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Border anomaly



It's difficult to comprehend how some 60 miles up the road into Northern Ireland people of the various churches are free to worship albeit in restricted numbers, whereas we in the south are forbidden to admit anybody for masses or services, with the exception of 10 attendees for funerals and just 6 for weddings. In fact, we are the only country in Europe where the churches are in total lockdown. To add insult to injury our political masters have introduced by stealth, a law which makes attendance outside of the exceptions mentioned, a criminal offence. Specifically, it is an offence for a priest to say Mass with members of the public in attendance, and both he and the attendees are liable to prosecution. Given the practice of the other member states of the EU and particularly that in Northern Ireland, it seems hard to justify the tough line being taken by our authorities.

Before we returned to Level 5 our parishes had in place a rota of volunteers who acted as stewards and sanitizers to ensure the safety of those attending. The measures in place proved highly effective and I think I'm right in stating that there were no known clusters of cases connected with places of worship.

We are all conscious of the dangers of Covid-19 and we share the grief of those who have lost family and friends this past year, and of course the medical experts must be our main guides in combatting this pandemic; but why should Ireland be different to every country in Europe with our churches closed to believers? And why was it necessary to criminalise breaches with new Penal Laws? We have been patiently compliant for the past 12 months in the spirit of solidarity that has seen a steady decrease in the level of positive cases, but the life of our faith community is being severely affected. Perhaps it's time to raise our voices to our politicians and at least place the possibilities on the agenda for discussion? If 60 miles away people can attend church without jeopardising the public health surely this can be possible in the republic?

A word to parents.....

We have had an increased volume of enquiries in recent days regarding First Holy Communions, Confirmations and Baptisms. The Archbishop has asked us not to set dates for the Sacraments until it becomes clear when restrictions will be eased to a level that makes these celebrations possible. When we have clarity on permitted numbers we will go into overdrive and do whatever is necessary to ensure that our young people can have fitting celebrations as soon as is possible. Keep an eye on the website for updates.

www.lucanparish.com

*Philip Curran
St. Mary's Lucan*

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

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 0761 07 5090, leave a message with your name and number and an Information Officer will return your call within 2 working days.

Or you can email your query to us at dscis@citinfo.ie and someone will reply.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS) **0761 07 4000** operates on Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm.

MABS The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over twenty years. MABS Clondalkin, phone 0761 07 2270 or email clondalkin@mabs.ie

Warning about phone call scams

The Department of Social Protection and the Office of the Attorney General have issued warnings about phone call scams and advises people not to give their PPS number or personal information to a caller who claims to work for either of those offices.

More information is available on <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/36d10-department-of-social-protection-warns-members-of-the-public-over-latest-sophisticated-phone-and-text-scams/>
<https://www.thejournal.ie/public-warned-of-phone-scam-attorney-general-5412424-Apr2021/>

PRSI and early retirement Information

Early retirement usually means retirement before the age of 65.

Early retirement may happen because you have to retire from your job at a certain age, because you choose to take early retirement or because you have been let go. Sometimes people who are described as taking early retirement have actually been made redundant. Others who have been obliged to take early retirement may regard themselves as unemployed and there are special provisions for older jobseekers.

This document outlines your entitlements to social welfare benefits if you retire early and what

arrangements you should make to keep your entitlement to a state pension.

If you are made redundant, you may get a statutory redundancy lump sum. If you retire early, for whatever reason, you may be entitled to Jobseeker's Benefit and later to Jobseeker's Allowance. You may also be eligible for a range of back to work and back to education schemes.

If you do retire early you should organise to continue your PRSI contributions so that your entitlement to a State Pension (Contributory) is maintained (see 'Credits' below).

Rules

If you are made redundant

If you are made redundant, you may qualify for a statutory redundancy lump sum payment. The statutory (that means laid down by law) lump sum is the minimum sum that you must get. A higher payment may of course be negotiated with your employer, either by you or by your union. You can get more information about redundancy on our website.

If you are unemployed

Whether you consider yourself to be retired or unemployed, you may be eligible for Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) if you are aged under 66. You may then be eligible for Jobseeker's Allowance (JA).

If you are claiming JA or JB and you are 62 or over you are not required to engage with the activation process and you will not be subject to penalty rates for non-engagement. Note that to qualify for either Jobseeker's Benefit or Allowance you must be genuinely seeking work and be available for full-time employment and these conditions will continue to apply to older jobseekers. You can voluntarily avail of a range of supports (for example, training or employment support programmes) from the Department of Social Protection. Read more in our document on older jobseekers.

Jobseeker's Benefit (JB)

To qualify for Jobseeker's Benefit (JB), you must, among other things, be unemployed, aged under 66, capable of work, available for work and genuinely seeking work.

If you are aged under 55 and you have received a redundancy payment of more than €50,000, you may be disqualified from JB for 9 weeks.

