "*Society for Old Lucan (SOL)*" & Twitter: @Soc4OldLucan. Website: <https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/>



ST. FINIAN'S MEDIEVAL CHURCH: ORAL HISTORY RECORDINGS, NIGHT PHOTOS, TOUR

Book your ticket for our free evening event,

Friday 23rd September, 19.30-21.00:

<https://HeritageCouncil22FundedAtStFinians.eventbrite.ie> – limited places.

Hear about the recent survey of the graveyard from an archaeologist, take night photos with us for submission to the listing on the Historic Graves websites, and we will be recording memories of Lucan's graveyards too. The project is being directed by archaeologist John Tierney of Eachtra (contact john@eachtra.ie) (who manages the Historic Graves Project) in tandem with the Society for Old Lucan team.

If you have any memories, stories, or local history information that you can share about Lucan's older graveyards and you can't make our event, you can email them (ASAP please) to OldLucan@gmail.com. If you prefer to remain anonymous, that is no problem, but we'd like to add as many as we can to our e-book about St. Finian's, and the older graveyards in Lucan.

ARCHIVES FROM WOODVILLE HOUSE, LUCAN, COMING SOON TO SDCC LOCAL STUDIES

Read a new blog post on our website by Dave Power of SDCC Local Studies about the epic work he has done to secure the archives of the demolished Woodville House, Lucan, for posterity, here: <https://bit.ly/3LyqVza> Many thanks also go to Mary Mulhall for responding to early communications on this, forwarding it to SOL and we then linked Dave up with the Scott family, who held the archives in the UK.

This is exciting as there were many "Big Houses" in Lucan in times past, but the family archives of

many of the families and workers associated with these estates are often lost, hidden, or scattered in international archives. Dave plans to digitise this archive to add to the excellent "Source" the digital archive of local studies material in SDCC <https://source.southdublinlibraries.ie/> and there may be the chance for our followers to get involved in the transcription of these digital documents.

FREE ONLINE LOCAL HISTORY RESOURCES: MAY BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO JUNIOR CYCLE STUDENTS FOR CBA's.

LUCAN
free online local history resources

Compiled by Society for Old Lucan
oldlucan@gmail.com

SOCIETY FOR OLD LUCAN (SOL)
(FACEBOOK PAGE)

WWW.LUCANNEWSLETTER.IE
(HISTORY HEADING)

WWW.SOUTHDUBLINHISTORY.IE

SOURCE.SOUTHDUBLINLIBRARIES.IE

WWW.IRISHGENEALOGY.IE
(BIRTH/MARRIAGE/DEATH RECORDS)

WWW.DUCHAS.IE
(THE SCHOOLS' COLLECTION)

WWW.CENSUS.NATIONALARCHIVES.IE
(1901 & 1911 CENSUS)

WWW.BUILDINGSOFIRELAND.IE

WWW.NLI.IE
(PARISH RECORDS + MORE)

WWW.ARCHAEOLOGY.IE
(HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT VIEWER - MAPS)

When I was young, I was afraid of the dark.
Now when I see my electricity bill, I'm afraid of the light!



CHOOOL NEWS



Ireland at the WAKO Kickboxing World Championships in Jesolo Italy. The college along with Second Year Year Head Ms. Aoife McKelvey and TY Year Head Ms. Genavieve Casey, wish Amy and Ryan the very best of luck!

Lucan Community College

What's happening in Lucan Community College this Week!

Lucan Community College Open Day! 5th/6th Class Primary Pupils together with their Parents/Guardians are invited to an Open Afternoon in Lucan Community College on Tuesday 4th October 2022 from 2.45pm-4.45pm. Come along to sample our broad range of subjects, talk to current pupils about their school experience here in the college, sample our extensive extracurricular programme and view our excellent facilities. Our dedicated staff will be on hand to answer your queries.

Admission 1st Year 2023: The Admission process for 1st year 2023 will begin on 1st October with the updated Admission policy and Admission Notice published on our website shortly before then and application forms available from our prioritised primary schools and on our website. Our Open Day takes place on Tuesday 4th October 2.45-4.45pm this year. Further details will be on our website closer to the date.



