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A slow return to normality

Now that restrictions on indoor gatherings have somewhat eased, people have slowly begun to return to church practice. St. Mary's went from a restriction of just 69 people to 300. It would be great to report that things had suddenly bounced back and that the maximum had been reached at every Mass, but this has not been the case. The maximum at any Mass has been 160 with an average of 120 /130. This is understandable as people are still somewhat nervous coming together in numbers, and the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is still suspended. Covid-19 has not gone away it still stalks us. Common sense is called for in abundance – face masks should still be worn, hands should be sanitised on entering the church and a reasonable distance from others maintained. At present there are plenty of places at any Masses in St. Mary's.

Singing in Church is restricted to a soloist, and we are asked not to join in, this is because the virus is airborne and singing expels droplets which pose a real danger as the fly in all directions. For the past forty years I have been encouraging people to sing in church and now I find myself actively discouraging it. Strange times indeed.



In St. Mary's we have begun once again to pass the collection bags through the seats. Professor Luke O'Neill on a recent Pat Kenny show interview stated that transmission risk from surface contact is negligible and on that basis, we decided to reintroduce the bags.

The Archdiocese have also installed 'Tap and Donate' machines in the church – one in the Main porch on the side, and one at the rear of the church. These are simple to use. Simply select one of the pre-defined amounts shown on the screen, or enter a different amount in the box shown. Then present your card by touching to the touch symbol at the top of the device. These donations go 60% to the Common Fund which supports the priests of the Diocese and 40% to SHARE the Diocesan development fund. Full instructions are displayed on the machine poster. There is also an online donation facility on our parish website.

Soon we will begin catching up on first Holy Communions and Confirmations, and full details are available on the parish website, as are dates and a booking facility for Baptisms. Life is slowly returning to some kind of normality.

Mass times change

From the first weekend of October the following Sunday Mass times will take effect in St. Mary's: Sat (Vigil) 6.30 pm, Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon and Sun Evening 7:00 pm

We look forward to your return!

Philip Curran

St. Mary's Lucan

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

www.citizensinformation.ie

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



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

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

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

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

Free Travel Scheme

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has confirmed that all transport operators are allowing customers with a PSC Free Travel Card to continue to avail of the Free Travel Scheme, even if their card has expired.

Social Welfare payments and Covid 19

See our website for information on the following topics:

Introduction

If you have no work, or less work than before

If you cannot work because you are sick

If you cannot work because you have to look after children

If you plan to take a holiday

If you cannot pay your rent

If you want to return to education

Going back to work

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What you can do yourself
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Introduction

Any form of credit is a debt, so most people have some debts. It is only when you are unable to keep up with the payments that your debt becomes a problem. If you are in this situation, for whatever reason, you may find yourself having some of the following difficulties:

Missed payments and letters from creditors
Borrowing money to pay bills and catch up with arrears

Paying whichever creditor is putting on most pressure

Making promises to pay unreasonable amounts
Broken promises and more pressure from creditors

Legal action

More information is available on this topic and about the help available on the link hereunder:

Overview of problem debt
(citizensinformation.ie)

Positive Ageing Week (PAW)

Takes place from 27 Sept to 1 Oct 2021 - more information on <https://positiveageingweek.com>

Please support Community Connect Drive & Drop Donation Day

will take place on
Saturday 25th September
in St Mary's Church Car Park from 1-3pm

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

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

Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi Everyone,

Well I'm delighted to say that we are back up and running as from Wed 22nd September 2021, the usual time 1.30pm to 4pm in our usual venue, St Andrew's Church Hall in Lucan. It's been a while since we could all meet and have fun together but we are now in that position thank goodness.

So today was our first day back, we actually had a very good turnout of forty-four members. Everyone was delighted to be back and we eased gently into our meeting.

Things are different; we've a new set of rules to go by now (most of you will have seen these in our WhatsApp Group info site). We all brought our own refreshments as we are not allowed to use the kitchen at present but Treasa had plenty of individual chocolate bars for us all.