You can do a certain amount of work and continue to get some Jobseeker's Benefit. You should check with the Department of Social Protection before taking up work to see exactly what the effect will be. *Cont'd over*

As a general rule, JB is payable for either 9 months or 6 months. However, if you are aged between 65 and 66 when your JB would normally end, you can continue to get it until the age of 66, provided you meet the PRSI requirements. Find out more about qualifying for a payment at 65.

Jobseeker's Allowance (JA)

If you have used up your entitlement to JB or you are not entitled to JB because you do not have enough PRSI contributions, you can apply for Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) if you are under 66. You must, among other things, be unemployed, be capable of, available for and actively seeking work and pass a means test.

In general, if you have a reasonable level of pension from a former employer, you are unlikely to qualify for JA.

Back to education

If you have been getting an unemployment payment for some time, you may be eligible for the Back to Education Allowance.

Safeguarding your entitlements

If you are aged under 55 and you have received a redundancy payment of more than €50,000, you may be disqualified from JB for 9 weeks.

You can do a certain amount of work and continue to get some Jobseeker's Benefit. You should check with the Department of Social Protection before taking up work to see exactly what the effect will be.

Credits

You get social insurance credits while getting Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance. So, if you are getting one of these benefits up to age 65 or 66, you do not need to do anything else to maintain your social insurance record.

If you do not qualify for Jobseeker's Allowance because you do not pass the means test, you can sign on for credits. Usually, you are allowed sign on once a month.

If you do not qualify for Jobseeker's Benefit or Jobseeker's Allowance because you are considered to be unavailable for work, you may not be able to sign on for credits either. If this is the case or if, for example, you want to spend all or part of your retirement abroad, you can become a voluntary contributor to social insurance. You should apply to the Department of Social Protection to become a voluntary contributor within a year of retirement.

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Found

A Small Drone, in the Beech Park area. Seems to have been "lost" for a long time, but is otherwise undamaged - it'll probably need a new battery, though!

Send a Txt-message, with details, to 086 257 1860.



Tune into Liffey Sound 96.4FM this weekend for a very different mix of music and chat!

Saturday

10am - Blast from the past - 50's, 60's & 70's music presented by Terry Callaghan

4pm - Hot Hits - Kelly Darcy keeps us up to date with the latest from the Irish Hip Hop scene

8pm - Sarah C's Electro house session - Sarah Cahill plays an hour of the greatest DJ's

Sunday

10am - Out of this world - Religious based programme with music & interviews presented by Pat Quinn

11am - Bookline - Teresa Quinn interviews local and national authors about their new releases

12pm - Operaworks - Michael Bourke presents an hour of Opera & classical music

2pm - Cracklin' Country - An hour of the best of Country music with Mick Roche

4pm - Down Penny Lane - Colm Grogan takes a nostalgic trip past strawberry fields & down Penny lane

5pm - Music Parade - Join Pat Mcgee for a 2 hour mix of music and chat

8pm - Country Sounds - Country & Western music as well as ballads from around the counties with Padraig McGarrigle

Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook

"The world is like a mirror - if you face it smiling, it smiles back!"

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

During Level 5 Masses will be livestreamed on www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Masses: Vigil Saturday: 6.30pm,
Sunday: 11am

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Praying with Scripture: Praying with scripture is continuing on zoom. If interested please contact Cheryl Murphy at 086 8343754 to register.

Private Prayer: The Church will be open daily for private prayer on weekdays from 10.30am to 6pm (funerals permitting) and on Sundays from 12 noon to 6pm. Please enter by the Main Porch Door and exit by the side door (near the Nun's Chapel). Please ensure social distancing when visiting the church and use hand sanitizers provided when entering and leaving.

Deepest Sympathy to the husband, family and friends of *Deirdre Strickland*, Hermitage Way. *May she rest in peace.*



St. Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

All Masses are now streamed live on the Parish You Tube channel during Level 5

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday at 10am.

Private Prayer: Church is open for private prayer, weekdays from 10.30 to 12.30 and access through church door at the bell tower.

View the following on www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Mass Readings for the week

Morning Prayer – Lauds

Evening Prayer – Vespers

Take five at 10 - Reflections–Weekdays: 10am

Taizé – Watch and Pray



Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

All Masses will be livestreamed only on www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass: Sunday 10:30am

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday 9:15am
Saturday 10am

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

Private Prayer: While the Church is not open to parishioners for Mass, the Faustina Chapel is open for private prayer from 10am to 12 noon Monday to Friday.

Dublin Diocese Virtual Pilgrimage to Knock

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Saturday April 24th** with a

programme of online workshops from Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road via webcam commencing at 12pm.



From 2.30pm, we will switch to the Knock Shrine webcam for the rosary, the Pilgrimage Mass at 3pm and

opportunity for quiet time in the Apparition Chapel.