Griffen Community College

We are delighted to announce that our school Open Night will be held in Griffen Community College on **Thursday 6th October** from 18:00 - 20:00.

All parents/guardians of 5th and 6th class students are invited to attend. It is a great opportunity to meet the GCC staff and students and have a tour of the school.

Applications for 2023/2024 will be available on www.griffeenccl.ie **from Monday October 3rd** and will also be available on the night.



Higher Options for our 6th Year Students: On Wednesday 21st September our 6th Years together with their Guidance teachers Ms. Edel McManus and Ms. Eileen O’Gara, travelled to the Higher Options Expo in the RDS to view exhibitions by over 100 universities, colleges and educational providers. We hope a very enjoyable and informative day was had by all!

Kickboxing Champions in Lucan Community College: Congratulations to sporting siblings Amy Wade (4th Year) and Ryan Wade (2nd Year), who have both been selected to represent

Adult Education Service

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2022. These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours per week and takes place in the mornings.

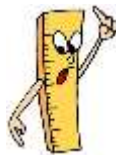
For more details, contact alimccann@ddletbaes.ie or call (01) 6283557.



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Talent Show: The Talent Show is always one of the most eagerly anticipated school events of the year and excitement is already building after auditions were sought for this year's show last week. Audition recordings, no longer than 3 mins duration, are to be recorded at home and submitted to Ms. Ryan via her school email address by Monday 26th September. Ms. Ryan will then work with the Transition Year students editing the recordings that qualify for the Final which is to take place on Friday 28th October. The TY students are to be commended on their initiative, team-work and organisational skills that they have displayed so far. They have taken ownership of the promotion, organisation and running of this year's Talent Show to great effect. They will be putting their creative spin on the audition tapes during the editing process, which is a hugely demanding and time-consuming process. The Talent Show simply would not be possible without their time, energy, enthusiasm and editing skills.

The final edited recordings will then be shown in all classrooms during the school day 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 2022! Rumour has it that the teachers will be making a surprise guest appearance in the Talent Show but this is most likely just some wishful thinking on the part of the students...! We wish all participants the best of luck.



Enrolment 2023: Application forms for admission to 1st yr in September 2023 will be available from the school office from **Monday 3rd October**. Completed application forms must be returned to the school office by **Friday 28th October**. As outlined in the new Admissions Bill last year, students can only enrol a year in advance of starting in post primary school.

Management will visit our main feeder schools with application forms shortly. All relevant information relating to admissions can be found on the Annual Admission Notice located under the information pull down menu on the school website

Open Night 2022: The Coláiste Phádraig Open Night will take place in the school on **Thursday 6th October** from **7pm-9pm**. The Open Night is undoubtedly one of the highlights of our school calendar, with teachers, management, staff and students alike in attendance to showcase what our school has to offer. There will be presentations, guided tours, classroom-based demonstrations and displays, quizzes, interactive games, dramatic

performances and many other surprises and fun activities throughout the school on the night. Primary school students from 5th or 6th class are welcome to attend with their parents/families to check out the fantastic array of modern facilities available in the school.

We ourselves look forward to meeting the prospective students on the night who we hope will join the extended Coláiste Phádraig CBS family in the coming years. This will be the 1st time since October 2019 that we are in a position to hold a full Open Night so it promises to be an occasion not to be missed!

Student Council: The 1st Coláiste Phádraig Student Council meeting of the new school year took place on Thursday 15th September under the stewardship of Mr. Keane. Two new 1st yr students will be appointed after their class elections are held at the end of this month. Mr. Keane will consult with management and Ms. O' Neill, their Year Head, before officially appointing the two 1st yrs. At this stage, a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will be appointed.

The 1st meeting was positive and lively as the members took the opportunity to bring up some topics of interest to the student population. They had completed a survey on student voice in the school before the meeting with Mr. Dunne so they came prepared!

Recycling, potential energy savings, fundraising, lockers, trials for the various sports teams and extra-curricular activities were among the topics raised throughout the meeting. 6th yr Ciarán Briscoe also indicated that he is considering applying for a position with the ISSU, the Irish Second Level Students' Union to gain further experience.

