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100 Years into the Future.....

I was a bit taken aback by the emotion I felt writing in the Time Capsule section of Census 2022.

Time Capsule:

Information you provide in this Time Capsule is optional and is collected voluntarily under Section 24 of the Statistics Act 1993. This content is protected by the same confidentiality protections as all your Census data for 100 years. After 100 years, this Time Capsule will be made available to the public. **This space is for handwritten messages only. Photographs or other attachments will be removed and cannot be returned.**

I considered writing about all the things bothering us these days – war, housing, cost of living, the never-ending violence in our country, and of course, Covid is still here. In the end, I thought better of it as all these things should be easily available through the technology of the future.

In our family, we have three grandsons – who more than likely won't be around in one hundred-years' time, but wouldn't it be great if they had children and grandchildren, who could read about the boys their forefathers were – things they won't find on any census or registers – things which only grandparents can see in the treasure of grandchildren. I wrote of their individual and special personalities, of their interests, and how they relate to each other and us.

It felt very strange writing to these people whom I would never know, and yet be related to.

Many times, I have looked through the 1901 and 1911 Census, and wondered so much about those people – my grandparents, and some great grandparents are in there. They could all read and write – a question we're not asked now.

Looking at the Lucan area in the early 1900's, many of the houses hosted up to three generations of a family at a time – it looked like Granny looked after the grandchildren, while her children and their spouses worked in the local mills in many cases. Curiosity really takes over when we look back in time.

To me, the Census Time Capsule was a chance to create a link to the future, so I gladly penned my piece. It wasn't long before I ran out of space, but I hope the future generations get some semblance of the people we are in 2022, and I look forward to updating them on Census 2026 when it comes along.

Incidentally, the next census to be available online will be for 1926, and will be available on the hundredth anniversary in 2026 – no census was taken in Ireland between 1911 and 1926.

Looking to the future.....

Mary Mulhall

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is 0818 07 5090

www.citizensinformation.ie



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 as soon as possible and arrange a meeting if necessary.

Or you can email your query to us at lucan@citinfo.ie

Our Reception Desk in Ballyowen Castle

Youth and Community Centre is open from 10 am to 4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays (excluding lunch 1 – 2pm) for collecting forms, etc.

The 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 20 years.

MABS Clondalkin phone 0818 07 2270

The Foreign Births Register

I wasn't born in Ireland but I want to claim citizenship by descent from my Irish relatives. What are the rules?

You are eligible to claim Irish citizenship by descent if:

One of your grandparents was born in Ireland or

One of your parents was an Irish citizen at the time of your birth but was not born in Ireland

If you meet either of these qualifications, you can become an Irish citizen by registering your birth with the Foreign Births Register.

What documents do I need to register my birth with the Foreign Births Register?

You need to have documents of your own and documents relating to your Irish relative. You should provide your own:
Birth Certificate, State-issued identification,
Two proofs of address, 4 photographs.

And you also need your Irish grandparent or parents:

Birth certificate(s), Current state-issued identification (or their death certificate if they are deceased)

More documents may be needed depending on your situation (for example, if you have changed your name or you were adopted).

What is the cost?

The fees are: €278 for an adult, €158 for a child

I am an Irish citizen by birth but my child was not born in Ireland. Should I register their birth on the Foreign Births Register?

No, your child is automatically an Irish citizen. You can simply apply for an Irish passport for your child.

Read more about the Foreign Births Register on citizensinformation.ie, <https://bit.ly/3Ih9II9> or call us on 0818 07 4000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm).

What is an Exceptional Needs Payment (ENP)

An Exceptional Needs Payment (ENP) is a single payment to help with an essential, once-off cost that you cannot meet out of your weekly income.

For example, the payment can be used for bedding or cooking utensils when you are setting up a home for the first time, visiting relatives in hospital or prison, funeral costs or for clothing in exceptional circumstances. In some cases, you may get help with fuel bills such as heating and electricity.

The Community Welfare Service (in the Department of Social Protection) will examine your case and decide if you qualify for an ENP.

Exceptional Needs Payments are part of the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme.

Help with Funeral Costs:

You may get an Exceptional Needs Payment to help you with the cost of a funeral, if your income is low. Each case is decided on by the Community Welfare Service at your local office.

Help with Fuel Bills:

If you are on a low income or a social welfare payment and need help with your heating bills, you may get an Exceptional Needs Payment. Each case is decided on by the Community Welfare Service at your local office.

How to qualify for an Exceptional Needs Payment.

You may qualify, if you:

Are living in Ireland, Pass a means test – a means test looks at any income that you have.

You do not have to meet the habitual residence condition to qualify.

More information is available on our website at citizensinformation.ie

Sarsfield Park & District Resident Association

We are holding a clean-up of the Sarsfield Park on Saturday April 9th 2pm weather permitting. We would appreciate as many residents who are able to join us to provide a helping hand and there will be some refreshments afterwards for the kids and adults alike. If any elected reps would like to help too we'll take it gladly.

We would kindly remind the (minority) visiting dog walkers to please clean up after their dogs do their business on our greenspaces and footpaths. This is where our children play and walk to school. Also the children's playground is not a dog run so please do not use it as such.

