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Synod – 2023: What's it all about?



In October last Pope Francis opened the new global Synod process which will culminate in Rome in 2023. The diocesan phase, which seeks to involve all the baptised, practicing and non-practicing in every diocese across the world is already underway. The success of this process depends in no small part on our willingness to be informed, and to participate actively in the process.

Synodality: What is it? The word “synod translates from the Greek as “walking together” – A journey that reveals how God’s Word, and the people who heed and put their faith in that Word, journey together. The Word of God journeys with us. Everyone has a part to play; no one is a mere extra in God’s plan. This process is the most significant event for the church since the Second Vatican Council. The main question that we are asked to consider is: How is our “walking together” in synodality realized today in the Church?

What steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “walking together”?

The question is **how**, not whether we should. We are not being asked to express our views on all the existing issues within the Church today – sex abuse, married priests, women priests, sexuality, the Liturgy, reception of Holy Communion, etc etc. Instead, we are asked to focus on something that maybe underpins all of the above and shapes the environment within which we can address and fix these issues: that is, – how do we live, work and make decisions as a church?

GOAL: “In this Synod, we want to get to the point where we can say, “it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us” (Acts 15:28), for, guided by the Holy Spirit, you will be in constant dialogue among yourselves, but also in dialogue with the Holy Spirit”.

Pope Francis calls on us all to participate in discerning how best to make synodality a vibrant force for transformation in the church. So what is “discernment”, this term that Pope Francis uses so often.

In many ways it has been a feature the church from the earliest times, and continues particularly in Jesuit spirituality. St Paul refers to “distinguishing between spirits” (Corinthians) while for St Ignatius, it is about “desiring and choosing only what is most conducive for us to the end for which we are created.”

Discernment is not just an intellectual exercise, but a profoundly spiritual one, it requires prolonged prayer in dialogue with God, openness, a sincere examination of conscience and a detachment from self. True discernment will mean that the whole process will not be a mere talking shop but a radical response of the church to the promptings of the Spirit.

In St. Mary’s, beginning this Sunday 6th Feb and each Sunday until the Synod in 2023 there will be a holy hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. This will be part silent and part guided prayer, and offers an opportunity to pray for, and enter in to the spirit of the global Synodal process. In March we will hold gatherings of people to take the process forward. Invitations will go out to all, it offers everyone an opportunity to participate.

Philip Curran, St. Mary’s Lucan

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

From 1 January 2022, our telephone number is 0818 07 5090.

www.citizensinformation.ie

COVID-19 has changed the service we offer to the public. Our drop-in service is not currently available, but we are taking phone calls, answering emails, and providing a call back service.



Call us on 0818 07 5090, leave a message with your name and number and an Information Officer will return your call 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)
0818 07 4000 operates on Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm.

MABS – the Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over 20 years.

MABS Clondalkin phone 0818 07 2270

Elder Abuse:

Abuse can take place in any situation and any person is at risk. A vulnerable person is someone who may be restricted in capacity to guard themselves against harm or exploitation or to report such harm or exploitation.

Abuse can be perpetrated (carried out) by a range of people, such as strangers, institutions, or family members. It may happen when an older person or a person with a disability lives alone or with a relative. It may also happen in residential or day-care settings, in hospitals, home support services and other places assumed to be safe, or in public places.

Elder abuse is the abuse of someone aged 65 or over and it happens in a relationship where there is an expectation of trust. Elder abuse can be a single or repeated act, or a lack of action, which causes harm or distress to the older person, or that violates their human and civil rights.

There are different types of elder abuse. The abuse may be carried out deliberately (on purpose), or through negligence (not doing what it is your duty to do) or ignorance (not knowing something you should know). An older person may experience more than one form of abuse at any given time.

Types of abuse include: Psychological abuse: this includes emotional abuse, threats of harm or abandonment, deprivation of contact (taking away or preventing all contact), humiliation, blaming, controlling, intimidation, coercion, harassment, verbal abuse, isolation or withdrawal from services or supportive networks

Physical abuse: this includes slapping, pushing, hitting, kicking, misuse of medication, inappropriate restraint (including physical and chemical restraint) or sanctions

Financial or material abuse: this includes theft, fraud, exploitation, pressure in connection with wills, property or inheritance, or financial transactions, or the misuse or misappropriation of property, possessions or benefits

Neglect: this includes self-neglect and acts of omission including ignoring medical or physical care needs, the withholding of the necessities of life, such as medication, adequate nutrition and heating

Discriminatory abuse: this includes ageism, racism, sexism, that based on a person's disability, and other forms of harassment, slurs or similar treatment

Institutional abuse: this may occur within residential care, nursing homes, acute hospitals and any other in-patient settings, and may involve poor standards of care, rigid routines and inadequate responses to complex needs

Sexual abuse: this may include rape and sexual assault or sexual acts to which the older adult has not consented, or could not consent, or into which they were forced to consent

You can get information on the various forms of elder abuse, and how to recognise the signs of abuse, on hse.ie.

