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## **Pardon my Alleluia!**



Alleluia is a word we associate closely with the great feast of Easter. Literally meaning 'Praise the Lord' it resounds as a joyous victory cry on Easter Day. Having remembered the sombre prayerfulness of the Last Supper, the awful spectacle of Good Friday and the silence of the tomb on Holy Saturday, the Easter Alleluia bursts forth as a joyful 'yippee' on the lips of believers throughout the world.

This is our second Easter living with the pandemic and many are experiencing it as more difficult to endure the second time around. We have had many sacrifices imposed on us this past year, and we're not quite in Alleluia mode when it comes to Covid-19 and its relentless paralysing

effect on our world. It seems that we will have to endure a while longer before we can return to any semblance of the normality we knew.

Easter Day is a day of triumph, the triumph of Jesus over the worst the world could throw at him – rejection, suffering and painful death. Such was the strength of his love for us that he was willing to endure it all, that we might be saved in him. For the disciples that first Holy Week was a painful experience; the one they loved and hoped in is shamefully dealt with in a cruel and unjust way, and they stand by powerless, probably feeling hopelessly inadequate, and seized by shame at their own cowardice in abandoning him. At the time when Jesus most needed them they ran away. They probably imagined that this was the end of their relationship with Jesus – all seemed to end in tears. They remembered the words of Jesus that urged them to wait in prayer, and in their fellowship with one another found support that sustained them in their sadness.

But everything was to be restored on Easter Day – the Risen Lord held no words of condemnation or rebuke for his disciples, rather a gentle 'Peace be with you'. Despite their shortcomings and inadequacies the Lord chooses them anew. The despair of Good Friday was banished forever. Easter filled them, as it fills us, with hope. Even when things look dark and bleak and the future uncertain, the reality of our Risen Lord shines a light that dispels all darkness. Whatever life throws at us we have reason to rejoice – the gates of heaven have been opened that we may enter! So please pardon my Alleluia!

We wish all the Christian people of Lucan every joy and blessing of this Easter Season. May the Risen Lord watch over, bless and protect each one of us, and may we grow daily in our love of him.

*Philip Curran  
St. Mary's Lucan*

# Looking at Easter

Easter takes its name from Eostre, the Teutonic goodness of the dawn, whose heathen festival was held around the spring equinox. The Teutons were an ancient Germanic tribe. At the Council of Nicaea, Turkey in AD 325 it was decided that Easter should be the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after March 21.



## Easter Statistics

The earliest possible date for Easter is March 22 and the latest possible date is April 25. The last time Easter occurred on March 22 was in 1818. The last time Easter occurred on April 25 was in 1943 and the next time that this will happen is relatively soon, in 2038. Some people will experience both of these Easters in a lifetime. In the full Gregorian Easter Cycle the most frequent date for Easter is April 19. The least frequent date is March 22. Please don't ask me to explain this! I'm not a statistician.

## Shamrock & Palm

The last time St. Patrick's Day and Palm Sunday fell on the same date was in 1940. Easter Sunday was of course on March 24 that year. In Kevin Danaher's book *"The Year in Ireland"* he tells us that when the shamrock and the palm were worn together something unusual is expected to happen. Usually it was taken as a happy omen. 1940 brought the best summer weather of the war years. June was especially fine with low rainfall and above normal temperatures. The Phoenix Park weather station recorded 8.5 hour's sunshine on average a day, well above the normal 6 hours daily sunshine. Maybe this was the happy event. Some cheering up was needed as the war news was gloomy. On June 14 1940 the German army took control of Paris. Two million Parisians had already fled the city.



## Warmest and Coldest Easter Sundays

Looking at the temperatures reported from Casement Aerodrome since 1970, we see that the warmest Easter Sunday occurred very recently. On April 21 2019 the maximum temperature reached 21C. This is noteworthy as the normal maximum for this date is 13c. The coldest Easter Sunday was April 3 1983. At Casement the temperature only reached 5C. The maximum temperature on the previous Christmas Day, December 25 1982 was 11C. A stark contrast. It's interesting to note that occasionally Christmas is warmer than Easter!