We are planning a night for our senior residents in the summertime - more details to follow on this. Thanks to the residents for cleaning up the name stone, memorial plaque and garden.

Congratulations to our neighbours Patrick and Ciara on their recent marriage.

Our next residents meeting will be held on May 9th at 8pm in Kennys.



Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi everyone,

Today we started our club with whist and scrabble, followed by Chaerobics which was brilliant, great fun while exercising, singing along to all the old songs we all know and love. We kept our tea break till the last thirty-five minutes and relaxed and chatted about our trip away last week.

For anyone over the age of fifty-five, definitely consider joining a club like ours. You need to keep your brain and body active as you age. It's very important to keep going out meeting people, having conversations, getting involved and trying new things, anything to stave off diseases like Dementia/Alzheimer's. We all love company and having a laugh; as human beings we need interaction with others so join an Active Retirement Group and enjoy your retirement with us.

See you all at the club next Wednesday.

Take care everyone.

Marian Egan (Club Secretary) 0861269043

Lucan ICA

Crafts continue apace. Beautiful Rag/Pillow Dolls being made and dressed silk, satin and lace outfits – almost.



Some members are enjoying Hand Craft Week in An Grianan at present. We look forward to amazing ideas and work being brought back next Tuesday



These three ladies attended Handcraft week in An Grianan, and met our new National President Hilda Roche from Wicklow.

L-R: Mary Duffy, President Hilda Roche, Mary Curley and Pauline Bligh.

LARA –

Lucan Active Retirement Association

Our meetings take place from 11.30 am to 2.30 pm on Thursdays at St Andrew's Church Hall in Main St., Lucan. Free parking is available.

LARA meetings start with some exercises and then we play bowls, Scrabble and cards and light refreshments are served at 1.15 pm approx. New members welcome.

We are having a draw for the upcoming Aintree Grand National which takes place on 9th April – good luck everyone.



Our fund raising coffee morning, raffle and bric-a-brac sale to raise funds for the Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal was a great success. The cakes were delicious. This event was generously supported by our members and we have donated the proceeds to this very worthy cause.

While the wearing of face coverings is no longer mandatory please wear one if you feel safer doing so.

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Palm Sunday:

Blessing of Palms and Reading of the Passion. This day commemorates the triumphal entry of the Lord into Jerusalem and sets the scene for the coming days.

Masses: Vigil Saturday, 6.30pm, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

Weekday Masses: Monday - Wednesday: 10am

Confessions:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.30am to 11.15am. (Funerals excepted)

Holy Saturday: 2 to 4pm

Holy Thursday:

On this day we celebrate the institution of the Priesthood and the Blessed Eucharist at the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper



8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper (including washing of feet).

The Holy Thursday liturgy ends with the removal of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose which is located in the parish centre, this recalls the time spent by the Lord in the garden at Gethsemane. A guided '**Watch and Pray**' hour takes place here from **10:00 – 11:00 pm**. (Mk 14:34 "Could you not watch one hour with me.")

Good Friday:

Remembers that day on which Jesus made the supreme sacrifice of his life on the cross for us.



3pm: Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion; this includes Veneration of the Cross.

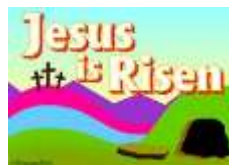
8pm: Stations of the Cross

Although the Government's recommendation is that masks are no longer mandatory, we would recommend the continued use of same.

All Services will be live-streamed on
www.lucanparish.com

Holy Saturday:

9pm: Easter Vigil with Blessing of Easter Candle. This Liturgy begins at 9:00 pm with the outdoor blessing of the Easter Fire. The Paschal Candle is blessed and lit and a light from that candle is passed to every member of the congregation. John 1:5 says, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it". Tonight we renew our Baptismal commitment and embrace our faith renewed by the light of the Resurrection.



Easter Sunday:

Masses: 9am, 10.30am, and 12 noon.

No Evening Mass.

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Dan Rogers**, Woodview.

May he rest in peace.



Special Collection for Ukraine held recently amounted to €17,070 and this has been passed onto Caritas Internationalis which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in Ukraine. Thank you for your generosity.

Christian Meditation: Mediation every Tuesday at **7.30pm** in the Bungalow.

All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

Holy Hour: There will be a Holy Hour every Sunday from **4pm to 5pm** to pray for the success of the Synod in Rome in 2023.

Praying with Scripture: Praying with Scripture every Monday at **7.30pm** in The Bungalow. (masks optional). **Zoom meetings** will continue on a temporary basis for those uncomfortable meeting in bungalow. Meetings will take place on **Wednesday at 7.30pm**.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group: We meet every **2nd Monday at 10.45am** and **4th Thursday at 8pm of the month** in the Bungalow. 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.*

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.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Palm Sunday:

Vigil Saturday, 6.30pm, 10.15am and 12.15pm.

12.15pm: Procession of Palms from the Church Grounds

Weekday Masses: Mon - Wed. 9.15am

Holy Thursday:

5pm: Children's Mass

8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight.



