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Saint Mary's Parish Lucan have established a new Parish Pastoral Council. Every parish in our diocese is required to have such a council in place.

The Parish Pastoral Council is entrusted with nurturing the faith life of the parish. This involves: listening to the concerns and ideas of the people of our parish; giving

leadership and planning so that we can help build a real and vibrant Christian community in which we pray and reach out especially to those who feel on the margins of the Church and society. This is no small task and your prayers and support is requested and much appreciated!

The Parish Pastoral Council is made up of the priests of the parish and a number of parishioners. We have had some zoom meetings during the lockdowns and we have since had in person meetings in December and January. The members of the PPC are: Fr Philip Curran; Fr Tom Kennedy; Sr. Geraldine Smith, Christopher Okereke, Sr. Julie Carmody, Yvonne O Shea (co-chairperson); Niall Kelly (co-chairperson); Marie Peelo (Secretary); John Gormley (communications officer), Mark Beegan, Jimmy Miller, Bernie Martin, and Maria O'Mahony. We live in a society and a Church that has seen great changes over the past years and more recently in the time of Covid. There are many challenges ahead in our Church among which is the need to re-engage much of our parish population with the message of Christ and with actively participating in the life of our parish. It is no longer enough to say "business as usual" in a rapidly changing world. As the saying goes, 'if you are not moving forward you are probably moving backwards'.

On a global level, Pope Francis has called a synod for the whole church, a time of reflection and prayer in which people will be encouraged to pray, reflect and share their ideas on the Church as the people of God in our time. The challenge is to find new and relevant ways to live and proclaim the exciting message of Christ in today's world.

Here in Lucan, we in the Parish Council will be doing our best to enable the people of Lucan to participate in this synod through prayer and facilitating meetings and opportunities to share our faith and our ideas. There will be more on this in the coming weeks and months.

We ask you to keep the work of the Parish Council in your prayers. Contributions, suggestions and ideas are welcome and you can contact us by approaching any of the members by writing your thoughts and ideas and leaving them in the parish office or by emailing:

[chairperson.stmarysppc@lucanparish.com](mailto:chairperson.stmarysppc@lucanparish.com)

*John Gormley  
St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

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

[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 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](mailto: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

### LAW and RIGHTS

The following is an extract from the Citizensinformation.ie website under the heading Justice.

**EU Law:** EU law comes from the treaties agreed between member states. But some EU institutions have the power to make laws also. Read how EU laws are made, and how they have affected life in Ireland.

This document is in: EU Law

### Fundamental rights under the Irish

**Constitution:** The Irish Constitution recognises and declares that you have certain fundamental personal rights. These are confirmed and protected by the Constitution.

This document is in: Irish Constitution

**Legislation:** This document describes how laws are made by the Oireachtas (the Irish parliament).

This document is in: Houses of the Oireachtas  
Appealing rights under EU law  
An outline of how your rights are safeguarded under EU law and the various European institutions involved

This document is in: EU Law

**Access to Garda records:** Under data protection legislation you have the right to access personal information which the Gardaí hold on you, except in certain circumstances. Find out how to access your information.

### Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission

The Commission promotes and protects human rights and equality. In some cases, it can assist you to further human rights issues by assisting with legal proceedings.

### Judicial review of public decisions

Public decisions may be judicially reviewed by the High Court to determine whether they are illegal. Find out how to initiate judicial review proceedings.

This document is in: Standards and accountability  
[www.Justice.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.Justice.citizensinformation.ie)

Are you interested in volunteering with young people?

## Foroige in Lucan Needs you!

Team Lucan Foroige Club  
Elementals Foroige Club

Ful training and support provided

Contact Cathy Martin  
[cathy.martin@foroige.ie](mailto:cathy.martin@foroige.ie)  
086 8358881

### 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](mailto:alimccann@ddletbaes.ie) or call (01) 6283557.

## Dear Editor,

Could I please urge Bus Connects to reconsider their routes that used to service the Hillcrest and Dodsboro areas.



With the heightened awareness of safety for women and indeed all who live in this community I do not think it is feasible for people to walk to the village or stand on a motorway to get a bus. A few very simple tweaks could improve the service.

I am aware that there are bus connections but people need to feel safe and have a service that works for everyone in their local areas.

*Sincerely,  
Teresa Carabini.*

## Esker Active Retirement Association

*Hi Everyone!*

We started back at our club last week to ease ourselves back in with a small amount of members.

Then yesterday eighteen of our members went to the cinema to see the movie Belfast. We all thoroughly enjoyed it; some members went for coffee and cake afterwards and chatted about things they'd like to see coming back to the club again during the year. We're checking out some new things we are hopefully going to bring to the club in the next few months and we're also hoping to bring back our "walking football".



