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Reflections on 40 years of priesthood



On Sunday June 14th 1981, the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, I prostrated myself before the Altar in the Church of Our Lady of Consolation, Donnycarney at the beginning of the ceremony of Ordination that was to launch me on a path that I still tread to this day. Beside me on the cold marble lay a classmate and fellow parishioner, Cyril Mangan, now based in Blanchardstown Parish.

In those days the tsunami of sexual abuse revelations had not yet broken shore, although the first rumblings of an approaching tempest were beginning. This was still the days of a church dominated by the clergy where the function of 'the laity could be summed up as, 'to pray, pay and obey'. Thankfully that clerical domination has all but been laid to rest, and the modern church, although slimmer and less certain of itself, is an altogether more real and human place to belong. The year I was ordained our Diocesan Seminary, Clonliffe was home to 101 seminarians with a healthy 12-15 being ordained each year. Today, Clonliffe no longer exists, and the building have been sold off to the GAA. There are just two seminarians studying for the Diocese and ordinations are few and far between. So much has changed in those years. The modern church is far more self-critical and open to question, it has learned bitter lessons from years of mishandling of abuse cases and blatant cover-ups.

Who could have foreseen saying Mass in an empty church to a webcam on the wall. We would probably have imagined a webcam to be some gizmo to record the secret lives of spiders. Change has come and we simply have been forced to embrace it, or to fade away into oblivion.

Several people have asked me the question this week 'Would you do it all again? And the honest answer is yes, 100% Life as a priest has been a true adventure, not at all what I had imagined it to be, and in these past forty years I have often been surprised by the strange and exciting paths the Holy Spirit has led me down. It hasn't been all sweetness and light but whose life is? There are always moments of doubt, uncertainty and struggle, but on balance it has been a fulfilling and enriching journey ministering to people. There have been many privileged moments of sharing people's moments of profound joy and intense sorrow of laughter and tears, and for all of these I give thanks.

I'm past the full flush of youth as I approach my 70's, and whether I like it or not am growing old, but it's been a great journey thus far, and to quote Magnus Magnusson of Mastermind fame 'I've started, so I'll finish' (With God's help.)

*Philip Curran
St. Mary's Lucan*



Liffey Sound is looking for new volunteers to join our fundraising team to help us promote our next event which is our Virtual Fundraiser Festival in August. It may suit a student as it's an opportunity to gain experience working on a project with a not-for-profit organisation OR maybe you are just super proficient and creative with social media e.g. Instagram, Tick Tock, Twitter, Facebook. If interested, please email Mairéad at stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie

Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook

RTÉ- challenging media bias on abortion

RTE is a publicly funded national broadcaster and should therefore represent all people. However when reporting on the issue of abortion they do not represent different views and options and are totally skewed and biased in manner. RTÉ now needs to hear from every pro-life supporter on the issue!

Sign the instant E-Card from the Pro Life Campaign that asks the Director General of RTÉ to explain and justify expecting pro-life people to continue paying the TV licence given the shockingly biased coverage on abortion. To sign go to:

www.https://prolifecampaign.ie/stopthebias/

Charlotte O'Neill





On Tuesday 22nd June at 7pm, we are delighted to present an online talk, 'Little Jerusalem: The History of the Jewish Community in Dublin', by Melanie Brown.

Melanie, Adjunct Lecturer in Irish Jewish History at Trinity College, will discuss Dublin's Jewish Community and how they established themselves in Clambrassil Street and the South Circular Road, otherwise known as, Little Jerusalem. You can book a place on this fascinating talk through Eventbrite at lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie



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Lucan Library - Well-Dance for Adults – Thursday 30th June

Well-Dance for Seniors is an extremely popular modern dance programme. It's a movement class that will guide you through a series of simple, modern and creative dance movements and exercises to improve breathing, balance, fluidity, flexibility and strength – All to a great range of music. This 1-hour class flies by!

This programme has been nominated for the National Lottery Good Cause Awards; Not only Fun, but proven to be good for you; Not just a dance session – it will empower you in a refreshing and enjoyable way. Can be done standing, and if you've a chair you can always sit too

Please Note: One ticket per device, 1 per household. A valid email address is required to register for this event. Please contact Lucan Library 01-6216422 for further details

125 Years of Religious Life

Fr. Tom, Fr. Philip and Sr. Geraldine were treated to a celebratory cuppa, in the garden of the parish centre on Monday morning last.

Fr. Tom was ordained to the priesthood, 25 years ago on 7th June.

Fr. Philip was ordained 40 years ago on 14th June.

Sr. Geraldine celebrated 60 years in religious life on 24th May.



Happy to join the three of them for the cuppa were: Sean Malone, Mary Douglas and Joe Clayton.

And below:
Don MacDonald and Mary Jackson.

We send special
congratulations to former
Parish Priest of St.
Mary's
Fr Joe Coyne
who celebrates 50 years
in the priesthood this
year.

*Sending Fr. Joe
a virtual cuppa!*



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



New Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigils: 5pm and 6.45pm

Sunday: 8.45am, 10.30pm, 12.15pm and 7pm.