Good Friday:

12 noon: Stations of the Cross for Children

3pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday:

NO morning or 6.30pm Mass

9pm: Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday:

Masses: 10.15am and 12.15pm



Stations of the Cross

Thank you to our volunteers for the work on the Stations of the Cross video. It will allow the people in our community who are housebound, sick or with a hearing impairment to access it through our website www.lucansouthparish.net

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

Celebrating Holy Week at Home:

This guide will help you set up a space to mark the events of Holy Week and Easter in your homes. After the experience of the last few years and with the pandemic still not gone, some are still nervous about returning to large gatherings, but we have learnt that the Church as the people of God continues in our homes. Even if you are planning to participate fully with the services in the parish it is still a valuable experience to connect this with your own preparations and celebrations at home. You can download the booklet from www.lucansouthparish.net

Morning Prayers of the Church:

Monday to Wednesday: 8.40am.

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

Visitation team for Holy Communion:

Pastoral care of the Sick is provided for all who suffer in any way in our communities.

When a person becomes ill, receives a serious diagnosis or because of frailty is no longer able to attend Mass, our Ministers facilitate visitation of the sick at home or in a care setting when this is requested by families and permitted by public health authorities. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

Bingo night: Wednesday 7.30pm in the John Paul II Memorial Hall. Meet up with friends, connect with new people and to assist with fund raising for the Church. All are Welcome!

Coffee Morning:

Our Coffee Morning takes place every Wednesday and Thursday morning at 10am (after the 9.15am Mass) in the John Paul II Memorial Hall. We warmly welcomed on Thursday 31st March the Ukrainian families who came to the coffee morning.



The Annual Collection will take place at all Masses **THIS Saturday/Sunday 9th/10th April.**



This collection goes directly to head office, funding a much-needed holiday for needy children.

Many thanks for your generosity.

St. Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Palm Sunday:

Palms will be blessed at each Mass and will be available outside the Church.

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

Weekday Masses: Mon. - Wed.: 10am.

Service of Reconciliation

Tuesday 12th April at 7pm
(Individual Confession)



Holy Thursday:

10am: Morning Prayer of the Church

5pm: Children's Mass

7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Solemn Procession to the Altar of Repose, Silent Prayer until 9pm (Church closes)

Good Friday:

10am: Morning Prayer of the Church.

12 noon: Stations of the Cross for Children

3pm: Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

7pm: Stations of the Cross for adults

8pm: Prayer around the Cross
(Church closes 8.30pm)



Holy Saturday:

10am: Morning Prayer of the Church.

There is no 7 p.m. Mass

9pm: Easter Vigil

(This is the principal celebration of the Church)

Easter Sunday:

Masses: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon



St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

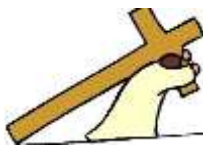
St Andrew's, Lucan: Sunday: 9am and 10am.
Wednesday: 10am

St Mary's, Leixlip: Sunday: 11.30am.
Tuesday: 10am

Services are available on our parish
Facebook pages:

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

Ecumenical Way of the Cross



Good Friday
12pm:

Departing St Mary's processing to Lucan Methodist, Presbyterian and Church of Ireland Churches.

Dawn Ecumenical Sunrise

Service: Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday offers another opportunity for Ecumenical witness when members of the four churches are invited to a sunrise service at the **Hermitage Golf Club**. Sunrise is at 6.19am. The gathering will be about **6.10am**.



All are welcome

AnamCara

Supporting Parents after Bereavement

Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 11th April at 7:15pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 6th we had a wonderful Easter Bonnet Fashion Show. Philip Treacy would have been greatly inspired! Our stylist and elegant judge, Kathleen Henry, helped by Anne Beales had a very difficult job picking the winners. All the ladies put a lot of effort and creativity into their creations. After the Fashion Show everyone received an Easter Egg, and all the Easter Baskets and gifts were raffled. A very enjoyable morning was had by all.



Thank you to all our hard working committee. Happy Easter to all our members, Deirdre, Parish Centre and the Newsletter Staff.



Holy Week upon us already!

Many of us often reminisce about how hard Lent was years ago, but it was nothing compared to the troubles we've had this year between war and Covid.

The Census Time Capsule – Did you fill it in?

It's hard to get your head around the idea that nobody will see it until 100 years from now, when we and probably even our grandchildren are long gone. Still, it is a nice idea to leave a message for future generations, whatever they will be like.

Sr. Frances on the Telly!

Spotted Lucan's Frances Crowe on the RTE news this past week, on the occasion of the old Presentation Convent in Fethard, Co. Tipperary, being converted into a home for



Ukrainian Refugees, by Fethard Daycare Centre Committee, after 160 years as a Convent. It's great to see these great old buildings put to such good use.

The Esker Rood – Spotted an article in the Irish Archaeology Spring Edition, regarding the very old crucifix in St. Patrick's Church, Esker. Penned by Lucan's and SOL's Helen Farrell, and Chris Corlett, it discusses what is thought to be a medieval crucifix, possible from a rood screen in one of the seven churches of Esker long ago. The figure of Jesus was found by workmen digging the foundations for St. Anne's School.

No doubt we'll be hearing more on this shortly.

All the way from Oz! Big Welcome to our 3 favourite Australians – **Tadhg, Cormac and Róisín**, who have just arrived to spend Easter in Lucan.

