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So what are you TAKING UP for Lent?

So the season of Lent is underway. It started very differently this year, no crowds flocking for the traditional Ashes on the forehead, instead a DIY service of Ashes offered on line. While the format may be different the invitation is as ever. Lent is offered to us each year as an opportunity for renewal. It's an invite to look within and identify those things in ourselves that need to be pruned – cut away – if new growth is to happen. With all the things we have been forced to give up in Covid times it's hardly likely that we will be giving up much else. This year why not focus on taking up something instead – a positive course of action to enrich our spiritual selves and foster growth. Most of us have a lot more time on our hands now that our wings have been clipped so why not put that time to good use in a creative and useful way. It's a deal more constructive than hours of Netflix!

Luckily the Internet is offering a Smorgasbord of resources that fit the bill. There are online retreats, Bible study classes, prayer sessions, study groups etc etc. each one of us is bound to find some area of interest. On the website of St. Mary's Parish (www.lucanparish.com) I have listed a selection of such courses, this is by no means an exhaustive list as a simple Google search will clearly demonstrate. The ones listed are Irish based. The Dominicans in Cork are developing a great online presence and are offering a Lenten retreat called 'Into the Desert' as well as a Bible study course, an introduction to Theology, The Mystery of the Eucharist among others. Take a look at their website. www.dominicanscork.ie there really is something for everyone.



On the parish website you will also find a course on offer on the Pope's Encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti' on social solidarity and the way forward.

I have included a set of Stations of the Cross from Trocaire which focus on poverty and Justice and is a useful way to make our prayer grounded and real. A site I discovered some time ago is that of the Chaplaincy service at Creighton University in the

USA. They are offering some fine material on Lent, well worth taking a look. <https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>

While the lockdown can be depressing it also holds an opportunity – why not seize the moment and expand your spiritual horizons? Easter 2021 can still be a great one!

Philip Curran, St. Mary's Lucan.

Lucan Lions Club

Lucan Lions Club are delighted to put on record our sincere appreciation to David Howell, Manager SuperValu Lucan, and all his loyal staff for their fantastic efforts in raising €6,962 through the €2 customer donation campaign over the Christmas period. Thanks also to his generous customers for their donations. As a result of this initiative/donation, Lucan Lions Club was able to assist many less well-off families in the Lucan community over Christmas by providing them with much needed food vouchers. We could not have achieved this without the most generous contribution from SuperValu and its customers.

Sincere thanks for allowing Lucan Lions Club to help such causes during COVID 19.



Lucan Lions Club President Bernadette Boylan receiving a cheque for €6962 from David Howell, Manager SuperValu Lucan, donated by SuperValu Customers over the Christmas period.

Do you want your unique Spotify playlist broadcast on Liffey Sound 96.4FM?

We are inviting you to submit a 55 minute playlist of your favourite tunes to Liffey Sound.

A playlist will be chosen every week and broadcast on Thursdays at 4pm. The first broadcast will be the 25th of February. All you have to do is pick your best list and submit it to jonwhite@liffeysoundfm.ie. It will give you a taste of what it's like to hear your chosen tunes on the radio, and then you might consider volunteering with us in the future.

Best of luck!

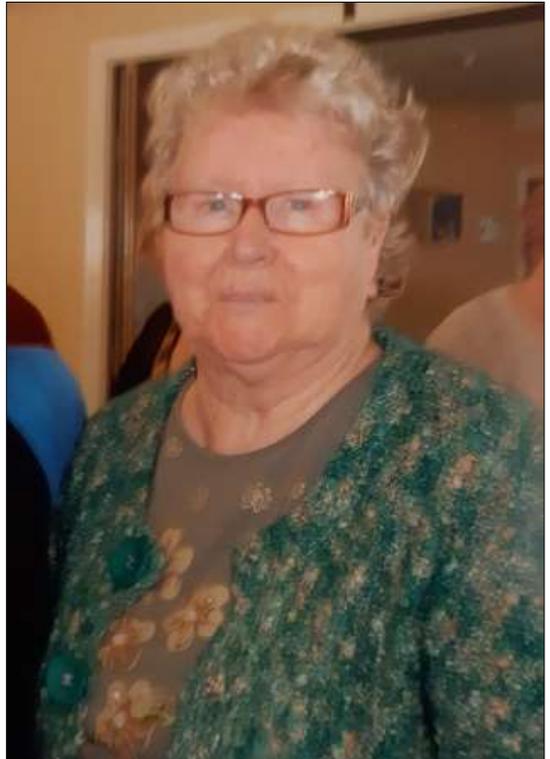
Stay safe & well, the Liffey Sound team.