All our members who attend are fully vaccinated and all showed ID as they entered the building. Lots of hand sanitizers were in use too. Remember all of you over 55's who have been isolating so much over the last eighteen months or so, or if you're feeling lonely, that you can join a club like ours and make friends, have people you can call to go walking with or meet for a coffee so just make that decision to join. We'd love to meet you.

We are going on our first trip this year to Galway in a couple of weeks which Hilda has organised. Coach from Lucan directly to the hotel; we're staying in the beautiful Connemara Coast Hotel so we are all looking forward to that, day trips are organised too and coach back to Lucan.

Personally I am so looking forward to someone handing me my food – I won't have to cook for four days!

We hope to get back to our cinema trips shortly too – we all loved those days out, maybe do lunch too.... well we are retired after all..... just very active!!

Looking forward to seeing many more of you next Wednesday.

Anyone who has any queries about our club, please contact me before 7pm in the evenings.

Till next time,

Marian Egan (Club Secretary) 086 1269 043

Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club is a group of photographers that meet every Wed from 8-10 pm online at present. They also run a FREE 6 – week beginners photography course (to paid up members of the club) on Wed 7-8 pm. This course is given by an award-winning photographer within the club. The tutorials are informative with great tips on how to get the best out of you and your camera. And this course is set to start on Wed the 6th of Oct.



We had a great night on Wed just gone with a talk from Michael Anderton on his landscape photography. And in the coming weeks, we have Dublin based photographer Anthony Lynch and his talk on Astro Photography. He has a love of astronomy and night sky photography.

This will be an interesting tutorial to attend. People interested in joining the club or even attending one or two meetings free of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting secpcc@gmail.com



The image of a “**Boat at Sunset**” was taken by *Gerald Phelan* a photographer from PCC.

Mini Marathon
WOW!
Jenny
79 Minutes!



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

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

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

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

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

Notice:

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

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday 10am

New Arrangements:

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

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

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

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



St. Mary's Readers' Roster October 2021

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

Private Prayer:

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

Praying with Scripture:

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

Baptisms:

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

Visits to the housebound:

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

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

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

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



Medjugorje Mass

Schedule: September – December
St Mary's Church, Lucan

Rosary: 5.45pm,
Holy Mass: 6.15pm

11th October
15th November
13th December

To reserve a seat:

Call Pat at 087 223 8911

Mass also live at lucanparish.com

St. Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro /Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Sunday Masses:

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

10.30am Family Mass – live streamed only.

This online Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families; it is an accessible liturgy for children and enables them to participate more fully in the Sunday Mass.

Summary of measures until 17th October

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

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

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

Mass can be accessed over the usual Church media channels

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

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday at 10am.

Confessions:

Confessions can be requested after Mass.

View the following on www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Mass Readings for the week

Morning Prayer – Lauds

Evening Prayer – Vespers

Take five at 10 - Reflections–Weekdays: 10am

Taizé – Watch and Pray

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship: 11am.

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

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

Services will be streamed online and available on Youtube?

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Congregation capacity increase:

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

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday 9:15am. Saturday 10am

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Private Prayer:

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

Daily Readings on website:

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

St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

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

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

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

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



Anniversaries

BEHAN (TOMMY)

50th Anniversary – 29th September

Late of Dodsboro Cottages.

A little prayer so warm and tender

Just to say we will always remember.

Missed and loved always by Ann and Mary and all the family xxxx Special loving thoughts too for our Mam, Ciss.



COLLINS (JOSEPH – JOE)

13th Anniversary – 22nd September

Always loved and remembered by Dolores and family

ENNIS (JOSEPH – JOE)

12th Anniversary - 23rd September

In loving memory of Joe Ennis.

Late of Kew Park.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Angela, and daughters Orla, Finola and Siobhan, and families

HENEGHAN (KATHLEEN & ÁINE)

5th Anniversary

We would like to remember Kathleen and her daughter Áine at this time.

Kathleen had a passion for education and patiently spent time in two inner city schools, supporting children with their reading needs.

Both are sadly missed by their loving family and friends

MILLS (JOHN)

2nd Anniversary – 29th September

In loving memory of Dad.

In the rising of the sun

And in its going down

In the blowing of the wind

And in the calm of its stillness

In the opening of the buds

And the re-birth of spring

We fondly remember you.