We hope you all enjoy your stay and that the weather warms up a bit for you!

We're sure that the Easter Bunny will have no trouble finding you!

Lucan Planning Council

Lucan Planning Council hosted a meeting with local Cllrs on the 29th March where an extensive agenda was discussed. Traffic flow solutions, value for money and providing real benefit to Lucan were amongst the topics. We wish to thank Cllrs for a constructive discussion and information exchange.

Subsequent to that meeting LPC wrote to all Cllrs in SDCC ahead of the vote on part8 on the 11th asking that the part8 be voted down or amended significantly because of the well documented damage to the village, loss of turnover and jobs, and inconvenience to the general public due to proposed reduction in car parking spaces. We also alerted Cllrs to the danger to pedestrians, elderly and children in the Village Green area due to the volume of through traffic if the proposed shared space is progressed as specified.

Modification is required on a safety basis and LPC have put forward a traffic flow solution which SDCC Officials agree is workable AND requires some amendment to the part8. We have called on all Cllrs to reject or amend the part8 proposal for Lucan Village Green area accordingly to retain all car parking spaces and to modify the Village Green proposals for safety reasons due to volume of through traffic experienced as a result of the positioning of the M50 toll.

We wish to thank all those who contributed to the part8 public consultation and to ask Cllrs to listen to the voices of the people.

Caitríona McClean, Secretary 086 3898327



Palmerstown Camera Club

At Palmerstown Camera Club we hold a weekly meeting online at present, every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm. People interested in

joining the club or even attending one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting secpcc@mail.com

Next week in PCC we have Jane Lazenby a UK based photographer specializing in portrait human and animal. Her equine & canine portraits are stunning to view, so it should be an interesting evening.

A few weeks ago, we had the judging night for last month's themed competition "Water", and this week we have Kevin Naughton's winning image in the intermediate section "Smooth Sailing" and he won in the colour category.

Lucan Drama

The Playboy of the Western World' by J.M. Synge opened in the Abbey theatre Jan.26 1907.



The play was not given a standing ovation, but with audiences smashing the seats and founder member of the Abbey, W.B. Yeats, having to appeal to the public to stop their behaviour and go home, it certainly caused a reaction!!1 The author J.M. Synge was distraught with this negative reaction.

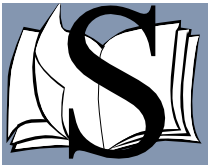
He was born in Rathfarnham in 1871 to rich Protestant parents. He was 'home schooled' due to poor health and later attended Trinity College Dublin where he studied music!!! The negative reaction to the play was a direct consequence of the 'glorification of patricide' in the play and also the use of the word 'shift', which caused great offence among respectable circles!!!

In 1907 Maire O'Neill played the fabulous role of Pegeen Mike. Her sister played the part of Widow Quinn, another powerful role. Synge died a few short years later from a form of cancer, a very young man.

Aoife Gately plays Pegeen Mike in the Lucan Drama production, opening the show with the lines '6 yards of stuff for to make a yellow gown', as she prepares for her wedding to Shawn Keogh. The director is Donal Downes. The production takes place in the Spa Hotel, May 18th 19th 20th 21st.....

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SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Sophie Davidson Through To All-Ireland Championships!

Congratulations to first-year student Sophie Davidson who won the 51kg Dublin Boxing Championships last Monday. Sophie is a member of Esker Boxing Club, Lucan and has been boxing for the last three years. Sophie is now through to the All-Ireland championships. We wish her well in that competition!



"Le Mois De La Francophonie"

"Le mois de la Francophonie" takes place in March of each year. This provides an opportunity for French speakers around the world to celebrate the French language in all its diversity. As part of celebrating "Le mois de la Francophonie" first year students in Lucan CC made posters showing the French speaking countries of the world and illustrating French words. Thanks to all members of the French department.

Nick Oleinik Represents Ireland in Martial Arts:

Lucan CC is always proud of our students who represent the school so well at local and national level. Recently one of our students, Nick Oleinik represented Ireland in the European Sambo Championship in the Dutch city of Ommen. Sambo is a martial art that combines the ground fighting and grappling aspects of judo and wrestling, such as throws and submission holds, with the use of standing fighting techniques such as punching, kicking, knee strikes, and elbow

strikes. The competition was attended by athletes from a range of countries including Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Israel, Lithuania, the Netherlands and Switzerland. Nick was representing Ireland and placed 3rd overall. Well done and congratulations and as such an excellent achievement. We look forward to hearing more about your future journeys and success.



Sustainable Fashion in Transition Year:

Congratulations to Ms. McKeever's Transition Year "Sustainable Fashion" class who organized a pop-up shop with the support of the charity shops in Lucan village. Informing their fellow students about the consequences of fast fashion and encouraging a more sustainable approach to shopping has been fantastic to see! Well done to all involved and a big thank you to everyone who supported! Thanks to Ms. McKeever.

Comórtas Sóisearach Matamaitice Éireann

2022: Our first year students recently took part in this annual Maths competition. There were 15,414 entries from 225 schools across the country. We are very proud of so many of our students who did very well in this competition. Prizes were awarded to students who achieved the highest marks in our school.

