



*Tony Feeney*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

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



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

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

Or you can email your query to us at [dscis@citinfo.ie](mailto:dscis@citinfo.ie) and someone will reply.

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

### MABS

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

### Covid 19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment (PUP) tax and PRSI

**Tax:** The COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment is liable to income tax and USC at the end of the year. However, the amount of tax you are liable to pay depends on your overall income during the year. You will not pay tax, if your tax liability is less than your tax credits and allowances.

In January 2021, your Preliminary End of Year Statement will be available from Revenue. The statement will show your income tax and USC for 2020. It will tell you whether you have underpaid or overpaid your tax for 2020. If you have underpaid your tax, you can:

Arrange to fully or partially repay the tax due using myAccount or

Revenue can collect the underpayment by reducing your tax credits over a period of 4 years, starting in January 2022

You will not have to pay interest on any underpayment.

**PRSI:** You will be deemed to have paid PRSI contributions at the same class that you were paying immediately before you were laid off while you are getting the payment. This will help you to qualify for other social welfare payments such as Jobseeker's Benefit, Maternity and Adoptive Benefit.

More information is available on [https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/social\\_welfare/covid19\\_and\\_social\\_welfare.html](https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/social_welfare/covid19_and_social_welfare.html)

**Taxation of Social Welfare payments:** All income in Ireland is generally subject to taxation. Your social welfare payment may or may not be deemed taxable but, even if your social welfare payment is taxable, you may not actually have to pay tax on it. If you are getting a social welfare payment you get an Employee Tax Credit (formerly known as a PAYE tax credit) in addition to your normal tax credits. This means, if a social welfare payment is your only source of income you may not pay tax because your tax liability does not exceed your tax credits. The Employee Tax Credit is given to the person claiming the social welfare payment and not to the adult dependant, even if the Increase for a Qualified Adult is paid directly to the dependant.

Universal Social Charge and social insurance (PRSI) are not payable on social welfare payments. (PRSI is payable on income from some employment schemes such as Community Employment.)

Social welfare payment and another income  
If you have a social welfare payment and another source of income, you may have to pay tax. In this case, your taxable social welfare payment and your other income are added together. You are taxed on the total amount. There is no mechanism for taxing social welfare payments at source (before it is paid to you). Your non-social welfare income determines how tax due is paid. Social welfare payments are taxed by reducing your tax credits and rate band.

### Don't let Covid restrictions prevent that New Year's Resolution.

Combat those public speaking fears.

Come join Lucan Toastmasters for

Our club meeting is on **Thursday 21st January**

**21<sup>st</sup> January is our annual OPEN MEETING**

All Welcome from 7:45pm on Zoom

Learn how to communicate effectively online in a supportive and fun environment.

Email [vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com](mailto:vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com) for your exclusive zoom invitation





### 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](mailto:marylucannewsletter@gmail.com)

[annalucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:annalucannewsletter@gmail.com)

[roselucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:roselucannewsletter@gmail.com)

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**Note:** For the next 3 weeks, we will publish online only.

Please log on to [www.lucannewsletter.ie](http://www.lucannewsletter.ie) for weekly issue.

### White Cat Found



#### Has anyone lost a White Cat?

This very tame cat appeared around the SuperValu area, and also on the dangerous road opposite the Church.

Ring: 087-2036313

### Palmerstown Camera Club

The Club invites all adults to our friendly, educational and entertaining club meetings on Wednesday nights. We normally meet in the Palmerstown Parish Centre but due to Covid-19 restrictions we currently use Zoom to run our meetings so it will be easy for you to attend.

Our club members range from Learners to Advanced and there is opportunity for everyone to participate. To visit, free of charge, for one or two meetings, and to see how you can benefit contact [pccmemberssecre09@gmail.com](mailto:pccmemberssecre09@gmail.com) for more information and for the Zoom link.

See you on Wednesday nights.



## Thank You

### To all my friends

I wish to thank all my FRIENDS here in Lucan. I am overwhelmed by the joy and happiness which you shared and gave me on my 90th birthday.

For me it was a marvellous privilege that Fr. Philip and Fr. Tom honoured us all by offering the Holy Mass to celebrate my 90 years with you all.

With God's help I hope that I can continue to serve for as long as God wills in the future.