For more information check out the [Dublin Diocese website](http://www.dublin-diocese.ie)

Acknowledgements

McCARTHY (JIM)

1st Anniversary - 27th April 2021

The family of the late Jim McCarthy, Esker Lawns, wish to express our grateful appreciation to all those who sympathised with and supported us in our sad loss. The many cards, letters, calls, online messages of condolences and personal tributes paid were deeply appreciated. Thanks also to all those neighbours and Lucan Sarsfields members who stood out to pay their respects on his final journey to the cemetery. We are very grateful also to the staff of Marymount Care Centre who cared so well for Jim during his final illness, to Fr. Philip Curran for administering the last rites and to Fr. Philip and Catherine for their support with the funeral service. Thanks also to Kathy Nugent and to Cunningham's Funeral Directors.



The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for all your intentions.

Jim's First Anniversary Mass will be online from St. Mary's Church at 11.00am on Sunday 25th April.

TOBIN (BRIDGET - DELIA)

The family of the late Bridget (Delia) Tobin of Hillcrest Drive, Lucan would like to express their sincere appreciation and thanks to all those who stood outside St. Patrick's Church on the 24th March 2021. Also to those who lined up outside the house. Along with the cards, phone calls, condolences posted online this gave us great support and comfort.



CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

0818 222 024

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.



**Lucan Spring
Clean Week**

We are very encouraged by the number of clean ups which we have learned are taking place around Lucan on a regular basis. These are being initiated by individuals and local residents. Now wouldn't it be great if more people followed suit! As we mentioned last week, we are inviting everyone to take part in Lucan Spring Clean Week - commencing officially on this coming Monday 26th April, but of course, earlier if you are ready to go!

Let's put our best efforts into making Lucan a clean, tidy and pleasant place for all to enjoy. As you know, due to the restrictions on numbers and movements, all in the interests of preventing the spread of Covid 19, we cannot organise to meet and work together in groups. We suggest that individuals/families pick an area nearby and do a litter pick on any day that suits. If anyone is looking for a specific area to clean up, we can allocate around Lucan village.

If you could send some photos via whatsapp, we would transfer to our facebook. This way, we can all gain heart in seeing just how much is happening to combat litter.



Contact Catherine at Lucan Tidy Towns if you need supplies - pickers, bags, gloves, hi viz. Also, we can arrange collection points through South Dublin Co Co.
Tel. 0879468271

**"Success is to get what you want
Luck is to keep what you get!"**



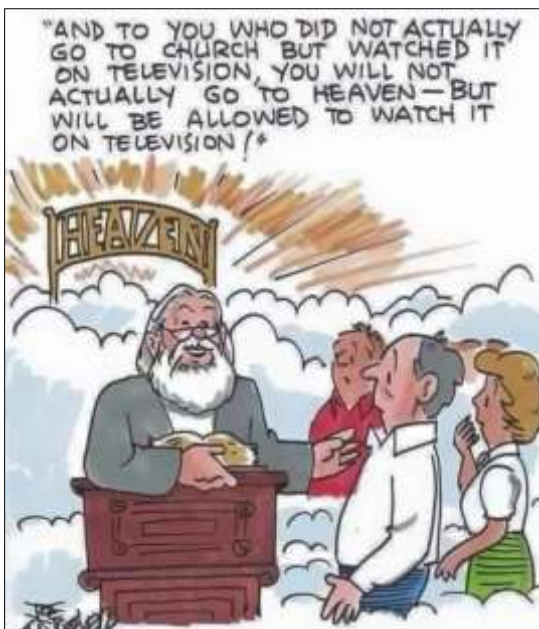
Last few days of April already, and it looks like Summer is arriving. How different May will be again without our little First Communion people!

We're on the road to De-Mask-us! Thankfully, the vaccine registration got a brilliant response. At this stage, we would nearly take anything to stay safe! The good news at Lucan Newsletter is that we are getting nearer our return to hard copy, with the elder lemons getting the jab.

St. Mary's Sensory Garden



Next time you are in the vicinity of St. Mary's, have a look at the sensory garden, just beside the Bungalow. It was established with the help of our Tidy Towns people. Bring the kids – they'll love it!



Drone Operations to Update Mapping: SDCC have been updating their basemaps in the Adamstown area over the past few weeks, by taking aerial photographs via a drone. A far cry from when fellows rolled out chains to map places!!!



Beautiful walks all over Lucan in these times. We are so lucky! The above photo of the weir at Shackleton's Mill was taken by **Gary Gibson**, while strolling in St. Eds.



Weather Report!

It's great to have readers all over the world, and this week we received very special photos from Napier, on the north island of New Zealand.

One day last week, residents were alarmed as a very strange and powerful storm tracked over the island, surprising people with a Waterspout!