This week we had a good crowd back, in great form and rearing to go again. We played whist and scrabble and then enjoyed the craic over tea/coffee/biscuits. We discussed short breaks away in Ireland in the coming months and maybe go further afield in May or September or maybe both!!

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 Stagg Cycles, the blue and yellow building. 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*

## Lucan Newsletter

### 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.**

The first issue with this increase will be for **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

*By sheer coincidence, we received the following letter this week:*

*Dear Lucan Newsletter Team,*

I have been meaning to send this letter for the longest time.

I wish to thank you all for your very hard work in getting the newsletter out every week. I take my hat off to all of you. The fact that you are all volunteers is even more commendable.

We moved to Lucan in late October 1988 and have been buying the newsletter all through these 33 years.

I think the price was 50p in 1988 and so the price hasn't increased much - 80c is excellent value. In fact, I think there has only been the one price increase in all the years we have been buying it.

You even kept going during the pandemic by way of the online version!

I have always found the Newsletter very interesting, useful and enjoyable. Not many communities have such a service. We are very lucky to have it.

Thanks again to everyone and very well done. Fair play to all of you.

*Kind regards,  
Edel Mooney, Lucan.*

**Many thanks** for the kind words, Edel, and indeed thanks to all who pass on nice comments from time to time.

We value all our subscribers and contributors and look forward to receiving notes from all the old familiar groups, and some new, now that things have opened up again.

# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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

### Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

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

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

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:**

**Feast of St Blaise –**

Blessing of throats will take place during the 10am Mass.

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

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Starting Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from **4pm to 5pm each Sunday** to pray for the success of the Synod in Rome in 2023

### 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.

### Praying with Scripture:

Praying with scripture via zoom. If interested please contact Cheryl Murphy at 086 8343754 to register.

### Private Prayer:

The Church is open daily for private prayer on weekdays from 10.30am to 6pm (funerals permitting) and on Sundays after the 12pm Mass to 6pm.

### Baptisms:

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



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

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

## 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

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

### Divine Bloom

Our grounds volunteer group "Divine Bloom" has started and everyone young and old are most welcome to join in with this warm and fun group. A lovely mild day over here in the church grounds. See you all after 10am morning Mass on Saturday morning. Great to see the daffodils appearing from their sleep.

Anyone that has pickers bring them. We have the refuse bags. Going to concentrate on cleaning up the Church grounds/courtyard also.

### 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.



## Come to World Youth Day 2023

*"Mary arose and went with haste"*

Luke 1:39

Want to know more?

Contact [wyd@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:wyd@dublindiocese.ie)

### Big Book Meeting

of

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Saturday Night  
St Patrick's Church, Esker

7pm to 8.30pm

Any enquires  
Contact Colette 086 0272002

### Alternative Dictionary (?)

**Accordion** – bagpipe with pleats

**Bacteria** – back door of the cafeteria

**Bore** – a man, when asked how he is – tells you

**Chicken** – a creature you eat before it's born and after it's dead

**Friend** – a person who dislikes the same people you do

**Grandparents** – the people who think your children are wonderful, even though they're sure you are not raising them right

**Sardines** – little fish that crawl into a dish, lock themselves up and leave the key outside

**Secret** – something you tell one person at a time

### Spectacles Lost



in Lucan Village, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

If found, please contact 087-6680487

## Anniversaries

**Una McCollagh Henry**

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 27<sup>th</sup> January**

Chapel Hill Lucan and Swinford

**Una**

Please get yourself ready,  
There's no time to waste,  
The angels are calling,  
Can't afford to be late,  
C'mon shift yourself May,  
On this special day,  
The prayers have just finished,  
She's now heading our way.

Oh Rose take a chill pill,  
There's no need to rush,  
Kate's head does be spinnin',  
When you kick up a fuss,  
We know how you've missed her,  
It's been a long time,  
Better dust off her golf clubs,  
Before the last climb.

Do you think she will know us,  
As we stand in the crowd,  
Should we ask lovely Sadie,  
To sing Lucan out loud,  
That's her in the distance,  
She's stalled at the Gate,  
Wags a finger at St Peter,  
For keeping her late.

Wee Peggy just smiles,  
Some things never change,  
Remembers the old days,  
Full of high jinks and games,  
Now the heavens are rockin',  
The craic's in full flight,  
It's the Chapel Hill reunion,  
As MaryJo hits new heights.