## A remarkably warm Easter period (1984)

On Easter Sunday 1984 the maximum temperature reached 13C at Casement Aerodrome. There is nothing remarkable about that. However, the following week, an easterly wind with settled conditions brought very high temperatures to the West of Ireland. A reporter in the Irish Independent described the atmosphere in Galway city at the start of its quinquennial celebrations. The city resembled an old Spanish town with crowds enjoying the heat. On April 24 1984 the temperature in Galway reached 23C.

On April 26 Glenties, Co Donegal recorded a maximum temperature of almost 26C. This is an all-time temperature record for the month of April in Ireland.



## Old Easter Customs – Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday families brought their own fronds of "palm" to the church to be blessed. Sprigs of yew or other conifers were used because palm wasn't available. Irish speakers often referred to Palm Sunday as Domhnach an Iúir (Yew Sunday). Men and boys wore a sprig of yew in their lapel or hat. Women and children brought their sprigs home to be hung in the house and barn to ensure protection from harm. A sprig of yew was kept to be used as a sprinkler for holy water.



## Easter Sunday Evening

Another old custom was the holding of a competitive cake dance on Easter Sunday evening. A barm brack was placed in full view on a milk churn. Animals, birds and fish were marked out on the raised crust. Couples danced to music. The couple judged to have the best dancing skills was declared the winner. They had the honour of cutting the cake and sharing it among friends.



## Weather Sayings

Weather sayings are interesting because they draw our attention to the weather its possible outcomes throughout the year. Here are two sayings. One is for Easter and the other is one to watch out for later in spring.

"If it rains on Easter Day,  
There shall be good grass  
But very bad hay".



"Swallows high  
Staying dry  
Swallows low  
Wet 'twill blow".



*D. T.*



*An Easter Floral Arrangement from Lucan Senior Citizens Club*



## PLEASE NOTE:

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

Alternately email any of the following:

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**Due to present restrictions, we will continue publishing online only for the next few weeks, when we will review the situation.**

Our weekly block and small ads, which are not normally carried online, may be viewed on our **'Community' Page** at [www.lucannewsletter.ie](http://www.lucannewsletter.ie)



We are looking for new volunteers to join our "Lucan Live" team as presenters and researchers.

If you have an interest in currents affairs, local issues and a nose for a good story, please email [stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie](mailto:stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie)

*Happy Easter!*

[www.liffeysoundfm.ie](http://www.liffeysoundfm.ie) or catch up on Facebook

## Woodville Downs Residents' Association incl. Esker Lane

Thanks to all who participated in our Spring Clean-up over the last two weekends. There were plenty of bags filled and two loads of cuttings and soil, all collected by the Council.



The place is looking the better of it!!

We have to look at an online AGM if the expertise is available.

## Parish Notes

### St Mary's, Lucan

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



During Level 5 Masses will be livestreamed on [www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)

**Because of the Covid-19 restrictions our Holy Week Ceremonies will be online only this year.**

#### Holy Thursday:

**Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm**

#### Good Friday

**Solemn Celebration of the Passion 3pm**

**Prayer around the Cross 8pm**

We invite those joining in on the webcam to have a Crucifix to hand for the Veneration of the Cross which is part of the ceremony.

#### Holy Saturday

This would normally be a day for Confessions the restrictions make this impossible. Instead make a good confession of your sins to the Lord followed by a sincere Act of Contrition. If you have the intention to go to Confession, when it becomes possible again, this is sufficient.

There will be **NO** Easter Vigil at St Mary's instead we invite you to tune in to RTE Television who will broadcast the Vigil.