Reporting a concern

The HSE has Safeguarding and Protection Teams in place in every region of the country. These teams are responsible for adult safeguarding within services for older persons and services for people with disabilities.

If you suspect someone you know may be a victim of abuse, or if you are a victim of abuse yourself, you should contact your local health centre, your GP, public health nurse or the Garda Síochána.

You can also contact the HSE Information Line on 1850 24 1850.

In an emergency, where a person is at immediate risk, you should contact the Garda Síochána or Emergency Services on 999 or 112.

Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club holds a weekly meeting online at present, every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm. People interested in joining the club or even attending one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting secpcc@gmail.com.



Next week as a speaker we have Julian Elliott a professional photographer who specializes in travel photography. Julian will share with us his photographs based on his visits to, Italy, Mongolia and Vietnam to mention just a few.

Some weeks ago we had our monthly competition themed "Inanimate objects" below we have two of the winning mono images from that competition.

Kevin Naughton won the intermediate mono competition with this titled image "All That Jazz". And Gareth Hayes won in the advanced section for his image titled "Brandy & glass". Both stunning images and well-deserved winners.



Lucan ICA

Great news Ladies – We're back crafting as and from next Tuesday, 8th February from 10am to 12.30pm, in the Coffee Dock, Parish Centre.



Looking forward to seeing you all again after all the lock-downs; it will be so nice to chat to each other and catch up.

Please bring along any project you've been working on or any unfinished symphonies.

Please wear your face-masks in accordance with the present Covid regulations, and maybe we should wear name tags to identify ourselves – it's been so long since we met!!!



Lucan Senior Citizens

We look forward to welcoming all our members back on Wednesday 9th February, 10.30 – 12.30, in St. Mary's Parish Centre. We have a lot of catching up to do.

New members are always welcome. Call in for a chat on Wednesday morning.



Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi everyone,

This week we had a lot of people back at our club, thirty-three which was great. We started off with whist and scrabble, then we all changed over to Chaerobics which was great fun. You don't realise you're actually exercising at the same time, we all loved it. We followed this with refreshments.



Next week we're back to bowls, scrabble and whist, tea, coffee and the craic.

Anyone wishing to join our club, either give me a quick call on the number below or just drop into our club on a Wednesday between 1.30 – 4pm. We are in St Andrew's Church Hall just down from Stag Cycles, the blue & yellow building. There's parking in the grounds of the Church and also a bus stop outside the Church gates.

*Till next time,
Marian Egan (Club Secretary) 086 1269 043*

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Important: We must continue to **wear face coverings in the church and use the hand sanitizer on the way in.**

For all Masses, please **enter the Church via the Main Door and exit via the other 2 doors.**

Masses will continue to be live-streamed on

www.lucanparish.com

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Each Sunday starting **6th February** there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from **4pm to 5pm** to pray for the success of the Synod in Rome in 2023



Christian Meditation:

Good News at last!

Mediation will re-commence next Tuesday

February 8th at 7.30pm in the Bungalow.

Fr John Main O.S.B. who introduced Christian Meditation to the West said "that meditation would add a dimension of incredible richness and be the great integrating power in one's life - giving depth and perspective to everything we are and everything we do".

All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

The group will also re-commence sessions on **Mondays at 10.45am** and **Thursdays at 8pm** in the Bungalow. We are available to listen to or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one.

Sr Geraldine.

Visits to the housebound:

If you are housebound you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

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

Baptisms:

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

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of *Eoin Collins*, Lucan Heights.

May he rest in peace.



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday at 10am.

All Masses continue to be livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

Important:

We must continue to **wear face coverings in the church and use the hand sanitizer.**

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

The Annual Collection for **ACCORD** Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family will be made at all Masses **NEXT Weekend 12th and 13th February 2022**

This collection will replace the Share collection.

(please do **NOT** use Card machines for this special collection)

Accord Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.

Please give generously



Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm



Weekday Masses:

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

Important: We need to be diligent in continuing with the **wearing of face coverings and hand sanitising upon entering the church.**

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Adoration and Holy Hour:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Monday: 7.30pm

Thursday: 7pm

Friday: 2-3pm

Visitation team for Holy Communion:

Pastoral care of the Sick is provided for all who suffer in any way in our communities. When a person becomes ill, receives a serious diagnosis or because of frailty is no longer able to attend Mass, our Ministers facilitate visitation of the sick at home or in a care setting when this is requested by families and permitted by public health authorities.

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

Sunday 10am. Wednesday: 10am

St Mary's, Leixlip:

Sunday: 11.30am. Tuesday: 10am

Services are available on our parish Facebook pages: [St. Andrew's Church, Lucan](#) or [St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship: 11am.

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

Services will be streamed online and available on Youtube

Anam Cara

South Dublin, the

organisation that

supports bereaved

parents, is holding

its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents

on **Monday 14th February at 7:30pm** in the

Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.