The members agreed to meet at least once a month throughout the school year with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday 13th October at 11:10am. We thank the Student Council for their time commitment and leadership in their collective and determined efforts to provide a voice for our student population in Coláiste Phádraig.

Prefects: Our 5th and 6th yr Prefects have been back on full duty since the start of the school year, all delighted to be able to carry out their duties without the limitations and restrictions of the past few years caused by social-distancing etc. The current 6th yr prefects will continue to fulfil their duties until Christmas, at which stage they will turn focus to their exams and studies. Interviews will then be held for these positions with the new recruits beginning their duties in January 2023.

St. Joseph's College

New Building: On Friday the 16th of September we were delighted to officially mark the beginning of construction on our new school building. We were delighted to be joined by Emer Higgins TD, Vicki Casserly Councillor, Mark Curran (Smith and Kennedy Architects), Niall Kavanagh (Eamon Costello LTD), Marissa Guest and Peter O Connor from our Parents Association, Paul Sweeney from our Board of Management, Charli Gale and Alena Varghese from our Student Council, Bernadette Fitzgerald (Principal), Barry McCabe, Catherine Bligh and Geraldine Butler (Deputy Principals) to our School ground as we officially marked the beginning of construction on our new school building. This is phase one of a three phase project with a completion time of just over two and a half years. This is a very exciting time for everyone involved with St Joseph's College and we would like to Thank everyone over the years for their help in getting us to this point.



6th Year Higher Options: On Friday the 23rd of September our 6th years will travel to Higher Options in the RDS. The aim of which is to help second level students in making decisions about their studies by meeting directly with representatives from universities, colleges and education institutions from Ireland, the UK, Europe and beyond. Over 160 universities, colleges, institutes of technology and professional organisations participate in this unique expo, and their reps are happy to talk directly with students, parents, and guidance counsellors. Colleges from Ireland, the UK, Europe and beyond provide information for thousands of 6th year students to help them to make important choices on the higher and further education.

Transition Year Information Evening: We held a successful Transition Year Information Evening online via zoom on Thursday last. Well done to Ms. Dunne our TY coordinator as well as our Senior management for giving and insightful overview of the TY programme for the parents of current Transition Years.

Transition Year Trip: On Tuesday our Transition Year group got their first whole year group trip when they travelled to the National Ploughing Championships in Co. Laois. The weather was fantastic and the students enjoyed all that the championships had to offer including food, music, amusements, free giveaways, tractor rides to name but a few activities. This was a fantastic way to kick off Transition Year for this group. There were a lot of cowboy hats to be seen on the way home and I think we have a few converted farmers. Star Chef Nevin Maguire gave a cooking demonstration in the Farmers Journal tent but he required a little help from two of our Home Economics teachers Ms Dineen and Ms Ennis.

Bake Sale: A massive thank you to all of the staff and students who contributed to the bake sale in aid of Harold's Cross Hospice last Thursday. A grand total of €1100 was raised for this very worthy cause. Well Done to Ms. Banks also who organised this event.

1st Year Mass: On Wednesday our First Years had a first year Mass, this service marked the beginning of their journey with us here in St Joseph's College.

6th Year Geography Field Study: On Monday our 6th Year geography students travelled to Kippure Co. Wicklow to carry out their Geography Field Study. This is a vital component of their leaving certificate course equating to 20% of their overall mark. Students carry out a field study of the river Liffey and one of its tributaries, the Athdown Brook, includes a study of landforms. Students measure river velocity, cross sectional area, calculate discharge, they measure and sketch river gradient and record all of the results to include in their project. They were accompanied by Mr. Walsh and Ms. Kearney.

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Lucan Citizens Information Centre

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If you qualify for Free Travel, your Public Services Card (PSC) will have FT (for Free Travel) in the top left-hand corner. The letter following it shows who you can take with you:

FT-P - you can travel for free

FT+S - your spouse, partner or cohabitant can travel with you for free

FT+C - you can have a person (over 16) travel with you for free

You must carry it with you when you are using public transport.

Paper free travel passes are no longer being issued but you can still use your paper pass, if it is valid.