Rest in peace, Mary and family



SHERIDAN (PATRICK – PAT)

2nd Anniversary – 24th September

Our only Brother.

A shoulder we could lean on

A kind and loving heart,

That's why we loved you

And miss you so much.

Love always Pat - Rest in Peace.

Marie, Nuala, Ann and Jean and families

SHERIDAN (PATRICK – PAT)

2nd Anniversary – 24th September

Remember me with smiles not tears

For all the joys through all the years

Recall the closeness that was ours

A love as 'sweet' as fragrant flowers

Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain

We'll see each other once again

I am at peace... try to believe it was my time..

I had to leave

But 'what a view' I have from here

I see your face, I feel you near

I follow you throughout the day

And when God calls you...

You will be right by my side, right here with me

Till then, I'll wait by Heaven's door

We'll be united, ever more.

Always remembered and never forgotten by his loving wife Anne, Louise, Brian, Hilary, Mark and Sile and Patrick xxx

Anniversary Mass – Saturday 25th September at 6.30pm.

Our Grandad – Patrick 'Pat' Sheridan

You'd enter the room

On a cloud of charisma and cheer

A cup on your head

With the ghost of a grin stretching ear to ear

You spoke of normality

Yet, your eyes flashed with humorous charm

Off came the cup,

Then a laugh that made life feel warm.

Love Mark - RIP

Each time I find myself laughing your laugh

I stop, to feel how glad I am

That laugh was learned from you Grandad.

My love as always Joshua - RIP

My dear Grandad

Every time I add honey to tea, I think of you,

And how sweet you made the world taste

Then, I smile and continue happily on my way.

Love forever Chloe - RIP

Grandad

We know you are up in Heaven above

A shining star smiling down on

all of us you love, a thousand hugs and kisses.

From Jack, Emily-Rose, Mia and Donal

Birthday Remembrance

KENNEDY (ANTHONY – SID)

27th September

Late of Hillcrest.

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed on his 2nd

Birthday away from home.

Always in our thoughts xxx, Chris and family



Apologies for missing out on our printed edition last week!

Modern technology is brilliant, until it goes wrong!!! Our printing machine sat down, and there was no coaxing it into action again.

Luckily, we did have our online edition, but we have repeated some items, and all the advertisements which should have been printed last week, in this week's issue.

We will repeat a couple of other interesting items as space permits.

First Communions: Lovely to see the First Holy Communions happening at last. The boys and girls have been waiting so long, some for more than a year, so we hope they all have a very memorable day.

"A night of hunting the false widow spider: 'They are everywhere in this area'"

That was a headline in the *Irish Times* on Saturday 18th September. Journalist, *Mark Hilliard* described how researcher, *Dr. John Dunbar*, equipped with tweezers and headlamp, goes about his work.

"On a chilly evening thousands of such spiders are scattered just out of sight along Beech Park, a long quiet suburban road in Lucan lined with detached homes and webbed hedges. The *Noble False Widow* – or *Steatoda Nobilis* – first recorded in Ireland in 1999 is far more common than most people realise and its numbers are increasing alarmingly." He caught 94 False Widows on the night in question.

Smaller than the native house spider, chocolate brown with a large bulbous abdomen and an intricate cream pattern sometimes resembling a skull, the false widow is easy to identify.



Apparently, they are not too dangerous, but can give you a good sting if you bother them!

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



Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our Virtual Highdrop festival.

The go fund me link is on our website and you can still donate, if you donate more than 10 euro, you will be entered into a draw for a spot prize. The draw will take place on a special programme on Friday the 8th of October at 8pm. The programme will be hosted by our own Jon White & Gary Gibson.

Liffey Sound 96.4FM - Lucan's Community Radio Station

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook

Congratulations

to **Nicola Whyte** and **Donncha Hassey**

on the birth of baby **Aine** last weekend?



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

Lucan Library

Midday Monday Book Club

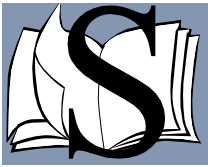
Are you looking for a book club?