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook



Lucan Senior Citizens

On Thursday 11th February, Pauline Condron, our friend and colleague passed away peacefully.



Pauline was a valued and much loved member of our committee. We all looked forward to her day on duty to get a slice of her delicious coffee cake. Pauline had a wealth of knowledge of local history and residents of Lucan, and often regaled us with these stories.

We take comfort in knowing she is united with our deceased friends – Irene, Tess, Carmel and Prim.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Peter and Sarah, the McCormack and Condron families. *May her gentle soul rest in peace.*



Finnstown Castle Hotel, Lucan

Monday 22nd February

Tuesday 23rd February

Wednesday 24th February

Thursday 25th February

From 15.45 to 19.40

Parish Notes



St. Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro/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.

Lent is positive!

There will be three services online during
Lent:

Wed 24/2 at 7pm: "Return to me with all
your heart"

Wed 3/3 at 7pm: "That joy may reign in
our hearts"

Wed 10/3 at 7pm: "Service of
Reconciliation"

Please sign up for our new online resource
called "Word on Fire"

We have done without so much
personally and socially for the past year,
so this Lent, we are inviting you to take
up something positive.

**After each weekday Mass a Decade of
the Rosary is recited.**

**There will be online Eucharistic
Adoration, each Saturday 6.40pm**

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

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

Sunday Mass:

Sunday 10:30am

Weekday Masses:

Lent Timetable for services (Online only)

Monday to Thursday: Masses at 9:15am and 7pm
Friday: Mass at 9:15am followed by **Benediction**.
Friday: **Stations of the Cross** at 7pm
Saturday: Masses at 10am and 7pm

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: 10am Monday to Saturday

LENT

Beginning on Wednesday 24th at 7.30pm
we will each Wednesday have an online
prayer time in the presence of the Blessed
Sacrament, you are invited to tune in each
week for guided prayer on the major
themes of Lent.

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.

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



Deepest Sympathy to the family and
friends of **Pauline Condron**, The Old
Rectory, to the wife, family and friends
of **Greg Beegan**, Roselawn, to the
parents, family and friends of **Patrick
O'Malley**, Lucan Road and to the family and
friends of **Margaret (May) Connolly**, Sarsfield
Park. *May they rest in peace.*

FaithFest

Faithfest is back!! Join us for an evening of
games, music, workshop, chats and prayer.

Faithfest Online will take place:

Friday 5th March from 6:30 – 8:30pm online.

You can register online using this link:

<https://forms.gle/DwKDsXCuTornHFYA8>.

For more information

email: faithfest@dublindiocese.ie

Letter to all Dublin parishes February 2021

17/2/21

These continue to be strange days for us all. The pandemic continues to dominate the news cycles and, in fact, large parts of our lives. We are all doing what we can to contain its spread. I thank you, most sincerely, for all that you have done in the parishes to continue to journey with people through a variety of means – for, now, the best part of this past year. Naturally questions have



arisen about the celebration of Sacraments in our parishes. I can understand the uncertainty that has arisen – it is hard, almost impossible, to plan anything even into the future. Therefore, so as to avoid doubt, and so that people can plan accordingly, I am writing to note that there be no celebration of Confirmations in the Diocese before Easter.

This time will allow, I hope, the infection number to come down, our schools to reopen, proper parish-based programmes of preparation for the sacraments to be completed, and our churches to be once again open to public worship. At that time our priority will be to celebrate the sacraments for those children for whom that could not happen last year, then candidates for Confirmation currently in sixth class, and then children for First Holy Communion.

I know much work has been undertaken by the Sacraments Implementation Group here in Dublin to engage with the various stakeholders exploring what is possible, even in these pandemic times, in terms of preparing for and celebrating effectively the sacraments. I thank them for that vital work. Preparing Children, and families, is essential: the fruitfulness of the celebrations demands it, and our future depends on it.

Smaller, more intimate celebrations can be enriching too. I welcome, then, the fact that parishes will explore locally what is possible, and always in accord with the NPHET guidelines of that time.

With prayerful good wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin



Dear Editor,

In light of recent correspondence in the Lucan Newsletter regarding a proposed development at the Hill House, at the junction at the top of Chapel Hill, I feel obliged to highlight another proposed development in the near vicinity.

Many people are aware of the felling of trees on the bend between St Josephs School lay-by and the petrol station. Others are spray-painted that may or may not indicate that they are for the chop. This area beside the rear of houses in Esker Lawns is noticeably more bare which is regrettable to say the least. The trees from the lay-by down towards the village offers an impressive passage into Lucan Village.

Now I understand that a house behind the trees (and tree stumps) is proposed to be demolished, and there is a further proposal to build 8 detached houses which are 2 storey. The full details of the permissions sought for this is on a pillar opposite the gates to Canonbrook House on the cemetery road.