Detailed information is available on

Free travel in Ireland (citizensinformation.ie)

How to apply for Free Travel

If you are aged 66 or over and are getting a social welfare pension, your PSC will be issued showing that you have Free Travel automatically.

You must have completed the PSC SAFE registration process and be getting one of the following payments:

State Pension, Invalidity Pension, Blind Pension, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance.

If you are married or in a civil partnership, your PSC will be issued with FT-S on it. If you are cohabiting, you must fill in Part 1 and 2 of the Free Travel application form FT1 (pdf).

If you are not getting one of the payments above, but you are eligible for Free Travel you must fill in the Free Travel application form FT1 (pdf).

If you can't travel alone

If you are unable to travel alone, you can apply for a Free Travel for a Companion, using either an Over 70 Companion pass form (pdf) or an Under 70 Companion pass form (pdf).

You can get an application form for Free Travel from the Department of Social Protection. The form is also available at your local post office and Citizens Information Centre.

Lost or damaged Free Travel pass or PSC

There are currently 2 types of Free Travel Pass - a paper Free Travel Pass and a Public Services Card with Free Travel (with F-T written in the top left-hand corner). Paper passes are no longer being issued so if you need a replacement for a lost or damaged paper pass you must undergo SAFE registration and get a Public Services Card.

If your Public Services Card Free Travel is lost, stolen or damaged, you should telephone 0818 837 000 to request a replacement card.

Where to apply for Free Travel:

Free Travel Section, Social Welfare Services, College Road, Sligo.

Tel: (071) 915 7100 or 0818 200 400

Homepage: <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/9bba61-free-travel-scheme/>

Email: freetravelqueries@welfare.ie

Senior SmartPass for travelling in Northern Ireland
If you are 66 or over and have Free Travel you can travel free of charge on all bus and rail services within Northern Ireland using a Senior Smartpass card.

A spouse, civil partner, cohabitant or companion cannot travel with you for free on public transport within Northern Ireland. However, your Irish Free Travel allows your spouse, civil partner, cohabitant or companion to travel for free on certain cross-border services between Ireland and Northern Ireland. For example a cross-border train journey that starts in Ireland and ends in Northern Ireland or vice versa.

How to apply for a Senior SmartPass

To get a Senior SmartPass you must fill in an application form (FTN11). You can get this form from your local Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office. It is not possible to get this form online.

Application forms for Senior SmartPass cards are also available at your local Citizens Information Centre.

You should not use a photocopy of the form as each form is barcoded. The application form must be filled in with black ink only and returned in person (not posted) to your Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office. You must bring the following items with your application form to your Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office:

Your Irish Free Travel pass/Public Services Card and Proof of your address, (for example, a gas, electricity, phone bill or bank statement) and Proof of your identity, (for example, your driving licence, passport or another form of photo identification) and

A recent passport standard colour photograph.

It may take up to 6 weeks to process your application. There is further information on the extension of the Free Travel Scheme.

Renewing and replacing a Senior SmartPass

Your Senior SmartPass will expire after 5 years.

If you have electronically used your card within the last 2 years, you will get a new card automatically in the post from Translink when your card expires.

If you have not used your card in the last 2 years, you will be sent a renewal application form to fill in. (The renewal form is not the same as a first-time application and you do not need to supply a photograph.)

If you have never used your card, you will not hear from Translink at all. If you wish to get it renewed, you must contact Translink by email at smartpass@translink.co.uk or telephone 00 44 289 075 9129 and they will send you a renewal application.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Hurling Championship update: Hurling Championship commenced for the U19s and U17s with some mixed fortunes. Our seniors arranged a challenge match against Na Fianna to keep their preparations on track.