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



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

First meeting at 12 noon on Monday 4th October in the library (*Restrictions permitting*). Book your place through Eventbrite.



SCHOOL NEWS



Adamstown Community College

Welcome: Welcome back to all our students and to our new cohort of first year students who we hope will be very happy with us in Adamstown Community College.

Admissions: Adamstown Community College 1st Year 2022 enrolment opens on Friday 1st October 2021 and closes on Friday 22nd October 2021. An online application form for admission to Adamstown Community College is available on the school website.

Leaving Certificate 2021: Congratulations to all our Leaving Certificate 2021 students on their results. We wish all our students the best for the future and hope you'll all come back and let us know how you're getting on and what you're doing.



Transition Year: Our TY students are on their annual bonding trip to Carlingford, Co. Louth this week. We look forward to hearing all about their trip for the next newsletter!

Social Media: We're working hard to share our school news and activities with the local community. If you'd like to keep up to date with us please follow our Instagram and Twitter pages below.

Contact details:

Website: www.adamstowncc.ie

Instagram: @adamstowncommunitycollege

Twitter: @adamstowncc

Phone: 01 6540348

Email: info.adamstowncc@ddletb.ie



A particular well done to all our students that achieved 500+ points in their 2021 Leaving Certificate results and to Stephen and Jerry who both achieved 625 points. It takes great dedication, hard work and perseverance to achieve those grades so well done to everyone!



I like a **teacher** who gives you **something** to take home, besides **homework!**

Lily Tomlin

St. Joseph's College

Well done and thank you to everybody in our school community for all of their efforts, since returning to school, to keep the school safe and reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19. We would ask all of our parents/guardians to encourage your daughters to come into the school building in the mornings and not to congregate at the school gates. The school building is open for students from 8 am. Thank you.

Parent Nominees to Board of Management

A reminder to parents that Nominations for the two parent-seats on the Board of Management for the three-year term commencing 16th October 2021 must be received not later than 10am Wednesday 29th September. Nomination forms were sent home with students and have also been posted on our website.

CAO Offers: We hope our students were happy with their CAO offers (Round 2 CAO offers came out on Monday). 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 exciting stage of life's journey!

1st Year Entrance Assessments took place this week, under the administration of our Guidance Department. This would normally happen before students enter 1st year, but due to Covid restrictions it was postponed until now.

Some Extra-Curricular Activities

Ms Hanlon is recruiting Students who are interested in participating in **Junior Debating**. Mr Smyth is recruiting interested students for the **Senior Debaters**.

Ms Bligh is resuming the **Joey's Tidy Towns** this Friday for any students wishing to help out. Joey's Tidy Towns volunteers go about their tidying and enhancing duties around the school and local village after school each Friday. We look forward to a busy and productive year ahead! Ms Farrell is recruiting any **Gaelic footballers** who are interested in playing Gaelic football this year.

Ms Ryan has started an after-school **Chess Club**, for our many keen players.

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

We had our staff **Bewley's Big Coffee Morning/Lunchtime** on Wednesday in aid of the **Harold's Cross Hospice**. Many thanks to Ms Banks and all of the staff who baked a huge selection of mouth-watering treats for the fundraiser! The annual event is a very worthwhile cause - well done to everybody who contributed and supported the event!

Agnes Martin, 2nd Year Coding student who won a **National Scratch Programming award** while in 1st year, was presented with her trophy this week, from her Coding Teacher Mr Peter Barry. **Agnes won the Overall Award category for 1st to 3rd years**. 'Scratch' is a visual programming language targeted at children aged 8-16 as an educational tool to learn coding. **Well done again Agnes!**



Agnes Martin receiving her award from Mr Barry



Clothing Collection

Thank you to everybody who supported our Parents' Association Clothing Collection on Saturday. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

School website <https://stjosephslucan.com>

Follow us on Twitter: @STJosephs3

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Tráth na gCeist: This year's Tráth na gCeist Boird Feachtas will once again be digital affair in order to comply with the COVID-19 social distancing regulations. Our school have done very well in this National Competition in recent years, qualifying for the Craobh (National Final) in six of the past seven years and winning it outright in 2015, 2017 and 2018. This year the school will enter three teams of four, two teams from Junior Cycle and one from Senior Cycle. The Dublin regional round will be held on Tuesday 12th October in the school with the three teams set up in the school canteen and they will be competing against other schools on an online basis. The top two performing schools (the highest scores out of 60 questions) will advance to the Craobh, to be held in March 2022, where they will represent their school and county.

