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Holding on to Easter Hope

"The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never
extinguish it."

- John 1:5 -

Easter is a time of hope and new life, an opportunity to begin again in a new way. The Angel said to the wounded followers of Jesus "Why look among the living for the dead".

Easter reminds us in a very powerful way that we belong to a place that is so much bigger than whatever situation we may find ourselves in, that place is about gentleness, hope, love and compassion. That sacred place is told through the eyes of faith. Faith is a necessary and

wonderful gift. Faith will carry us up any mountain, no matter how overwhelming the climb may be. Faith brings with it a sense of perspective and a deep confidence, that no matter what "All will be well". Easter is about new possibilities and opportunities.

Easter is rich in gifts and blessings. There is no recession in the Lord's love. Where the shadows of conflict, war, sickness and uncertainty prevail, the Easter message, contains a dawn that promises brighter days ahead. Reading a newspaper these days can be very draining. Namely war in Ukraine and the refugee crisis; Climate Change; Cost of Living increase, and COVID. It is a dismal litany, and we can't afford to ignore the very serious threat and challenge posed by all of them. It's hard to be cheerful when so many people in our One World are suffering so much. But the story doesn't end there, as I was reminded recently by a poem, simply called 'Easter', it is by the Jesuit priest and poet Gerard Manley Hopkins. One verse in particular captured my imagination. It reads:

"Beauty now for ashes wear,
Perfumes for the garb of woe,
Chaplets for dishevelled hair,
Dances for sad footsteps slow.
Open wide your hearts that they
Let in joy this Easter Day."

He is making the point that there is light shining in the darkness. That light shines from the Risen Christ, and (as St. John put it) the darkness has not and cannot ever overcome it. From the sheer evil of the Crucifixion came the eternal Hope of Resurrection. From the chaos of night – there dawned a new day. So, my prayer this Easter is for a foretaste of that Resurrection: in the world; in our nation; and in the lives of everyone we know and love as we turn our eyes upon Jesus: because He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Easter Sunday changed everything. On Sunday, Jesus cheated death, so that Friday's apparent failure was now properly seen as a triumph. Jesus, now alive, became a beacon of hope for sinful people everywhere – death was no longer the inevitable sentence they had to bear. His fleeing followers, having seen him risen with their own eyes, stopped running and instead set out to change the world – not deluded at all, but enthralled by a future with Jesus as their Lord.

I pray this Easter Season will be a bright and uplifting time for us all. Easter is a lasting season where we can indulge in the light and hope of Christ's resurrection every moment of our lives.

Fr. Paddy Byrne

Parish Priest Abbeyleix Parish.

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

Need legal help?

FLAC is an independent, voluntary organisation that helps people to understand and access their legal rights. Our aim is to promote equal access to justice for everybody. FLAC offers some basic legal assistance for **free** and **in confidence**, as well as campaigning on some priority areas of law.

However, FLAC cannot and does not attempt to substitute for state-funded legal aid services external link. (You can learn more about the state civil legal aid service from our FLACsheet.)

Organisations that are looking for legal help can talk to our PILA project external link (this is not for individuals).

Note that our head office on Dorset Street is not a drop-in centre and we cannot answer queries there.

Call the FLAC telephone information line for basic legal information, for details of your local FLAC advice centre or for a suitable referral, call 01 - 906 10 10 Monday to Friday 9.30 am to 1 pm and Monday 7 pm to 9pm.



Domestic electricity customers, including pay as you go customers, will get a one-off, exceptional payment of €200 in 2022.

The payment will be automatic, and you do not need to apply for it. The €200 credit (including VAT) will be paid between April and June 2022.

Get more information about the €200 Electricity Account Credit. The CRU has a detailed Guidance document (pdf). You can read the FAQ section from page 16.

Other measures to reduce electricity costs
From 1 May 2022, the rate of VAT on gas and electricity bills will reduce from 13.5% to 9%. This reduced rate will be in place until the end of October 2022.

The Government also confirmed the 'Public Service Obligation (PSO) levy' on electricity bills will be reduced to zero later in 2022. The PSO levy is currently paid by all electricity customers to support the costs of renewable energy.