Josh Feierabend who was visiting friends along the coast at the time, took these brilliant photos.

The thunder and lightning, and hail showers came in from the Tasman Sea, and while spectacular, the storm was quite frightening to many.

A Waterspout would be the equivalent of a tornado over land, and is a pretty unusual feature even in that part of the world.

Our correspondent hid in from the storm, and like us just admired the photos, and also watched the TV coverage!



The storm looming off the coast of Napier

Waterspout

A waterspout is an intense columnar vortex (usually appearing as a funnel-shaped cloud) that occurs over a body of water. Some are connected to a cumulus congestus cloud, some to a cumulonimbus cloud and some to a cumulonimbus cloud. In the common form, it is a non-supercell tornado over water.

Wikipedia

They can occur in any part of the world, but are rare. A spectacular waterspout was spotted in the Shannon Estuary in August 2020, and four years previous to that, there was one off the coast of Donegal.

Thank you to Josh for the pictures, and to Louise Carroll for putting them our way.

"Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of 80, and gradually approach 18!"

South Dublin Co. Co. on Dumping

Household Waste Collection Services are operating and Civic Amenity sites are open.



If you witness dumping contact

014149000/wasteregulation@sdublincoco.ie



the 2020 GLOBE Air Quality Campaign.
And the winner is ... **Lucan Community College, Dublin.**

Lucan Community College



First years carrying out energy conversions using solar energy in our school garden.

6th year Student success: Congratulations to 6th Year student Irene Aniboh who has been successful in reaching the regional final of the Soroptimist Public Speaking Competition. This is a wonderful achievement. According to the Public Speaking Convenor, Irene wrote “an excellent speech” on the Planet and Environment topic. She is one of two winners chosen from a group of 15 speakers (most of which have a long established association with the competition) to go forward to the next round.

Irene really enjoyed the challenge of writing and presenting the speech. She was delighted to be able to use the skills she has developed over the past six years as well as being able to express her passion for the environment. She put a lot of hard work into the competition and is looking forward to writing her speech for the next round. Soroptimist International is an organisation that seeks to further the status of women and girls. Soroptimists inspire action and create opportunities to transform the lives of women and girls through a global network of members and partnerships. It is a great honour for LCC to have one of our students represent us in such an estimable endeavour.

Best of luck in the next round Irene. Ms. Hickey

The Globe Programme: We are delighted to announce the winner of our GLOBE Air Quality campaign prize draw for submissions received in



Ms Healy and all the school community wish to congratulate TY students Keelah Sisk, Jessica Power & Clodagh McDonnell who received a Weather station on behalf of the school with instruments and equipment for measuring atmospheric conditions to provide information to study the weather and climate as part of the globe air quality campaign.

Easter Quiz: Congratulations to all those who participated in the Easter quiz, the students, teachers, and the SNA's who offered their support. Callum Harman from 2nd Yr. Class Malala and Ms. O'Donoghue were the overall winners with 100% score! Thanks to Ms. L. Quirke who was the quiz master and her love of chocolate was evident in her questions!

Well-being Week update: It's lovely to see our students enjoy all the activities on offer this week at Lucan Community College. Thank you to all those teachers who are running clubs and activities. All students have been emailed the timetable so they have access to everything that is on offer this week. All the relevant information is also on display on notice boards in the E area. Our Lucan CC heroes have been flooding in and it has been lovely to see so many students and teachers being nominated. All of you will be rewarded with a certificates.

We are very close to submitting our application for the Amber Flag. We need to complete a fundraiser for Pieta House. All students are participating in a skipathon disco in their PE classes this week. There will also be a non-uniform day Friday 23rd April. This is a very worthy cause that we hope you will get behind. Thank you to the Amber Flag committee for all their ideas and help with the week. There are so many activities for all students and staff to get involved in this week.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Tráth na gCeist: Our 2nd yr quiz team took part in the 1st ever virtual National Final (Craobh) of the Tráth na gCeist Boird Feachtas on Tuesday. The four students, Cillian Lawlor, Eoin McGarty, Luke Gibbs and Alex D'Alba, had qualified for the Craobh by finishing 2nd in the Dublin Regional Round that was held in October. This year saw the final streamed live on the Feachtas UTube channel to each of the 21 teams participating from schools throughout the country. Coláiste Phádraig had the youngest team taking part in the final with the majority of teams containing senior students. There were teams from Gaelcholáistí, Gaeltacht schools and English medium schools competing for the prestigious Micheál Mac Gréil Perpetual Trophy. Our 2nd yrs enjoyed a solid opening round with a score of 7/10 but unfortunately a tough set of questions in the 2nd round saw them drop down the leader board as they could only manage 3 correct answers out of 10. An excellent 3rd round score of 9/10 repaired some of the damage at least. The team were 7 points off the leaders at this stage so it was all about finishing as strongly as possible even though victory was a remote possibility by now. The final three rounds were at least consistent as the team scored 6/10 in each one to finish with a respectable final total of 37/60. The top three teams finished with 51, 52 and 54 respectively so the standard was extremely high, as is always the case in the Craobh. Our four 2nd yrs should be very proud of their efforts as it was challenging for them to fully understand every question and a few of the questions required Leaving Cert knowledge. The event lasted ran for over two hours so they should be commended for speaking Irish the entire time, even when they went out for fresh air whenever they had a very short break. The students are determined to qualify for the Craobh again next year and finish higher up on the leader board. Beidh lá eile ag an bPaorach! (We live to fight another day).