Inspection: Coláiste Phádraig underwent a "Supporting the Safe Provision of Schooling" inspection for COVID-19 and Child Protection Compliance on Wednesday 15th September. The purpose of the inspection was to provide advice and support in the implementation of the Department of Education's guidelines relating to creating a safe learning and working environment for all. They are also aiming to provide assurances to all concerned that the COVID-19 Response Plan for the safe provision of schools is being fully implemented by school authorities.

The inspector first met with management and went through all the different health and safety measures that have been put in place over the past 18 months such as staggered lunch breaks, separate entrances and exits, base classrooms, walking on the right, hand sanitisers, socially distanced classrooms, Perspex screens, extensive cleaning and sanitising throughout the day, signage etc. She then spoke to the school two appointed Lead Worker Representatives, Mr. Flynn and Mr. Sweetman. This role involves working collaboratively with management to assist in the implementation of COVID-19 measures and monitor adherence.

The inspector then did a walk around the school with management checking the social distancing measures in place in the classrooms, staffroom and general areas. She was very impressed with all of the measures and noted then excellent levels of ventilation around the school. All windows and doors remain open throughout the day and the recently delivered CO2 monitors have been installed in a number of rooms so far, with more to follow. A high tech air purifier has also been

installed in one of the computer rooms to support and enhance the natural ventilation flow.

The two isolation rooms (in the event of a suspected Covid-19 case) in the school were also inspected and ten staff members were briefly interviewed regarding their knowledge of the relevant health and safety procedures in place.

The inspector also carried out a level one child protection inspection.

A detailed inspection report on the entire visit will be issued to the school in due course but management were told that the school "passed with flying colours" so it is sure to be an extremely positive and complimentary report.

Well done to all involved in creating such a safe, well managed learning and working environment for all.

Geography: Our 6th yr Geography students, accompanied by their teachers Ms. Winters and Mr. Tarpey, undertook their Leaving Certificate Field Study on Lucan's River Griffeen last Thursday and Friday. Fieldwork is now an essential part of the LC Geography exam, representing 20% of the total marks available. The Geographical Investigation provides the opportunity for students to apply the appropriate geographical skills that are central to all aspects of the syllabus. The students collectively selected a topic from the list of investigations issued by the State Examinations Commission before deciding upon a particular issue within the topic appropriate to their own local environment. The title of their Investigation was "*The impact of the geomorphic processes of deposition and transportation on shaping the landscape in a fluvial environment*".

After much planning and preparation, the first group of students travelled to the River Griffeen on Thursday. Due to the fine weather that day, the group discovered more evidence of deposition than transportation but the 2nd group on the Friday discovered far more evidence of transportation due to the heavy overnight rainfall. This is when a river transports material from a point in the river and moved it a short distance downstream, forming river beaches and/or braiding, thus shaping the landscape in a particular way.

The students carried out a number of critical investigations that included the velocity of the river, gradients, bedload analysis, sinuosity and cross sectional areas at two study sites. The students now have the primary data and information needed to complete the Geographical Investigation report worth 20% of their coursework. *Continued over*



Lucan Community College

Scholarship for LCC Student:

Congratulations to David Wright from the class of 2021 who was awarded a full Ad Astra Scholarship from UCD. This award includes an annual grant and a range of academic opportunities. We wish David every success as he begins his studies in Actuarial Science and Financial Studies.

First & Second Year Badminton



Badminton has now started back for the year. It takes place every Tuesday at lunchtime for 1st and 2nd year students. It was great to see so many students turn up on the first day. There was a great atmosphere in the gym as each student tried to get as many points as they could. Our wonderful TY students - Kamran Dar, Japneet Johal, Emily O'Reilly and Akeisha Craig, helped teachers Ms Clarke and Ms Geraghty set up and keep scores. Looking forward to our weekly badminton sessions every Tuesday at lunchtime. There is plenty of room for any other 1st or 2nd year student who is interested.

