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## Days of sad funerals .....

One of the sad consequences of the present Virus lockdown is the effect it is having on how we deal with the death of a loved one. Funerals are something we do well in Ireland, people rally around the bereaved, friends and neighbours come in to their own as pillars of practical and emotional support. Traditionally Funeral Masses are well attended in our country and the paying of our respects in this way a source of great consolation to the bereaved. In the present climate all those expressions of solidarity and support have had to be restricted and the attendance at the funeral Mass limited to just 10 people. Thank God for modern technology which means that the webcam can offer some sense of participation to those unable to be present. At a time when travel is severely curtailed, family abroad can at least see what is happening and be united in prayer. I have had many emails in recent days expressing gratitude from people in many different places.

People are finding new and creative ways of giving expression to their desire to support the bereaved, and the recent moving practice of neighbours standing at their doors while the hearse passes is a real expression of community that says and means a great deal. Please God there will be opportunities in the future to gather and to celebrate in a fulsome manner those dying in these days. Meantime the telephone can be a lifeline to the bereaved and it's virus proof.

At St. Mary's we continue to have a daily Mass Mon-Sat at 10.00 am and at 11.00 am on Sunday and these are streamed live on the webcam. Also, details of upcoming Funerals are posted on the home page of the site and the times of their live streaming are posted.

For the moment the Newsletter is only produced in digital form and a pdf of the latest edition is available on the home page of the website [www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com) or you can read it online too at [www.lucannewsletter.ie](http://www.lucannewsletter.ie)

These days when our world is on pause we are being reminded of our own mortality in a scary way. With all our sophistication and wondrous technology a tiny microscopic organism can bring us to our knees. We are not after all the masters of the universe but rather guests who live within its delicate balance, a balance for which perhaps we have shown too little respect for too long. Trocaire had a lovely campaign slogan some years ago and it seems a fitting antiphon for our present predicament:

*We need to live simply, so that others may simply live.*

*Philip Curran  
St. Mary's Lucan*



Well done to the following Liffey Sound volunteers who are recording radio programmes from home! Their

broadcast times are below, tune in to your community radio station for something different!

**Maria Murphy and Tom Douglas** - "Lucan Live" - Monday and Wednesday at 3pm

**Pat Quinn** - "Classical Twist"- Tuesday at 3pm

**Cian Sullivan** - "Umbrella"- Wednesday at 9pm

**Gary Gibson** - "Ultrasounds"- Thursday at 7pm

**Giuseppi Greer** - "World music & culture"- Friday at 7pm

**Jim Byrne and Vinny Smart** - "The Mix-tape"- Friday at 8pm

**Kelly D'arcy** - "Hot Hits"- Saturday at 4pm

**Sarah Cahill** - "Sarah C's Electro House-sessions" - Saturday at 8pm

**Pat Quinn** - "Out of this world"- Sunday at 10am

**Teresa Quinn** - "Bookline"- Sunday at 11am

**Michael Bourke** - "Operaworks" - Sunday at 1pm

**Padraig McGarrigle** - "Country Sounds" - Sunday at 8pm

Stay safe and well!  
*The Liffey Sound team.*

[www.liffeysoundfm.ie](http://www.liffeysoundfm.ie) or catch up on Facebook  
*Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station!*



## Dog-walker available

If any over-70s are unable to walk their dog because they are cocooning, I would be happy to oblige.  
*No charge.*

**Eoin 087 9730075**

## Citizens Information Centre

The CIC office is closed for personal callers until further notice.

People can ring **0761 07 5000**

and leave a message, and someone will return their call,

or they can email [Ballyfermot@citinfo.ie](mailto:Ballyfermot@citinfo.ie) and someone will reply to their email.



## Cocooning!



*Snow White and Goldie Locks are cocooning at the moment!*

## COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

**ALONE** has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

## South Dublin Co. Co. on Dumping

**Our Litter & Waste Enforcement** staff have been investigating increased levels of illegal dumping and burning of waste this week. Household Waste Collection Services are operating and Civic Amenity sites are open.

**If you witness dumping contact**  
[014149000/wasteregulation@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:014149000/wasteregulation@sdublincoco.ie)

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

We are into the fourth week of lockdown and thankfully those members of St. Mary's camera Soirée who can get out are still active with their cameras and sharing their photos with the other members on WhatsApp.



With their photographs those of us who are cocooned, or as the English writer Sarah Maitland prefers to call it, those of us in social solitude, are able to see that nature is continuing to put on its great Spring show, between the birds of the air, new born lambs and the flowers in our gardens.