But not far from the back,  
Comes a familiar Mayo shout,  
Two dogs by his side,  
With a fag in his mouth,  
Una starts crying,  
Happy tears in her eyes,  
No more sitting in silence,  
No more days of goodbyes.

*With love from the Pocknell and McNally families.*

**Nellie Coyne**

**19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 27<sup>th</sup> January**

Death leaves a heartache  
No one can heal  
Love leaves a memory  
No one can steal

*Loved and remembered Eddie and Catherine*



**Marie Cowley**

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 26<sup>th</sup> January**

We will love you always and forever  
Till we meet again  
Rest in peace  
*Very sadly missed and loved by her husband,  
children, their partners, grandchildren, all the  
family and all her friends.*

**Mary Ann Marten**

**27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 31<sup>st</sup> January**

Late of Dodsboro  
Will those who think of her today  
A little prayer to Jesus say  
*Loved and always remembered  
Tony and Kathleen and family*

**Declan Martin**

**8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 24<sup>th</sup> January**

Remembering you is easy  
We do it every day  
Missing you is heartache  
That never goes away  
*Dearly missed by your brother Gerard, sister  
Philomena and all the family*

## Pilgrimages

**Medjugorje 2022**

11 Nights - 7<sup>th</sup> May, Dublin to Split  
Split  
18<sup>th</sup> May, Split to Dublin.  
€795.00

8 Nights - 10<sup>th</sup> May, Dublin to Split  
18<sup>th</sup> May, Split to Dublin. €745.00

6 Nights - 19<sup>th</sup> October, Dublin to Mostar  
25<sup>th</sup> October, Split to Dublin. € 685.00

8 Nights - 19th Oct Dublin to Mostar  
27<sup>th</sup> October, Split to Dublin. €745.00

**Fatima**

5 Nights – 7<sup>th</sup> September, Dublin to Lisbon  
12<sup>th</sup> September, Lisbon to Dublin

**Book early to avoid disappointment.**  
**Pat 087 223 8911**

**Quote:**

Ordinary riches can be stolen,  
Real riches cannot.  
In your soul are infinitely precious things  
That cannot be taken from you.  
*Oscar Wilde*



## 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@mail.com](mailto:secpcc@mail.com).

Next week we have a local speaker Joe Houghton from Lucan and his talk on the new features within Adobe Lightroom. Joe is a certified expert in lightroom and has a wealth of knowledge as a photographer and a professional trainer within the Adobe family.

A few weeks ago, we had a “Weather” themed monthly competition and below are two of the winning images.



### Here comes the Parade!

The best news this week is that Lucan will have it's 30<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Parade on 17<sup>th</sup> March this year.

We urge all groups to put

their thinking caps on over the next couple of weeks, and be part of this event. The Committee have an awful lot of work to do at very short notice, so help them out and get your entry in asap.



**The second best news** is that it seems we are on the way out of the Covid-19 pandemic. I say 'second best news', because many of us are still somewhat nervous about how rapid things have opened up. Hopefully things will be ok, and the long lost confidence will be back soon.



Nina Butler won advanced open for his image titled “Mr P and The Ballet Dancer”. And Ojesvi Rao won the novice open competition with this titled image "Sunset at Summer Palace".



**A January sky over Lucan** – There have been some very colourful skies this past few weeks!

**St. Brigid's Day** comes on Tuesday next, 1<sup>st</sup> February. We remember the late Vincent Fitzgerald who for many years made St. Brigid's Crosses for us and many other locals, all crafted with reeds from the Curragh of Kildare.





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



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

**Name of Group:** .....

**Address:** .....

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**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**

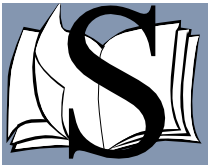
No entry will be accepted after this date

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# SCHOOL NEWS



## St. Joseph's College

**Building Project:** We are all very excited about the new building project and getting started on this exciting development. This project which is due to start in the next couple of months will be the next chapter in our school's history. We look forward to construction to begin and to sharing each stage of the development with you.

**Ceiliúradh Ceist:** We are busy in the planning process this week in preparation for 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.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Parent Teacher Meeting:** We look forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year parent teacher meeting which will take place on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February online via zoom.

**Sport:** Well done to our Senior soccer team who had a hard-fought victory over Adamstown Community College on Tuesday. In a thrilling game the girls were pushed all the way to the end where they eventually won by 5 goals to 3. The goal scorers were Sinead Daly (2), Zeta Hemeryck (2) and Lauren Strong. Our Junior Gaelic team unfortunately lost out in their semi-final game against a very strong Mount Sackville team. The girls did excellently to reach this stage in the competition and we are very proud of them. Our Junior Camogie team play in the shield final this week and we wish them the best of luck in their game against Loreto Beaufort.