Exam news: Our 3rd yr students completed their mock-exams on Tuesday, which went ahead despite the cancellation of this year's Junior Certificate Exams. Traditionally the mocks are used to hone the student's exam technique and work on issues such as planning, timing, focus, stress management etc in preparation for the real thing in June. This year the mocks were more in line with the in-house exams at Christmas and summer with the only difference being that the mock exams were sent away for external correction.

The grades the students receive in the mocks will be one set of results sent off for statistical analysis, along with results from the in-house exams from 1st, 2nd and 3rd yr, to an outside company specialising in this area. Each 3rd yr will then be awarded a mark out of 80 based on the analysis completed. The remaining 20 marks will be assigned by the subject teachers based on different forms of assessment to be carried out in the classroom between now and the end of the term. Assessments are subject specific so the students will be completing oral exams in some of the languages, project work in the practical subjects etc.

Students will then receive a school report setting out the learning achievements of the students in Junior Cycle (levels taken/final grades/descriptors etc) and they will also be awarded a State Certificate of completion of Junior Cycle from the Department of Education.

Past pupil news: Congratulations to Rhys Gilson (Leaving Cert 2020) on winning an 1st yr Economics Award from the Department of Economics in Maynooth University last month. Rhys was a regular attendee at the Current Affairs lunch club run by his teacher Ms. Shanahan and he was also highly involved in the hugely successful Conscious Cup campaign in the school which promoted reusable cups. Rhys wrote Ms. Shanahan a lovely email of appreciation after learning of his award in College, informing her that he gained a huge

interest in the subject due to her inspirational teaching methods and undoubted passion for economics. Ms. Shanahan is justifiably proud of Rhys and has no doubt that he will be in contention for further awards in the years ahead.

Left: Coláiste Phádraig's Tráth na gCeist team

St Joseph's College

National Scratch Final Winner!

First year student Agnes Martin has won a prize in the National Scratch Finals.

Agnes won the Overall Award category for 1st to 3rd years!

It's a wonderful achievement for Agnes and is a just-reward for the excellent work she did on her project and is the culmination of a lot of hard work (Research, Design, Computational Thinking, Coding) throughout the year. 'Scratch' is a visual programming language targeted at children aged 8-16 as an educational tool to learn coding. Well done Agnes!!



Nano Nagle Virtual Walk

This week the Religion Department invited students to join the Presentation Sisters and the many Presentation students from around the country to get involved in the **Nano Nagle 'Virtual' Walk.**

Participants were invited to walk 5km each day and post pictures of their walks or walking times. We remember this fantastic woman who was the light in so many lives and we hope we can continue to shine forth the light in what we do, being part of the wonderful Presentation Community.



6th year PE students participating in the Nano Nagle Virtual Walk

TY Activity Day

Activity Day on Wednesday for our Transition Year students saw them participating in a great selection of activities.

They kept fit, while having great fun doing 'Zumba' with instructor Claire Kelly!

Then they got very creative, learning how to hair-style during a workshop with 'Rootine Hairdressing'!

Finally they participated in a large variety of Team Building activities under the creative supervision of 'Teamworks'

A great day for all and well done to TY co-ordinator Ms Butler for organising the activities!

Joey's Tidy Towns

At last our Joey's Tidy Towns students resumed their duties after school on Friday, gathering litter from around Lucan Village! The students were delighted to be back in action as part of their Gaisce President's Award once again! Well done to the students and Ms Butler and Ms Bligh!



Young Social Innovators

Transition Year group - '**Redefining Perfect**' have been very busy this week, working on the very first issue of their **Magazine**, prompting others on ways to educate and empower themselves to love their bodies.

It's time for the Young Social Innovators (YSI) group to spend the winnings from their YSI DEN Interview success earlier this year.

Watch this space! They will be printing off posters and creating a magazine as a tool for schools to utilise. It's very exciting to see the girls reaching their goals!

Follow them on

Instagram [@Redefining_perfect](#) & Facebook 'Redefining Perfect' are just one of three of our TY groups that participated in the 'YSI Virtual Speak Out Tour' last week. The other groups are 'It's hard for me to say' and 'Wonder Women'. We are inspired by the great work of these teenagers who try to solve a problem in our society and bring about change on issues that affect all of us!