Hockey - Report by Ruby Crocker-Dunne

The newly formed Lucan CC Girls Hockey Team had its first game against St. Wolstan's Community School recently. The Lucan CC girls won 6-1. What a great start to the return of this sport to Lucan CC! We look forward to many more games in the future. The team is made up of students from all years and new faces are always welcome so why not get involved? Training takes place on Wednesdays after school. A huge thank you to Mr. Branagan for organizing this and you can contact him if you are interested in getting involved.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Gaeilge: Our 3rd yr students completed their Tasc Cumarsáide (Communication task) Classroom Based Assessment (CBA nó MRB-Measúnú Rang Bhunaithe-as Gaeilge) this week. They had the choice of various methods of presentation such as role-play, interview, drama or reciting a song/poem etc but the majority opted for the tried and trusted oral presentation in front of their class while one brave student opted for a rap performance as Gaeilge!

The students were tasked with selecting a topic of interest to them and then researching information about their chosen topic over a period of two weeks. They then had to do a live oral presentation, by themselves, in pairs or groups, in front of their classmates.

The students selected a wide variety of topics for their presentation such as their favourite football team or player, hobbies, the GAA, local, national and international sport stars, famous figures from history, scientists, film directors, music, school, family, pets and even the education system in Ireland!

Despite some understandable initial nerves, the students quickly got into their stride and they can all be proud of their presentations as it was evident that they had all put in a lot of time and preparation in over the past few weeks. Many used Google Slides, photos, Powerpoint, visual aids and props to engage the audience and the quality of spoken Irish was very impressive throughout.

The students had to field questions from their classmates at the end as part of the interactive element of the CBAs. A number of the students also used humour to good effect during their presentations and awareness of target audience is one of the key skills being assessed during these CBAs, along with language proficiency, voice projection and presentation skills.

The presentations were all recorded using the school iPads, primarily for assessment purposes.

The Irish teachers will hold a departmental meeting after Easter to assess a selection of the CBAs and ensure consistency of judgement across all classes from the teachers involved.

Each student will then be awarded one of four descriptors (Exceptional/Above expectations/In line with expectations/ yet to meet expectations), which will appear on their Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement that they will receive later in the year.

Exam news: The Leaving Cert oral exams will take place during the Easter holidays in Irish and

modern foreign languages so we wish all of our students the best of luck.

Significant reform of the Leaving Certificate was announced by the Minister of Education Norma Foley last week. Leaving Cert exams will now be stretched out over two years under the radical reform package in an attempt to equip students for 21st century challenges, make senior cycle more inclusive and not geared only to those chasing CAO points and also to reduce the intense pressure associated with the traditional high-stakes final exams at the end of 6th yr.

Under these reforms, written exams in all subjects will be only worth 60%, with the other 40% for components such as practicals, projects, orals etc. The move from reliance on final exams will include in-school, teacher-based assessments, with external moderation by the State Examinations Commission. Changes will be phased and incremental with students starting 5th yr in Sept 2023 being the first cohort to experience these reforms. The students will sit paper one in both English and Irish at the end of 5th yr, in June 2024.

Two new subjects will also be introduced, one in Drama, Film and Theatre Studies and the other in Climate Action and Sustainable Development. There are other changes and reforms being introduced that will give parity of esteem to all post school options and support all students, whether they want to enter third-level, further education and training, apprenticeships or the world of work.



School news: The Ukrainian National Flag is currently being flown beside the Irish flag just outside the main school entrance as a show of solidarity with the people and country of Ukraine. Our Transition Year students also made a colourful, artistic display of the Ukrainian National Flag in Art class and have displayed it on the noticeboard outside the Art room.

St. Joseph's College

Gaisce Hike: Well done to all the Gaisce students in Transition Year & 5th Year who completed their Adventure Trip over the weekend! All students & staff did brilliantly to complete their required distances over the 2-3 days in Wicklow. It was great to see so many students in all their hiking gear making their way across Glendalough & Glenmalure, up and down many challenging mountains too. A massive well done to all the Silver Gaisce students who completed their 50km hike while 'Climbing With Charlie' on Saturday - the girls have raised €440 so far for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association & Pieta House. A big thank you to all the staff who accompanied the students over the few days, taking part in the hikes and looking after all in the hostel too. Well done everyone!

First Year School Tour: On Monday the 4th of April a group of 1st year students enjoyed a fun filled day in Carlingford Adventure Centre. Activities included laser quest, kayaking and some team building exercises. This was a great day out that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Leaving Certificate Class of 2020: On Friday last we held a reunion for our Leaving Certificate class of 2020 in the Springfield Hotel in Leixlip. This group lost out on the last few weeks of their school year in St Joseph's due to the pandemic which they missed out on their graduation. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting them all on Friday to share our memories of their school years with us and hear about their life paths and college courses.

Concern Debating: On Thursday of this week our Concern Debaters will compete in the All-Ireland Semi Final against Mount St Michael, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork. This is a fantastic achievement to make it to the last 4 schools in Ireland in this prestigious debating competition and we wish them all the best.