Admission 2022/23: The approved Admission Policy and Admission Notice for 2022 is now available on our school website under Policies - Admission/Enrolment for your information. The Admission application form will be published online on 1st October.

German Virtual Exchange October 2021-February 2022: Due to Covid-19 our German exchange cannot take place in person so we are hosting a virtual exchange instead. Thanks to our 18 students who have come on board this great adventure and thanks to parents who attended the information evening regarding our new venture this year. More news and updates to follow!

Coláiste Phádraig CBS *cont'd.....*

This report is not due until April 2022 but they will complete a draft report in the coming weeks, which their teachers will correct before giving important feedback and recommendations for improvements to the students. We commend the students on their excellent behaviour and co-operation throughout the two days, as well as their adherence to social distancing and other health and safety guidelines.

Prefects: The interviews for the role of Prefects were conducted early this week and twenty students have been appointed to the role, 10 from TY and 10 from 5th yr. They have already been assigned specific duties and they have all been active and busy settling into their new roles assisting staff and management throughout the school with important tasks and responsibilities.



St. Mary's Boys' National School

are now enrolling

Junior Infants for September 2022

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



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

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

Pathways in Happiness - Sept 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All part of ‘Treasures of Lucan’

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

We love music and learning to fix things!

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

Beautiful Street Artworks on Control Boxes.

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

Ronan Gillespie’s Famine Group – Heart
Wrenching.

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

Blast from the past



Altar Boys at St. Mary’s in the 1950s

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

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

**Growing older is no excuse for
growing up!**

FOUND

Book found on Lucan Road “**Constitution of
Ireland**”.

Please ring St. Mary’s Parish Office 01-6217041
to claim.

Packet of Ladies Disney Socks on
path in Beech Park green.
Phone 087-9819816



POLITICAL NOTES

Emer Higgins– TD

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Na Gaeil Óga GAA Funding: Comhghairdeas to Na Gaeil Óga who have been awarded funding of €150,000, over a three year period to begin a games development programme and a community engagement programme. The community engagement programme will focus on providing Irish language supports to the families of club members. Parents and families will have the opportunity to learn the language and improve their Irish by playing an active role in the club. The games development programme, which will focus on providing all-Irish coaching and sporting events for Gaelscoil students in Dublin, has also begun. Lean ar aghaidh leis an dea obair!

Hospice Coffee morning: Well done to everyone who organised and attended coffee mornings this week, raising valuable funds for Harold's Cross Hospice. It's great to have events like this back up and running at last.

Gino Kenny TD – People Before Profit

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Closure of Lucan Leisure Centre: Lucan Leisure Centre at Griffeen Valley Park closed on the 27th August to facilitate structural repairs. After the renovation it will form part of the new leisure and swimming pool complex. But the staff, many of whom have worked there for years, have not been offered their jobs back but are instead being moved to Clondalkin or Tallaght. The operation of the new complex, including the swimming pool, will be put out to tender by South Dublin County Council. This could mean that a private operator will come in to run the facilities which were funded by the taxpayer. This is unacceptable, this facility should be operated either directly by the council or a public body/subsidiary.

Caitríona McClean

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SDCC Draft Development Plan: I have submitted 12 observations and suggestions based on real conversations and observations. I am disturbed that over half of planning permissions are from An Bord Pleanála and are not based on actual local needs.

Student Housing Crisis: I have sent in a prebudget suggestion to Minister Michael McGrath that capital be available for colleges to buy up and convert hotels.

Better Maternity Care: I would encourage you to voice your concern and support the drive to acknowledge the role of partners in this campaign.

Booster Vaccines: I have written to Ministers Donnelly and Butler regarding booster shots for all those in their sixties. I am campaigning for this as an inclusive and cost-effective solution and will help reduce congestion in hospitals this winter.

Joanna Tuffy, Councillor for Lucan Electoral Area, Labour Party Representative.