Non-Uniform Days

Our **Parents' Association** are organising two non-uniform days to raise funds for an Outdoor Classroom! and 'Rosie's Garden' on the 27th April and 11th May.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Juvenile training in the club is set to return on April 26th, as long as public health and government guidelines continue to be observed. Training slots and locations are being finalised and we will notify all in plenty of time. Club Membership is now open via the ClubForce app or on the club website. New Members are always welcome, bear in mind that all players must be registered before we return to play/train.

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club is pleased to announce that **Brian Mahon** is taking on the role of adult games committee chairperson, as **Greg O'Neill** has stepped away due to other sporting conflicts. The club would like to thank Greg for his dedication over the past number of years in the role and we wish him all the very best. We are sure that Brian will ensure the continuity of the great work by Greg!



Martin Walsh Photography have put together a terrific collection of video clips highlighting some of the excellent skills of our own Peter Kelly, it's on the website version of club notes.



Healthy Club Notes – full details are available via the club website, www.lucansarsfields.ie. We are on week two of our online Recipes for Success Campaign. This week we are focusing on all things Lunch with videos, recipe inspiration and healthy eating posters.

Are you interested in finding out more about food and nutrition for yourself or your family? Dietitians are taking these online workshops throughout April.

Suicide Prevention Skills Online Training

Are you interested in finding out more about food and nutrition for yourself or your family? Dietitians are taking these online workshops throughout April.

START training is an introduction to suicide prevention training and a precursor to safe Talk and ASIST training. This training is for over 18s and is free of charge. For more information about this training or if you wish to apply to complete the programme, please email lucanhealthyclub@gmail.com.

MyMind Centre for Mental Wellbeing is currently providing free online counselling services to people who have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic whether it's through bereavement, job loss, increased anxiety or depression. Support is provided by a team of qualified mental health professionals, and all sessions are held in strict confidence through My Mind's own online platform.

HSE Health and Wellbeing, together with the Men's Health Forum in Ireland, the Men's Development Network and the Men's Health Research Centre in IT Carlow are hosting a series of webinars which will bring you expert insights about the work and learning from the delivery to date of the HSE National Men's Health Action Plan

The U14 Hurlers Skills Challenge continued last week with over 250 children taking part. Congratulations to Mark Gillespie, from Maigh Cuilinn, for the second week in a row with 27, joined by Eoghan Hickey, Holycross, and Samuel Hayes, Danesfort, the top scoring hurlers and Alix Joyce, Sylane and Eva Collis and Saoirse Fitzgerald, both Lucan Sarsfields U-14 camogie, with 24 the top scoring Camogie players for week 1. The latest update and League table is on the club website.



12th Lock Café will reopen on Monday 26th from 6pm-9pm.

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot

€6200. There was no winner of the Club Lotto held on 15 April 2021 sponsored Lucan Village Pharmacy. The numbers drawn were **1, 14, 27, 28.**



Lucky Dip winners of €30 each:

John O'Mahony, George Dobbs, Laura Kenna, Eddie Shanagher, Dermot Kelly.

The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 22nd April, is €6200, and is sponsored by D.J. Engineering Ltd. The draw will be held behind closed doors at 9pm and live streamed on our Facebook page. Tickets can be purchased via the website, ClubForce APP or online at the following link:

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

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



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

Tiomsú Urraíochta – Níl ach coicís fágtha!

A chairde,

Thar ceann fhoirne peile na bhfear, gabhaim buíochas mór le hachan duine a léirigh spéis sa tiomsú urraíochta atá a reachtáil againn go dtí seo! Tá ionadh nach beag orm faoin méid suime a léiríodh sa tarraingt, agus tá buíochas millteanach mór ag dul do na comhlachtaí, na heagraíochtaí agus na daoine aonair a cheannaigh ticéid go dtí seo. Tá buíochas mór tuille fosta ag na baill uilig ar an gcoiste agus ar na painéil éagsúla atá ag cinntiú go bhfuil ráchairt mhór ar an tarraingt.

Ná caill do dheis! Mar a luaigh mé thuas, tá ráchairt mhór ar an gcrannchur seo! Déanfar an tarraingt an 3 Bealtaine agus druidfear an nasc Paypal Dé hAoine, 30 Aibreán! Más mian leat a chinntiú go mbeidh tú san áireamh, ní mór ticéad a cheannach! Thig leat an nasc a aimsiú ar ár leathanaigh ar na meáin sóisialta agus ar ár suíomh idirlín – nó déan “Na Gaeil Óga urraíocht” a chur san inneall Google! Má tá aon cheisteanna agaibh ina thaobh, ná bíodh drogall ar bith ort teagmháil a dhéanamh liom ag colmmacfhionnghaile@gmail.com.