The approaches to Lucan Village are impressive with the large amount of mature trees and stone walls. For example, the approaches from the Newcastle/Adamstown Road from the by-pass past Vesey Park, the approach from the Ball Alley Pub, the approach down Chapel Hill. The approach from the bridge beside the weir and of course the approach from St Joseph's School to the village.

Bad enough magnificent trees are being felled, but houses being put in place of them on such an impressive stretch of road that some may have taken for granted!

(name and address with Lucan Newsletter)

Reminder;

Section 40 of the Wildlife Act prohibits any person to cut any hedges/trees/shrubs from **1st March until 31st August** to protect our nesting birds – so gardeners get busy now before the 1st March.

From a reader



Anniversaries



BRADY (VIOLET)

10th Anniversary

Woodview Heights.

Your memory is our keepsake

With which we'll never part

God has you in His keeping

We have you in our Hearts.

Thinking of you always, your loving daughter

Hillary and Andrew xxx

BYRNE (FREDA)

45th Anniversary - 17th February

You are not just a memory

Or part of the past

You are ours to remember

As long as our life lasts.

Remembered and loved always by your husband

Dick, your family Elaine, Richard and Emily

BYRNE (FREDA)

As time slips by and life goes on

From my heart you are never gone

The memories I treasure

With thoughts that are dear

I think of you always

Not just once a year.

Loved always by your sister Tessie

Also remembering my Mother *Philda* and her sister *Marlene*.



BYRNE (PADDY)

5th Anniversary - 25th February

Anniversary Mass at 10am, streamed from St. Patrick's Church, Lucan.

Every day in some small way

Memories of you come our way

Though absent, you are always near

Still missed, loved and always dear.

Maeve, Damien, Dee and family, Austin, Edel and family and Denis, Karen and family

Rest in peace Paddy



WHELAN (KEVIN)

15th Anniversary - 18th February

Always in our thoughts

Forever in our hearts.

Loved and remembered every day, Liz, Mary,

Cathy, Barry and families

Also remembering *Carmel* on her birthday on 26th March.

CURTIS (BRENDAN)

24th Anniversary - 19th February

It's hard to believe another year has passed

It seems like only the other day

We were remembering your 23rd year gone

It's been a hard year for most people

Plenty of time to think....it sure makes us think -

How much we still miss you

Your infectious smile

Your contagious hearty laugh

The love you had for all of us

And your silly little ways.

"Your life was a blessing

Your memory a treasure

You are loved beyond words

And missed beyond measure".

As Connie would say - 'Come a day, go a day,

And God will send another day'.

Happy Heavenly Birthday Nana. We love you both, from Trish, Lenny, Alan, Carol, Grace, Nev and all the family xx

LALLY (JOHN)

21st Anniversary - 20th February

Treasured Memories of a Loving Father and Grandfather.

There is always a face before me

A voice I would love to hear

A smile I will always remember

Of a Father I loved so dear

Deep in my heart lies a picture

More precious than silver or gold

It's a picture of my Father

Whose memory will never grow old.

Greatly missed from your loving daughter

Alison xxx

It broke our hearts to lose you

But you did not go alone

For part of us went with you

The day God called you home

Think of him as living

In the hearts of those he touched

For nothing loved is ever lost

And he was loved so much

And though we cannot see you

You are always by our side

You left us precious memories

Your love is still our guide.

Loved always and dearly missed, from Alison, Andy, Ruth, Alisha, Caden and Craig. xxx

Anniversaries



LALLY (JOHN)

Late of AGP Lucan.
In loving memory of a special dad
Dad, I miss you every day
You were so precious and unique
A guiding light throughout my life
You were my strength when I was weak
Happy memories flood my mind
Whenever I think of you
But you can never be replaced
That much is sadly true
The fact that that you are no longer here
Still fills my heart with pain
I wish I had just one last chance
To talk with you again
I will always remember
The closeness that we had
I love and miss you so much
My kind and thoughtful dad.
*From your loving daughter Joyce, son-in-law
Mark, grandsons Jonathan, Ciaran and
Matthew xxxxx*
Forever in my Heart.