Pilgrimages

Medjugorje 2022

11 Nights - 7th May, Dublin to Split

18th May, Split to Dublin. €795.00

8 Nights - 10th May, Dublin to Split

18th May, Split to Dublin. €745.00



6 Nights - 19th October, Dublin to Mostar

25th October, Split to Dublin. € 685.00

8 Nights - 19th Oct Dublin to Mostar

27th October, Split to Dublin. €745.00

Fatima

5 Nights – 7th September, Dublin to Lisbon

12th September, Lisbon to Dublin

Book early to avoid disappointment.

Pat 087 223 8911

Knock Shrine

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, **21st February 2022.** €549.00 per person sharing.

Price includes return bus transfer from Dublin, 4

nights in Knock House Hotel with Full

Board. All entertainment and excursions.

Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single

supplement €60.00.

Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or

email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Big Book Meeting

of

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Saturday Night

St Patrick's Church, Esker

7pm to 8.30pm

Any enquires Contact Colette 086 0272002

Acknowledgements



MILLS (DAVID - DOTS)

1st Anniversary - 8th February

In loving memory of David (Dots) Mills.
Late of London and Sarsfield Park.

The family would like to take this opportunity to thank those who sympathised with us and those who joined us online for the Funeral ceremony. Many thanks to his wonderful carers and all the health professionals and friends who helped him during his last difficult year. We remember him every day and miss him deeply.

Ann, Mick, Leanne, Stephen and Tracy

STEPHENSON (MICHAEL)

The family of the Late Michael Stephenson wish to thank everyone who supported them on their recent sad loss.

To all those who sent Mass cards and sent messages online and attended the funeral.

To all the neighbours and wider community for their kindness and support. To Father Samuel and Mary Barr for the beautiful requiem Mass. To Rena and her staff for the care they provided for Michael in his final months. To everyone Michael met on his walks during the past years – he enjoyed meeting you all. To Sister Rosemarie for her kindness.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.



Birthday Remembrance

McCAHILL (BRIDGET)

3rd Birthday Away from Home

6th February

Today on your special day
We will gather as a family
We will share all the lovely memories
We have with you
And wish so much that you here with us
No cards to give, no gifts or flowers
Just a million hugs
And special thoughts of you
So dearest Mam

We hope you are joined with Dad
And he continues to make a fuss of you
As he did here
All through your married lives together.
From your heartbroken daughters Patricia, Mary and Laura, sons-in-law Enda and Barry and adored grandchildren Jordan, Stephen, Leah, Arthur and Ruby. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx



Anniversaries

KELLY (KATHY)

8th Anniversary - 9th February

Just as you are

You will always be

Special in our memory.

Sadly missed by your loving Mum, sisters Teresa, Ann, Gemma, Louise and Michelle

McNALLY (MAY)

8th Anniversary - 2nd February

Mam

Eight years have passed

Since we said goodbye

Not a day passes

When we don't think of you

Remembering your voice, your laugh

The soft touch of your hands

Yes, Mam not a day goes by

So this day we just think of you even more

Still loved, still missed.

Also thinking of **Da**.

With all our love, your family



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Reports and Ads. etc may also

be left at the usual addresses:

St. Mary's Parish Centre

Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.





Bit of variety in the news this past week! While we're all fed up with Covid, it was great to learn of how the Irish Fishermen took on the Russians, and won!

Boris is also a source of some amusement these days. Will he or won't he make it?

Then the poor Leaving Cert students are trying to find their way.....

The Dubs footballers lost their way last weekend – here's hoping things will improve in that blue camp. **Dubs Hurlers** are showing up though!!!

Let's hope Ireland can do the job against Wales in the Six Nations this weekend – It's that time of year again!

We must give a big "Bualadh Bos" to our local GP's and Pharmacies who played a blinder with the roll-out of those very valuable vaccines. We heard that prosecco and little tit-bits were on offer at at least one venue - unfortunately, the Newsletter team were too young at the time to avail of same!



Spotted Lucan Lodge Nursing Home on the news last week – they spoke about the staffing problems which all such places are experiencing.

Dumping in the Graveyard! It is very annoying to see dumping anywhere, but especially in our burial ground in Esker. This past week, bags of household refuse – vegetable peelings and food, were dumped at the site. You wonder about people who would go to the trouble of bringing those bags all the way to a small area designated for graveyard waste – flowers, wreaths etc.....

On old age.....

I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.

It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles

The older I get, the earlier it gets late.....

I had my patience tested. I'm negative!

Price Increase!



Rising prices everywhere, and sorry to say, that here at Lucan Newsletter, it is no different.

We have held off as long as we could, but the every-increasing cost of **paper** and **ink**, means that we have to raise the weekly subscription **from .80cent to €1.**

This week's issue is the first with the increased subscription.

Twelve Commandments for Seniors



1. Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.
2. "In style" means the clothes that still fit.
3. You don't need anger management. You need people to stop making you mad.
4. Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that need work.
5. The biggest lie you tell yourself is "I don't need to write that down I'll remember it"
6. "On time" is when you get there.
7. Even duct tape can't fix stupid – but it does muffle the sound.
8. It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
9. Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
10. Growing old should have taken longer.
11. You still haven't learned to act your age – and hope you never will.

People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day!