*May God bless you all,*

*Don Mac Donald*

## Christmas Tree Recycling

South Dublin County Council has made arrangements for you to leave your Christmas Tree at any of the following locations:

Beech Park open space  
Sarsfield Park open space  
Haydens Lane car park in  
Griffen Valley Park  
Foxborough open space.



**From Saturday 2 January to Monday 11 January 2021.** This service is free and is for domestic household trees only.

## St. Thomas' JNS Esker

### Admissions 2021



The enrolment process for **Junior Infants** for the school year **September 2021/2022** is now open.

**The closing date is 29/1/2021.**

The application form can be downloaded on our website at [www.stthomasjns.com](http://www.stthomasjns.com)

For further information please contact 01-6282691 or email [info@stthomasjns.com](mailto:info@stthomasjns.com)

# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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



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

### Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday: 6.30pm, Sunday: 11am

### Weekday Masses:

10am Monday to Saturday

### Baptism Faith Friends

We are sending a message to all families who had a baby christened in St. Mary's in 2020.

Happy New Year to you all.

This Sunday is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Traditionally we would have invited the babies and families of children christened in the previous 12 months to attend the 12:15pm Mass for a special blessing on this day.

Unfortunately this is not possible this year.

**However the priests of the parish have agreed to include these children in a special way at the 11am Mass live streamed from St Mary's this Sunday January 10th on [lucanparish.com](http://lucanparish.com)**

### 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 has resumed on zoom. If interested please contact Cheryl Murphy at 086 8343754 to register.

**Deepest Sympathy** to the wife, family and friends of **Ben Dardis**, Beech Park and to the family and friends of **Dave Errity**, Beech Park.  
*May they rest in peace.*



## St. Patrick's Esler/Doddsboro/Adamstown

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

**All Masses are now streamed live on the Parish UTube channel during Level 5**

### Sunday Masses:

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

### Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday at 10am.

**Private Prayer:** Church is open for private prayer, weekdays 10 am to 12 noon. Access through pastoral door at far side of the Church.

**View the following on [www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)**

Mass Readings for the week

Morning Prayer – Lauds

Evening Prayer – Vespers

Take five at 10 - Reflections–Weekdays: 10am

Taizé – Watch and Pray

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

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

**Sunday Mass:** Sunday 10:30am

### Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday 9:15am

Saturday 10am.

### Daily Readings on website:

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

### Private Prayer:

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

Please remember to sanitise your hands when you enter and wear a face covering if you would like to visit the Church so it can remain a safe space for everyone.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL - CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We would like to express our deep gratitude to all who contributed so generously to our Christmas appeal. This year, because of Covid restrictions, the actual collection at Masses was down by about 50%. However, so many people contributed through the parish website, by dropping donations into the sacristy, into the Parish office, or in the doors of members, that the total far exceeded our expectations. Thank you to each and every one of you. Through your generosity, many local families enjoyed a better Christmas.

This year's giving tree donations were also for St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks to Lucan Justice and Peace group who organise this every year. This raised a superb sum of €1,855.94.

Thanks to Fr. Philip, Fr. Tom and our wonderful sacristan, Mary, for all their help and courtesy. Thanks to the newsletter staff for their continuous coverage.

Special thanks to many of our local schools—principals, staff, parents and students, who run fundraisers for us.

**Again our thanks to you all.  
We wish God's blessing on you all in 2021.**

*St. Mary's Conference, Lucan.*

## NAGARHOPE CHRISTMAS THANKS

On behalf of Fachtna "Doc" Clandillon and Nagarhope, we wish to sincerely thank the Parish of St. Mary's.

Firstly, thanks to Deirdre in the Parish Office and her staff, who sold our Christmas cards, and also for her courtesy throughout the year. Thanks to all who bought the cards. The proceeds go directly to Nagarhope, helping to educate children in Nepal.

Thanks to all who made individual donations and to those who support us all year round through our sponsorship programme.

The Covid situation in Nepal is much the same as here, which has slowed things down in Nagarhope Basic School, but hopefully 2021 will be a better year there too.

May God bless you all throughout 2021.  
Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

*Niamh and Séamus Clandillon*

## Medjugorje Mass

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Celebrant Fr. Pius Feruna .