We will update this page on the Citizens Information website when more information becomes available.

A Fuel Allowance is a means tested payment to help with the cost of heating your home during the winter months.

You can get the Fuel Allowance, if you are getting a long-term social welfare payment and you are unable to provide for your heating needs from your own resources. See 'How to qualify for Fuel Allowance' below.

Only one Fuel Allowance is paid to a household.

Fuel Allowance is generally paid with your social welfare payment on the same day. You can choose to get Fuel Allowance paid weekly or paid in 2 lump sums.

The 2021-2022 Fuel Allowance season started Monday, 27 September 2021, and is expected to run for 28 weeks.

Additional lump sum payment 2022

An additional payment of €125 was paid to people getting Fuel Allowance in the week beginning 14 March 2022.

It was recently announced that another payment of €100 will be paid to people getting Fuel Allowance.

Darkness Into Light Corkagh Park

Corkagh Park has been established as a venue for the annual Darkness into Light walk.

Join thousands all over Ireland who will walk or run from darkness into light in the early hours of **Saturday May 7th** for Pieta.



You can register to attend on darknessintolight.ie (choose Corkagh as your venue) or drop into to the Mill Shopping centre in Clondalkin on Sat 23rd between 10.30am and 3.00pm.

Any queries please email corkaghpark@darknessintolight.ie
Follow us on Facebook @darknessintolightCorkagh

LUCAN TOASTMASTERS

Are you as quiet as a mouse?

Do you hate speaking in public?

Do you want to make new friends?

If so, then Lucan Toastmasters is the place for you.



We meet on alternate Thursdays in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m.

Admission is free for new guests.

Come along on **Thursday, April 28th**, where a warm welcome awaits you.

[Check our Facebook page for more details.](#)

Found

Tesco Mobile Phone on the green in Sarsfield Park on Wednesday morning.

Phone 085 8056665 to claim.



The Acre Polytunnel Talks

Come along to our Acre Polytunnel Talk on **Tuesday April 26th 11.00am – 12.00pm.**

Celbridge Men's Shed Presentation.

Hear what the local Men's Shed have to offer and what they do in the community.

Book a place by emailing harry@acreproject.com



Lucan Drama

18th May, 19th May, 20th May, and 21st May are the dates for J. M. Synge's

'**Playboy of the Western World**' to be staged in the Spa Hotel.



The cast includes both experienced and new members. We are very pleased to welcome newcomer David Doyle, who is playing the part of Old Mahon, Christy's supposedly dead father!!! David is enjoying the challenge and while interpreting the character as almost a caricature he plays the role with great energy.

Donal Healy takes on the role of Michael James Flaherty, Pegeen's father...a man who wishes to protect his daughter but also wishes to keep the police from finding the pooten!!

Another newcomer is Grace Stenson who plays the part of The Widow Quin, a woman who has previously killed her husband and claims she would be a better companion for Pegeen. Great to have you, Grace!

Eanna MC. Auliffe plays Shawn Keogh, a wimp of a man, the exact opposite to Christy. Eanna is also a recent member to Lucan Drama and working very hard to depict a cowardly Keogh.

Philly Cully and Jimmy Farrell, played by Brendan Freeman and Joe Brady, they are the 'real deal'!! They represent the nosy neighbours while local girls Sara Tansey Susan Brady Honor Blake and Nelly are played by Anita Kearney, Ellen Downes, Grace Ryan and Maria Ryan. Their giddiness, flirtatious manner, energy and colour all add to the fantasy that Christy is a great and brave fellow!!!

Town Crier is played by Eoin Mac Domhnaill - a small part but big actor!

Best of Luck to Director Donal Downes with this production - a real challenge. Many thanks to the Newsletter staff who are so good to publish our notes every week.

Looking forward to seeing you all in May.

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Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

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

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday 10am

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

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

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.

St. Mary's Readers' Roster May 2022:

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil and Sunday masses in St. Mary's for the month of May 2022 (including Saturday 30th April) has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.