A.A. Milne

Car parking spaces in Lucan Village

"Lucan Live" radio programme on Liffey Sound 96.4FM, has over the last number of weeks carried interviews from members of Lucan Business/Services Group about the proposed changes and amendments to Lucan Village. Maria Murphy interviewed Dr David Lombard, Michael Boyle, Danny Kenny, Jimmie Stagg and Philip Monaghan.

We have also carried an interview with the Chairperson of SDCC Area Committee for Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin Cllr Joanna Tuffy, outlining the details of the Consultation Portal and Procedure to make a submission and register your comments. You can listen back to all the interviews on Podcast on www.liffeysoundfm.ie

"Lucan Live" is broadcast every Wednesday at 3pm on Liffey Sound 96.4FM.

Local authors for "Bookline" radio programme: Teresa Quinn, presenter of our popular radio programme "Bookline" wants to interview local authors for a special radio series. If you have published a book or you are going to publish a book, please email stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie for details.

"Bookline" is broadcast every Sunday at 11am on Liffey Sound 96.4FM and broadcast on several other Community Radio Stations around the country.

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook

Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station!

Adult Education in Lucan

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in February 2022.



These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours per week and takes place mostly in the mornings.

For more details, contact alimccann@ddletbaes.ie or call (01) 6283557.



Lucan Planning Council

SDCC masterplan for Lucan village, Weir Promenade, and Demesne Park entrance were published last week and are available for public consultation on the Council website. The plan outlines the changes proposed to make Lucan more pedestrian friendly, especially for tourists in keeping with its new designation as a Destination Town.

The plan is quite vague in many respects, especially in relation to the Village Green proposal which involves reducing parking spaces on the Main St from 40 to 13. This would seriously damage businesses in the village leading to job losses and the possible closure of vital businesses such as post office and banks. These proposals will seriously impact elderly people, women and children, and many others who use the Main St Clinic, banks, and post office etc.

Lucan Planning Council has a plan to reduce traffic congestion in the village without the loss of any existing parking spaces. The proposal includes a two-way system between the Village Green and Methodist church. It allows ample space for both pedestrians and cyclists. LPC is opposed to a one-way system along the Main Street towards the Weir.

SDCC plan envisages changes to the Village Green which effectively would destroy the unique character of the area as we know it and reduce it to a flat cheerless open space.

LPC welcome the proposal for the Weir Promenade and it should be a key feature in welcoming visitors to Lucan. Visitors have always been welcomed to Lucan, and LPC have identified a potential site for a public car park in the village which would serve everyone.

LPC are broadly in support of improvements to the Demesne entrance with the proviso these should be achieved without loss of existing parking spaces.

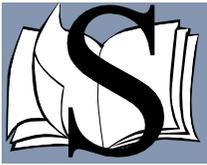
Closing date for submissions to the Council is 3rd March 2022.

Caitriona McClean, Secretary LPC

Happy 11th Birthday to Sean on 4th February.

Lots of love Nanny and Grandad Cummins.





CHOOL NEWS



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Soccer: Our 1st yr soccer team defeated Coolmine CS 5-2 last week to advance to the knockout stages of the Dublin Metropolitan League in style after topping their group with maximum points from their three matches.

Lucan made a fast start to the game and went in front after just two minutes when Aidan Doyle raced into the box and pulled the ball back across goal from the by-line for his strike partner Ben Lawless who fired in an angled drive from 10 yards out into the far corner. They extended their lead when Sean Connell played a brilliant ball from deep in his own half down the channel into space for Ben who controlled the ball 1st time, drove at the Coolmine defence with pace and purpose, bursting past three defenders, before firing past the keeper from inside the box with a sweetly struck, powerful effort straight down the middle of the goal.

The second half began in much the same fashion with Lucan in the ascendancy and it wasn't long before the 3rd goal arrived. Jack Biju picked up the ball 20 yards from goal, looked up and put his laces through the ball with a dipping, looping, swerving shot that flew into the far right hand corner of the net. Coolmine pulled one back after Lucan failed to clear a loose ball in the box but Sean Connell restored Lucan's three goal advantage with a brilliantly placed left-footed low drive from the edge of the box into the bottom far corner. Jack Biju tapped home from close range late on to complete the scoring.

As group winners, Lucan will now face the runners up in Dublin West Group B, which at this stage is likely to be either Salesian College, Celbridge or Lucan CC.

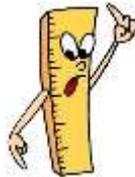
Transition Year: This week the TY classes took part in an Irish workshop presented by Devon from Conradh na Gaeilge, a democratic forum for the Irish speaking community with over 200 branches and numerous individuals spread around the world. The aim of "Conradh Na Gaeilge" is to preserve the Irish language and to ensure its survival. They do this through challenges, Roadshows and Workshops in schools and classrooms. The idea is to keep the Irish language alive by teaching it to young people and the new generation. Mar a deir an seanfhocal "*Beatha teanga í a labhairt*".