### Easter Sunday

Mass of the Lord's Resurrection with the Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Blessing of the Easter Candle and Easter Water. **11am**  
Easter Sunday is the summit of our Liturgical year when we celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ over sin and death. He has opened the gates of life to all who follow him in faith. **Alleluia!**

*The priests of the Parish wish all our parishioners every Joy and Blessing of the Easter Season, and long for the day when we can welcome you back to St Mary's post-pandemic!*



**Weekday Masses:** 10am Monday to Saturday

**Deepest Sympathy** to the wife, family and friends of **Pat O'Malley**, Lucan Road.

*May he rest in peace.*



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

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

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

#### Holy Thursday

**5.00p.m.** Online Family Mass

**7.00 p.m.** Online Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Solemn Procession to the Altar of Repose

**After Mass** - Immediately followed by online Eucharistic Adoration for Silent Prayer

#### Good Friday

**10.00a.m.** Online Morning 5@10 Reflection on the Psalms

**12.00noon** Online Stations of the Cross for Children

**3.00p.m.** Online Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**7.00p.m.** Online Stations of the Cross for Adults

**8.00p.m.** "Seven words of Jesus on the Cross" An online service on the words Jesus Christ spoke while dying on the Cross.

#### Holy Saturday

**10.00a.m.** Online Morning 5@10 Reflection on the Psalms

**7.00p.m.** Online Easter Vigil this is the principal celebration of the Church.

### Easter Sunday

**9a.m.** Online Mass

**10.30a.m.** Online Family Mass

**12noon** Online Mass



*Wishing you the graces  
and blessings of a Happy Easter!*



## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on  
[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)



**Holy Thursday: 7pm:** Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Good Friday

**NO** morning Mass

**Morning Prayer** at 10.00am

(A copy of this prayer is on our parish website.)

**12 noon:** Stations of the Cross for Children

**3.00pm:** Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

**7.00pm:** Stations of the Cross followed by The Seven Last Words of Christ

### Holy Saturday

**NO** morning Mass

**10.00am:** Morning Prayer

(A copy of this prayer is on our parish website)

**NO** 6.30pm Mass

### 9pm: Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday: Mass: 10.30am**

Bank Holiday Monday – Mass at 10.00am

All services streamed live on-line only, via webcam or facebook

*Wishing you all a Blessed and Jubilant Easter!*

## Anniversaries

### Harrison (William - Liam)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary - 28<sup>th</sup> March**

It is hard to believe that you are gone from us,

but you are not gone.

We feel your spirit and your helping hand guiding us Dad.

You give us strength, kindness, compassion and love.

We are forever in your debt.

*Always loved, always remembered.*

*Your loving family, Anna, Ruth, Mick and your darling grandson and apple of your eye, Ajay*

### Kilduff (John - Jack)

**37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Chapel Hill.

In Loving Memory of our dear father Jack

“Silent Thoughts Of Times Together

Hold Memories That Last Forever “

*From All the Family*



### Moore (Dorothy)

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Late of Dodsboro

We little knew that day,

God was going to call your name

In life we loved you dearly

In death, we do the same.

Leaving us was so sudden

We will always wonder why

But the hardest part of all

Was that we never said goodbye

We think about you always

We talk about you still

You have never been forgotten

And you never ever will.

*Sadly missed by all your Family*

### Fitzgerald (Anne)

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 7<sup>th</sup> April**

Late Woodview and Dodsboro, Lucan

Remembering our Mam Anne to-day

No more to-morrows for us to share

But yesterday's memories will always be there

Will those who think of Anne to-day

A little prayer to Jesus say

*With love from daughter Pamela, son Chris,*

*grand-daughter Roxy, sisters Bernie and Marie,*

*brother Bo and the late Michael, nieces and*

*nephews*

### Weldon (Margaret - Marie)

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

We did not see you close your eyes

We did not see you die

All we knew was that you were gone

Without a last goodbye

It was a sudden parting,

Too bitter to forget

Only those who loved you

Are the ones who will never forget

The happy hours we one enjoyed

How sweet their memories still

But death has left a vacant place

This world can never fill

Your life was one of kindly deeds

A helping hand for other's needs

Sincere and true in heart and mind

Beautiful memories left behind

*Always in our hearts, today and forever.*

*Your loving family, Ann, Larry, Geraldine,*

*Jackie, Paul, Breda and Kara, Daughters-in-law,*

*Son-in-laws, Grandchildren and Great*

*Grandchildren, extended family and friends.*



# CHOOL NEWS



## Lucan Community College

**GLOBE Air Quality:** A special congratulations to Keelah, Clodagh and Jessica on winning the GLOBE Air Quality prize draw with their recent project on Air Quality in Lucan. Well done girls - I'm sure the geography department will also be delighted with the prize of an automated weather station. Your dedication to the project since September has been exemplary. Congratulations Ms. Healy