Christian Meditation:

Mediation every Tuesday at **7.30pm** in the Bungalow.

*All welcome,
Sr Geraldine.*

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.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of *Stephen Conroy*, The Old Rectory and to the family and friends of *Pearl Cully*, Primrose Lane.
May they rest in peace.



Synod Update

The Parish Gatherings at St Mary's



Thank you to all who attended our Parish Gatherings and for your contributions on both nights. It provided a great chance for us to come together and have our say. 43 people attended on 21st March and 33 on 28th March.

The themes which emerged very strongly as experienced under the heading "joys" were the Sacraments, Baptism, Eucharist, prayer, faith and the sense of belonging and community. There was a need expressed for faith formation at parish level for everyone and particularly those engaged in ministries.

Among the "fears" the hierarchical nature of the Church and its leadership and the need for change into the future including an attention to apostolate to youth, gender issues, irregular unions, the place of women in the Church and married priests were raised.

The "hopes" included the role of the laity, the positive role of Catholics in the Community, the presence of the Holy Spirit, Pope Francis and the resilience of the Church through 2000+ years. Mention here was also made of Prayer and a humble trust in God, and the many good and inspirational priests and religious.

Listed high in "Sorrows" was the historical attitudes/actions and inactions of the Church in respect of the failure to lead in the abuse scandal, the negative media coverage of the Church and the need for family specific ministry. The lack of vocations to the priesthood was mentioned in this category also as was the number of teenagers and young people moving away from the Church.

This information has been sent to the Synod Committee of the Dublin Archdiocese and from there it will form part of the submissions to the bishops of Ireland and from there will eventually go to the international Synod due to take place in Rome in October/November 2023.

We ask that you continue to keep the Synod in your prayers by maybe praying the Synod Prayer and/or attending the Holy Hour held on Sundays from 3 to 4pm for the success of the Synod

*Elizabeth Boland
Animator*

*Mary Toole
Animator*

St Mary's Continued.....



St Mary's Flower Fairies did themselves proud again this year. The arrangements of yellow and white blossoms were truly wonderful.

And it was great to have the congregation back in person for all the Easter Services for the first time in 3 years.

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.**

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

After Saturday Morning 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Baptisms:

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

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.



Many thanks to all who contributed to the recent SUNSHINE collection in St Mary's, which amounted to €2,730.50. This goes directly to head office, funding holidays for needy children.

Thanks too to our collectors and counters.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses:

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

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

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday at 10am.

All Masses continue to be livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

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

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](#)

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,
Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

Weekday Masses:

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

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on
www.lucansouthparish.net



Divine Mercy Sunday 24th April 2022

“Blessed are the Merciful”

Confessions

Saturday 23rd April after 10am morning Mass
Sunday 24th April 2pm – 3pm

Friday 22nd April – Exposition and Prayer

11am – 1pm: The St. Faustina Chapel will be open for private prayer to prepare for the Feast of Divine Mercy.

1pm – 3pm: There will be Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and 3 o'clock prayer.

Sunday 24th April – Divine Mercy Sunday

2-3pm: Priests available for confession

2-3pm: Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Divine Mercy Devotions

3.00pm: 3 o'clock Prayer

3.30pm: Holy Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Ubaldo Muhindo

Special Guest speaker:

Fr. Dominik Zeierychowski OMI

Followed by Veneration of The Divine Mercy Image and individual blessing with Relics of St Faustina.

Adoration and Holy Hour:

Monday: 7.30pm

Thursday: 7pm

Friday: 2-3pm

Morning Prayers of the Church:

Monday to Friday: 8.40am.

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

Bingo night: Thursdays 7-9pm. 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 Mornings - Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10am (after the 9.15am Mass) in the John Paul II Memorial Hall. Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits/cakes – or just drop in for a chat!

Divine Bloom: Every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass.
All are Welcome!

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship: 11am.

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

Services will be streamed online and available on Youtube

Alzheimer's Tea Day 5th May 2022

On Thursday 5th May, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is calling the nation to Tea! (we've waited a long time for this cuppa)

Whether it's online, in your home, garden, workplace, school or local community centre, how and where you host Tea Day is up to you!