LALLY (JOHN)

A Father's touch, a Daddy's kiss
A grieving daughter
The Dad I will always miss
An empty house, an empty chair
A Father's love, no longer there
A broken heart, tear filled eyes
Another soul in the skies
The times we shared, the laughs we had
Things I miss when I think of
.... 'MY DAD'.
*Never forgotten from your loving daughter
Debbie and son-in-law Peter xx*



LALLY (JOHN)

Today recalls the memory
Of a loved one gone to rest
And those who think of him today
Are those who love him best
The flowers we lay upon his grave
May wither and decay
But the love for him who lies beneath
Will never fade away.
*Greatly missed, from your granddaughters
Niamh, Karla and Aine xxx*

THOMPSON (WILLIAM - WILLIE)

4th Anniversary - 20th February

I miss you more than ever
Your guidance and your love
But I know you're still watching
Silently from above
The love you gave still warms me
The way it always will
But leaving left an empty space
That time can never fill.
*Greatly missed and loved dearly by your loving
wife Betty*

THOMPSON (WILLIAM - WILLIE)

Silent memories keep us near
As time unfolds another year
Out of our lives you may be gone
But in our hearts
Your memory lives on.
*Loved and missed always by Paul, Sharon and
Katie*

THOMPSON (WILLIAM - WILLIE)

What we would give if we could say
Hello Dad in the same old way
To hear your voice, see your smile
To sit with you and chat a while....
*Missed every day by David (Billy), Laura, Alicia
and Ella*

THOMPSON (WILLIAM - WILLIE)

Sad and sudden was the call
So dearly loved by one and all
His memory is as sweet today
As in the hour he passed away
Never forgotten.
Michael, Aisling, Conor and Niall xxxx

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. 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.**



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:

marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

roselucannewsletter@gmail.com

catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com

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



AGM

Lucan Men's Shed will hold a virtual **AGM**, on **Thursday** afternoon, **25th February, 2021, at 1400 (2.00 pm)** via Zoom.

This AGM will be confined to members only. To participate, a link will be provided to each member, closer to the meeting date.

The committee looks forward to your involvement on the day.

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@sducobco.ie

Lucan Community College invites applications for a Part-time Cleaner Post

Lucan CC is a Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board school.

14 hours a week over 5 days.

Full terms and conditions available from the HR team at DDLETB (014529600).

Enquiries to:

**The Principal
at Lucan CC**
(016282077)



Application by letter and CV
(by post or email: admin@lucancc.ie)
to be made to:

The Principal, Lucan Community College, Esker Drive, Lucan, Co. Dublin
by **4pm Friday 26th February 2021**.

Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board is an equal opportunities employer.



Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club welcomes all adults to our Zoom meetings. They take place every Wednesday at 8 pm.

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced photographer you will be made very welcome. Palmerstown Camera Club is a very friendly, encouraging and successful photography club.



You can join us on Zoom and start off the New Year, by benefiting and improving your great hobby, right from your own computer.

To get more details please email

secpcc@mail.com

See you on Wednesday.

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

Exceptional Needs Payments

Exceptional Needs Payments are paid under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme. You do not have to meet the habitual residence condition to qualify.

An Exceptional Needs Payment is a single payment to help meet essential, once-off, exceptional expenditure, which a person could not reasonably be expected to meet out of their weekly income. For example, the payment can be for bedding or cooking utensils for someone setting up a home for the first time, visiting relatives in hospital or prison, funeral costs or for clothing in exceptional circumstances. In some cases you may get help with fuel bills such as heating and electricity.

Help with funeral costs: You may be eligible for an Exceptional Needs Payment to help you with the cost of a funeral if your income is low. Each case is decided on its merits by the Department of Social Protection's representative (formerly known as the Community Welfare Officer) at your local office.

COVID-19 and Exceptional Needs Payments:

If your employment (or self-employment) has been affected by the coronavirus pandemic, or if you are sick or caring for someone who is sick, read our document on COVID-19 and social welfare payments.

You can read our document on Employment rights during the COVID-19 restrictions.

During COVID-19 restrictions you may have higher energy bills because you have to stay at home. You may be able to get an Exceptional Needs Payment to help with additional heating and electricity costs.

During COVID-19 restrictions, the Department has reduced public opening hours for Intreo centres. You can contact your local office administering SWA by email or phone.

Rules: You may be eligible for an Exceptional Needs Payment if:

You are living in the State

You satisfy a means test (all capital/property, except your home, is assessed in the means test - see below)

You won't normally be eligible if you:

Have access to alternative resources, including capital, to meet the need

Are in full-time work (30 hours or more per week)

Are in full-time education

Are involved in a trade dispute or on strike.

However, you may apply for an Exceptional Needs Payment for your dependent adult or dependent child.

Means test: In a means test, the DSP examines all your sources of income. Sometimes a certain amount of income or income from particular sources is not taken into account and these are often referred to as income disregards. However, in the means test for an Exceptional Needs Payment, all capital/property (except your home) is taken into account and assessed as means – there are no disregards for capital.

Rates: The amount of payment you get will depend on a means test and the type of assistance you need.

How to apply: To apply for an Exceptional Needs Payment you will need:

Personal Public Service (PPS) numbers for yourself, your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant and your children.