**National Linguistics Olympiad:** Congratulations to David Wright (6th Year) for getting 4th place in the National Final of the National Linguistics Olympiad. David has secured a place on the International Team representing Ireland in the International Linguistics Olympiad (IOL) in DCU 19-23 July 2021. An amazing achievement - David has managed to achieve this and continue to successfully prepare for his Leaving Certificate exams in June 2021- bravo!!!

**Well done to Mr Coogan and Ms McCarthy's TY MOS computer classes**, some of whom recently completed remotely their Microsoft Office Specialist PowerPoint exam. These exams were challenging, so a big congratulations to students who now have achieved their PowerPoint MOS certification and badge. Good luck with the Excel exams coming after Easter.

**Well done to TY Global Citizenship students** for their recent positive engagement with a online workshop on global issues, delivered by Vicky from the One World centre, Galway. Lots of thoughtful contributions."

**Social Justice Class:** Social Justice Class in Transition Year welcomed Becca Gallagher, a Youth Education Officer from SVP to class on Thursday 18th. She introduced the topic of Power in Society and will return to us after Easter to continue the conversation. This is an important concept for our students as they look at the roles they play in our community.

**Stripe:** Lucan Community College is delighted to have been selected to take part in a virtual two-day TY event with STRIPE, the Tech company set up by the Collison brothers from Limerick and operating from Silicon Valley. STRIPE is a company that builds economic infrastructure for the internet.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the students who put their names forward and this will look impressive on their CVs in the years to come. We have celebrated the success of the young entrepreneurs from Limerick by naming a class in the college after them, so it is lovely to get an insight into their successes for our students.

*We wish all our school community a peaceful Easter and we look forward to welcoming all of our students back to the school building on the 12<sup>th</sup> April.*

**For updates** please check [www.lucancc.ie](http://www.lucancc.ie)



## Tree of Hope

The Tree of Hope in A.G.P looks decorative from a distance. Up close, however, the tree appears woebegone. Weighed down under the weight of the petitions attached to it, it is struggling to survive. A similar fate befell a tree in Glendalough some time ago and on expert advice all the petitions were removed to enable the tree to thrive.



Perhaps those responsible for the planting of the Tree of Hope would see to it that it gets the TLC it needs to restore it to health. Given the reason for the planting of the tree it would be a shame to see its early demise.

*I. Murphy*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

[www.citizensinformation.ie](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:clondalkin@mabs.ie)

**The CIC will be closed  
on Good Friday 2/4/21  
and on Easter Monday 5/4/21**

### How to switch your account to another bank

[https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/money\\_and\\_tax/personal\\_finance/banking/opening\\_and\\_switching\\_a\\_bank\\_account.html](https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/money_and_tax/personal_finance/banking/opening_and_switching_a_bank_account.html)

You should review your needs and preferences from time to time. You might decide to switch your account to another bank because:

Your circumstances have changed and you have different needs from an account

You have found an account that offers you a better deal

You are unhappy with the level of service that your bank is providing

You are unhappy with the fees your bank is charging

If you decide to switch your account you can get information to help you decide and there are rules about the process.

Check the CCPC's personal current account cost comparison to help you to see whether you can get a better deal from another bank.

If you decide to switch your account, the Central Bank of Ireland has issued a Code of Conduct on the Switching of Payment Accounts with Payment Service Providers (pdf). All banks, payment institutions and e-money institutions that offer payment accounts in Ireland must comply with the Code. The Switching Code is designed to make switching accounts quick and easy.