Sign up now on teaday.ie

Mother and Toddler Group

St Mary's Parish Centre

Every Thursday

From 10.30am to 12 noon.

All welcome



Acknowledgement

McMAHON (JOHN)

As we lovingly remember John McMahon, we his family would like to thank all those who sympathised with us in our sad loss. We greatly appreciate all the Mass cards, online condolences, phone calls and messages of sympathy.



Our sincere gratitude to the medical staff of Connolly Hospital for their wonderful care and kindness shown to John and us during the most challenging times for all involved.

Thank you to Fr. Tom Kennedy, Sr. Geraldine, his brother Fr. Michael McMahon for a lovely Funeral Mass. We will always remember David Scott, the wonderful soloist, who despite our sorrow, lifted our spirits at a time when the world was a dark and empty place.

Thank you to our wonderful neighbours in Esker Lawns, John's large circle of friends in Hermitage Golf Club, Lucan Chess Club, his wonderful family who have supported us since his sad passing.

Thanks to Cunningham's Funeral Directors and staff for their professional care and understanding at all times.

Please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation. In gratitude a Mass of thanksgiving will be offered for our intentions.

Agnes, Una, Niall and Claire McMahon

Anniversaries

BUTLER (SEAMUS)

13th Anniversary - 13th April

Late Dodsboro Road.

If memories bring us closer

We are never far apart

For you are always with us

In our thoughts and in our hearts.

Loved and remembered by your wife Betty, sons

Richard and Alan, daughter Ashlinn,

daughter-in-law Claire, son-in-law Robert,

grandchildren Lily, James and Emma

12 noon Mass in St. Patrick's Church on 24th April.



McCARTHY (JIM)

2nd Anniversary - 27th April

Remembered and loved always.

Elizabeth and all the family

Mass on Sunday 24th April at 12 noon.

Lucan Active Retirement Association

Venue – St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main St, Lucan, free parking is available

Time and day – 11.30am to 2.30pm on Thursdays.

Come on down - you are welcome to visit us as a guest on a Thursday.

Our usual activities are gentle exercises, Scrabble, bowls and cards. We have light refreshments at 1.15 pm approx.

Active Retirement Ireland will celebrate 45 years in existence this year.

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

Lucan Senior Citizens

Club re-opening Wednesday 27th April, 10.30 – 12.30, St. Mary's Parish Centre.

New members always welcome.



Koins for Kids

Last week I brought over our latest donation of coin and notes to Koins for Kids.

It weighed 73.25kgs, contained €259.85 and lots of coin and notes of all denominations.

Total so far from St Mary's Parish is €2,997.52 in Euro.

Many thanks to everyone, we are so grateful for your generosity.

Damien Douglas.

0879519222



Lucan is looking lovely even if we are enjoying sunshine mixed with a few of those April Showers!

The fields of Rapeseed are certainly benefitting, and provide magnificent spectacles countrywide, especially here in Lucan in the vicinity of St. Eds.



Enjoying their Easter holidays in Lucan were Róisín, Cormac and Tadhg all the way from Melbourne. Nana took them on a tour of Lucan amongst all their other adventures!

Lots of Cherry Blossoms and Pink Magnolias, and wonderful greenery looking to be admired all over Lucan, and the beautiful Lilac is thinking about putting on its floral display.....

Speaking of blooms, we're all set to watch Super Garden on RTE, beginning this Thursday night, and in a few weeks' time, we're heading once more for Bloom in the Park after a no show for two years.....



A field of gold in Lucan this week!

DUST IF YOU MUST

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
To paint a picture, or write a letter,
Bake a cake, or plant a seed;
Ponder the difference between want and
need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much tie,
With rivers to swim, and mountains to climb;
Music to hear, and books to read;
Friends to cherish, and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there
With the sun in your eyes,
And the wind in your hair;
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,
This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
Old age will come and it's not kind.
And when you go and go you must,
You yourself, will make more dust.