The students learned a lot in the workshop about Ireland and our national language. They learned that there are over 2,000,000 active speakers of Irish in Ireland and more than 50,000 people use it in their daily lives. They learned that Irish is hardly dying and the numbers of speakers go up every year- in 1911 only 500,000 people spoke Irish and now that number is 4 times bigger!

They also learned about the numerous jobs and offers in the EU and all around the world for Irish speakers, the courses in college that you can take to better your Irish and all the colleges in Ireland where you can take them. Ireland's language has now got full rights within the EU which is a big step for our language and will hopefully better the chances of it still being around. They learned that speaking Irish is a right in some locations such as post offices and Garda Stations.

The students were very impressed with Devon who did a great job presenting the material to the groups. He spoke using a mixture of Gaeilge agus Béarla as not all students do Irish and he used humour to good effect throughout.

Exams: Our 3rd and 6th yr students began their mock exams next week and they will go on until Friday 18th Feb, at which time they will have a well-earned mid-term break to recover from their exertions! The 6th yrs begin on Monday while the 3rd yrs start on Thursday. The mock exams are important preparation for the students for their June exams, which as has been widely reported in the media this week, will definitely go ahead this year. Sitting the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate is like running a marathon-preparation is key and success depends on the quality of that preparation. We wish them all the well over the coming days and months.



2nd yr news: The 2nd yr Parent-Teacher meeting was held via Zoom on Monday 31st January. Each set of parents/guardians had a 5-minute slot with the relevant teacher which they had to pre-book in advance of the meeting. They then logged on via their sons' school email account. This meant that everyone had their own specific timetable of meetings at times that suited them so there was very little, if any, waiting around for the parents. This was the final such PT meeting in the school this year due to Covid regulations and the attendance was excellent. In most cases both set of parents were present so it seemed to suit them better than traditional in-person PT meetings. We once again thank the school office for their hard work setting up the online meetings and ensuring all went to plan on the day.

Lucan Community College

Transition Year Students Participate in GIS

Workshop: Transition Year students participated in a Geographical Information System's workshop led by Sasha Brown at Maynooth University. Students learned how Sentinel Satellites provide us with data sets that can be used to tackle the big environmental and social challenges in Ireland today. Students were able to follow the course of Storm Jorge from February 2020 and explore emergency responses to flooding and storm damage. Thanks to teacher Ms. Flanagan.

Transition Years on Work Experience: Our Transition Year students are currently on work experience both in our local community and further afield. The students are learning about a variety of careers – Architecture, Teaching, Graphic Design, Hospitality, Animal Care etc. Thank you to all employers who provide this valuable opportunity and thanks to Transition Year Coordinator Ms. Higgins, Year Head Mr. Grimes and the tutor team.

Under 16 Hurlers Victorious Again!

Congratulations to our Under 16 Hurling Team for great all round team performance in their victory against Holy Family Community School. Special mention to Darragh O'Toole and Chris Hylands for their fantastic efforts. The final score was 10-10 to 2-6, a comprehensive 28 point victory for Lucan CC as we advance to the semi-final. Thanks to teachers Mr. Foley and Mr. Callaghan.

Wellbeing Week: Feeling good about yourself and the world around you is very important for us all. The Wellbeing Team within the school are busy preparing for Wellbeing week which will take place in Lucan Community College from 1st-4th March. We look forward to the announcement of the full programme over the coming weeks. Thanks to Ms. Gallagher and the Wellbeing Team.

Team Maths: Here are photos of 5th and 6th year students competing in the team maths quiz run by the IMTA. This is the first time the quiz has been run online. Senior cycle students from all over the country took part. Well done to all students féin LCC who competed. Thanks to teachers Ms. Suttle and Ms. McKelvey.

West Leinster Cross Country Athletics: Well done to the 20 students who competed in the West Leinster Cross Country in the Phoenix Park. The girls minor team placed 1st, with Rachel Jez placing 1st and Eve Clarke placing 3rd. Ferdia McDonagh placed 2nd in the minor boys. The girls' intermediate team placed 3rd with Saoirse

Fitzgerald winning the race. Also qualifying for the Leinster Final was Clodagh Conway, Isabelle Cuffe, Eva Collis, Maggie Jez, Cillian Murphy and Dara Donoghue. It was a great day out and thanks to the parents who came out in support. Thanks to teachers Ms. McCormack and Ms. Collins



Milly, Maggie, Saoirse & Eabha



REKA , RACHEL , SERENA , ELLA, CLODAGH AND EVE

Ladies Soccer -Report by Sarah-Kate

Winders: Hard luck to our Junior girls soccer team in their match against St. Kevin's last week. Despite the loss, it was a great performance by everyone. Well done to goal scores Sarah Winders and Amy Greene. A huge well done to our minor girls' soccer team on their great win against Confey. An amazing performance by all and well done to goal scores Ella Mc Grath, Rika Kiss Kallo, Lauren O'Rourke and Nicole Keating. Well done girls! Thank you to teachers Mr. McAnerin and Ms. Collins.