Evidence of any income or social welfare assistance you are getting.

You should apply for funeral assistance before the funeral takes place, however, failing this, you should apply as soon as possible afterwards.

You cannot appeal a decision on an Exceptional Needs Payment to the Social Welfare Appeals Office. However, you may request that a decision be reviewed by the SWA Review Officer for the office which made the original decision.

Where to apply: You should contact the DSP representative (formerly known as the Community Welfare Officer) at your local office.

NB the contact details for the Department of Social Protection representative in Clondalkin are:

Ph: 01 4667200. E: clondalkinlucancws@welfare.ie

You can download the SWA1 form (pdf) or get one from your local office. *Page edited: 8 February 2021*



Spring is back.....

After a pause, Spring is springing once more. Thankfully, we escaped the snow forecast for last weekend, but it was some cold snap.



Our readers in the west were not so lucky! **Shaunaigh**, down in Mayo, built this wonderful Snow Woman, and shares the photo with us. Well done, Shaunaigh!



The Dodie Fairies will be busy collecting this lot in Lucan Demesne. Seems like lots of little people are getting rid of the soothers now they are becoming bigger little people! Great place to take the kids for an adventurous walk now that the weather is much milder.

Answers to last week's capital cities?

Wellington, Baghdad, Brussels, Canberra, Athens, Stockholm, Katmandu, Krackow, Belgrade, Bangkok.

Now can you identify places in Dublin?

Where in Dublin ?		
1.	2.	3.
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7.	8.	9.
10.	11.	12.

Swastikas in Lucan

This interesting piece was spotted on local man, Stephen Callaghan's twitter. Stephen is also the author of the recently published Memorial Recording Project of the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lucan, in conjunction with Society for Old Lucan.

Stephen Callaghan

(@stecallaghan01) tweeted:

Interesting memorial in #Lucan #Dublin from 1882, featuring six swastikas on the cross! Prior to the Nazi party coming to power, the swastika was a good luck symbol.

The headstone in question is along the side of the back car park at St. Mary's Church – 4th from the far end going from the church. The swastikas are clearly visible at the top, and on both sides of the cross.



The inscription on the stone reads:

*In memory of
John Cunningham
Ballyowen Lucan
Late of Clonlara Co Clare
Who died 7th May 1882 aged 75 years
Erected by his sorrowing wife
Eliza
Here also lie the remains of the above
Eliza Jane Cunningham
Who died 27th March 1902 aged 86 years
R.I.P.*

The 1974/75 church extension was built over the old overgrown graveyard, and in order not to disturb any graves, a raft of concrete and steel was laid, on which the building now stands. The headstones still intact were removed and now stand along the back car park.

The Swastika

The swastika is an ancient religious symbol of divinity and spirituality in Indian religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism.

In the Western world, it was a symbol of good luck until the 1930s when the right-facing tilted form became a feature of Nazi symbolism. As a result of World War II and the Holocaust, in the West it is still strongly associated with Nazism.

m.m.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



A reminder to all our members that our club is closed and out of bounds to all during Level 5 Restrictions, except for those undertaking essential maintenance.

The GAA, on Wednesday last, advised there would be no return to play until April.

The Croke Park statement said “it is expected that the Government will publish an updated ‘Living with Covid’ plan and we expect that this will provide clarity on when clubs and counties are likely to be allowed return to training and games in 2021”. The Government is due to publish an update to its ‘Living with Covid’ document in the last week of February. In the meantime please also note that the player injury schemes are suspended.

Sliothars are going Digital!!

On Tuesday, the GAA announced that electronic chips are to be added to the sliothar during manufacturing so that it can be verified that it has been ethically manufactured by an approved supplier. Maybe it is not too far off when it beeps when going between the posts!!

Congratulations to the following Lucan Sarsfields members appointed to Dublin camogie roles, John O’Connell – Minor Manager, Niall Daly - U16 Manager, Adam McManus – U16 Selector. We wish them every success when our games return. Congratulations also to Angela Gallagher, chosen to take part in the Ladies Gaelic Football Association ‘Learn To Lead’ programme for 2021.

GAA Museum Virtual Book Club –

While it’s not possible to visit the GAA Museum or its Library & Archives in person right now, you can still learn more about Gaelic Games and the history of the Association by becoming a member of their new virtual GAA Museum Book Club.