Notice

We ask those who have already booked Masses for the weekends to please phone the Sacristy 01 6281487 and check whether the time of their Mass is different due to changes in Sunday Mass times.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

All Masses will continue to be live-streamed on
www.lucanparish.com

Our churches are open for Public Masses. While number will continue to be restricted and social distancing enforced it does mean that in St Mary's we can have a maximum of **69** people in attendance for Masses.

50 people in the pews section and 19 in the individual seats. There can be no movement between these two areas. Each area will have separate entrances and exits.

Admission to all Masses will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Enter at the main porch door, queueing from the left across the front of the old part of the church maintaining social distance at all times.

We rely on your understanding to make this work. Masks must be worn.

Visits to the housebound: If the housebound person has been fully vaccinated and at least two weeks have elapsed since the second dose, either Fr. Tom or Fr Philip and/or any ministers of the Eucharist who are also fully vaccinated can call once again. As a precaution we will wear face coverings and ask those to whom we are calling to do the same.

If you were on the house call list prior to the pandemic you will automatically receive a visit. If you are housebound and are not already on the list you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) and leave your details, we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.



Stewards needed

In order to comply with the social distancing and sanitization guidelines we will require volunteer stewards for each Mass. If you are willing to volunteer for one Mass on Sunday or weekdays contact Deirdre in the Parish office on 01 6217041 or fill in the online form on the parish website.

We need more stewards especially over the coming Summer months

Please note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is temporarily lifted by Pope Francis for the duration of the crisis.

Confessions – Nun's Chapel:

Monday and Wednesday after 10am Mass
Saturday after the 10am and 5pm Masses

Praying with Scripture: Praying with scripture is continuing on 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 12.15pm Mass to 6pm. Please enter by the Main Porch Door and exit by the side door (near the Nun's Chapel).

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Margaret Hassett**, Sarsfield Park and to the husband, family and friends of **Ann Fox**, Brookvale. *May they rest in peace.*



St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's: Sunday 10am. **Wednesday:** 10am
St Mary's: Sunday: 11.30am. **Tuesday:** 10am
Numbers attending each service will be restricted to **50**. Please follow the directions of the Church Wardens.

Bookings for both church services can be made at bookleixlip@gmail.com, please indicate which service you are booking for and the number of people.

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

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

New Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm

Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday 9:15am

Saturday 10am

Admission will be in a first-come first-serve basis to a max of 50 people

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Please follow guidelines:

Wear a face covering over both nose and mouth.
Use hand sanitizer when entering the Church.
Sit 2m apart on seats marked by the yellow stickers. Follow the instructions of the Church stewards – they have purple hi-vis vests so easily recognized.

Farewell to our dear Deacon Joe

Some of you may already have heard that after 9 years serving in our parish our dear Deacon Joe has been appointed to Maynooth parish. He has dedicated so much time and care to our parish and touched countless lives from the happy occasions of Baptisms and Weddings to the tougher times of sickness and Funerals. We have been blessed to have him in our parish and know that the people in Maynooth will undoubtedly treasure him too. Please continue to keep Deacon Joe (and all our clergy) in your prayers as he starts down this new path the Lord has laid out for him.

In his farewell speech at Mass on Saturday evening Deacon Joe as ever said it best and he finished with quoting these lines from the song "Thank you for the Music" by ABBA.

Deacon Joe, thank you from all of us in Lucan South Parish. May our good Lord, reward, bless and guide you today and always. The history of Divine Mercy Parish Lucan South will not be complete without your name being included.

Divine Bloom: There is now a newly formed gardening team of volunteers in Divine Mercy who have been hard at work in mixed weather conditions brightening up the Church grounds. There is always a welcome for everyone and plenty of laughter and jokes as with all the Church groups they are always looking for more people to help out so if you want to pitch in get in touch with the parish office and they will put you in touch. All are welcome!



Private Prayer: The Faustina Chapel is open for private prayer from 10am to 12 noon Monday to Friday.

St. Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro

/Adamstown www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,

9am, and 12 noon.

10.30am Family Mass – live streamed only This online 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.

Numbers continue to be restricted to **50 people** in the church building.

Admission will be in a first-come first-serve basis

When capacity is reached parishioners can remain in their cars in the car park and receive communion.

All Masses are streamed live on the Parish You Tube channel

Confessions: Confessions can be requested after Mass. The confession box is not to be used. However, a space that respects open privacy is available in the Church to receive the Sacrament.

Private Prayer: Church can continue to be accessed daily for private prayer. Access is through the side door at pastoral centre on far side of Church between 10.30am and 12.30pm

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship: 11am

Our maximum capacity is 30 people.

Reserve a place for church services:

It's easy. You can either register via our simple online booking form or give us a call on 0858231123. There will be 2 spaces available for anyone who drops in. But these will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

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

Services be streamed online and available on Youtube?

Acknowledgement

McCormack (Shay - Seamus)
29th March 2021

Pat, Margaret and Andrew McCormack would like to thank everyone who turned out to pay their respects to Shay (Seamus), for all the cards, flowers, messages and phone calls. We will never forget your kindness and support at this difficult time.