There was a great discussion over what to call the new born lamb ranging from **Bambi** to **Loin Chops**. Of course those of us in the group who are cocooned have had to find things in our gardens to photograph.

It continues to look as if it will be some time before the group can go back to the bungalow but

the members of the group continue to share their interest in photography through the wonders of the internet and are delighted with the additional coverage their efforts are getting through publication in the Lucan Newsletter.



*An open Tulip, and the same flower below with a little poetic licence!*



Well done, and thank you to Michael and the members of St. Mary's Camera Soiree, for these delightful photos.

*Keep them coming!*

## Parish Notes

### Divine Mercy Sunday



### St Mary's, Lucan

[www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)

### Masses at St Mary's

Mass will be available on the Internet only each weekday **Monday to Saturday at 10am and on Sunday at 11am.**

[www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)

**Deepest Sympathy** to the families and friends of *Elizabeth Morris*, Ballyfermot, *Eddie Tomkus*, Marymount, *Kathleen Speight*, Sarsfield Park, *Angela Masterson*, Beech Park, *Maureen Menadue*, Marymount, *John Bevan*, Sarsfield Park and *Eithne Crawford*, Esker Lawns.  
*May they rest in peace.*



### St. Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro/Adamstown

[www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)

Mass will be available on Sundays at 10.30am on the web at

[www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)

### Divine Mercy, Lucan South

[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

### The Church of Divine Mercy remains closed

We don't have live streaming here but you can tune in to Mass on many Parish Websites;

<https://lucanparish.com/live-webcam-broadcast>;  
Weekdays at 10:00am & Sundays at 11:00am

<https://www.churchservices.tv/ballyfermotassumption>  
Daily at 10:00am

<http://www.wicklowparish.ie/sacraments-services/live-mass-services/>

Mon – Fri 10am & Sundays 11:30

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-jude-the-apostle2>

Weekdays 9:30am & Sundays at 10:00am

**RTE News Now** will also broadcast Daily Mass at 10.30am for those of you who don't have access to the internet.



### How was Easter for you?

We'll talk about this one for years to come. The parishes all did well making to most of modern technology, to give us some semblance of the feast, and it was nice to see a unified Easter message from

all the Christian churches in Lucan, on St. Mary's website.

**There was a great response to 'Shine a Light'** on Saturday night – people just wanting to show some appreciation for our health care workers, though it will never be enough.

**Many homes are flying the national and county flags** to cheer us up a bit. I wonder if we will have any reason to fly them later in the year – will our games ever get going again?



**Thank you to whoever owns this Cherry Blossom tree in Esker Lawns** – it is very much appreciated by some who can still go out for a short walk!

If any readers have nice photos of these days, send them to us – they will brighten up the day for someone who can't go outside their door at present!

**Fingers crossed – our new government** is nearly here, and such stability can only be a good thing in the present crisis.

## The Spa Hotel and the School

Recently, local historian, **Joe Byrne** gave a talk in Lucan Library on the Lucan Spas and Hotels. Below is an interesting piece from that talk.

The original Spa Hotel was on the site of what is now the County Bar and dates from around the 1760s.