Sponsorship Fundraiser – Only two weeks left!

On behalf of the men’s football teams, I want to express my deep gratitude with everyone who has expressed interest in the sponsorship fundraiser which we are running to this point!

I’m blown away by the amount of interest in the draw, and am grateful in particular to those companies, organisations and individuals who have purchased tickets to this point. I am also extremely grateful to all of the members of the Committee and the club at large who have helped ensure that the draw has been so well supported!

Don’t miss your opportunity! As I’ve said above, the draw has garnered huge interest to date! The draw shall be made on Monday, 3rd May, and the Paypal link shall be closed on Friday, 30th April! If you wish to be in the running, you must purchase a ticket! You can easily find the PayPal link on our social media pages or on our website – or search “Na Gaeil Óga urraíocht” in Google! If you have any questions about any

aspect of the draw, please do not hesitate to contact me at colmmacfhionnghaile@gmail.com.

*Is mise le meas,
Colm Mac Fhionnghaile
Bainisteoir, Foirne Peile na bhFear*

Traenáil Faoi Aois ar Ais

Tá traenáil faoi aois ar ais an tseachtain seo chugainn ag Páirc Chaitríona. Seo na sonraí do na foirne éagsúla.

Underage training returns week beginning 26th. Please see details below

Dé Luain (Monday)

6-7pm – Buachaillí 2010
7-8pm – Buachaillí 2008
7-8pm – Cailíní 2011/12

Dé Máirt (Tuesday)

6-7pm – Buachaillí 2011
6-7pm – Buachaillí 2012
7-8pm – Buachaillí 2009
7-8pm – Cailíní 2009/10

Dé Céadaoin (Wednesday)

6-7pm – Buachaillí 2013/14
6-7pm – Cailíní 2013/14
6-7pm – Buachaillí 2010
7-8pm – Buachaillí 2008
-8pm – Cailíní 2011/12

Déardaoin (Thursday)

6-7pm – Buachaillí 2011
6-7pm – Buachaillí 2012
7-8pm – Buachaillí 2009
7-8pm – Cailíní 2009/10
7-8pm – Cailíní 2011/12

Dé Sathairn (Saturday)

09.30-10.30am – Buachaillí 2011
09.30-10.30am – Buachaillí 2012
10.30-11.30am – Buachaillí 2013/14
10.30-11.30am – Buachaillí 2010
10.30-11.30am – Cailíní 2011/12
11.30-12.30am – Buachaillí 2008

Dé Domhnaigh (Sunday)

10.30-11.30am Cailíní 2009/10
10.30-11.30am Cailíní 2011/12
10.30-11.30am Cailíní 2013/14



Political Notes

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Lucan Swimming Pool: Construction of the Lucan Swimming pool has been temporary suspended because of the ongoing public health emergency. It is envisaged that the pool will be operational sometime late this year if restriction are lifted.

Canal Loop Green Cycle Way: Members of People Before Profit in Lucan have submitted observations to the Canal Loop cycle green way. The local authority will consider all submissions and bring a draft plan back to the general public and public representatives later this year.

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Developmental Checks: Addressing the backlog of public health visits and routine health screenings for babies in their first year needs to be prioritised. I have called on the HSE to put in place an urgent catch up programme to ensure babies receive the developmental check-ups.

Outdoor Dining Scheme: A new scheme delivered in partnership between Fáilte Ireland and South Dublin County Council will help tourism and hospitality businesses in Lucan to develop and increase their outdoor seating capacity. Applications are now being accepted from businesses for grants of up to €4,000.

No increase in income tax or USC rates Post Pandemic: Fine Gael has reiterated that they will not support increases in income tax or USC, or tax on business or on people's savings.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Lighting at Abbeywood: Residents in Abbeywood asked me to request a review of the lighting at the entrance to the estate. South Dublin County Council have reviewed it and, while I'm disappointed they're not installing a new column, they will increase the wattage of the light at the junction of Castle Road and Abbeywood.

Trees at Rochfort Downes: Thanks to the Council for following up on my request to prune the trees at the entrance to Rochfort Downes. They will not be proceeding into the estate itself because of restrictions but I'm hopeful that this

work will begin to improve the lighting of the entrance.

Apprenticeships: I was pleased with the Government's Action Plan for Apprenticeships. Our young people have been severely impacted by the pandemic and it's important that we ensure education can help them get into work. Read more at <https://www.shanemoynihan.ie/government-launches-the-action-plan-for-apprenticeships/>

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National Spring Clean Week: Lots of mini clean-ups already happening around Lucan and if you would like to get involved in making Lucan litter free then check out details below. Everyone is invited to make week beginning Monday 26th April Lucan's dedicated spring clean week, keeping Covid restrictions in mind. You can share photos of your community clean-up 'before & after' to Lucan Tidy Towns Facebook page to show how we can keep the area clean and pleasant for all to enjoy. Contact Kevin O'Loughlin @ 0879468721 for more details. Contact myself directly if you need any clean-up materials.