Under the Code all banks must provide a switching pack to their customers. This contains a description of all of the current accounts currently being offered to new customers, as well as a step-by-step guide to what you need to do when switching.

Your new bank must have your new account up and running within 10 working days of the switching date - this is the date agreed between you and your new bank for the process to start. You will be given the option to keep your old account, or to close it. You must let your new bank know before you switch.

If you keep your old account open you may have to pay charges on this account and stamp duty on your cards, even if you no longer use that account.

You can get detailed information on switching accounts from the CCPC.

### More information

#### Competition and Consumer Protection Commission

Bloom House  
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Dublin 1  
D01 C576

Opening Hours: Lines open Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm

Tel: (01) 402 5555 or 402 5500

Locall: 1890 432 432

Homepage: <http://www.ccpc.ie>

#### Central Bank of Ireland

Financial Regulation  
New Wapping Street  
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Dublin 1

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Ireland

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Fax: (01) 671 6561

Homepage: <http://www.centralbank.ie>

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**Happy Easter** to all our Readers at home and abroad. We hope all have a nice time, and go easy on the chocolate!!!

We've certainly been blessed with a couple of beautiful days this past week.

Let's hope that's not our Summer!

Now we must welcome the April Showers, to bring our May Flowers!

**We were hoping we'd be back in print for Easter**, but alas, we must wait a bit longer. Hopefully the vaccine will bring us closer to the time when we can all have the hard copy in hand.

**I would never have believed that 12 weeks of uncut hair would weigh over a stone, but if that's what the scales says, it must be right!**

**What about our Boys in Green!** It is very disappointing seeing them wait so long for a win. They must try harder!

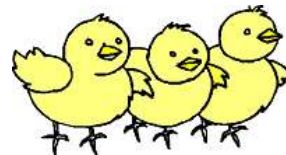


**A nice image from Lucan Demesne** – it is very rare to see two of these lads together, and they look like young ones. They'll be told off by Mammy Heron when they get back to the nest!

**Beautiful gardens** all around Lucan these days!



Walkers will be well rewarded with all the beautiful blooms on display.



## **A Quiz for you!**

- 1 How long did the 100 years war last?
- 2 Which country makes Panama Hats?
- 3 From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4 In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution
- 5 What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6 The Canary Islands in the Atlantic Ocean is named after which animal?
- 7 What was George VI's first name?
- 8 What colour is a purple finch?
- 9 Where are Chinese Gooseberries from?
- 10 What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane?

**Answers on Political Page!**



# Political Notes

## Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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### RTE Investigates Programme:

Last week's RTE investigates programme on the Department of Health policy of keeping documentation on families who had taking the state to court in regards to access to special educational needs for their children was disturbing. As a member of the health committee the committee has written to the Minister for Health and the department of health requesting clarification on a number of issues raised in the programme. These are serious questions which have to be answered in order for trust and transparency for those families involved.

## Caitriona McClean

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### Lockdown relief:

Having made representation to An Taoiseach regarding county borders, I am delighted that Lucan was listened to and we achieved the 20kms from home option from 12th April. (See Gov.ie for all details).

### Children's Shoes:

See my twitter account and short video to Taoiseach on the subject. Having heard the Drivetime interview on the radio, I proposed a solution, and re- classification as essential retail.

### Hot School Meals:

I have followed up with Minister Heather Humphreys to see why not all schools here who expressed an interest were accepted on the program. I am acting on this.

### Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh uilig:

I hope you have a Happy Easter and peaceful few days, and we get the weather to enjoy the outdoors as much as we can.

## Birdie Page Quiz Answers

1 116 years, 2 Ecuador, 3 Sheep and horses, 4 November, 5 Squirrel fur, 6 Dogs, 7 Albert, 8 Crimson, 9 New Zealand, 10 Orange.