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Tandy's Lane Park and other Adamstown news:

This Park opened fully to the public last week. It had opened partially during the summer, and it is to be officially opened next week by the Mayor of South Dublin Peter Kavanagh. It is part of the Adamstown SDZ Planning Scheme and received Government infrastructural funding. If you have not visited it yet, it has some features that are different to the longer established parks in Lucan. There is a lot of spaces with wildflower planting and a few play areas, including for teenagers. There are benches to sit and meet up. This is the first of three parks in Adamstown with Airlie Park due to open next year. The Crossings Phase 1 has started construction, and this will include several retail and eating venues. There is also a social housing development of about 45 homes due to come on stream before the end of this year.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or issues.

Liona O'Toole – Independent

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County Development draft plan: A total of 300 submissions have been submitted throughout the public consultation process. Core strategy and Settlement strategy received the most submissions followed by Community Infrastructure and Open Space. I will be studying these submissions and make amendments to the draft where necessary, thanks to everyone that made a submission on behalf of their groups, residents and independently.

Tandy's Lane Park: I received an invite to the official opening of Tandy's Lane Park on Wednesday 29th Sept which will be officially opened by Mayor of South Dublin County Council and Minister for Housing.

Tree Pruning: On behalf of residents I have made requests to council management to have their areas included for the tree pruning programme 2021/22. Contact me if you would like your area included.

Mattress Recycling: starts on Sept 27th free mattress recycling, further details available at www.recycleit.ie



Our Senior Camogie team, meanwhile, played another draw to leave them second in the table, a win vs. Vincent's on Sunday will guarantee progression in this years championship; the



In the @GoAheadIreland Dublin SHC on Sunday, Lucan Sarsfields made it two out of two with a ten point win over St Jude's at Parnell Park, The next game will be against St Vincent's to decide the group. Anyone who missed the match can watch it on the DubsTV channel on YouTube. Elsewhere in hurling, it was a clean sweep for the Juniors as all 3 teams recorded away wins. (picture credit: ilivephotos.com).

Intermediates will take on CBC/Portobello, and all three junior teams are also at home on Sunday Morning, the Junior 4s in a semi-final against Clontarf and the Junior 5s in a Shield final against Ballyboden.

In Ladies Football the Minor B's have made it to the Div5 Championship final against Crumlin, and the Minor C's will be in the Division 6 Shield Final against Cuala at the club, both games at 3pm on Saturday 25th. On Wednesday last, the Intermediates recorded a draw, away to Parnells in a thrilling encounter.



Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative. The Expression of interest for Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative (DEYLI) 2021-2022 is now open. The Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative (DEYLI) takes its

Dowling and Crummey on the double as Lucan outfire Jude's in SHC 'A'

name from one of Ireland's most inspirational leaders and one of Gaelic games most iconic proponents, Dermot Earley (1948- 2010). The initiative, a tribute to Dermot's lifetime of sporting and professional achievements and his commitment to community service, is brought to life through a partnership between GAA, Foróige, and NUI Galway. If you have any interest in becoming a facilitator for this initiative or need any more information please email lucanhealthyclub@gmail.com

Lucan Sarsfields Senior Footballers are in Parnell Park at 4pm on Saturday to face Round Towers Lusk in the second group game, while the intermediates are at home to Ballymun. The Junior A's and B's will both play Fingallions on Sunday, the A's at home, B's in swords and the C's are at home to St. Annes.



Our deepest condolences to the Carey family on the recent deaths of two sons Shane and Alan, may they both rest in peace.



Tickets for Parnell Park can be purchased in advance, see our Website/Facebook Page for more details, and the game will also be shown live on the DubsTV Youtube channel.

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

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Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

Cuairt an Aire

Thug an tAire Stáit Jack Chambers cuairt ar Na Gaelic Oga an tseachtain seo caite. Tá maoiniú de €150k ceadaithe aige do na Gaeil Óga chun tús a chur le clár forbartha cluichí agus le clár rannpháirtíochta pobail.

Minister for State Jack Chambers visited Na Gaeil Óga last week. He announced funding of €150k for the club to be used for games development and public participation programmes.