U19A Hurling Championship, Na Fianna vs. Lucan, Mobhi Road 18/09/22: The U19s have been working hard in training and also supporting the club by assisting with the adult teams throughout the summer, which was an enjoyable experience for all the lads and will benefit them in the long term. This meant that the first game back would be straight into championship against a well-practiced Na Fianna. Lucan started well commanding the opening exchanges with some strong fielding and interplay. This was countered by the introduction of a sweeper system by Na Fianna who gathered momentum and Lucan required a couple of fine saves from Canavan keep the score line to within a couple of points, 0-14 vs 0-12 to Na Fianna. Lucan started the second half with some tweaks to the setup, this new structure made it much more difficult for Na Fianna to pressure our defence although they never relinquished the lead, even with some fine interplay to open for goal chances one resulting in free from close range that was deflected right at the end to secure the win for Na Fianna. Final Score 0-25 to 0-22.

U17A Hurling Championship Lucan vs. Cuala, 12th Lock 18/09/22: Confidence is high in this team resulting in some fine interchanges, accurate passing and movement which from the offset made it a very difficult encounter for the Cuala visitors. For most of the game Lucan commanded the middle third of the pitch, although the pressure from this did not tell until the second half when our forwards did some real damage with a couple of goals moving the game out of sight and allowing Lucan mentors to introduce some substitutes who also slotted into this well-oiled machine. Its clear that this team is not only well drilled in the basics but they also support and work for each other. A strong Lucan support enjoyed a smashing game of hurling. Final score 7-15 to 1-13.

Camogie: Our Junior Bs take on N. Peregrine in the Shield Final this Thursday in the 12th lock all support welcome.

Masters Football: Masters meet on Thursday nights and play a reduced-contact Go-Games style football with the emphasis on enjoyment. Players of all levels are very welcome. It's a great way to meet other club members, get some exercise and have a bit of fun. If you are interested, please contact Rory Gilmore at 087 694 5659



Academy: The Academy restarted last Saturday with Alan our GPO, explaining skills to our youngest group. Loads of fun, start of lifelong friendships and a new community - all are welcome. 2017/2018 @ 9am. 2016 @ 10am. 2015 @ 11am. If interested contact Alan on 0866776122.

Celebration: The Men's Shed would like to congratulate Mary & Tommy Flannery on renewing their wedding vows in Italy last week. We hope Tommy can return to the Shed soon!

Golf Society: The Golf Society had a very successful Captain's (Brian Mahon's) Day in Roganstown Golf Club on Saturday last. This last outing of the season was played in glorious sunshine and a very worthy winner, Shane Carton, finally got his hands on a "major" trophy. Michael O'Grady was in second place, with Mick Roche, who also scooped the Golfer of the Year Award, in third. Presentation of prizes took place at an enjoyable function in the Clubhouse that night; thanks to Jackie Foley for arranging this. The Society AGM will take place in the coming weeks. New members are always welcome – please contact outgoing Captain Brian Mahon (087 9254126) or outgoing Handicap Secretary Mick Roche (087 2428419) for details. More details, pictures and results on the website.

Lotto:

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €5,400. The Numbers were **1, 17, 19, 24.**

Lucky Dip prizes go to, Deidre Shanagher, Debrah O'Byrne (The Lotto team would like to offer our condolences to the O'Byrne family on their loss), Darragh Ryan, Sinéad O'Neill and Matt O'Donohue

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€5,800.** The draw is sponsored by Dual Printing Ltd. and will be led by Gerry McAndrew.

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link:

<http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>



Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin
Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Foireann

Camógaíochta: Bhí bua stairiúil ag foireann chamógaíochta Na Gaeil Óga nuair a bhuaigh siad cluiche

ceannais na ggraobhchomórtas in aghaidh Oileán na hÉireann CLG 3-8 go 3-1 i Trinity Sports, Seantrabh. Thosaigh NGÓ amach go láidir le cuilín breá ó Chaitríona Ní Mhurchú agus ceann eile ó Rachel Nic Carthaigh.

Fuair Rachel cúl iontach ó phoc saor. Ansin, chas an cluiche beagáinín agus fuair Oileán na hÉireann trí chúl ag teacht suas go leath ama, 3-0 go 1-3.