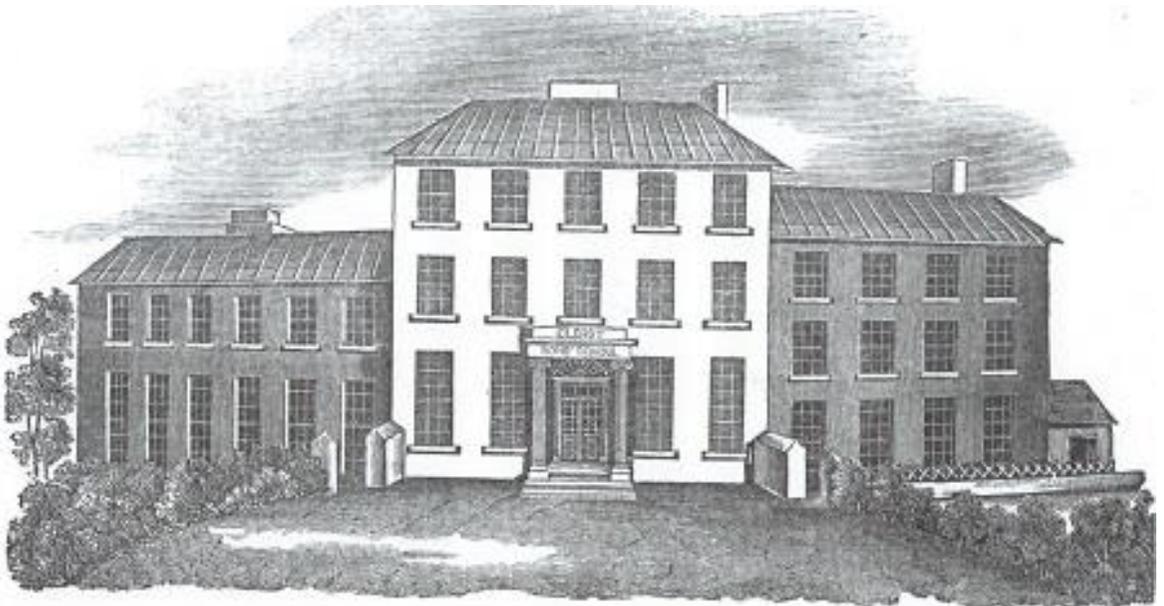
The Spa Well went out of favour with the public from around the 1830s and in 1837/38 a School took over the Hotel. This was the *School for the Sons of Irish Clergy* which had been only established in 1836 in Edgeworthstown.

The School was for boys between the age of 9 and 12 years of age and was free to those who were in difficult financial circumstances.

Up to 120 boys were accommodated in the building. Typical school day (6 days a week) was as follows.

Rise 5.45am, Class 6.30 am to 8am, Class 10 to 12, Class 2 to 4. Study for next day (homework) was 5 to 7. Bed 9pm.

The School left the premises in or around 1853, and in 1857 became Dr Steward's Spa House Asylum for children with disabilities.



*A drawing of the School found in their annual report for 1840*

The right-hand side of the building is now not there (demolished in the late 1880s) but otherwise you can easily identify it with the present County Bar.

## The Cromer headstone in Lucan's medieval graveyard

I have just enjoyed the *Twitter* tour of Lucan's medieval graveyard created by the *Society for Old Lucan (SOL)*. It reminded me of my first visit to this graveyard, in September 2011, on one of Joe Byrne's very enjoyable *Lucan Festival* walking tours. On that visit, I noticed that one of the most legible headstones was erected by Mrs **Lily Spadaccini**, widow of Christopher of Dublin, in memory of her father **Thomas Cromer**, who died in April 1897, and her mother **Catherine Cromer**, who died in January 1905. At the time, Lily's married name was enough for me to explore what family history records might be online – and I had some success. Yesterday, I decided to revisit what I had found and it served to confirm the wealth of material that is now available online for family historians.

I had found Lily's parents' marriage record – they married on 21 June 1858 in St. Peter's Church in the city centre. Lily's paternal grandfather, another Thomas Cromer, was a house painter and her maternal grandfather, Edward Rourke, was a shopkeeper. There were Cromer families in Lucan in *Griffith's Valuation* (printed May 1851 when Mrs Amelia Vesey was a major landowner in the town) and they were listed in 19<sup>th</sup> century commercial directories (such as *Slaters* and *Porters*). Thomas and Catherine had at least two children. According to the records of the Catholic parish of Clondalkin (which included St. Mary's church in Lucan), **Margaret Cromer** was born on 16 April 1859 while **Elizabeth Mary Comer** was baptised on 10 February 1861. This was the 'Lily' who erected the headstone. In 1901, according to her census return from House 26 Lucan, Catherine Cromer, a widow, ran a lodging house, leased from C C Vesey. Two of her O'Rourke nephews were living with her.

**Thomas Cromer** died on 11 April 1897 and **Catherine** died on 1 January 1905. Copies of their death records are now available to view and download from [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie)