St Joseph's College

Ceiliúradh CEIST

This week we celebrated the inaugural Ceiliúradh CEIST day on the 1st of February 2022. This is going to be the start of an annual nationwide school celebration and awareness of our CEIST community and of the great work happening in our schools. We are a very proud CEIST school and we look forward to celebrating Ceiliúradh CEIST with a number of activities on the day to coincide with all other CEIST schools across our country. As part of a strong 107 School Community we come together as one on the 1st of February to Celebrate 15 Years of the formation of CEIST, to honour our heritage and celebrate our proud CEIST community. We held a day of celebration where Fr Tom Kennedy along with staff and students held a zoom webinar where our entire school community celebrated the St Joseph's Ethos and the CEIST charter values. In class the students celebrated the feast of St Brigid by making some beautiful St Brigid's Crosses, pictures of which can be seen on our Twitter and website. Our Student Council distributed a sweet treat to our students for them to enjoy during their breaktime. Our wonderful staff were not left out either and they enjoyed CEIST themed cupcakes created by Ms. Jones. It was an excellent event which we wish to enjoy every year from now on to celebrate our Ethos.

Sport: Hard luck to our Junior Camogie team who lost out against Loreto Beaufort in the shield final on Thursday last, the girls gave it their all but eventually lost out by 5 points. Well done to all involved.

Congratulations to Vivianna McCann a 6th year student who competed in the West Leinsters Cross Country event held in the Phoenix Park on Thursday last. Vivianna had a great race and eventually came home with a bronze medal finishing third in her category.

Concern Debaters: Congratulations to our Senior Debaters for a unanimous decision (3-0) in our recent debate against Woodbrook College, Wicklow. Yet again another excellent performance by our dedicated and committed senior debaters.

Even better news for the debaters is that St. Joseph's College has now reached the knockout stages of the All - Ireland Con 12 on. Our students are now in the final 16 schools remaining

out of 135 schools who began the competition in October. This alone is an impressive achievement.

Well Walk: On Thursday we were delighted to have Mr David Cryan a former Operation Transformation leader launch our Well Walk. Mr Cryan gave an inspirational speech to our School Community via Zoom. This Parents Association idea is a Fundraising walk to raise funds for their "Joeys Outdoor Classroom" initiative. The Well Walk will take place on the 3rd of March when the whole school will go on a sponsored walk supervised by their teachers. Each student will bring home a sponsorship card and we are kindly asking parents to please support this fundraiser event if you are in a position to do so. Sponsorship secured through the card can be paid by cash or by making a donation through our GoFundMe page. All of the funds raised will go directly to pay for the cost of 'Joey's Outdoor Classroom and the improvement of the outdoor space for all students.

The Parents' Association has set up the following GoFundMe Page.

<https://gofund.me/ba72c006>

Below is an artist impression of what the outdoor classroom would look like.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parents Association for all the work that they do in raising funds to improve our school facilities.

Building Project: On Tuesday excitement grew in relation to our building project when we began to see machinery coming onto site, this is to prepare the ground for our temporary accommodation that will allow for phase one of the building project to commence.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Political Notes

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

78 The Orchard, Lucan.

Ph: 087 921 7741 emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

Public Consultation on Lucan Village:

SDCC has launched its public consultation on their proposals for the Village Green and Main Street Lucan, and upgrades to Lucan Weir.

Late last year I carried out a local survey to gather public opinion on the proposals and the removal of car parking spaces was the main concern raised with me by local businesses and local residents. Now is your opportunity to formally have your say on these plans.

You can view the full proposal including drawings and maps on the council's website where you can make your submission or you can do so by post to Senior Engineer, Roads Construction & Design, LUPT, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 YNN5. Closing date March 3rd

I have asked the Council for an update on their proposal around a one-way-system trial.

Cllr Vicki Casserly - Fine Gael

Email: vcasserly@cllr.sdublincoco.ie /

Mob: 085 831 7982 /

FaceBook [facebook.com/vickicasserlylucan](https://www.facebook.com/vickicasserlylucan) /Twitter:

@vickicasserly

Lucan Proposals: SDCC has initiated the process known as the Part 8 proposals which includes works for street finishes, cycling, parking, redirecting overhead services to underground ducts, planting, Weir and Demesne area enhancements, installing bandstands and much more for the Village areas.

Your contributions, observations, concerns or comments can be made via the SDCC website here <https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/part-8-proposed-works-lucan-village-green-and-main-street>.

You can also submit in writing to Senior Engineer, Roads Construction & Design, LUPT, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 YNN5.

Deadline is 5.00pm on the Thursday 3rd March 2022 and can be brief or detailed

Contact me if you have any queries.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

Phone: 085-7211574. Email: ginokenny@oir.ie

Waiting Times for Orthopaedic Surgery:

At present over 600 children are waiting for orthopaedic surgery in the state. Fifty six children with spina bifida are waiting for corrective

surgery and in some cases for over two years.

This is completely inadequate for children to wait for this vital service. I raised this issue with the Taoiseach this week.