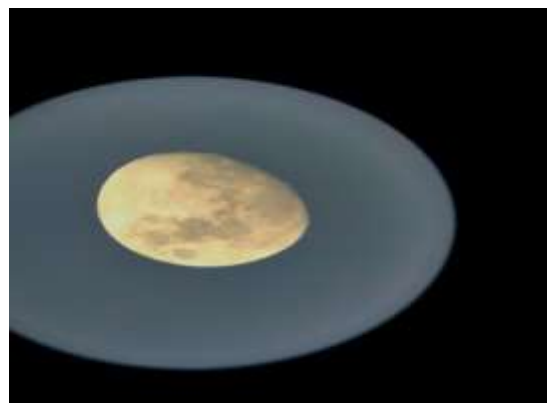
**Catholic Schools Week:** We celebrated Catholic Schools week in our school community this week. We are a proud Ceist school where Staff promote the Core Values of Core Values of Respect; Community; Quality in Teaching & Learning; Justice: Spirituality & Human Development. This week in school the religion department ran various events including an Inter Faith photo competition which can be viewed on a video which is posted on our school website.

**Home Economics Competition:** Shortly before Christmas Ms. Phipps held a baking competition, for her First-Year students in which students were invited to bake at home over the Christmas holidays. The standard of baking was amazing and she would like to thank all the students who participated and put a huge amount of effort into their baking. All the entries were outstanding and presented wonderfully.

Congratulations to the following who have won a small prize for their entries:  
Orlaith Power 1A3, Isabella Power 1A2, Emily Daly 1A4, Abeerah Nawaz 1A3, Beth Corr 1A4, Kate Fitzpatrick 1A1, Isabelle Mullarkey 1A5

**Transition Years:** Our Ty Chemistry class were fortunate on Tuesday last when they were connected to Trinity PDST TY virtual meeting with PhD students Luisa and Natalia. The Stories from the Lab engagement programme was facilitated via zoom by Dr. John O Donoghue.

**Astronomy Club:** Mr. Bobbett has set up an Astronomy Club in the school recently and the students are thoroughly enjoying their experiences. The school have acquired a reflector telescope and the group have been using it to view the moon. They have also acquired optical practical skills during the sessions with Mr. Bobbett. They have been using binoculars and telescopes to do some outdoor sky viewing.

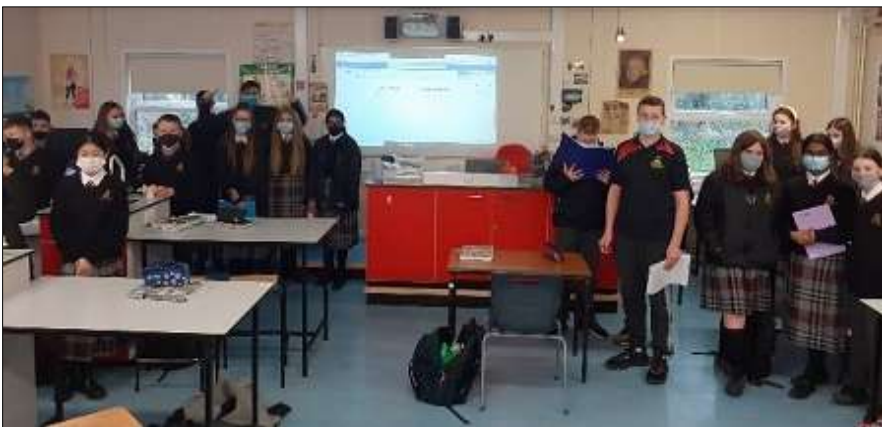


**School Website:** <https://stjosephslucan.com>  
**Follow us on Twitter:** @STJosephs3

## Lucan Community College

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year News:** Thank you to 3<sup>rd</sup> year parents and guardians who attended the Parent Information evening on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January. We hope you all found it useful and informative and got some tips and strategies to support your son/ daughter as the Mock Exams approach. Some practical exams get underway this week and the written exams run from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February. The power point from the information evening, and a video of the presentation along with a very helpful Questions and Answers sheet is available by visiting the school website We wish all exam candidates the very best of luck in the mocks. Remember to keep a healthy balance in the coming weeks. Study, rest, fresh air, exercise are all very important. Students who miss an exam will be facilitated on a Wednesday afternoon or after school. Time and date to be confirmed. However, all students should do their best to attend all exams as they are timetabled. Do your best, stay focused and you will do great -from all the 3<sup>rd</sup> year teachers and team.