Lily Cromer married Christopher Spadaccini, son of Christopher and Esther (*picked up in another source*), on 2 August 1877 in St. Mary's Lucan – this is their civil marriage record. Christopher was a popular christian name for the men of this family, who were involved in the hotel business. They were in Dublin from at least the early 1800s, when the first of the name in Irish records, Christopher, and his wife Mary had a number of their children baptised in Westland Row. The *Irish Historic Towns Atlas* mentions that there was a Spadaccini's hotel in College Green, on the site of the former General Post Office, in 1822 and that when it moved to new premises, it was replaced by the Royal Arcade Hotel, later burned in a major fire in 1837. There are newspaper reports of Christopher opening his new hotel at 36 Sackville Street, with the entrance from 1 Princes Street (beside the GPO), in April 1824. This Christopher would have been the grandfather of the 1877 groom. The hotel was a popular venue for meetings, according to newspaper notices, and it catered for families as well as businessmen. The family was involved in the catering for the massive Crimean War Banquet (*in what is now CHQ on the Docks*) for over 3,600 soldiers in 1856. It had its ups and downs in terms of how their business fared, all covered in the newspapers, and a number of premature deaths among the men. I believe the last Christopher to manage the Royal Arcade Hotel on Suffolk Street (*which I think was where the Ulster Bank building is now*) died in 1862, this was the groom's father.

I could not locate any Irish birth records for children of Lily and Christopher but they had a daughter, **Kathleen Spadaccini**, who was born around 1882. They may have emigrated to Australia soon after their marriage because, by 1879, Christopher was applying for a new publicans licence (*he already held a transferred one*) for a 10 roomed house, known as the Royal Hotel in Sandridge (*now Port Melbourne*). Only six years into their marriage Christopher died, aged 28 years, on 4 October 1883 in the University Hotel, Carlton in Melbourne.

| 1877                                     |                            | Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Chapel of <i>Lucan</i> |                                 |                                                                      | in the Registrar's District of <i>Lucan</i>                                |                                             |                                         |                               |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                          |                            | in the Union of <i>Clonsilla</i>                                 |                                 | in the County of <i>Dublin</i>                                       |                                                                            |                                             |                                         |                               |
| No.                                      | When Married.              | Name and Surname.                                                | Age.                            | Condition.                                                           | Rank or Profession.                                                        | Residence at the Time of Marriage.          | Father's Name and Surname.              | Rank or Profession of Father. |
| 5                                        | 2 <sup>d</sup> August 1877 | Christopher Spadaccini<br>Elizabeth Cromer                       | fill up<br>16 years<br>8 months | Bachelor                                                             | Clerk                                                                      | 53 Royalworth<br>Square,<br>Dublin<br>Lucan | Christopher Spadaccini<br>Thomas Cromer | Hotel<br>Blacksmith           |
|                                          |                            | Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of <i>Lucan</i>             |                                 |                                                                      | according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church, by us, |                                             |                                         |                               |
| This Marriage was solemnized between us. |                            | <i>Christopher Spadaccini</i><br><i>Elizabeth Cromer</i>         |                                 | in the Presence of us,<br><i>James Phelan</i><br><i>John Dempsey</i> |                                                                            |                                             |                                         | <i>James J. Hunt, R.C.</i>    |

Lily's older sister, Maggie, went to Australia also. An 'In memory notice' of Margaret Cromer who died in Melbourne on 21 April 1888, aged 28 years and 4 days, 'was inserted by her sister Lily Snowy and niece Kathleen Spadaccini'. Maggie's death notice stated that she, too, was 'late of the University Hotel, Carlton'.

I found Kathleen in 1897 shipping records, aged 15 and with her mother, bound for Albany in Western Australia. The ship, called the Ormuz, left London on 14 May 1897, some six weeks after Thomas Cromer had died in Lucan.

The *Kalgoolie Miner* newspaper of 11 July 1901 carried a notice of Kathleen marriage to **William Symons** of the Cosmopolitan Bakery, Perth, in the Catholic Church in Kalgoolie. Kathleen family tree is included in the notice! She is described as 'the daughter of Lily Mary and the late Christy Ignatius Spadaccini, salesman, Smithfield, Dublin, granddaughter of Christopher Spadaccini, Royal Arcade Hotel, College Green, Dublin and Venice, Italy, granddaughter of **Thomas Cromer, Royal Arms Hotel, Lucan, Dublin, Ireland.**' Sad to report but Kathleen (known as Kitty) died on 7 July 1904, when she was only 23 years of age, leaving behind her husband William and her son, **Chris Symons**. Lily herself survived her daughter by almost fifty years. She died on 3 February 1951, just days short of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, in a suburb of Perth called Glendalough. Her death notice, in *The West Australian*, described her as 'dearly beloved mother of Kathleen (Mrs Symons, deceased), loving grandmother of Chris ..., loving great-grandmother of **Paul and Theo**' [Symons]. Her son-in-law, William, died in 1930.