Ansin, sa dara leath bhí tíne ar an gceannas ag Mary Grace agus tháinig Molly Davis agus Rebecca Urqhart isteach. Rinne siad difríocht mhór sa líne lántosach. Fuair Molly cúl agus chuaigh an cluiche leis Na Gaeil ina dhiaidh sin. Chuir NGÓ brú mór ar an líne deiridh le scóir eile ó Rachel, Caitríona agus Mary. Bhí taispeántais iontacha ó Julie Breathnach, Éilis Breathnach, Caitríona Ní Mhurchú, Rachel Nic Carthaigh agus ba í Mary Grace laoch na himeartha!

Is léiriú iontach a bhí ann ar spiorad na foirne seo. Ní raibh cluiche ceannais buaite acu le fada roimh an séasúr seo agus bhí deacrachtaí acu imreoirí a aimsiú. Fuair siad imreoirí nua a thug fuinneamh úr agus iarracht iontach leo le tacú leis na seanimreoirí. Buíochas mór leis an bhfoireann bainistíochta - Cathal, Caitríona, Lisa agus Rachel.



Buachaillí Peil: Bhí maidin álainn againn i mbaile an Phámar! Bhí na lads go leir go hiontach & bhí cluichí breá spórtúil againn. Is iad Lochlann, Cillian Od, James Mac & Oisín laochra na himeartha inniu. Cosaint den scoth ó na lads inniu. Moladh mór do Rían & na buachaillí a bhí ag imirt le Pats freisin! Maith sibh buachailli, an-spiorad sportuil ar taispeaint agaibh!

The boys had a lovely morning in Palmerstown! The lads were all brilliant and we'd great sporting games. Our players of the matches are Lochlann, Cillian D, James Mc and Oisín. Fantastic displays of defence by the lads. Special mention to Rían and all our boys who volunteered to play with St Pats too - we'll done lads you showed great sporting spirit today! NGÓ abú



Cailíní F11 Camogie: Foireann F11 Cailíní inniu v Naomh Oilibhéar Pluincéad, Eoghan Ruadh. Maith sibh!

Buachaillí F12 Peil: Spraioi agus spórt! Buachaillí F12 ag blitzchomórtas i gCeatharlach!

Acadamh/Lá Oscailte: 25 páiste nua ag an Acadamh/Lá Oscailte Na Gaeil Óga Dé Sathairn! Bhí atmaisféar speisialta ann! Obair iontach ó gach duine a chabhraigh linn.

Buachaillí F10 Peil: Dhá chluiche den scoth an deireadh seachtaine seo caite ó na buachaillí F10.

Ar pháirc A, bhí roinnt sár-léirithe ó na leaids, go háirithe Rónán de Paor agus Bobby Foy a fuair scóranna breátha. Taispeántais láidre ó Aodhfin Farelly agus Shayne Lynagh. Moladh mór ag dul do na buachaillí a d'imir den chéad uair, Luke Brandon agus James Hickey.

Ar pháirc B, bhí cluiche iomaíoch le feiceáil, le Darragh Dunbar agus Evan Foley láidir sa chúl. Taispeántas iontach cosanta ó Conor Dunbar, Donnchadh Büttner agus Finn Graham le Luke O'Toole agus Naoise Dunne ag rith gan stad i lár na páirce agus Sebastian Bargarry chun tosaigh.

Choinnigh siad orthu ag imirt go dtí an fheadóg deiridh!



SPORTS

LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

Remembrance Competition – 24th September 2022

This Saturday is our last major competition of the year – The Remembrance Competition. We will hold the presentation of prizes for this competition later that night. We have lost five of our members over the last year – Bernie Blake, Shay Bolger, John Forde, Eric Heffernan and Noel Kelly (May they Rest in Peace).

Fund Raising - Bank Holiday Weekend 29th – 30th -31st October 2022

This year we are Fund Raising for Conor and Dean Thompson. These two little boys aged 7 and 5 are sons of our member Jamie Thompson and grandsons of our members Jimmy and Rosaleen Thompson and Joe and Rita Murphy. The boys have been diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

We will be running a number of events over the Bank Holiday weekend starting with our Race Night on Saturday 29th October and our sponsored walk on Sunday 30th October and our Pitch & Putt scramble on Monday 31st October followed by our auction.