The third year Parent Information meeting was held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January. This gave teachers and parents a great opportunity to engage and discuss the progress of each individual student and how best to help each student prepare in individual subjects ahead of the Mock Exams. Thanks to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year team, teachers and link Deputy Principal and of course a big "Thank You" to the wonderful 3<sup>rd</sup> year students who provided a very welcome "cuppa" to teachers during the evening.



**Debating the Treaty:** Second Year students had a great opportunity to see History come to life this week. Class Cedar had a very interesting debate on the Irish Treaty. This debate marked the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1922 Treaty Debate. The outcome of the debate was also historic as it

mirrored the outcome of the original Dáil Debates - students voted 14-8, with the "in favour of the Treaty" winning the majority vote. Thanks to teacher Ms. Gallagher.

**Transition Year History:** When we can't visit the museum – the museum comes to us! Transition Year students attended a webinar on The Irish Diaspora recently. This was presented by EPIC (The Irish Emigration Museum). This topic forms part of the transition Year History Course and is linked to the Global Citizenship Programme in Lucan CC. It was an interesting talk from EPIC Historian in Resident, Maurice Casey. The webinar was a great way to learn about the Irish influence in politics, economics, religion and society all over the world throughout the ages. Thanks to teacher Ms. Gallagher.

**Gaelic:** Congratulations and Best Wishes to our Senior Gaelic Football team who have reached the semi-final of the Dublin Schools competition following a narrow victory over St. Pauls of Raheny. Thanks to teacher Mr. Carey.

**U-15 Boys Soccer:** The U15 Boys soccer had an impressive start to their shield campaign with a 6-0 win over Kishoge Community College. There were brilliant performances from Darragh Hanley, Sam Curran, Charlie Hughes, Charles Akinrintoyo and Nathan Dunne. Special mention to Noah Delaney on his brilliant goal in the first half. Thanks to the three Transition Year students Rory Egan, Lee Hollowed and Jamie Condron for helping teacher Mr. Clancy on the day.

### Rugby Match U19 Senior Boys:

Commiserations to the Senior Boys Rugby Team who were knocked out of the Cup last Friday in a great game against Portmarnock. Despite great play from Captain Alex Power, full back Joe Murphy and the tireless Seán Kearney, Portmarnock were able to fight back in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half to clinch a win by 6 points. Well done to

newcomers Matthew Coleman and Seán Corry who got stuck in from the get go. Final Score Portmarnock 25, Lucan 19. Thanks to teacher Mr. O'Donnell.

**Best Wishes to all our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year students in their Mock Exams!**

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Soccer:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> yr soccer team got their Dublin League campaign off to a flying start last week with two hugely impressive group stage wins in the space of two days. On Wednesday the team travelled to Rathcoole to take on Holy Family in what was the school's 1<sup>st</sup> competitive match since March 2020. Lucan recovered from going a goal down early on and piled forward in search of an equaliser and it duly arrived mid-way through the half thanks to a sensational long range strike from Sean Connell. Lucan went in front soon after with a well taken goal from Aidan Doyle, who fired in a right footed shot across the keeper into the bottom left hand corner before Rathcoole equalised just before half-time.



In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, Lucan's Ben Lawless scored a brilliant hat-trick that showcased all of his strengths; finishing ability, composure, strength, intelligent off-the-ball movement, stamina and running power. His 1<sup>st</sup> goal was a powerful low shot across the keeper into the bottom left hand corner that restored Lucan's advantage. Aidan Doyle grabbed his 2<sup>nd</sup> of the game soon after when he capitalised on a goalkeeping error to prod home from close range to extend Lucan's lead. Rathcoole made it 4-3 after some loose marking at the back and they had the opportunity to level the game from the penalty spot moments later but Jack Henry made a brilliant save to deny them.

Two late goals from Ben Lawless sealed an impressive 6-3 win for the team and the match ball for himself!

The team had little time to rest their weary limbs as they faced Coláiste Pobail Setanta the following day. The two teams were evenly matched in the 1<sup>st</sup> half with both defences in the ascendancy. Lucan, superbly marshalled by the imposing James Duffy and Cian Kelly at centre back, looked solid and organised despite being under severe pressure at times from a slick and talented Setanta team. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half was a different affair as a rampant Lucan pressed forward at every opportunity and they were soon rewarded for their enterprising play as

Sean Connell whipped in a delightful 1<sup>st</sup> time cross towards the far post which Aidan Doyle controlled superbly, dropped his shoulder and smashed home from close range. Ben Lawless extended the lead with clinical finish with the outside of his right foot. The influential and elusive Jack Biju grabbed Lucan's 3<sup>rd</sup> with a snap shot from close range. Ben then turned creator when he raced to the by-line and pulled the ball back across goal for the onrushing John Donoghue to lash home from close range before Alex Kennedy completed the scoring with a simple header from a well delivered corner. Next up for the team is their final group match against Coolmine.