What About Us!: In February a campaign will be launched in regards to those that can't get access to medical cannabis products via the newly set up Medical Cannabis Access Programme. The MCAP is extremely restrictive meaning a whole cohort of people can't access via prescription. This year there will be a review of the clinical criteria guiding the programme which only has three qualified conditions that cannabis can be prescribed. The What About Us campaign is calling for the programme to be expanded to include amongst others neurological pain.

Liona O'Toole – Independent

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www.lotoole.com

Village plans / Part8's: As promised I've asked council planners/management to look into holding an information evening in the village whereby the public could view plans and give feedback on the proposed plans. I will keep all updated on this matter.

New Bus Network: Glad to report that following my motion requesting that the NTA/Dublin Bus report back to us on feedback received since the implementation of phase 2 of the new bus network, management confirmed to me that a meeting will be set up with the NTA where a presentation will be provided.

Dog Park: My motion at our area committee meeting requesting an update on the Dog Park in Griffeen and to also request if the council would consider one for the Adamstown area unfortunately wasn't discussed given time constraints. I can confirm that a new entrance/access path and pictograms are progressing.

Lucan Library

Bricks4Kidz LEGO Workshop.

Wednesday 23rd February at 4pm.

Come along and technical building on themes of Sports, Game on and other choices. For ages 8-12 years. Booking from Wednesday 9th February at 10am through Eventbrite. This will be an in-person library event.

www.eventbrite.ie/e/bricks4kidz-lego-workshop-tickets-261249563477





Lucan's St. Patrick's Day Parade 2022 Entry Form



This year's theme is 'Celebrate Your Anniversary With Us'

Name of Group:

Address:

Tel Number:

Email:

Float: Walkers:

How old is your organisation?

Contact Name:

Tel Number:

Supervising Leader 1:

Tel Number:

Supervising Leader 2:

Tel Number:

If you require music to be played at the viewing stand, a CD must be supplied by Friday 4th March to the address below. No CD's etc will be accepted on the day.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO:

lucanparade@gmail.com
or Mary Meehan 174 Arthur Griffith Park, Lucan. Mobile: 085 7374645.

Closing date: 28th February 2022
No entry will be accepted after this date

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CATU – Lucan & Palmerstown

We are the Lucan & Palmerstown Branch of Community Action Tenants Union (CATU). Our union provides support to communities and tenants through collective action and collective bargaining.

- ▲ Are you having difficulties with your landlord and feel unsure on how to react?
- ▲ Have you been threatened with eviction or rent increases?
- ▲ Do you feel helpless struggling alone in precarious living conditions?

If you've been affected by the housing crisis, and you're not a landlord, go to <https://catuireland.org/> to join today

We're launching the Lucan-Palmerstown Branch of CATU on **Wednesday 23rd February 6:00 to 8:00pm at The Bush Resource Centre K78 VP97**, it would be great to meet you there.

Mary Wollstonecraft at 15 Henrietta Street

On Thursday 24th February at 7pm Lucan Local History presents an online talk by historian Fergus Whelan who will discuss the life of the writer, philosopher, and advocate of women's rights Mary Wollstonecraft who arrived in Ireland to take on the role of governess to 14-year-old Margaret King.

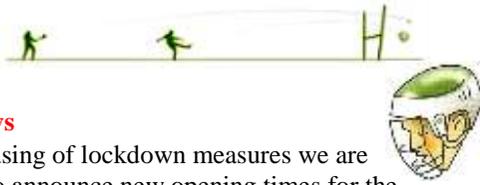


He will talk about her impact on Margaret's life, and the links that bound the two women, even after Wollstonecraft's untimely death. The family town house was 15 Henrietta Street.

You can book a place through Eventbrite at lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Social News

With the easing of lockdown measures we are delighted to announce new opening times for the Club Bar, Thursdays and Fridays 7pm – 12am, Saturdays 3pm – 12am & Sundays 2 pm – 11pm.

Our Volunteers night will be held on the 19th February and the Adult Awards Night will be held on the 26th February in the Club.

We are also planning some other events so watch this space.

Team News

Well done to Dublin South Senior Colleges team, best of luck in the final vs Good Counsel of New Ross next week. Joey Dunne, Liam Garrigan & Hugh Cuff of Sars lined out. Jack Behan is not pictured as he is recovering from an injury (get well soon Jack). Emmet O'Conghaile also represented the club and county in the kick off of the Alliance Football League.



In Hurling, Dublin also beat Wexford in the Walsh Cup securing their first silverware of the season. Luke Walsh, John Bellew, Chris and Paul Crummey contributing to this promising Dublin side.

A lot of underage teams arranged some challenge matches in the warm-up to their season this year. We heard some reports that the skills have improved following the break so well done to all those who continued with their practice at the ball wall and at home, Maith thú!

Gaelic for Mothers and Others (G4M&O):

The MAMA MIA'S are recruiting. They get together on Monday evenings at 9pm for skills and fitness in a fun and friendly environment. For more information call or text Carmel Reid (087 256 7389) or Gemma Moloney (085 147 7365).