We are holding a raffle on the Monday of the Bank Holiday weekend with numerous prizes and we will have special envelopes left around the clubhouse with the boy's names on them. The envelope costs five euro and please **ensure that you put your name and phone number on the sticker** on the face of the envelope. Place your five euro in the envelope and seal same and hand to any member of the House Committee.

The family has set up a website – build for the boys – and if you wish to join them on the journey you can go to www.buildfortheboys.ie

New Members Welcome – Adults and Juveniles

Our Club is now open for membership. If you would like to join our Club please contact the Secretary in writing and we will be in touch with the relevant details by return. You can join as a family or individual or indeed you are more than welcome to call into the Club House and ask for any committee member who will be only too willing to discuss your enquiry – best time to call



is at the weekend or contact us at

info@lucanpitchandputt.com

Social Calendar

24th September – Music and presentation to Remembrance Competition Winners

29th October – Race Night and Music

26th November – Music

17th December – Christmas Night

18th December – Santa arrives

BRIDGE CLASSES

Looking for something to do to pass the long winter nights? LEARN to play the wonderful game of Bridge.

- Stimulate your brain
- Make new friends
- Have Fun



You will be playing after the first lesson.

Where: Confey GAA Leixlip

When: Tuesdays at 7.30 – 9.30 pm

Starting: Tuesday September 30th.

Contact:

Kathie McGrath – 086 1537417

Lucan Library presents:

Tackling Finnegan's Wake for the Absolute Beginner

with *Roslyn Hickey*.

An online workshop for Culture Night.

This workshop is for the absolute beginner who is ready to tackle James Joyce's Finnegan's Wake. So many viewpoints to consider - so let us work together to make a plan to read this great work and discover its mystery and wonder for ourselves.

The facilitator, Joycean scholar Roslyn Hickey, will share her experience of reading 'Finnegan's Wake', make suggestions on how to approach the text and provide a list of resources and support material which she has found useful.

Booking essential via Eventbrite: Culture Night 2022: Tackling 'Finnegan's Wake' for the Absolute Beginner Tickets, Fri 23 Sep 2022 at 16:00 | Eventbrite



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last Friday as mentioned in my last report members of the group visited the City Assembly House, South William Street to view the spectacular exhibition of recent work by their artist friend, Katherine Geoghegan, entitled BOGLAND

This week many of the members of the group were out and about taking photographs. Josie sent us photographs from Costa de la Luz which is on a section of the Andalusian coast in Spain facing the Atlantic.

Conor sent us more photographs from Sardinia, one of the promontory of Capo Caccia, also known as the Sleeping Giant, the symbol of the town of Alghero. He also sent us photographs of Neptune's Grotto, a stalactite cave near the town.

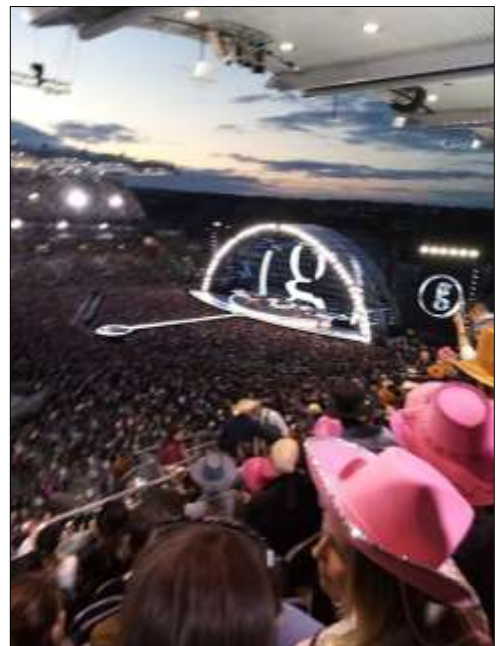
The cave system gets its name from the Roman Sea God Neptune. The grotto is accessible via a short boat trip or you can use the stairway built in 1954 which consists of 654 steps, so that's over 1,300 steps for the return journey.



Nearer to home Willie captured some small crab apples in Lucan and Anna captured vapour trails over Lucan that reflect the rebound in air travel.



Kay produced photographic evidence that she was at the Garth Brooks concert in Croke Park last Saturday.



Until next week stay safe!