**Food collection:** Ms. Casey received a letter of thanks last week from Geraldine Moran, the secretary of the Lucan Lions Club, for the food collection she organised in the school just before Christmas. In it she expressed immense gratitude for the generosity and thoughtfulness of the parents, students and staff for their contributions to the food appeal. As a result, they were able to maintain their usual runs of food hampers for needy families in the area just in time for Christmas. The Lucan Lions Club do not subtract any administration charges which means that 100% of donations go directly to those most in need. They also sent our 1<sup>st</sup> yr students a certificate of appreciation for their kindness and the cert is currently proudly on display in the 1<sup>st</sup> yr area of the school. Many thanks again to all who contributed to this worthy cause and especially to Ms. Casey for promoting and organising the collection and for delivering the food items in person.

**School news:** The Board of Management have approved funding for the installation of air purifiers into virtually all classrooms in the school. The work has commenced already and should be completed by next week. They are top-of-the-range 2-part air purifiers with HEPA filters that aid ventilation and UV Filters that eliminate indoor pollutants, including viruses and allergens, creating healthier and safer indoor spaces.

We thank our multi-talented caretaker Barry for his electrical expertise and professional installation of these important high airflow units that go beyond the specs recommended by the Department of Education and the Public Health Authorities. It is a laborious and time-consuming process for him but no stone is being left unturned into the school's determined efforts to keep everybody as safe as possible during these challenging times.

The classes are already installed with carbon dioxide monitors that have proven to be very reliable and helpful. These purifiers and monitors are in addition to the numerous public health measures already in place and pretty much embedded in the everyday behaviour of students and staff at this stage.

# Political Notes

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### Lucan Bridge:

Ahead of this past week's Area Committee meeting I enquired about the protocol for vehicular bridge inspections across the county - more specifically, I requested clarification on any recent or future scheduled 'stress' test inspections of Lucan Bridge. In response, I was informed that Lucan bridge will be included in a full engineering survey during this Summer.

### Basic Healthcare Services:

As previously stated here, I have expressed serious concern over the inadequate level of GP and dental services in the expanding communities of West Lucan. I had an important motion raised at a previous meeting, whereby it was agreed to write to the Minister. Correspondence in this regard has since been received but was wholly inadequate. It is imperative that we plan to attract and provision to safeguard for these services, within all future commercial spaces given over within newer developments.

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### Woodland Walk, Sensory Space, Griffen Park:

I am delighted to announce, following my Motions raised, work is now commencing to further enhance and maximise our parks for the benefit of our entire community. To support my motion to achieve this I had been working with groups such as those focusing on Autism, Dementia and Alzheimer's Ireland and thankful for their input into this project. I would also like to reach out to any parents who are transitioning from early intervention centres to the new model of Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People. I am seeking to correlate your shared experiences to raise with the Ombudsman and HSE to further develop and shape this service. Please contact me for more information.

**2022 roadworks programme** includes funding for footpath repairs in the Lucan Area in identified areas in need of attention.

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### Lucan Village Part 8:

The Part 8 public consultation for the improvement works in Lucan Village are now open for submissions. The deadline for submissions is the 3rd of March.

The works include upgrades to the Village Green, the removal of some parking spaces and improved access to the Green particularly for pedestrians and cyclists.

### Meeting with National Transport Authority:

Last week a number of public representatives met with the NTA regarding issues with the new introduction of the C-Spine service in Lucan. The main issues raised by myself and others were capacity issues with the direct bus from Dodsboro and Hillcrest and the new C-Spine route to service residents of Shackleton and Gandon.

Representatives from the NTA stated that there are plans that the new C-Spine bus would service these area by Mid-Spring. On the issue of capacity on the new X-30 this would be reviewed to optimise the service. The NTA stated that they would revert back to us in the coming weeks.

## Paul Gogarty

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### Lucan village works consultation process underway:

1) Lucan Village Green works/Main Street Reconfiguration Proposals and 2) Weir improvement/ Lucan Demesne works are now available to view online and the deadline for online or written submissions is 5pm Thursday 3rd March 2022. All of the proposals can be viewed via the one central link: <https://consult.s.dublincoco.ie/>

There are no details as of now about whether there will be a consultation meeting about these plans; watch this space.