South Dublin Online Foroige Club

Information Evening – Foroige South Dublin are establishing an online Foroige Club to cater for young people whose club has not been in a position to open due to Covid restrictions and also young people who do not have access to their normal social interactions because of the

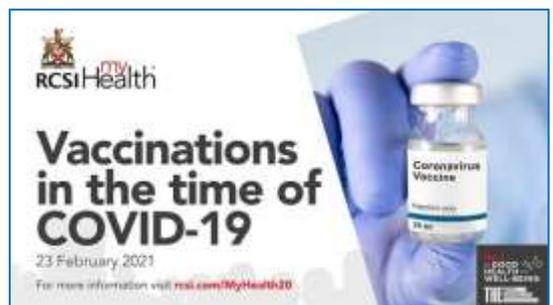
lockdown. They are hosting an information evening for parents and young people on Wednesday, 24th February at 7pm via Zoom. Please contact Cathy at cathy.martin@foroige.ie to register for this meeting.

Upcoming Webinar 25 February- ‘Where We All Belong’ – bringing the GAA manifesto to life through the work of the Community & Health Department. To enrol in the webinar please click on the following link:

<https://learning.gaa.ie/lms/course/view.php?id=9469>

Operation Transformation 5K - The Operation Transformation 5K in association with Athletics Ireland and Sport Ireland is back! On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 18th 19th and 20th of February, they are inviting you to take part this year by participating in a VIRTUAL OT 5K. You MUST register to take part in this event. Register at <https://ot.rte.ie/events/the-operation-transformation-5k/>.

Once registered you can select the day that you want to do your 5k. They want to see your 5K Journey!! Please send any footage you take before, during or after you 5K experience to otvirtual5k@gmail.com



RCSI MyHealth Series, ‘Vaccinations in the time of COVID-19 (This will be a virtual only event) - A panel of RCSI experts will discuss and answer many of the common questions and genuine concerns people have about vaccine safety and getting vaccinated. For more information and to register your interest, please visit <https://www.rcsi.com/dublin/news-and-events/events/event/2021/vaccinations-in-the-time-of-covid19>.



Lucan Sarsfield Cont'd.

Frásaí na Seachtaine - Did you know that many words commonly used in the English language are derived from the Irish Language? You may well have used them without realising the Irish connection. Here are an example of some.

They might surprise you!

“Smidiríní” - smithereens / tiny pieces

“Bean sí” - banshee / fairy woman

“Slog” - slug / swallow

“Go leor” - galore / a lot

“Síbín” - shebeen / illegal whiskey

“Craic” - crack / fun

“Is maith sin” - smashing / great

“Bóithrín” - boreen / country lane

“An dtuigeann tú” - do you ‘dig’/understand?

Do you know any more? Seol chugam iad! Send them my way! oifigeachgaeilgels@gmail.com Go raibh maith agaibh!

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot

€2600. There was no winner of the Club Lotto held on 11 February 2021 sponsored Feargal McCarthy, Painter and Decorator. The numbers drawn were **4, 6, 16, and 17.**



Lucky Dip winners of €30 each: Sean and Sandra McCaffrey, Ciara Whelan, Brendan Freeman, Pat O’Keefe and Kathleen Roche. The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 18 February, is €2600, and is sponsored by Lucan Village Pharmacy. The draw will be held behind closed doors at 9pm and live streamed on our Facebook page. Make sure your entry is submitted before 6pm on the evening of the draw to be included in that week’s draw, tickets can be purchased online at the following link:

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

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club

The more you give the more you get
The more you laugh the less you fret.
The more you do unselfishly, the more you live abundantly.
The more of everything you share,
The more you'll always have to spare.
The more you love, the more you'll find.
That life is good, and friends are kind.
For only what we give away, enriches us from day to day.

Lucan Library

The Ireland Reads

Big Book Quiz – Thursday 25th February

18.00 – 19.00



Calling all book clubs and readers across the County – take part in our fun Book Quiz celebrating Ireland Reads Day **About this Event**

An Ireland Reads event. Test your literary knowledge in our fun family friendly online quiz

to celebrate Ireland Reads. To participate you just need a smart device and internet connection. Register your e-mail through Eventbrite and we will send you the code to join on Crowdprur on the day.

If you have any queries about this quiz or Crowdprur get in touch at

southdublinlibrariesquiz@gmail.com

Please Note: This is a live event. Please do not book a place if you are not able to attend on the day.

Animal Crackers with Alan Nolan Saturday 27th February at 12pm.

Join author and illustrator Alan Nolan for a fun hour of crazy animal facts, drawing and storytelling for the whole family.

About this Event

An Ireland Reads and Between the Redlines Festival event. If you love animals, stories and drawing, this is perfect for you. Join author and



illustrator Alan Nolan for a fun hour of crazy animal facts, drawing and storytelling for all the family.