St. Mary's Lucan



**Rosary at 6pm**

**Holy Mass at 6.30pm.**

**On line only on [lucanparish.com](http://lucanparish.com) or  
marian pilgrimages facebook**

Marian Pilgrimages Prayer  
Meeting at 7.30pm

## Medjugorje Mass Thanks

I would like to thank Fr Philip Curran and Fr Tom Kennedy for the use of St Mary's church Lucan for the Medjugorje Masses.

I would also like to thank our sacristans Mary Douglas and Don Mc Donald.

I would like to thank our visiting priests  
Fr Michael Skno Temgo, Fr Aloysius Zurbo,  
Fr Philip Bradley, Fr Pius Faruna, Fr Joe Coyne,  
Fr Tomy George, Fr Joe Hao who has returned to China.

I would like to thank our readers Carmel Ann Goggins, Jacinta McGeever, Ann McMullen, Maryia Martin, Pauline Cribben, Phil Colgan, Marian Regan, Mary Corry Sr Geraldine, Margaret Murphy.

Also, Thanks to the people who brought up the gifts: Arlene and Dan Gallagher, Paddy and Ann Maloney, Harry and Angela Gibbons, Larry O'Shaughnessy, Maire Baxter, Gerry O'Reilly, Mary Burke, Rita Davis, Kitty Daly.

Thanks to our Alter services Austin and Alexin

Also Thanks to Cathleen and Donal for putting up the slides at Our Mass and also sending emails,  
Web text by 1000's

Thanks to live streaming our Mass Fr Philip Curran, Marian Pilgrimages Mary Murphy, Fergus Glynn.

*Pat Colgan*

## Anniversaries

### CARROLL (KITTY)

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary – 5<sup>th</sup> January**

Late of Esker Lawns.

Always in our hearts

Forever in our thoughts.

*Loved, remembered, dearly missed every*

*Day by your children and extended family*



### KINNANE (RITA)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**

*Always loved and remembered by her husband Joe and family*

**Mass offered on St. Mary's Parish webcam on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January.**

### McNAMARA (DENIS - DJ)

**4<sup>th</sup> year in Heaven**

*Always remembered and missed every day by his wife Phyllis, daughters Patricia, Orla and Mary, sons-in-law, and grandchildren.*

## Justice for Joe Marathon 2020

The marathon took place because we couldn't have the annual Sale Of Work. It was for our 2 projects Mary's Meals and Training and Providing Teachers to Educate Poor Girls In India (under the guidance of the Presentation Srs)

**The sum realized is in excess of €14,000**

Anne Byrne, secretary of the Group, had the bright idea that different people should walk and get sponsorship. We've had walks and walkers all over Dublin, Kildare, Wicklow and in Galway.... and more. Sponsors came from several sources including big donations to a total of €4,800 which will gain further tax benefit of about €2,000 for the charities.

Many thanks to all the walkers, the sponsors. Also special recognition of Pamela and Matt who kept our donations safe and lodged them in the bank for us.

Wonderful to think that a small group in Dublin 15 can successfully fundraise to provide several trained teachers with all the long term advantages for some of the poorest women in the world. Also imagine feeding and educating 500 children for a year!! Gratitude to God and to all involved.

**Fr Joe Coyne.**



The flower fairies did a wonderful job again in St. Mary's for the Christmas Season.  
God bless their hands.



**CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

**0818 222 024**

### 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 the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

**The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**





### Happy New Year

To all our Readers, in Lucan and all over the world. We certainly hope that 2021 will eventually see us in a better place.

**We had a flutter of snow** on New Year's Eve – got the kids excited, but thankfully disappeared as quick as it came. Funny how things like snow are not so fun-filled the older you get!

And then.....



### See amid the Winter snow.....

The outdoor crib at St. Mary's was in a very picturesque setting on Thursday morning last.



### A Perfect 10

It was a brilliant start to Christmas week, with the men reaching 6-in-a-row, and the ladies getting their 4-in-a-row.

**Up the Dubs!**

**Congratulations** to the **Corcoran family** in Weston Crescent, who were awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Energia's *Most Christmassy House* competition. They succeeded in winning €4,000 for their *Temple Street Children's Hospital* fund. Can't wait to see this year's display!