Rose Milligan (Divine Word Missionaries)

SOCIETY FOR OLD LUCAN (SOL):

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

OldLucan@gmail.com.

Facebook group;

“Society for Old Lucan (SOL)” & Twitter:

@Soc4OldLucan. Website:

<https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/>



WORK SINCE CHRISTMAS

The SOL Committee have been active behind the scenes on the following areas:

Since January, we have been involved in finding and organising a suitable, permanent home for a Lucan “Big House” family archive, which contains a wealth of material for local historians for years to come. It will be digitised and available to the public. More to follow on this soon.

In January, Paul Butler, Lesley Blairsdale and Helen Farrell collated the feedback from the SOL Facebook group (during late summer 21) when cropmark photographs were analysed, and compared with recorded monuments on the National Monuments Service Historic Environment Viewer here: <https://maps.archaeology.ie/HistoricEnvironment/> Paul registered some “new” ice-houses around the Lucan area, and Helen registered a milestone that had been covered in concrete at some stage during the 20th C in the boundary wall at St. Edmundsbury’s. Thanks also to the detective work of Stephen Callaghan, he located an early 20th C map that listed this milestone and benchmark, so the stone could be confirmed. We will also register what we believe may be a cropmark in St. Edmundsbury’s of a sub-circular enclosure which may be the remains of a prehistoric or early medieval site.

In February Elaine Hurley and Helen Farrell put together a funding application for a open-air local history project for SOL members in summer 22 that we hope to receive. Fingers crossed!

In Feb – early Mar the whole committee worked on writing and submitting a SOL response to the Part 8 for Proposed Works at Lucan Village Green and Main Street. You can read our submission here:

<https://bit.ly/SOLucanPt8>

In March, Elaine Hurley and Helen Farrell met with SDCC Public Realm & Adopt a Monument Project at St. Finian’s Esker, to plan the forthcoming interpretive panel, a maintenance plan for the site for the future, and other areas of concern.

THE ONLY KNOWN SURVIVING ROOD IN IRELAND: THE ESKER CRUCIFIX -ARTICLE IN ARCHAEOLOGY IRELAND

The Esker Crucifix, found in 1979 during the building of St. Anne’s School in Esker, has always fascinated me. Some people at the time said it was a “Penal cross” dating from the 17-18th C but my Dad said he thought it looked a lot older. Local historians Mary Mulhall and the late Joan O’Flynn suspected it was from one of the churches of medieval Esker. It was only in the last few years that I really looked at it again and felt that it was not just a standard crucifix, of whatever date.

Comparing many images online I gradually started wondering if it was in fact a “rood”; a special crucifix that would have been found in most medieval churches in Ireland and Britain. The rood would have faced the parishioners and centrally mounted on a “rood screen” or beam, that crossed the nave of the church to screen off the clergy who said Mass at the alter in the chancel. The rood was a central object of devotion in pre-Reformation churches and because of this, the head of a rood typically leans far forward, as it would have been mounted at a height so that all parishioners attending Mass could have seen it.

I contacted the National Museum of Ireland in 2018 to see could it be dated and over the course of a few years, they confirmed that it was indeed “older than penal”. In 2020 I got in touch with an archaeologist in the National Monuments Service, Chris Corlett, and he

confirmed that it certainly looked like a rood. We researched and co-wrote an article which has just been published in the **Spring edition of Archaeology Ireland, now in the shops, Vol. 36, no. 1, Issue 139.**

Until now, it was believed that not a single rood survived the iconoclasm of the Reformation or Cromwellian period in Ireland. Even in Britain they are exceptionally rare; the British Museum has none. Two medieval roods exist in the Museum of Wales, and for those interested, you can compare the figures <https://bit.ly/WelshRoods> against that of our Esker rood in the photo by Paul Butler, SOL, below. There are a couple of fragmentary roods in other parts of England, but they are the only survivors of a period that destroyed nearly all roods, many rood screens and lofts, much stained-glass, fonts, statues, wall-paintings and vestments.



The Esker rood was restored in 1979 and at that time, the arms were replaced due to damage, but you can see clearly the forward position of the head that sets a rood apart from a standard corpus on a crucifix.