**Readers** may be looking for a new project to fill their many hours at home and I would suggest doing a bit of family history! Start out by discussing and writing down what you know about parents, grandparents and great grandparents. Hopefully this will take you back to the time of the 1901/1911 census returns, which are free to view on <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>. Then, to look for birth, marriage and death records, check out [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie). This is another free website with loads of advice to get you started and with many useful links. The free Australian newspapers' archives, at <https://trove.nla.gov.au/>, will keep you entertained for weeks!

*Mary Jackson*  
7 April 2020

## An interesting snippet.....



*Dublin Civic Trust* tweeted an interesting piece recently on the above portrait of architect, James Gandon, by Tilly Kettle and William Cuming, which hangs in the National Gallery of Ireland. "It's an intriguing portrait, being the work of two hands painted at different times: the head and face by Kettle, superbly rendered in 1783, likely complemented at that time with a basic outline of his figure. The backdrop, clothes and hands were painted afterwards by Cuming."

Architect, James Gandon came to Ireland 239 years ago, making his name on such designs as the Custom House, and the Four Courts among others. He purchased the Canonbrook estate in Lucan, in 1805 and following renovations, took up residence in 1808.

Although coming to the end of his career when he took up residence at Canonbrook, the architect's influences are to be seen in several local buildings including St. Andrew's Church, Lucan Garda Station and Primrose Hill House.

On his death in 1823, hundreds of Lucanians attested to his popularity when they walked to his funeral in Drumcondra where the great man was laid to rest on Christmas Eve.

The great man was financially broke, and ended up sharing a grave with antiquarian Francis Grosse, in Drumcondra Churchyard.

(*Dublin Civic Trust, Treasures of Lucan* )



## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



We hope everyone continues to stay at home, safe, and, following the **HSE** guidelines. As the restrictions have been extended until at least May 5th, it is important to keep following the advice. As we are staying at home, Club notes will have more links to websites.



**Lucan Healthy Club** are doing fantastic work with our main club partner Supervalu, to provide the **Lucan Community Delivery Service**. All details are on the Healthy Club section of the website, [http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/content\\_page/10035503/](http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/content_page/10035503/)

The GAA have indicated that it is highly unlikely that the senior intercounty championships will commence before July, when club games will also be accommodated. A special remote congress is to be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April to propose decision making to allow competition structure changes.

**GAA Activity Packs for kids are available here:** <https://www.gaa.ie/my-gaa/getting-involved/kids-activities>. The latest GAA Club newsletter can be read online or downloaded here <https://www.gaa.ie/news-archive/news/read-the-latest-club-newsletter-march-2020/>

**Very well done to Colette Condon**, who organised a collection of Easter Eggs for the frontline nurses in St James's Hospital. Any donations were to be left on her garden wall. Club members, neighbours and friends rallied round. Colette said she would like to thank all those that donated an egg especially Darragh Feighery and Centre Parcs, who donated 250 Eggs! These found welcome homes not only in St James', but in Griffeen Lodge Nursing home, Lucan Garda Station, Beaumont ICU, Temple Street and the majority going to the Mater hospital. The nurses in James's really liked the cards they got, especially the ones from the children. This was a simple idea that I copied from a post on Facebook, it worked because of the generosity of my friends, neighbours and members, it's the little things that mean so much. Stay Safe, Stay In"

**Our condolences** to the McCarthy family on the recent death of Frank, father of John McCarthy (u11 and u8 boys mentor) and grandfather of Jack, 2009 boys and Noah, 2012 boys. May he rest in peace.

**Condolences** also to the Donnelly family on the recent death of **Olive Grey**, mother of Lynda Donnelly mother-in-law of Joe Donnelly, and grandmother to David (Jnr B Football). May she rest in peace.



**Some things to do while we stay at home to flatten the curve:** A new Crossword puzzle from the Cupla Focal Group has been posted on the website, [http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/content\\_page/341969/](http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/content_page/341969/), suitable for all.

**The second Online Quiz was held on Easter Monday** evening, was keenly contested and thanks to all for taking part. If you missed it on the day, and would still like to have a go at the quiz, please go to [http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/content\\_page/10062442/](http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/content_page/10062442/) the answers will appear as you complete each round.

**Also on the Club website**, there have been some updated articles in relation to the history of the club, including newspaper clippings from the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries as well as the Club Yearbook from 2000. We hope to have another batch uploaded by the end of this week.