Transition Year: On Monday a group of Transition Years took part in a Song writing workshop, this workshop gave our future stars the basic skills to start to write their own music. On Tuesday another group of students took to the Liffey and had a great day rafting from Lucan to Palmerstown. On Tuesday two groups of Transition Years took part in Cool Food Dudes workshop in Lucan Library. The groups made a range of healthy treats including White Chocolate Carrot cake power balls and Weetabix power balls.

On Friday all of our TY students went on a Trip to Maynooth University, this visit was to

enable students to see the grounds and lecture halls of a Third Level institution and to become familiar with the location and distance of our closest university. It is of general educational value to have seen the inside of a university and to experience a little of what student life is like at third level.

Sport: Congratulations to Leah Dunne and Tara Hollowed who represented the school in the Senior Girls Leinster Golf Championships held in Rathfarnham Golf Club. 28 teams participated in these Golf Championships of which we are waiting for the results. This is the first time St Josephs has entered a Golf team to represent the school so Well done Leah and Tara.

On Tuesday our Senior Soccer Team made the long journey to Roscrea in Co. Tipperary to compete in the last 8 of the Leinster Senior League. In what was an excellent team performance the girls eventually lost out to a strong Roscrea Team. This was the last game representing the school for a number of our 6th Year students and we would like to thank them for their commitment to Sport in the school over the last 6 years.

Well done to all the athletes who competed in the West Leinster Track and Field championship in Santry on Tuesday. Congratulations to Viviana McCann and Kayleigh Tobin Rehill who each came 2nd in 1500m and The Discus respectively. They will now represent St. Joseph's in the Leinster Finals.



6th Year Trip Dunboyne to College of Further Education: A group of 6th Years and the guidance department attended the Dunboyne Further Education Open day which was held on Wednesday the 6th of April. Prospective students of Dunboyne College of further education will study areas such as Health and Community Care, Science, Services and Leisure, Business Department, Arts, Law and Teaching, Computers and Design.

Political Notes

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Lucan village parking vote this Monday 11th:

While the weir plans and the village green element will be of interest, there is only one plan that has garnered significant attention with over 7,000 people commenting in one format or another. That's the proposal to remove most of the parking near the GP surgery and only convenience store in the village.

We need something radical in terms of greening our village and calming through traffic, but this limited plan at this specific location is not it. That's why I won't be voting for the parking element tomorrow. My detailed submission is at www.bit.ly/pglv22.

Wall breach opposite Maxol: The ground investigation report has been received and the report is currently being reviewed. A meeting with representatives of the Italian Embassy to discuss progressing the repair of this wall has been arranged.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Lucan Village Scheme: South Dublin County Council received 7,317 submissions on the proposed changes for the Village Green and Main Street and a total of 53 submissions on the proposed changes for the Demesne Entrance and Promenade. The 40 Councillors from right across the county have been asked to vote on both proposals at the next Council meeting, Monday April 11th. It is very disappointing, given the number of submissions that the plans have not been amended in any way before putting it so quickly to a vote.

Darkness Into Light Corkagh Park: For the first year ever Corkagh Park will host an Electric Ireland Darkness Into Light walk in aid of Pieta House in the early hours of Saturday May 7th. This will be our official local walk and you can register to attend on darknessintolight.ie

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Progressing Disabilities Service: This week I raised the issue of the lack of services and intervention around the (PDS) Progressing Disabilities Service programme for children. A number of constituents have contacted me in recent weeks in regards to the lack of service around the programme. Services that would be provided are speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and physio. Parents are increasingly finding that access to these services are extremely limited in the Dublin Mid-West locality.

Bus Connects NTA Meeting: This week a number of public representatives including myself met with

the NTA in regards to a update on the changes to bus services in the Lucan area. The main points to come from the meeting were, a extra bus in the morning from Dodsboro x30 via city centre. It will now be late summer before the C-Spine can service the Tandy's Lane area.

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BusConnects – Lucan Bus Services - Latest

Update: This week I attended a meeting with officials from both Dublin Bus and the NTA as previously promised. This meeting was a follow up to address some of the concerns that have and are continuing to be raised with regards to the recent bus routes overhaul.

Some updates: NTA meeting regular with housing developers in West Lucan regarding progress & new road connectivity – Location for new stops on Shackleton & Gandon identified – Opening of Adamstown Boulevard to facilitate C2, L51 & L52 delayed until June – X30 will have an additional departure at 6.45am and a later departure time on the UCD end from 4.25 to 4.50pm – Turning circle in Shackleton/Hallwell no longer required, as new plan to bring bus by Lidl, going south and up new road to train station and turn.

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Lucan Tree Maintenance Programme 2020-22:

Tree Maintenance Programme includes some estates carried over from the 2017-19 schedule. This programme is reviewed on an annual basis.

Locations: Arthur Griffith Park, Ballydowd Grove, Ballyowen Way, Bewley, – mature trees on open space Cannonbrook – mature trees Colthurst (to include Castle Rd at estate entrance) Cornmill Road – L1018 Edmondsbury Court, Esker Lawns, Esker Park, Finnstown Cloisters, Finnstown Priory, and Abbey including Ashberry, Foxwood, Foxborough estate, Hermitage Park – mature trees Phase 2 Larchfield, Lucan Heights, Lucan Village, Meadowview Grove, and open space Mount Andrew open space – mature trees, Rockfield estate, Sarsfield Park – Mature Trees. Full details available online at:

<https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/environment/tree-management/tree-maintenance-programme>

Footpath repairs: Thanks to everyone that brought the damaged footpath on Newcastle Road (outside Lucan Harriers/Weston Hockey main entrance) to my attention, this location has been repaired. Do contact me if you have an area that needs to be reported.