**NB** - Contacting selected individual Councillors will not get your views recorded in the consultation process or make other Councillors and officials aware of your views. MAKE SUBMISSIONS VIA THE LINK or POST TO SDCC: **Senior Engineer, Roads Construction & Design, LUPT, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.** Please make your submission by one medium only. All submissions should include your name and a contact address.

*Political Notes continued over.....*

## Main Street Clinic

The Main Street Clinic made extensive presentations in the late 2021 to Mick Mulhern, Director of Planning, SDCC and local SDCC Councillors highlighting our significant concerns that the proposed reduction in parking by SDCC, in the immediate vicinity of our clinic, would have on patients' access to Essential Health care and in particular the harmful impact it would have on vulnerable patient groups for example the elderly, cancer patients, children under 5 and those with disabilities. We are very disappointed to see that our concerns about patient's reduced access to Health care have been disregarded by the Council.

Main Street wrote to CEO SDCC, Mr Dan Mc Loughlin, seeking a meeting to discuss our concerns and this request was declined.

People need to understand that current parking 40 spaces, which includes 3 disabled spaces, will be reduced to 13 spaces plus 3 disabled spaces in the area adjacent to our clinic. There is a disabled space directly outside our clinic presently and this plus the other 2 spaces will be moved to the river side of the street.

This will make access much more difficult for those with a disabled parking permit as they will now have to cross a busy street to access the Clinic.

The remaining 13 spaces (1 of which will be available to a local resident permanently) will NOT be available for parking until after 11am as they are designated as "Loading Bays" up to that time.

The provision of 10 "potential" parking spaces scattered around the village may never materialize. They are to be sited at existing bus stops and one of which is the bus stop outside AIB on the Leixlip Road which would be inherently dangerous to the 4 drivers exiting their cars onto this very busy road.

This proposal does not serve the health care needs of residents of Lucan. We are in the midst of a Health Crisis and The Pandemic has taken a significant toll on all of us and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future through delayed Hospital Outpatient clinics and procedures as well as overcrowded A/E Depts. and Hospital wards.

It is important to understand that this proposal is about making Lucan a holiday destination for the Domestic Tourist Market. This was highlighted in a recent Newspaper article by Maurice Garvey in the Evening ECHO. **This proposal is not about traffic management.** Tourists will always be welcome in Lucan but the SDCC plans to restrict local resident's access to essential health services, are not welcome.

Are you prepared to allow the SDCC make your access to Health Care even more challenging than it is currently? As SDCC have failed to take any notice of our detailed and informed representations it

is now your opportunity to get their attention. **The Main Street Clinic is only one voice, but you are potentially hundreds of voices which cannot be ignored.**

Information packs on making a submission are available on our website [www.mainstreetclinic.ie](http://www.mainstreetclinic.ie) as well as from reception.

Submissions can be made by post or online before 5pm Thursday 03/03/2022. We ask that you act now. There is no point contacting local councillors at this point of the process.

## Joanna Tuffy – Councillor for Lucan

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### Plans for Lucan Village, Demesne and Weir:

Plans for projects aimed at enhancing Lucan Village, Demesne and Weir, went on display last week for public consultation. They can be viewed at [consult.sdblincoco.ie](http://consult.sdblincoco.ie) and you can have your say by making a submission in writing or online at the website up until 5pm Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The physical plans can be viewed by making an appointment with the planning section of the Council and they can also be purchased. I urge everyone to look at the plans for yourself, and think about them and the different aspects but also in terms of how they compliment each other and if you have something to say use the opportunity by making a written submission.

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**Griffen Park Pavilion:** At this week's meeting of the Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin Area Committee, I asked for an update on construction of the Griffen Park Pavilion, which I know is of interest to many clubs and residents in the area. This project will go out to a retender in March/April and construction is expected to start in July/August 2022.

**St Loman's Road:** Having raised it a couple of times, I was happy to see that my requests for cutting back overgrowth at the Fonthill Road/St Logan's Road was completed recently. The hedge-cutting season ends on 1<sup>st</sup> March so please let me know if you see areas that need attention.

**Email newsletter:** If you would like to receive the latest edition of my monthly email newsletter, please email me at [smoynihan@cllr.sdblincoco.ie](mailto:smoynihan@cllr.sdblincoco.ie) or you can view it at <https://www.shanemoynihan.ie/your-community-update-december-2021/>.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Team News

Congratulations to the Dublin footballers, and well done to Harry Ladd, Mark Lavin and Emmet O'Conghaile who represented their club and county in the O'Byrne Cup.

In Hurling, Dublin also beat Offaly to secure a place in the Walsh Cup final against Wexford. Luke Walsh, John Bellew, Chris and Paul Crummey contributing to this promising Dublin side. Best of luck in the final!