### Did you spot all the Santas on Motorbikes

riding around Lucan just before Christmas? Remember the local project to donate gifts for nursing homes? The gifts were delivered from Lucan Garda Station to the various homes in the area by the same Santas! Well done to all – gave us all a lift to see such a parade of Santas!

### An interesting one.....

**SD20A/0142** 23-Dec-2020

Permission

Additional Information

Applicant:

Frances Dowling

Location:

Hillhouse, Lucan Road, Lucan.

*Proposed Development:* Demolition of an existing house, Hillhouse, Lucan Road and ancillary outbuildings and the construction of one 4 storey building accommodating 20 apartments comprised of 5 one bedroom apartments and 15 two bedroom apartments. Vehicular access to the proposed development will be via Lucan Road and Lucan Heights with 13 car parking spaces and 12 bicycle parking spaces and ancillary services including a detached water storage tank and bin store housing all on a site of 0.1925ha.

**Big thanks once again** to all who send us the funny and quirky bits. They give us all a lift!

Thanks also for the many photos – we'll publish as space permits.



**Not a footprint in sight at Lucan BNS!**



## A Dhroimeann Donn Dílís

*A dhroimeann donn dilis a shíoda na mbó, ca ngabhann tú san oiche is cá mbionn tú sa ló?*

This is the first line of an old Irish poem the title of which has been floating around in memory since my school days in St Marys BNS when it was just the original building of five class rooms and a pre-fab in the rear yard.

I never knew the words or even what the title translated as. That is until in recent years when I chanced upon an article in one of the daily newspapers. It was about an old country estate in the foothills of the Dublin mountains close to Stepside village, called Fernhill Park and Gardens; an estate similar to our own St Catherines Park/Lucan Demesne. Indeed it is not all that long ago that both Lucan and Stepside were rural country villages.



However the main feature of the article was about the conservation grazing project being implemented in Fernhill to maintain and protect the biodiversity of its old meadows by using Droimeann cattle. The title of the poem suddenly came to the fore, it was in reference to a breed of cow. Not an ordinary cow, for this is an old native Irish breed that

is mentioned in historical literature such as the above title and another from 920AD called Bó Bithbliacht Meic Lonan.



It is a light hardy breed of cow suited to our weather conditions and capable of surviving on marginal land that is not suited to heavier European cattle. This also makes it well suited to conservation grazing. This cow until quite recently was on the verge of extinction but due to the dedication of a small group of

breeders it has been saved.

To date there are about 300 individuals in existence mainly in the Munster area. In early 2020 after examination of historical records it was officially recognized as an indigenous Irish breed of cow.

Wouldn't they look well alongside the highlands in St Catherines!

by Sean Geraty

**Just a thought....**

**Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank clerk with a mask, and ask for money!**



# Christmastime in Lucan 2020



Some Lucan scenes of the festive season. Perhaps the 'crock of gold' was in the old church ruin! Despite, the awful times we live in, we are so lucky to have all this on our doorstep.

Many thanks to those who sent in the photos!

## Seriously!

Some hardy souls tested the waters of the Liffey on Sunday morning last when we had a very hard frost.



But something was missing.....



The outdoor crib at St. Mary's proved a great attraction for little people.

The crib in St. Patrick's Church





## New Year Wishes 1913



### *Best New Year Wishes*

*May this bright season for you hold,  
A round of mirth and happy cheer,  
And joys too great to e'er be told  
Make yours indeed a glad New Year.*

The greetings were sent to Miss Annie Hughes, Weir View, Lucan, one hundred and eight years ago this year – in 1913!

A postcard, the message on the back reads:  
*"Wishing you all the 'complaints' of the season.*

*Birdie"*

.... And postage was a halfpenny stamp with an image of George V.

I don't know who 'Birdie' was, but she apparently had a great sense of humour with her 'complaints' instead of 'compliments' of the season.

Annie Hughes was aged about 32 in 1913, and in the 1911 census is described as a 'Wool Darner in a Cloths Factory' – Hills Mill.

She lived at House No. 4, Weir View with her widowed mother Sarah who could not read or write, along with her older married sister, Maggie Watson who was also a Wool Darner, and her 12-year-old son William.