New outside dining-seating and accessories scheme available: This will financially assist and support local hospitality business owners to create outdoor dining experience. If you know of anyone that would benefit from such funding further information can be found along with the online application form <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/business/enterprise/business-support/outdoor-seating-and-accessories-scheme/>.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty

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Cycleway Proposal Linking Canals: The public consultation for the initial phase is now over. I believe that the core aim of promoting the village as a tourist destination as part of a canal loop can be achieved without going through housing estates or vandalising the Liffey Bridge at Lucan. My own proposal suggests still going through Griffeen Park then diverting left at Cherbury N4 bridge along the proposed walkway beside the new cemetery, in through Vesey Park and down into the village at The Hollow.

A one-way traffic system in the village from the green to the bridge roundabout would allow for a cycleway and wider footpaths, bringing the village alive for citizens. If the traffic signals on the bridge also allowed one way at a time, this would facilitate a cycleway across. We need to show vision to enhance and protect our village.

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Vaccinations: Little tips when registering

1. Have your PPSN handy 2. Know your EIRCODE 3. Mother's maiden name 4. Mobile number 5. Email address 6. You will be asked to make up a password...remember to keep a record of it. I suggest writing all this on a sheet and keeping afterwards.

Lucan Luas: I have written to Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan, explaining the importance of the Lucan Luas, out along the N4 and linking up with Adamstown Station. I continue to work with Tom Newton on transport solutions.

Supporting local business and outdoor dining

in Lucan: I am proposing the Main Street be pedestrianized for some hours on Saturdays and Sundays during the summer to facilitate us meeting up safely for a coffee, a chat, and a meal. I have had some support for this. Let me know your views, please.

Lucan Library

Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin

Eiléan reads from her new book of collected poems and is in conversation with fellow poet Jessica Traynor

Thursday 29th April at 9.00pm

About this Event:

South Dublin Libraries final Poetry Day event celebrates the landmark publication of Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin Collected Poems.

Eiléan will read from the book and be in conversation with Jessica Traynor (The Quick).

Please Note:

One ticket per device, one device per household. A valid email address is required to register for this event.

Autism 101 Presented by Lisa Domican, CEO and Founder of Graceapp

Thursday 29th April at 11.00 am

Booking via Eventbrite.

A short, to the point, helpful course helping someone with Autism.

About this Event:

This event is brought to you as part of South Dublin Libraries Toys, Technology & Training (TTT) Programme and is supported by the Social Inclusion Unit. For further information can be found via <https://sdcc.ie/en/services/sport-and-recreation/libraries/library-projects/>



Grab That Book

A while ago, some friends told me
"Just go and treat yourself
You've got to buy a Kindle.

You'll find that you'll have much more space

And even make a profit
If you sell then all on eBay."

At which point, I told them, "Drop it!"

Imagine this: No libraries
With books from floor to ceiling
All yellowing and dog-eared
With plastic binding peeling;
No bookshops where you browse for hours

Inhaling unturned pages
Where you get to meet the author

After queueing up for ages;

No bookshelves in our houses

Where our children can discover

The wonder and the magic

That might lay between the covers;

No chance of conversation

When you're sitting on a plane

Beside the man or woman

Who is reading the exact same!

So, no, my friends, I have to say

I'll hold on to that shelf – and, hey.

I'll treat my books as I treat you

And not replace them with what's new.

Rita O'Brien – Lucan Creative Writers Group

A Mother's Prayer

Give me patience when little
hands tug at me with ceaseless
small demands.

Give me gentle words and
smiling eyes and keep my lips
from hasty sharp replies.

Let me not, in weariness,
confusion or noise, obscure my
vision from life's fleeting joys.

That when in years to come my house is
still, beautiful memories its rooms may
fill.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée



Fortunately Rose's photo of the grey heron last week did not capture the more brutal side of nature as was displayed during the week when a photo of a grey heron eating a duckling featured on the front page of the Irish Times. Maybe in these difficult times readers could have been spared this regardless of the expertise of the photographer.

This week there is evidence that members of our group are venturing more than 5 km from home at long last. Amongst the highlights for me are some black and white photos of railway tracks taken by Paddy and Conor is out and about again capturing sea life for us.

I've even taken out my camera but I have nothing to show in the Newsletter this week. Unfortunately, I let the battery go flat and I was not able to recharge it. The result was an expenditure of €80 on a new battery. I ordered it on line and it was delivered within two days and I was spared the hassle of going into the city to buy one in person. I'll make sure I keep this one charged in the future.



With the way the vaccines are beginning to roll out we can have some hope that we will be able to meet up at least outdoors again in the coming months.