## Liona O'Toole – Independent

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

### Community Grants:

Applications are invited for South Dublin County Council's Community Grants Programme from Monday 5th April, 2021 further details can be found here:

<https://sdcc.ie/en/services/community/funding-and-support/>

### Community Clean Ups:

Individuals interested in doing litter picking in their own area can avail of community cleaning materials, such as litter pickers, bags, dog litter/poo signs. If you would like to avail of these materials, you can contact me directly.

### Litter bins:

I've been continuously raising the requests for additional bins in the area, some of the committed bins are yet to be installed. If you identify an area that requires an additional bin you can send the details onto me.

**Hillcrest/Paddocks Gap:** Following my motion to have the gap between these two estates to be included in the next round of permeability projects, the council have agreed to consider this location as part of this programme.

## Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Twitter: @shanemoynihan

Instagram: cllrshanemoynihan

### Hermitage Park vandalism:

I have been really distressed by reports of stones being thrown from Hermitage Park at vehicles and passers-by on St Loman's Road. South Dublin County Council have confirmed to me that they are putting a temporary solution in place to minimise the availability of stones. I have also asked An Garda Síochána to increase patrols in the area. I have also been informed that more permanent repairs to the playground will be carried out once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

### Abandoned cars:

Many residents have notified me about abandoned cars in their estates. If you notice or are concerned about an abandoned vehicle, please let me know and I will arrange an inspection.

I would like to wish the Newsletter team and all its readers a very Happy Easter.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club suffered a huge loss on Saturday March 27, when Trustee, Anna Carton passed away. Anna's involvement in the club from the time she moved to Lucan in the mid-seventies can only be described as phenomenal. Many of the people spoken to this week have told of her hard work and diligence in whatever task she undertook on behalf of the club, nothing was too much trouble for her, whether it was organising social events, refreshments, draws and raffles or the Céilí in the old clubhouse. Awarded Club Person of the year in 1994, Anna also served as treasurer on the Club Executive for seven years, it is said that she could account for every single penny, and was instrumental in the organisation of the Millennium Draw which raised over €300K towards the construction of our current clubhouse.

**Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dílis**

Our condolences to Anna's family, husband Liam, daughter Tara, sons Mark and Shane and to the Mescall family, sister Margaret, brothers, Eddie, Pat, Martin, Frank and Gerard, on the untimely passing of Anna. Anna was a staunch and loyal supporter of the club, she played a major role in many club activities, from social committees, fundraising, served on the executive and while not a golfer, spent whole days registering teams and collecting fees at the Golf Classics. Anna did all this without question; and will be forever missed by all in Lucan Sarsfields.  
*Mick Molloy*

We are all greatly saddened to hear of Anna's passing. A passionate supporter of Lucan Sarsfields, she did exceptional voluntary work for many years on behalf of the Club, as both Club Treasurer and, more recently, as Club Trustee. She was a lady of many talents, no more so than in Irish dancing, in which she regularly participated at the Céilí in the old clubhouse with her dancing partner, Joan Molloy. It's no surprise that, as a native of the Banner County, she specialised in the Siege of Ennis and the Clare Set. All of us amateurs learned a lot from just watching Anna and Joan! Off the dance-floor, she was quite reserved, never seeking the limelight, but working very effectively for the Club and getting great enjoyment from it. Both Anna and Liam gave so much to Lucan Sarsfields and have contributed hugely to the great Club and great camaraderie we enjoy today.

*Kathy O'Neill*

**Covid-19 Update from Club Chairperson, Colm Farrell.** So we finally have some good news. U18 and under can return to non-contact training from April 26th!! It's been a long wait but at least we have this to look forward to. Hopefully, a return to training for Adult teams is not too far behind the April 26th date. Return to play for all should follow by mid-summer. Our club remains closed, but when we do reopen, I'm sure all of you will be impressed with the work that has been completed in the clubhouse by our team of volunteers! Let's look forward to a return to play in the summer and hopefully as things open up further later in the year, we can all look forward to sitting, in our newly refurbished bar discussing the days games over a warm cup of tea or a nice cold beverage!