Also in the household was Annie's cousin, 19 year-old niece, Maggie Dolan, a Wool Weaver, who along with a second grandchild, Norah Hall brought the total to 6 people on the night of the 1911 census.

Maggie Watson's husband is not mentioned at that address in 1911, though her status is 'married'.



Many locals will remember Maggie Dolan as an elderly lady in Weir View, and it was Maggie who kept this card safe, and passed it on to another great Lucanian, **Triona Walsh (Byrne)**, who shares it with us more than 100 years later!



# Political Notes

## Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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**Athbhliain faoi mhaise:** Happy New Year to all the Newsletter volunteers and readers! I pray that 2021 will soon be a time full of the hope we are all yearning for, notwithstanding the serious situation in which we find ourselves at the moment. The latest restrictions are challenging for us all. Is ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine.

**Christmas Tree Recycling:** South Dublin County Council has made arrangements for leaving your Christmas Tree for recycling at locations in Lucan until Monday 11 January 2021. This service is free and is for domestic household trees only. One tree per household/ vehicle will be accepted. Locations in Lucan include the Beech Park open space, the Sarsfield Park open space, the Hayden's Lane car park in Griffeen Valley Park, the Foxborough open space and the open space in Foxdene.

## Cllr. Derren Ó Brádaigh – Sinn Féin

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**Footpath Upgrade – Newcastle:** Following recent representation by the local Sinn Féin constituency office, the council have undertaken to construct a significant section of missing pavement on the Newcastle Road – this was previously an entrance to the old Somerton lands and where the new development is now located.

**Lucan Transport Survey:** During 2020 Sinn Féin carried out a comprehensive transport survey of a significant section of West Lucan – initially this was a door to door survey, however once the Covid19 pandemic struck, this was then completed as a postal survey. The results from this public consultation are completed with the report now being compiled. If you would like a copy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Christmas Trees Recycling:** There are 20 locations provided for Christmas tree recycling for free in January (see SDCC Website for details).

**Hoping 2021** will be a happy, safe and brighter new year for everyone!

## Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

Phone: 01-6183816. Email: [gino.kenny@oir.ie](mailto:gino.kenny@oir.ie)

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the readers of the Lucan Newsletter a happy year.

2020 was certainly a year that many of us will remember. It continues to bring the best from the people in this most difficult of times. With the rollout of the vaccine programme over the coming months this will be great comfort to those that are medically vulnerable or frontline health workers. The Dáil is reconvening on Wednesday 13th January and as health spokesperson for People Before Profit I'll be making it my priority to highlight the vaccine program and the issue of mental health in relation to the pandemic.

## Paul Gogarty – Independent

"Not just at election time" Tel: 087-2752489

Email: [info@paulgogarty.com](mailto:info@paulgogarty.com)

**Hillhouse apartment's application:** Additional information submitted for SD20A/0142 on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Allowing for Christmas the two-week deadline for additional comments or new submissions is this **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Antisocial behaviour in village:** I've tabled a motion asking for the Council to put in measures to prevent people using parts of an older residential area in the village as a place to take drugs and intimidate people. The Gardaí have been following the matter up but SDCC has a role to play here also.

**Gofers service still available:** With lockdown upon us again our Gofers volunteer service is still up and running so if anyone needs anything collected or delivered from shops, post office etc., please get in touch with me directly.

**Overhanging shrubbery on Lucan-Newlands Road pathway:** Have requested this be cut back from garage to Esker Lawns.

## Lucan Library

**I'm Fine!** An Online Interactive Talk by Author and Motivational Speaker, Enda O'Doherty. Wednesday 13th January, 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Enda brings us on a journey from his youth and alcohol-soaked adulthood, through the birth of Enda 2.0 – sober and with a passion for helping others – to his new life as an endurance athlete and inspirational motivational speaker. Enda is driven by fierce energy and passion, to inspire people to achieve the best they can in a sporting, business, professional or educational field. His passion comes from energising audiences with stories of his physical and mental challenges that set him out on a journey of self-discovery. **Please note:** A valid email address is required to register for this event as the Zoom links to this event will be emailed to the supplied address by the facilitator. Only one ticket is required per device. Booking via <http://lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.com05>



**Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin**



**A Very Happy New Year** to all members and supporters, and despite the current pandemic situation, we know it will pass and everything will return to normal at some point.