Very movingly, in 2020 as part of Heritage Week work, Jonathan Cully included a rood in his 3D visualisations of what the medieval St. Finian's may have looked like, <https://bit.ly/HW20JC> see slide 11 so we could in some way restore a rood to St. Finian's, from where it likely came originally and was hidden in the ground, in order to save it from destruction.

Never discount your suspicions about what may be "hiding in plain sight" in terms of our heritage in Lucan as there is plenty we have yet to discover. (*Helen Farrell*)

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

SOL plan to co-ordinate a Biodiversity Ireland Spring Flowers recording project. Using an online guide and your smartphone, you can take photos of wildflowers around Lucan until the end of May and log them

with Biodiversity Ireland. Email OldLucan@gmail.com for more information.

[Photo: Paul Butler, SOL]

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

Faces of Lucan



Some faces from this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade – courtesy of local photographer, Garrett Hayes.

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Blast from the past

We had a look through our archives, and thought readers might enjoy being reminded of the businesses advertising in Lucan Newsletter in the early 1970s – Builders, Butchers, a Travel Agent, Printing Works, and General Store in this lot – not business names you come across these days!

Palmerstown Camera Club

At Palmerstown Camera Club we hold a weekly meeting online/in person, 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 secpcpc@mail.com.

Last week in Palmerstown Camera Club we had Gabriel O'Shaughnessy an award-winning photographer based in the northeast of Ireland. Gabriel has been taking photographs for over twenty years and has a wealth of knowledge. A great evening was had by all.

A few weeks ago, we had the judging night for last month's themed competition "Water", and we have two of the winning images, the first image was from Mary Mangru and she won in the Intermediate mono category with this fantastic creative image.



The second is from Elaine Butler with her image titled "Mountain Reflection" and she won in the advanced colour category.



Lucan Spas and Hotels 1720-1836 with Joe Byrne

Local Historian Joe Byrne will be doing a talk on the remarkable history of the Lucan Spas and Hotels from the mid 18th to 19th Century. On Thursday 5th May at 6.30pm here at Lucan Library, you can book a place via Eventbrite at <https://LucanLibraryDublin.eventbrite.ie>



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Women's Collective Ireland Lucan
(Formerly Lucan Women's Network)

April to June Activities

New Art Course - Combating Isolation Post Covid Recovery Art Programme. Come along & learn a variety of arts & crafts with Christine Lennon Carey & Guest creatives. The aim is to have great fun & give your inner child some nourishment Places are limited so book your spot.
Start Date: 25th April. Time: 10.00am—12.00pm

Bealtaine Festival POSITIVITY POTS

There are many ways to practice gratitude, and bring positivity into our lives. Come join us decorate your very own positive pot. Fill your positive pot full of thankyou's, happy and joyful moments! Bring your jar home & each time you feel/experience gratitude write it on a piece of paper & put it in your pot then@ the end of the year you can empty your pots and see all the wonderful things you have experienced.

The more grateful you are, the more present you become. The more joy you bring, into your life All materials supplied on the morning. Over 55s
Date: 31st May. Time 10.30am—12.30pm

Restorative Yoga and Meditation with Donna
FREE 7 week program.

A tranquil introduction to Yoga and meditation. This Gentle Restorative Yoga is deeply relaxing.
Start date: 27th April. Time: 10.30am - 11.30am

Once a month on a Wednesday Evening

Book Club: Open to new members

Venue: ONLINE. Time: 7-8 pm. Looking for a fun way to enjoy books and meet new people? Are you reading/Listening to books more? Come join our book club. New folks are always welcome. Each month the group reads a book and hold a session to review the main points and discuss the issues raised but mostly to have a chat and a laugh.

Community Craft Group

Craft group every Thursday morning. Join us for this fun creative crafty morning learning new skills. Get in touch to save a spot.
Start Date; 28th April. Time: 11.15am - 1.15pm

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Someone is on a picnic in the shade of the great tree!

Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Camera Soiree



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Reports and Ads. etc may also

be left at the usual addresses:

St. Mary's Parish Centre

Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.