As we prepare to return to training, a reminder to all that club membership is open for renewal; for Insurance purposes, membership needs to be renewed for all mentors and players prior to returning to training. To renew or take out membership please use the ClubForce app or visit [http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/content\\_page/370673/](http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/content_page/370673/) and follow links on the page. Please use the same email address you used last year when registering so that we can continue your membership details from previous year. If you are unsure of your email or need to amend your email please contact our club registrar, John Cosgrove, by email, [lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com), and we will get it sorted. Use this email address if you have any questions or would like to discuss alternative options for membership in confidence.

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Before we go back, though, our U14 Hurlers have issued a nationwide skills challenge to other clubs. This will be done in line with the current restrictions. Contact Cró for more details on 0861967962.

**Support our Lucan Sarsfields Dublin LGFA Referees,** Angela Gallagher, Tom Casserley William Eakins, and Adam Kelly as they run on 2nd / 3rd April to raise funds for LauraLynn – Ireland's Children's Hospice, for more information and to donate, please see the website [https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11398409\\_dubl-in-lgfa-refs--s-page.htm](https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11398409_dubl-in-lgfa-refs--s-page.htm)

**Fantasy Golf Teams Competition** – Based on The US Masters. The Lucan Sarsfields Senior Hurling team is running a Fantasy Golf Teams Competition based on The Masters (which takes place on April 8-11 this year). Please see <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsFantasyGolf> for all the info.



**Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €5000**

There was no winner of the Club Lotto held on 25 March 2021 sponsored Newcastle Golf Centre. The numbers drawn were **2, 9, 17, 22.**

**Lucky Dip winners of €30 each:** Cormac Gordon, Tanya Murphy, Laura Fox, John Egan, Patty Moore. The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, is €5000, and is sponsored by John Ryan, Accountant. The draw will be held behind closed doors at 9pm and live streamed on our Facebook page. Tickets can be purchased online at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

**Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.**



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

**Camán do Chách**

Ag an deireadh seachtaine bronnadh breis agus 100 camán ar pháistí i Leamhcán. Má tá páiste agat nár imir camógaíocht/iománaíocht riamh ach ar mhaith leo triail a bhaint as, seol téacs chuig Dean ar 0863337739 agus cuirfidh sé camán chugat saor in aisce.

At the weekend we delivered hurls to over 100 children in the Lucan area. If you have a child who has never played before but would like to learn, send a message to Dean on 0863337739 and he will deliver a hurl free of charge to your doorstep.

**Feachtas Lidl**

Tá feachtas nua tosaithe le Lidl agus a n-aip Lidl Plus. Bheimis buíoch dá roghnódh sibh Na Gaeil Óga ar an aip, is deis tiomsiú airgid iontach é seo don fhoireann le duaiseanna iontacha don fhoireann. Tá an feachtas seo ar siúl ón Luan 15ú Feabhra go dtí an Domhnach, 11ú Aibreán.

A new campaign has been launched with Lidl and their Lidl Plus app. We would be grateful if you would choose Na Gaeil Óga on the app, as this is a great fundraising opportunity with for the team. This campaign runs from Monday, February 15th to Sunday, April 11th.

**Cara Comhrá**

Beidh tús curtha le scéim nua 'Cara Comhrá' go luath - buddy scheme nua atá ag Na Gaeil Óga chun cabhrú le daoine atá ag iarraidh Gaeilge a fhoghlaim ach atá gan ar mhuinín. Tá breis agus 25 duine cláraithe anois agus spásanna fagtha. Bígí linn!

A new conversational buddy scheme will be starting soon to help anyone who is learning Irish but lacks confidence. We have over 25 people registered so far and more spaces are available for anyone who is interested.

**Cóitseáil 101**

Beidh tús curtha le cúrsa a chuireann béim ar an téarmaíocht atá de dhíth le bheith ag cóitseáil. Tosnóidh sé i mí na Bealtaine ar feadh 8 seachtaine. Má tá suim agat clárú don chúrsa, seol téacs chuig Ciara ar 0830723566.