Alan Nolan is the author and illustrator of Fintan’s Fifteen, Conor’s Caveman and the Sam Hannigan series for the O’Brien Press. His latest books, Sam Hannigan and the Last Dodo, and Animal Crackers (with Sarah Webb) are both out now. Alan lives in Bray, County Wicklow with his wife, three sons and an evil cat called Chewie. One ticket per family / device. Event suitable for children aged 6-11 along with a Parent / Guardian.





Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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.

An Solo Fada: Is rith spraoi digiteach é An Solo Fada a bheas ag tarlú ar an 27 – 28 Feabhra le hairgead a thiomnú d’fhorbairt an chumainn. Is dúshlán atá ann do dhaoine feiscint cé chomh tapaigh is gur féidir leo 5km a rith agus iad i mbun ruathar aonair nó solo (iomáint, camógaíocht nó peil). Le achar 1km & 2km i gceist do pháistí níos óige. Beidh mór laochra ár linne ar nós réalta BhÁC Paddy Andrews, Rory O’Carroll agus Eve O’Brien ag glacadh páirte araon le Kevin Cassidy, Muinteoir Orla ó Chula 4 Ar Scoil, Caitlín Nic Aoidh ó TG4 agus go leor leor eile. Tá bréis agus €3,000 baillithe againn, faigh do thicéid nó tabhair deontas dúinn anois ag ansolofada.eventbrite.ie

An Solo Fada is a digital fun run taking place on February 27 - 28 to raise money to support the club’s continued growth. It is a challenge for people to see how fast they can run 5km in solo or hurling (hurling, camogie or football). With 1km & 2km distances for younger children. Great heroes of our time such as Dublin star Paddy Andrews, Rory O’Carroll and Eve O’Brien will be taking part with Kevin Cassidy, Aoife Ní Chasáide, Muinteoir Orla from Cula 4 Ar Scoil, Caitlín Nic Aoidh from TG4 and many many more.

We have raised over € 3,000 so far, get your tickets or donate now at ansolofada.eventbrite.ie

Spraoi sa Bhaile: Moladh mór don 150 paiste atá ag glacadh páirte sa chómortas Spraoi sa Bhaile. An tseachtain seo bhí an dúshlán ag diriú ar chúrsaí peile.

Comhghairdeas mór de Giuliano Buresse, Saorla Warren, Anna Nesbitt, Tomás Ó Raghailigh, Caolán Ó Raghallaigh agus Liam Cullen a chuir scóranna móra suas sna dúshláin eagsúla.

Sna comórtas eagsúla tá buachaillí Chill Chainnigh chun tosaigh i gcomórtas na mbuachaillí, foireann Chill Dara ag cruthú go maith i g comórtas na gcaillíní agus tá buachaillí an acadaimh i mbar réime sa chomórtas dona páistí is óige.

Leanfaidh an comórtas an deireadh seachtaine seo le dúshlán iomána. Más maith leat do pháiste a chlarú don scéim Spraoi sa Bhaile, cuir scéal chuig Dean ar +353 86 333 7739. Tá fáilte roimh pháistí nár imir cheana leis Na Gaeil Óga.

Shout out to the 150 children taking part in the Spraoi sa Bhaile competition. This week the challenge was focused on football. Congratulations to Giuliano Buresse, Saorla Warren, Anna Nesbitt, Tomás Ó Raghailigh, Caolán Ó Raghallaigh and Liam Cullen who put up great scores in the various challenges. In the competitions the Cill Chainnigh boys are leading the boys competition, the Cill Dara team are doing well in the girl’s competition and the Acadamh boys are at the top in the junior children’s competition. The competition will continue this weekend with a hurling challenge. If you would like to enroll your child for the Spraoi sa Bhaile scheme, please contact Dean on +353 86 333 7739. Children who have not previously played with Na Gaeil Óga are always welcome.

Foireann Chamógaíochta: Tá an foireann chamógaíochta ag tosnú traenáil ón 23ú Feabhra. Beidh siad ag traenáil le chéile tríd ranganna aclaíochta thar Zoom ar feadh tamaill. Má tá suim agat imirt, seol téacs chuig Caoimhe ar 0858440105. Fáilte roimh imreoirí nua i gcónaí.

The camogie team is starting training from February 23rd. They will be training together through fitness classes over Zoom for now. If you are interested in playing, text Caoimhe on 0858440105. New players are always welcome.

Foireann Peil na mBan: Tá Peil na mBan ag tosú ar ais an tseachtain seo agus beidh na mná ag obair le chéile le dúshláin seachtainúla mar chuid dá gcuid oibre don séasúr atá le teacht. Cuirtear fáilte roimh imreoirí nua i gcónaí, cuir scéal chuig Máire ar 0877935266 Má tá spéis agat.

Women’s Football is starting back this week, and will be working together virtually with weekly challenges as part of their work for the upcoming season. New players are always welcome, send a message to Máire on 0877935266 if you are interested.