Last week, we asked whether you had any Club related items stored at home, in particular have you Féile Programmes from the '80s onwards with team photos and line ups? Have you team photos from teams that played in the 1950 -2000 years? Use a scanner or a mobile phone to take a picture and send them in to [lucansarsfieldspro@gmail.com](mailto:lucansarsfieldspro@gmail.com), don't forget to say which team and the year, and if you have a players list too, that would be great.

Did you know that 50 years ago, Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club became homeless, in that, the club were evicted from and lost the use of the pitch at Ballydowd (belonging to Mrs Langan) because of the County Board's failure to pay the rent! Also in 1970, because of dwindling numbers, hurling at the club was nearly abandoned, and some minor hurlers and footballers went to play for St Patricks, Palmerstown as we were unable to field teams for those leagues. It is a credit to all involved at the club then to see how much the club has grown since.

### **Lucan Sarsfields Lotto Jackpot €20,000**

**IMPORTANT:** For the duration of the current restrictions due to the COVID-19 outbreak the lotto draw will take place on **Thursday nights @ 9pm** behind closed doors and will be live streamed on Facebook. You can still enter the draw by clicking on the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto> or on the local lotto link on the Lucan Sarsfields website.

**Make sure to get your entry in before 6pm on Thursday to be included in that night's draw.** These are very challenging times, so please continue to support your Club by playing lotto online.

**There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot held on Thursday 9 April, 2020.** The numbers drawn were 6, 11, 20 and 27.

**Lucky Dip winners (€30):** Aine Byrne, Colin Walsh, Caroline Casey, Ellen Downes and Deirdre McCormick.

# Political Notes

## Cllr. Shane Moynihan - Fianna Fáil

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### Foxborough boundary wall:

Following my representations, SDCC have committed to reviewing the estate boundary wall at Foxborough Court to reduce incidences of anti-social behaviour. This has been persistent for some time. When the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, the Council will assess what measures can be taken to reduce anti-social behaviour. I am aware of similar issues in other estates and will continue to raise these to get similar commitments.

### Spring Tree Planting:

Residents can see where the Council plans to plant trees this year at this link: <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/environment/tree-management/tree-planting-programme/lucan-tree-planting-programme-spring-2020.pdf>. It is good to see estates where I worked with residents' associations feature on the list.

### Covid-19:

If you require information or hard copies of the application forms for Covid-19 supports, please get in touch.

### E-newsletter:

Email or text me if you'd like to subscribe to my e-newsletter.

## Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

Phone: 01-403007/01-6183816.

Email: [gino.kenny@oir.ie](mailto:gino.kenny@oir.ie)

### South Dublin COVID-19 Community Response Forum:

This is a very useful forum/helpdesk set up by the local authority. It will respond to the needs of vulnerable members of the community. Call 1800 240519 or email [covidsupport@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:covidsupport@sdblincoco.ie)

We are living in very difficult times at the moment but there is always hope and solidarity from the darkness. Stay Safe.

*"Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness"*

Anne Frank

## Cllr Paul Gogarty

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### [www.paulgogarty.com](http://www.paulgogarty.com): now a Covid-19 website:

For the duration of the Coronavirus restrictions, I have turned my official website into a Covid-19 resource with all relevant links on the one page. There is also a Lucan page with links to services and shops.

### Help with deliveries / collections / printing / scanning:

With further restrictions announced and with the numbers of people self-isolating increasing, it may be harder for people to get out and get the urgent supplies they need.

A group of volunteers myself and Cllr Guss O'Connell are involved with may be able to help. The "Covid-19 Gofers" will collect basic shopping (payment on receipt) and also supply free of charge essentials such as batteries and phone chargers, along with printing and scanning of documents. We will follow all personal and Covid-19 safety protocol. To get in touch contact me on my mobile [087-2752489](tel:087-2752489) or log onto [www.facebook.com/LNCPGOFERS](https://www.facebook.com/LNCPGOFERS).



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The Orchard, Lucan

### Restrictions extended until May 5<sup>th</sup>:

Thank you for your forbearance and for the sacrifices you have made so far. This is difficult, but every sacrifice we make is helping to save someone's life. It's making sure that our health service isn't overwhelmed. It's making things a little easier for those working on the frontline and all those backing them up whether its support staff, administrators, or partners at home.

Because most people have heeded the advice of the experts we have been able to interrupt the spread of the virus. We have been able to shelter our most vulnerable and protect them. Your sacrifices are making a difference. We have slowed the spread of the virus but unfortunately we have not stopped it. What we are doing is difficult, but it is making a difference, so we have to keep going.