**The GAA** have issued the following statement: Given the current exceptional rise in infection rates of Covid-19 and the increased risk of community transmission, the GAA has taken the decision that there will be no collective training permitted for inter-county teams for at least the remainder of the month of January. In addition, Club and County gyms must **stay closed** until further notice. As previously advised, and under the current Government Regulations in both jurisdictions, neither training nor games are permitted at club level currently.

**Accordingly:** All areas of the club and club grounds are closed and off limits to everyone, except for those involved in essential maintenance. Remember the HSE is asking everyone in Ireland to stay at home, and to effectively act like they have COVID-19. This is in response to the very high rates of positive tests seen over recent days, and the widespread increase in infections in our communities nationwide.

**Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club** have applied for planning permission to construct a new Hurling Wall facility in the area behind pitch 1 at the scoreboard end. We expect a decision by 23 February 2021.

**The Club are seeking volunteers** from our club membership that have specific skills to provide advice and assistance, in particular those with knowledge and training in Video Recording/Editing, Statistical Sports Analysis, Public Relations. This may be of interest and benefit to those on relevant undergraduate programs. Please apply in confidence to: [pro.lucansarsfields.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.lucansarsfields.dublin@gaa.ie)

The latest edition of the **GAA Club Newsletter** can be found here: <https://www.gaa.ie/news/read-the-latest-club-newsletter-december-2020/>.



The winter Edition of the **LGFA** Magazine, Peil, can be found here: <http://read.digitaleditions.ie/i/1322152-peil-winter-2020>

The winter edition of the **Camogie Association** magazine, On The Ball, can be found here: <https://camogie.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/On-the-Ball-Winter-2020.pdf>

**Lucan Healthy Club** in association with our main Club Partner, SuperValu Lucan, are offering a volunteer led shopping delivery service to assist the elderly and the most vulnerable within our community. This service will be live this week. If you can help or need more details please email [lucanhealthyclub@gmail.com](mailto:lucanhealthyclub@gmail.com) with your name, mobile number and team.

#### **How it Works:**

- ☐ Text SuperValu (0858760119) to request a volunteer member from Lucan Sarsfields to phone them and take their grocery order by 10am the next day. (Customers should text between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday only).
- ☐ Lucan Healthy Clubs will phone a volunteer with the contact details for the elderly/vulnerable customer.
- ☐ Our volunteer (aged between 18 and 59) will contact them by phone and take their grocery order.
- ☐ Our volunteer will do their shopping as per the order and will receive priority access to SuperValu and a special checkout service will be set up.
- ☐ Payment will be taken over the phone by SuperValu staff via card (or a special cash arrangement)
- ☐ Our volunteer will deliver to the customer's front door (no contact) in cardboard boxes provided by the store.

We are conscious at the moment of the toll the continued Covid crisis has had on our mental health and in particular on the mental health of our young people.

Please find below some useful links:

**The Mental health awareness** for parent's course was developed by Jigsaw and is proudly endorsed by ESCI – Education Support Centres Ireland. Taking this 30 minute course will help you identify ways to support youth mental health. It also highlights how we can all be 'One Good Adults' for the young people in our lives. <https://jigsawonline.ie/parents-and-guardians/mental-health-awareness-course/>

**One Good Coach** online course: this is an online 40 minute course aimed at adults who coach or train young people in the GAA.

<https://learning.gaa.ie/courses/OneGoodCoach/#/>

**Minding Your Wellbeing Programme:** Brought to you by HSE Health and Wellbeing, this evidence-based programme provides a unique opportunity for people to learn more about mindfulness, gratitude, self-care and resilience. <https://www2.hse.ie/healthy-you/minding-Your-s-wellbeing-programme.html>

### **Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €5800.**

There was no winner of the €5400 jackpot of the draw held on Wednesday 30th December sponsored by Diamond and Gem Jewellers. The numbers drawn were **4, 11, 17 and 20.**

**Lucky Dip winners of €30 each:** Aidan Brodie, Alex Hanley, Aoife McKelvey, SMEGS, and, John Kerins. The Jackpot for the next draw on Thursday 7th January 2021 is €5800, sponsor: Dual Printing. 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 to be included in the draw, tickets can be purchased online at the following link:

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

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



## **Leaving and Junior Cert study aid FREE ACCESS- ExamRevision.ie**

*The website provides Irish, English, Maths, Business, Geography, Science, German, Chemistry and Economics online video tutorials, notes, PowerPoint presentations and quizzes proven to help students succeed!*



### **Dublin, Ireland, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

ExamRevision.ie was launched in March 2020 by three Dublin-based secondary school teachers: Keith Walsh, Áine Devlin and Paddy Ward. The subscription model website has premium, standard and free accounts for students and teachers as well as class and whole school plans. Given the most recent school closures announced for January 2021 and to help students, teachers and parents across the country, ExamRevision.ie has decided to run a FREE TRIAL of the website-giving teachers and students complete FREE access to all standard and premium features on

ExamRevision.ie. This offer will run until 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021. To avail of the free trial, students and teachers should register for a free account on [examrevision.ie](http://examrevision.ie) and they will be automatically upgraded to premium.

The subscription website specialises in providing tailored interactive videos which enable students to take ownership of their learning for Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle Irish, English, Maths, Business, Geography, Science, German, Chemistry and Economics. The website includes self-correcting quizzes, past exam papers, PowerPoint presentations, notes and video tutorials. These resources are perfect for students and teachers facing uncertainty around school closures as the website enables students to revise and learn the syllabus in a fun and interactive manner, using proven methods.

“Our Co-Owner, Áine Devlin’s Masters research found that students learn more effectively with video compared to written examples” said Keith Walsh, CEO, ExamRevision.ie. “This is due to the integration between visual and verbal information.”

The self-correcting quizzes enable students to develop their knowledge in a fun and collaborative environment. The quizzes provide students with instant feedback to assess and track their development. An exam builder tool gives students access to previous exam questions. They can correct answers against the marking scheme to see where they need to improve. This saves students’ time, helping them to achieve successful exam results.

The website contains high quality resources which cater for all different types of learners. The founders use all major developments in education, teaching and learning to continually develop and improve each subject.

### **About Exam Revision**

ExamRevision.ie, founded in 2015 and based in Dublin, developed its self-correcting quizzes, exam builder and videos by providing free online resources to over 35,000 students and teachers via its website and YouTube. There have been over 1 million views of the videos to date. The website is in the process of expansion, with further Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle curricula to be added soon. [www.examrevision.ie](http://www.examrevision.ie)

**Link to images that are 300 DPI in resolution for print (our owners practising physical distancing!)**

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Those were the days.....



**Dodsboro Utd FAI Minor Winners** – almost 60 years ago!

*Back L-R: Noel Feeney, Ray Hughes, Noel Barr, Joe Giltrap, Micky Harding, John ?*

*Front L-R: Tom Gough, Michael McLoughlin, Eddie Behan, Henry O'Neill and Denis Collins.*

### Remember the Ring Board Games!

Most homes would have had a Ring Board years ago, and back in the day, competitions were organised between various teams.

We can name some in this local winning team:

*2<sup>nd</sup> on left* is ? Mahony.

*4<sup>th</sup> from left, behind the trophy* is Dan Carton.

*Tallest man at the back* is George Curry, with his brother Mick next to him, and on the extreme right is a face many will recognise instantly – former County Counsellor, Michael Gannon.



**Big thank you to Tom Gough** who sent us these photos along with others which we will publish in future issues.

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée



A safe New Year to all the Newsletter readers from the members of the St. Mary's Camera soiree.

We are back to staying within 5km of our homes again! Hopefully an even stricter regime is not imposed before you read this! There is one bit of good news to report. All of the 2021 calendars produced by the group were sold and the group was able to transfer the proceeds, €120, to the local conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul before Christmas 2020.

One of our members, on the re-introduction of the 5km limit, remarked that we needed some snow to give our photographs a different perspective. He got his wish when one morning there was a light coating of snow on the ground, recorded in some of the photos exchanged over the Christmas period. We also had photos of the Christmas lights on the Spa Hotel and a rather eerie photograph of the deserted village of Lucan!



The current restrictions constitute a challenge to the members of the group but I am confident that, as they have done throughout 2020, they will rise to it and continue to produce photos that amuse and uplift us in the weeks ahead.

*Until the next time stay safe.*