Referees

Lucan are still looking for members to represent our club as referees. There are a lot of games this year and referees are important part of our match fixture list. We certainly never want to reach a situation when we do not have referees to cover all our games – it is an old adage but a very true one: **“No Ref, no Game”** It really is as simple as that! Coiste na Réiteoirí hopes to run a training course for new adult-level Referees in February of this year anyone interested can email the club pro.lucansarsfields.dublin@gaa.ie

Membership

Please try to complete your registration on Foireann and renew your membership on [Clubforce](#) ASAP. If you have not registered on Foireann, please do so. Links and guides are provided on our website in the news section There is also an optional online feature for the lotto that you can also complete when renewing your membership.

If you have any issues please drop an email to lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Healthy Clubs

Irish Life Healthy Clubs Every Step Counts challenge is still open for entry. Download the MyLife app in the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). Search MyLife by Irish Life.

Club Lotto

Last weeks Lotto Prize of €5,800 was not won. The Numbers were **5, 16, 21, 27.**

Lucky Dip prizes go to Avril Glynn, Shay Hurson, Darren & Isobel, Con & Charlie McCarthy Glynn and Astrid Fitzpatrick.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €6,200. The draw is sponsored by Dual Printing Ltd. and will be led by Cormac Gordon.

Tá €6,200 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine: Beidh sé beo ón Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook.

Déan cinnte go bhfuil d'iontráil curtha isteach agaibh roimh 6 i.n. oíche an chranchnuir, chun í a chur san áireamh sa chranchnur na seachtaine sin. Is féidir libh ticéadaí a cheannacht ar líne leis an nasc seo:

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link:

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

Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin

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

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Busy weekend for Lucan Harriers this weekend with two major events taking place. The National indoor masters took place in Athlone with serious competition in all races and events. Some seasoned indoor athletes and while others were making their first appearance.

Lucan Harriers had a wonderful day at Master indoor national championships in Athlone on Sunday 29th January. Great atmosphere and extremely high-level competition First off Leanne Wellings coming home 3rd in w45 60m with Annette Durkan in close 4th The Power sisters of Aine and Katriona were both very strong in the W45 shot-putt with Aine winning silver and Katriona taking Bronze. On his maiden outing to track and field Pearce Carberry had an amazing debut, taking bronze in M40 in both the shot-putt and weight for distance. Breda Smyth 2nd in W50 800m with Tricia Gough taking bronze in the same race. Breda then went on to get bronze in the 1500m also. John Flanagan ran superbly in M55 200m & 400m. Later in the day, in the w45 200m Leanne Wellings took silver with Annette Durkan in a very close 3rd. Carol Kearney yet again showed her class in taking gold in a super 200m W55 and gold in 400m. A really great day for all the individuals and for the club.

I make that 12 medals, super achievement and well done to everyone concerned, you should all be very proud of your achievements and thank you for representing our Club and community with such pride



Leanne Wellings, Annette Durkan, Breda Smyth, Pearce Carberry, Carol Kearney, Trish Gough all medalists.



*Breda Smyth Leading the pack in 1500 m.
Thanks to Annette Durkan for the Athlone report and photos*

On the Northside of the City we had the return of the Raheny 5 mile around the estates of Raheny and the fabulous St Annes Park. Over 3000 participants in this wonderful race hosted by the famous Raheny Shamrocks club. Over 50 Harriers registered for this one. Full report and results to follow. Lots of superb times by our athletes on a difficult but fast course, The race meanders through some of the housing estates, along the Howth Road and in through the lovely grounds of St Annes Park before finishing near the Garda station.

Again some seasoned pros and some first timers among the Harriers ranks. This race was also part of the Lord Mayor 5 alive program with our very own Club member Fanchea Gibson a key member of the organising of this initiative. Names are too numerous to mention.



Special mention must go to Noah Mullooly of our little athletics group who came 2nd in Boys age 5 -7 400m. Well done to Noah and from talking to his mam, I know they are all super proud of his achievements. Well done young man one to watch for the future.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Our 9th photography exhibition went on line last week and to date has had just under 200 viewings and once again compliments to the editor of the Newsletter on the beautiful display of some of the photographs in the exhibition. The number of viewings this year to date is less than the viewership for our 8th exhibition but is in line with my personal experience of participation in on-line courses,

exhibitions etc. This year I have found that the numbers enrolling in on-line courses etc are much less than was the case this time last year at the height of one of the pandemic waves. I suppose it shows that we are intensely social beings and crave human contact. Our exhibition is still available to view on www.lucanparish.com. Alternatively, it can be viewed on YouTube by following the link <https://youtu.be/tEtNUYCbtQ0>.

Because of the resurgence of COVID out of an abundance of caution we suspended our meetings in the Parish centre for the past couple of weeks and went back on line but we are back in the Coffee Dock again this Friday. Donal has been over in Connemara and exchanged some lovely shots of his visit on the Camera Soirée's WhatsApp group. Irene got to Bray and Paddy was up early getting shots of Dublin Port as the sun rose. Conor continues to capture great shots of our feathered friends.



Until next week stay safe!