Course starting in May for 8 weeks which focuses on the Irish terminology and phrases required for GAA coaching. If you are interested in registering for the course send Ciara a message on 0830723566.



## Lucan Library

### Easter Modelling Clay Workshop Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April – 11 am

Fun workshop for all the family using fast drying clay. Make a chick and hatching chick for Easter. Learn basic shapes and tips and tricks to perfect your model making skills!



#### About this Event:

Please note preference for this workshop will be given to those who have not attended a similar session with South Dublin Libraries previously. Sign up for this fun workshop using Ireland's only fast drying clay from Irish company Clayotic.

Make a chick and hatching chick following a step by step pre-recorded tutorial. Learn basic shapes and tips and tricks to perfect your model making skills! Remember Clayotic is an air drying clay so your characters become permanent keepsakes after 24 hours.

Participants will receive materials in the post and a link to a pre-recorded tutorial. 1 ticket per device.

### Food School – Easter Cooking for Kids Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 11 am

Fun interactive baking session for families.

Make delicious carrot cake and chocolate bark – a great way to use up any leftover Easter egg chocolate!



#### About this Event:

Please note preference for this event will be given to those who have not previously signed up for a Cool Food School session with South Dublin Libraries.

The facilitator will email a safeguarding statement and a list of ingredients to participants in advance of the class.

**Please Note:** 1 ticket per device, 1 device per household. A valid email address is required for this event. Your email address will be forwarded to the facilitator who will send you on the Zoom codes for the live workshop.

### Rhyme & Sign for Toddlers and Babies Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April @ 10am

Join Claire from Clever Little Handies as she teaches how to spell your baby's name in Irish Sign Language and read and signs a Storytime.

Join us for a Rhyme and Sign Storytime with Clever



Little Handies as part of Spring into Storytime. Delivered via Zoom.

#### About this Event:

This class will be delivered by Clare Glynn of Clever Little Handies via Zoom.

Claire covers the alphabet, spelling out baby's names. She also signs the book "At the Bottom of my Garden", by Sue Searie adapted to include ISL signs. Claire reads and sign the story as she scrolls through the slides, which they can follow along with.

#### Please Note:

1 ticket per device, 1 device per household.

A valid email address is required to register for this event. Your email address will be forwarded to the facilitator who will send you on the Zoom codes for this live workshop.

## Boules Club initiative in St. Catherine's Park

I have contacted Fingal County Council re the installation of Boules Pitches in the park.

Boules, a French version of bowling, is an outdoor game suited to all ages.



There are currently clubs in operation in Marlay Park on the south side and others in north Dublin.

Fingal Co. Co. is inviting expressions of interest in this fun and very enjoyable game, and want to gauge numbers to proceed with this venture.

**If you are interested** please contact me  
**Paddy Farrell 0861919682**  
or [paddyfarrell50@gmail.com](mailto:paddyfarrell50@gmail.com)

May you never forget what is worth remembering nor never remember what is best forgotten.

Start each day with a positive thought, like:

"I can go back to bed in just 17 short hours".

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The effects of the prolonged lockdown are finally having an effect on the productivity of the photographers in St. Mary's Camera Soiree reflected in the fact that in the last week only seven or eight photographs were exchanged on WhatsApp. There is clearly a limit to what anybody can photograph when confined to a radius of 5 km from your house for over three months.



Still, what was submitted is beautiful - blossoms in St. Catherine's Park, barges on the canal and another bee! Let us hope that we will all be out with renewed enthusiasm and going further afield with our cameras when the new relaxed arrangements come into force.

On a positive note, participation in the online Friday morning club meeting nearly constitutes a full attendance of all the members. Last Friday we looked at the photographs of the 7 finalists in the RTE "The Eye on Nature" competition and each of us chose our own winner. The result was quite interesting proving that beauty is in the eye of the beholder!







Finally, a word to those who responded to the invitation to join the group in last weekend's newsletter! We will be in contact as soon as possible.



Until next week stay safe and a happy and holy Easter to all readers of the Newsletter.