Spring in Dodsboro Wood 1933



Dodsboro Wood is the area between Woodview Estate and the Old Celbridge Road, close to Lucan Golf Club. The pastoral scene was captured by Holly Exely, and digitally colourized.

Sheep and Lambs

by Katherine Tynan

All in the April evening,
April airs were abroad;
The sheep with their little lambs
Passed me by on the road

The sheep with their little lambs
Passed me by on the road;
All in the April evening
I thought on the Lamb of God

The lambs were weary, and crying
With a weak, human cry
I thought on the Lamb of God
Going meekly to die

Up in blue, blue mountains
Dewey pastures are sweet;
Rest for the little bodies,
Rest for the little feet

But for the Lamb of God
Up on a hilltop green,
Only a cross of shame,
Two stark crosses between

All in the April evening,
April airs were abroad;
I saw the sheep with their lambs,
And thought on the Lamb of God.

Many old Lucanians will remember the water trough beside the Ball Alley Pub in Lucan. This was dedicated to the memory of the poet Katherine Tynan, who was renowned for her kindness to animals, and was situated at this spot so that the horses, asses etc, might enjoy a drink, having pulled their load up the hill from Lucan. In May 1969, this landmark was removed by developers.

The poem "Sheep and Lambs" was set to music by Sir Hugh Robertson, as "All in the April Evening", and is sung by choirs all over the world at Easter time.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Well done Lucan ladies, on a bright Easter Monday, in St Annes Park, Raheny. We had the Leinster 10 mile championship, The Harriers over 50 team of Anne, Tricia and Breda are the new Leinster Champions. Individual places were Breda 2nd and 3rd for Tricia in the w50 age group and 1st for Anne in the w55. Not to feel outdone Eileen came home 2nd in the w70 category. Great racing, team work and a great result from the ladies. Congratulations Champions.
#lucanharriers



L-R: Trish Gough, Anne Whelan, Breda Smyth and Eileen O' Brien

It is really coming into the road race season as well as the outdoor track and field season, so we will have plenty of reports over the next few months.



No matter how slow you go, you are still lapping everybody on the couch!

Lucan Library

Musical Tots

Tuesday 26th April
10.30 am – 11.30 am.

Musical Tots is a fun, structured, educational music workshop for children from 6 months to pre-school with their parent/guardian.



Please book one ticket per child attending.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-26042022-tickets-315825802477>.

Toddler Time

Thursday 28th April
10.00 am – 11.00 am

Rhymes, songs and fun with Sarah Sparkles for toddlers



and their accompanying adult.

One ticket should be booked for every child participating.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-april-2022-tickets-321207880417>

The Rules of Thomas Jefferson

1. Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today
2. Never trouble another for what you can do yourself
3. Never spend your money before you have it
4. Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap; it will never be dear to you
5. Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst, and cold
6. Never repent of having eaten too little
7. Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly
8. Don't let the evils which have never happened cost you pain
9. Always take things by their smooth handle
10. When angry, count to ten before you speak; if very angry, count to one hundred.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

I hope that all readers of the Newsletter had a wonderful Easter despite the bad weather on the day. Josie has submitted a photograph of the magnificent display of flowers on the Easter altar this year in St. Mary's. It was great to see St. Mary's full for the Easter Triduum. This year was the first time the Easter Vigil on the Saturday night had been celebrated since 2019!

For the month of April the members of the Soiree are out taking photographs on the subject of "doors" and Michael B. has started the ball rolling by submitting two of his photographs on the subject this week.



Willie got to Skerries and photographed the four-sail old flour windmill there. There is also a five-sail mill and a water mill. There is mention of the earlier of the two windmills in the 16th century. Apparently flour has been milled at this location since the 12th century. Conor has moved away from photographing fauna this week and has submitted some photographs of fauna, including the Wild Primrose, Dog's Tooth Violet and Stitchwort.

This Friday we are back in the Coffee Dock after our short Easter break and we will be trying our hands at macro-photography directed in our efforts by Donal.



Until next week stay safe!