Foireann Iomána (B)

Bhí an dara fhoireann iománaíochta as baile in aghaidh Gearaltaigh Phádraig Uí Mhóráin trathnóna Dé Domhnaigh. Thosnaíomar go láidir le roinnt scóranna an-mhaith. Fuair an fhoireann baile cúl a chuir chun tosaigh iad ach d'fhanamar leo go dtí leath ama. Sa dara leath, áfach, bhí an lámh in uachtar ag foireann Uí Mhóráin agus bhí an bua acu. Chonaiceamar taispeántais mhaithe ó Oisín McCann sa chúinne agus ó Rob Quinlan sna leathchúil.

Cluichí na Seachtaine

Foirne Fásta

Camogie - Naomh Jude - Naomh Jude - 26 Meán Fómhair 10:30

Peil na bhfear (A) - Naomh Fhionnán Sord - Ridgewood Park Swords - 26 Meán Fómhair 11:00

Peil na bhfear (B) - Teach Mealóg Sráid Singe - Páirc Naomh Cairtriona - 26 Meán Fómhair 15:00

Faoi Aois

Buachaillí F12 – Peil - Whitehall Colmcille - Páirc Naomh Cairtriona - 25 Meán Fómhair 12:15
Buachaillí F11 – Peil - O Duibhír - Páirc Bremore - 25 Meán Fómhair 11:00

Buachaillí F9 – Peil - Good Counsel Liffey Gaels - Páirc Naomh Cairtriona - 25 Meán Fómhair 10:00

Buachaillí F8 – Peil - Na bhFánaithe - Páirc Frank Kelly - 25 Meán Fómhair 10:00

Buachaillí F10 – Peil - Clanna Gael Fontenoy - Páirc Naomh Cairtriona - 25 Meán Fómhair 11:00

Cailíní F8 – Peil - Na Fianna - Páirc an Fhionnuisce - 26 Meán Fómhair 10:00

Cailíní F10 – Peil - Naomh Barróg - Páirc Barróg - 25 Meán Fómhair 12:00

Cailíní F12 – Peil - Craobh Chiarán - Páirc an Fhionnuisce - 25 Meán Fómhair 13:00
Buachaillí F13 – Iomáint - Naomh Fionnbarra - Páirc John Paul - 25 Meán Fómhair 14:00.

LUCAN SARSFIELDS *cont'd...*

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

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

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €15,000. There was no winner of the Club Lotto Jackpot of €14,600 held on Sept 16, numbers drawn were: **5, 7, 17, 24.**

The Lucky Dip winners of €30 each:

Elliot, Deirdre Sadlier, Mary Lyons, Margaret Doyle, Eoghan Williams. The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 23rd

September, is **€15,000**, and is sponsored by: **John Ryan, Accountant.** The draw managed by Frank Fleming, will be held in the Club house, at 9pm and live streamed on our Facebook page. Tickets can be purchased via the website, ClubForce APP or at the following link:

<http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin.

PLEASE NOTE:

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

Alternately email notices/reports to any of the following:

Community / Schools/ Local History
marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

Sport / Politics
roselucannewsletter@gmail.com

Parish Notes / Fund Raising
annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

Anniversaries etc / Advertising Queries
catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This week we have some photographs from Ashford Castle, Cong, Co. Mayo, where the 1952 film "The Quiet Man" starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara was filmed. One of our members stayed in the Castle recently, a present to celebrate a "big" wedding anniversary!

Another of our members, Willie, was not too far away with photographs of Kylemore Abbey, home to the Irish Dames of Ypres (Benedictines) since 1920.



Donal is still in France, lucky man, and has sent us photographs of forts, perfume bottles and cafes!

There is no definite news yet about if and when St. Mary's Camera Soiree may be able to return to the Parish Centre but we know that the Parish Office is working on it and we live in hope. As the days go by we hear of group social activities that have been impossible for the past 18 months being able to resume at least in modified form, involving the observation of social distancing and the wearing of masks.

On a totally different note I've observed that the trees are laden sown with berries at the moment. In years gone by before there were weather apps on our smart phones that was taken as a sure sign that there would be a hard winter!

Till next week stay safe!