Acknowledgements

DARDIS (DON)

The family of the late Don Dardis would like to thank all who supported them at the time of Don's passing, particularly our extended family, neighbours and friends.

We would like to thank those who attended the removal, Funeral, watched online, called to our home, telephoned, sent messages and shared kind words with us.

Thank you to Fr. Kennedy, Eileen and Cunningham's for their support with the Funeral arrangements. A special thank you to our friends, musicians Paul, Gay, Mary, Roma, Tom, Sean (and Paula) for fulfilling Don's request so perfectly.

We would like to thank Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club and the people who make it, who were Don's second family all through his life and who supported us, especially since Don's passing.

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

Catherine, Ciara, Una and Eoin

McGREAL (FRANCES)

We would like to express our deep gratitude to all who sympathized with us on the death of my sister **Frances**, who passed away on Christmas Day after a short illness.

Also heartfelt thanks to all who sent Mass Cards, sympathy cards, text messages and condolence messages on R.I.P.ie and Midwest Radio Deaths.

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

Una, Tom, Catrina and Aoife Kelly

Anniversaries

McCORMACK (SEAMUS - SHAY)

1st Anniversary

Remembering our friend **Seamus**.
A friend to all who knew him
A heart so full of love
He always thought of others
And helped them if he could.

So sadly missed, Barney, Triona, Conor and Liam



Anniversaries

BRENNAN (BRIDGET)

9th Anniversary

Late of Cooldrinagh Road, Lucan.
The years pass on quickly
But we fondly remember
Mam's kindness and loyalty to us
All through the years
She meant the world to us
While she was with us
And we mourn her absence
As her anniversary approaches.
Sadly missed by her family, friends and grandchildren

FINN (DEREK)

43rd Anniversary - 14th April

In loving memory of a beloved son and brother **Derek**.

Also his pals **Declan, Victor** and **David**.

He has gone across the river
To the shore of evergreen
And we long to see his lovely face
But the river flows between
Someday, sometime we shall see
The face we loved so well
Some day we'll clasp his hand
And never say farewell.
Sadly missed and always loved by Dad, Angela, Edward, Les, Ken and families xx

MILLS (VICTOR)

43rd Anniversary - 14th April

In loving memory of **Victor**.

The world changes from year to year

Our lives from day to day

But the love and memory of you

Shall never pass away.

Also remembering **Declan, Derek** and **David**.

Sadly missed by Ann, Michael, Leanne Tracy and Stephen

KANE (DECLAN)

43rd Anniversary - 14th April

Glen of Imaal Anniversary.

In loving memory of our son Declan. Also his friends **Victor, Derek** and **David**.

We hold you close within our hearts

And there you shall remain

To walk with us throughout our lives

Until we meet again.

Never forgotten by his Dad, Mam, sisters Susan and Aideen, nephews, nieces and brother-in-law

Anniversaries

FITZGERALD (ANNE)

2nd Anniversary - 7th April

Late Dodsboro and Woodview Lucan.

Mam - you are near

Even if we don't see you

You are with us

Even if you are far away

You are in our hearts

In our thoughts

In our lives

Always.

Remembered with love, daughter Pam, son Chris, granddaughter Roxy Amber, sisters Bernie and Marie and Brother Bo

MILLS (MONICA)

5th Anniversary

No matter how life changes

No matter what we do

A special place within our hearts

Is always kept for you.

Miss you Mon, Tríona, Barney, Conor, Liam and Áine



TUSLA in South Dublin are looking for foster Carers. Right now, in your community there are vulnerable children and young people who need a safe and supportive place to live. We are looking for carers in communities like Rathfarnham; Lucan; Clondalkin; Inchicore and Adamstown. Become a foster carer today to help a child realise just how amazing they are...

For more information:

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Find out more at fostering.ie

Lucan Library Events

Lucan Library Movie Club are delighted to present our next Film, "**On Golden Pond**", on **Tuesday April 12th at 6pm!**

To book a place just contact the Library at 01 6216422 or come to the main desk and ask.

We are serving refreshments at 5.30pm before the movie starts so please drop in and partake!

#movieclub #lucanlibrary

Fun Science Workshop with the Nutty Scientist
Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 3:30 Pm Utc+01

Learn to make foaming Elephant Toothpaste, a chemical reaction created from the formation of gas bubbles. Also learn how to extract gooey DNA from strawberries, the genetic material that all of us have inside our bodies. This activity is for 8-12 year olds and takes place in the library. Spaces are limited to ensure social distancing.

Exhibition

With Easter just around the corner we are delighted to present, "**Easter traditions from Pagan to Present**" a fab exhibition for Kids and Adults alike!

So just drop in and read a little about the traditions & history of Easter and their fascinating Pagan origins!