Ceardlann Cóitseála: Míle buíochas le Paul Kilgannon a scríobh “Coaching Children in Sport” agus “Be The Best You Can”, a bhí linn ag an seimineár cóitseála ar an Máirt, d’fhreastal breis agus 40 duine ar an chúrsa. Buíochas mór le Steve Donohue as é a eagrú.

Many thanks to Paul Kilgannon, author of “Coaching Children in Sport” & “Be the Best You Can” who was with us for an excellent coaching seminar on Tuesday which was attended by more than 40 people. Many thanks to Steve Donohue who organised the event.

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Land Development Agency – A Charter For Privatisation:

This week the coalition government will try to push through the Land Development Agency Bill. This will enable the Fianna Fail Minister, Darragh O'Brien, to buy up state land and enter partnerships with private developers to build 'affordable' houses. The catch is: what exactly is affordable? For the government, it means 'below market price' but this can still mean people taking out huge mortgages. There is no definite commitment to building adequate levels of social housing. Moreover, deals between the new state agency and private developers will be wrapped up in 'commercial secrecy'. People Before Profit have been the foremost champions calling for public land to be used for social and affordable housing.

Emer Higgins – T.D.

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Scramblers in Parks being outlawed: New measures to deal with misuse of quads and scramblers have been approved by Cabinet. Use of these vehicles will be banned on public land, like our local parks, and on private land unless they have explicit permission from the landowner. Gardai will be given the powers to detain a vehicle that breaks this law. I am really pleased that there has been action on this as it's not fair that public spaces have become 'no go areas' due to antisocial behaviour caused by scramblers.

Vitamin D: I raised in the Dáil the need for the HSE to include Vitamin D in the new 'Living With Covid Plan'. In studies carried out in the UK, in France and in particular in Spain links between made between severe Covid-19 symptoms and Vitamin D deficiencies. Please consider purchasing this over-the-counter supplement to help boost your immune system.

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Action on Scramblers: I welcome the announcement this week that Gardaí will soon have the power to seize scramblers and quad bikes where they have been misused in public or private spaces. This is a policy that has long been championed by Fianna Fáil, and by John Curran when he was a TD for Dublin Mid-West.

Community Centre Online booking: South Dublin County Council is currently conducting a survey to gauge support for online booking systems for SDCC community centres. You can access the [survey link](#) through the SDCC website or on my social media channels. This is a matter I have raised with the Council a number of times, in response to representations from local clubs and groups.

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Griffen Dog Park: Further to my motion passed last year the council have agreed to expanding the dog run as far as possible to the path adjacent to Johnsbridge estate. The dog run will be set back from the path by a wide margin so that the area doesn't become too enclosed for park users. Management have confirmed to me that they will look at the signs and upgrade them as part of works. They will also reassess installing bins internally as part of the upgrade.

Abandoned vehicles: The issue of abandoned Vehicles continues to be a problem. I have received many requests to have vehicles removed from the area. If you have a vehicle that needs to be reported, you can contact me directly for assistance.

Footpath: I have requested a number of raised/damaged footpaths to be included in repairs along Esker Road.

Caitríona McClean

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Lucan village - Destination town: Lucan has been a destination for me for almost thirty years. I hesitate to welcome tourist status without reservation. I would be keen to preserve the sense of place and community.

Leaving Certificate, SEN pupils, and reopening of schools: I made representation to the Taoiseach on prioritization of SEN pupils in main stream classes in response to Lucan parents. I have made suggestions in relation to Leaving Certificate 2021 in terms of additional places at third level.

Revision of National Development Plan: I have made a submission ahead of deadline of 19th, and representation to Minister McGrath on urgency of bringing forward the Lucan Luas, 2027, as part of an integrated plan.

PUP recipients: I welcome extension of PUP payments announced this week and made a case against collection of income tax on PUP.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

It was with great sadness that the group learned of the death on Friday 12th February of Greg Beegan, a much-loved member of the St. Mary's Camera Soiree. The group send its sincere condolences to his wife and family on their loss and regretted very much that because of current restrictions could not be physically present at his funeral last Tuesday.



In responding to my sad message about his death members of the group described Greg as a lovely man and a gentleman. He took part in all our activities including our field trips and visits to photography exhibitions.

It was recalled that in the frenzy around the mounting and framing of our photographs for our annual exhibitions he was always there asking "can I help?" Given his background in Dublin Bus I had many enjoyable conversations with him around government policy in relation to public transport!





The group decided that it would be fitting to celebrate Greg's contribution to the group by publishing a selection of the photographs that he submitted for our exhibitions in 2018 and 2019 in the Newsletter this weekend. Greg will be much missed.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