### U19 Hurling:

The U19 Hurlers welcomed their new manager Tommy Flannery and trainer Ciaran Murphy. The lads are also delighted that Lenny and Anthony are remaining with them this season after Colm decided to step down.



### 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).

### Juvenile Section / Coiste na nÓg:

Our Games Promotion Officer, Alan O'Neill will be visiting some schools this week.

### The Lucan District Credit Union Academy returned on Saturday 22nd January.

The academy is open to girls and boys born in 2014 (U7), 2015 (U6) AND 2016 (U5) looking to play Football, Hurling, and Camogie.

For more information please contact Club Games Promotion Officer, Alan O'Neill, 087 121 35 87 Full details available here: [LDCU Academy](#)

### 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 [pro.lucansarsfields.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto: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](mailto:lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com) and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

### Club Calendars

Last few Club Calendars available in the Cafe/Bar or in a number of local retail outlets €8 each or three for €20

### Club Lotto

Last week's Lotto Prize of €5,400 was not won. The Numbers were **9, 16, 17, 19.**



### Lucky Dip prizes go

to Martin Mockler, Noel Flynn, Seamus & Niamh Clandillon, Derek Glynn and Darren Sharkey. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €5,800. The draw is sponsored by Matt Reilly Autoparts and will be led by Frank Fleming.

*Tá €5,800 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine: Beidh sé beo ón Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leatherjack Facebook. Déan cinnte go bhfuil d'iontráil cur isteach agaibh roimh 6 i.n. oíche an chrannchuir, chun í a chur san áireamh sa chrannchur na seachtaine sin.*

The draw will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January, at 9pm and is streamed from Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse, 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.

*Is féidir libh ticéadaí a cheannacht ar líne leis an nasc so:*

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.

Cross country season is well and truly here. This week we had Saoirse Fitzgerald one of the shining lights of our club at the age of 14 she was on the Ireland under 17 development squad, at the World Athletics Northern Ireland International Cross Country. Competing against the best Ireland, Northern Ireland, England, Wales, and Scotland has to offer.



*Ireland team left to right Pat O'Dwyer, Breda Smyth, Eileen O'Brien, and Will Smyth*



Meanwhile locally we had the BHAA (Business Houses Athletic Association) is back up and running with a cross country race in Tymon Park on sat 22nd Jan 2 miles for the ladies and 5 miles for the men. Many Lucan Harriers took to the muck trails, Derek Lynch, Aidan Montague, Patrick Holden, Jim Dwyer, Stephen Rynne, Mary Browne, Eileen O'Brien and Hilary McGee.

Saoirse ran superbly in difficult conditions in Belfast, finishing 14th in her race and 5th Irish girl across the line, she looked comfortable and thoroughly enjoyed her first experience in the Green Vest, she was following in her mother's running steps, Niamh Fitzgerald, who also represented Ireland on a number of occasions. Saoirse has put in a lot of work over the last number of years and this work is now paying off, one to watch over the coming years.

**Fit4Life** section are starting their 8 week Couch25K (5K for beginners) next Monday 31st at 7pm at the Lucan Harriers Track on The Newcastle Road. People can turn up on the night and if possible contact Josie Dignam on 087 9558333 by phone or text in advance of the night.

Before Christmas we had four members of our club, Breda Smyth, Eileen O'Brien, Will Byrne and Pat O'Dwyer representing their country in an international event between Ireland and Northern Ireland, also in Belfast, all competed superbly, and all expressed their pride at wearing the Green Vest. Congratulations to all from Lucan Harriers who have represented Ireland over the last few months, a thoroughly fantastic experience. Will Byrne is an experienced international having represented Ireland in three separate sports, Cycling elite and masters, Triathlon Ireland in duathlon and now cross country



*Cross Country in Tymon Park Mary Bowne, Jim Dwyer and Eileen O'Brien*



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée Exhibition

Take a few minutes for yourself, and go to a virtual photograph exhibition, presented by our local camera group, and hosted by St. Mary's on [www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)

The 45 images, all from this land of ours which we have come to appreciate all the more over the past two years, show a wealth of interesting and varied subjects – all to be enjoyed from the comfort of your armchair!



The group have functioned as best as they could in recent months, keeping in touch via *WhatsApp*, when meetings were not possible. Like all groups, they are looking forward to brighter days when they will meet up and do some more exploring of the highways and byways, capturing those special images.



Congratulations to all the members taking part in the exhibition, and well done to all for their weekly submissions to Lucan Newsletter. At this stage they have quite a large following!



Taking an image,  
freezing a moment,  
reveals how rich  
reality truly is

– anonymous