Easter Treasure Hunt at Tandy's Lane Park
Tandy's Lane, Lucan

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 2:30 Pm Utc+01

This event will take place in Tandy's Lane Park. N.B. Start times will be every ten minutes between 2.30pm and 4pm.

You will be emailed a map with the starting point where you will be greeted by library staff. Suitable for children aged 4+. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Fun for all the family in this treasure hunt. Follow the clues and you can't lose!

Please book for the total number of tickets you require for your group in one booking, excluding adults. Please come to our starting point only at the time you have booked.

Please note that this event is subject to change or cancellation, dependent on weather conditions.

Snap Circuits!

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 2:30 Pm Utc+01

Workshop for 9-12 year olds. Snap Circuits® teaches basic engineering, electronics and circuitry concepts by using building components with snaps to assemble electronic circuits on a simple "rows-and-columns" base grid. This workshop takes place in the library





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Social News

Well done to our graduates of the 2021 Foundation Certificate in Youth Leadership & Community Action, aka Dermot Early Youth Leadership Initiative, ceremony took place in NUIG on Saturday 2nd April.



In the photo, from left to right: Sarah Power, Kate Murphy, Cathy Cosgrove, Rhian Hawkins, Niall Higgins, Daniel Kane, Andrew Kennedy & Cian Cregg

Please note that the Club Bar will be closed Saturday 9th April to make arrangements for the Dinner Dance, but don't worry it will be open again at 7:30pm and all you need is a ticket

Easter Egg Appeal for Lucan Homeless Donations

Easter eggs donations can be left in the **12th Lock Cafe** in Lucan Sarsfields from **9th to 14th April**.

Eggs will be given to the homeless in Dublin city. All donations are welcomed.

Lucan Healthy Clubs are asking members to donate an Easter Egg for a homeless person this Easter.

Easter Camps. U13-U16 Hurling & Camogie Skills camp which will take place from 11th-13th April. We've updated our Easter camp to include



some of Dublin's and Sars most notable players who will be coaching the teams during the Easter break. To book (places going fast), please go to Club/Society Registrations - Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Events (clubforce.com)

The following week sees the return of our Easter camp for younger players, those aged 6 to those on the u12 teams. This is a mixed camp where girls and boys will do camogie/hurling and football/ladies football during the week, improve their skills, have fun and make new friends.

The camp runs from 19th-22nd April and spaces can be booked here. Club/Society Registrations - Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Events (clubforce.com).

Club Lotto. Last week's Lotto Prize of €9,400 was not won. The Numbers were **6, 10, 19, 26.**

Lucky Dip prizes go to Paul Heneghan, PJ Finnerty, B Young, Patty Moore & Ollie Collins.



Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €9,800. The draw is sponsored by O'Grady's Hearing Care Services and will be led by Cormac Gordon.

Juvenile Section / Coiste na nÓg:

Our #sarsstars on duty this week as Dublin Minors David Mulqueen, Adam Rock and Jamie Smith beat Laois. Dublin U16 Camogie Ladies travelling to Birr to face Offaly in the second round of their championship, Lucan represented well with four starters and one sub, Sadhbh Ní Bhuachalla, Chloe O'Shea, Caoimhe Costello, Mia Farrell, Shauna Rooney.

U11 Camogie. Half of the girls travelled to Stillorgan to play Kilmacud Crokes. We were well received and the teams partook in two well contested matches. We were very impressed with their hooking and blocking and great team playing. The other half of the girls stayed at home and welcomed St Brigid's, again very evenly matched groups and all the girls got stuck in, and showed off all the skills they had been practicing at training.

U8 Camogie vs Castleknock: This week it was the clash of ash as it was time to don the helmets and get the hurls in hand and put that new ash to the test. A skilful game to learn no doubt but with guidance and encouragement from the U8 mentors the girls were sure to make a good account of themselves in their first camogie match against their week-old rivals Castleknock who they had just done battle with in the football.

Despite the fact at this stage it's all ground hurling it did not leave spectators wanting, with great tackles, hustling for the ball, striking and blocking on display from all the girls. The girls displayed a hunger and enthusiasm for the game.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée



This week Willie has been travelling around Co. Meath and submitted photos of Killeen Castle, Dunsany and St Patrick's Church, Hill of Tara.

The interview last Wednesday on Lucan's Community Radio Station, **Liffey Sound 96.4FM**, went off reasonably well. If you listened in I hope you enjoyed it. I understand that it is now available if you missed it the first-time round. Check the station's website and Facebook page for further details.



In Kilmessan he found the old signal box for Kilmessan Junction which harks back to the days when there were train services between Dublin and Navan, Trim and Athboy. The last passenger service ran back in 1947. The signal box has been converted into a two-room honeymoon suite as part of the Station House Hotel in Kilmessan.

You will remember Conor's photograph of sunrise in Roscommon. This week he lets us see the reflection of that sunrise in the windows of his group's coach. He also submitted a photograph of what I think is everyone's favourite bird – the Puffin!



We had our first look at the photographs taken by members of the Soiree on the subject of "Old Buildings" and what was immediately evident was how desirable it is to document such things for posterity before 21st century development bulldozes everything.

Until next week stay safe!