Anniversaries

Kelly (Bob)
10th Anniversary - 20th June

Late of Sarsfield Park

Now Joanie was waiting,
With your favourite mug,
Two teabags, three sugars,
And a special big hug.
Sadly missed by the family.

Waldron (Mick)
18th Anniversary - 21st June

Deep in our hearts
You will always stay
Loved and remembered
Every day.

*Remembered by Carol, Gary, Kim, Marie, John.
Also his grandchildren, Kellie, Mark, Sarah and Daniel.*



I Heard Your Voice In The Wind Today

I heard your voice in the wind today
and I turned to see your face;
The warmth of the wind caressed me
as I stood silently in place.

I felt your touch in the sun today
as its warmth filled the sky;
I closed my eyes for your embrace
and my spirit soared high.

I saw your eyes in the window pane
as I watched the falling rain;
It seemed as each raindrop fell
it quietly said your name.

I held you close in my heart
today
it made me feel complete;
You may have died...but you are not gone
you will always be a part of me.

As long as the sun shines...
the wind blows...
the rain falls...
You will live on inside of me forever
for that is all my heart knows.

Anon



Pilgrimages

Marian Pilgrimages

Marian Pilgrimages have released their pilgrimage schedule for 2021 and 2022 to Lourdes, Medjugorje, Fatima, Italy and Holy Land. For more information or to register your interest please visit www.marian.ie or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159.

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

I just wanted to let you know that I made it home.

I just wanted to let you know
That I made it home.
The journey wasn't an easy one,
But it didn't take too long.
Everything is so pretty here,
so white, so fresh and new.
I wish that you could close your eyes
And that you could see it too.
Please try not to be sad for me.
Try to understand God is taking care of me...
I'm in the shelter of His hands.
Here there is no sadness,
no sorrow, and no pain.
Here there is no crying
And I'll never hurt again.
Here it is so peaceful when all the angels sing.
I really have to go for now...
I've just got to try my wings.

Author unknown



Happy Father's Day to all the dads of Lucan! Hope you get lots of treats.

Mid-Summer is nearly here!

While we mainly think of 21st of June as the Summer Solstice, Mid-Summer actually falls on 24th June this year. (Hope its not downhill from there!)

Leaving Cert exams continue – most must be over the worst of it now. Sounds like the papers so far were not too bad.

Lots of football on the telly these evenings. God be with the days when we really had a team to cheer on, though it might be just as well given the current problems in the world.

Thank you to the many people who regularly pass on nice compliments about the photos in the Newsletter, and it seems that the Senior Citizens pictures in last week's issue evoked many memories.



We were missing one of the names in the above photo last week! From left to right are Lizzy Doyle, Betty Dunne and Mrs. Conway of Dodsboro (*Aidan, the window cleaner's Granny!*). We'll amend the article in our archives.

Reminder.....

**Lucan Newsletter
Annual Block Ads**

Renewal Notices have been issued for our Annual Block Advertisements.

Thank you to those who have replied so far. Please remember the cut-off date for renewal is **Thursday 15th July 2021**

Our local talented
Youth Music Group

'Aontas'

together with **Fr. Pius** from St. Patrick's Church, Esker
are celebrating

**Mass on RTE1 at 11.000am
on Sunday June 20th**



We wish them the best of luck!



Another little gem, from one of our Readers!

When someone gives you their
trust, they are saying I am safe
with you.
Don't break it, appreciate it.

Dodinsky

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Community Grants: Congratulations to Adamstown and Ballyowen Community Centres, Earlsfort Residents Centre, Esker Boxing Club and Weston Hockey Clubs on being awarded grants from South Dublin County Council's Community Grants Scheme. This scheme operates on a rolling basis, and if your club or community group is interested in applying for a grant, please feel free to get in touch for further information.

Ballyowen Lane: Some residents living in estate adjacent to Ballyowen Lane have expressed an interest in organising a regular community clean up of the area (COVID-compliant). I am supporting this initiative – if you or your residents' group is interested in participating, please contact me.

Hermitage Park: I have requested an update as to when repair work is to take place at the playground in Hermitage Park, as it has been a number of months since it was damaged by fire.

Emer Higgins - TD

78 The Orchard, Lucan. 01 401 3416.

Email: Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

AstraZeneca: Recipients of the AstraZeneca vaccine have been contacting me to share their frustration at the gap between receiving their first and second doses. This is something which I raised within my parliamentary party and I called for greater clarity on. The HSE has now begun reducing the time gap between doses of AstraZeneca to eight weeks in line with new advice from the National Immunisation Advisory Committee and they will begin by contacting those who have been waiting the longest.

Griffen Community College: A planning application for Griffen Community College for a permanent 3 storey, 1,000 pupil post primary school building, including a 4 classroom Special Educational Needs Unit has been lodged. Having supported the school and parents over the last number of years, I am delighted with this is very welcome progress.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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

Medical Cannabis Access Programme: When I got elected to the Dail in 2016 one of the issues that I wanted to highlight was access to medical cannabis. Under the MCAP those with a qualifying condition will now be able to get a

medical cannabis product under prescription for the first time.

Vaccine Roll Out: There has been a lot of concern in regards to the vaccine rollout for those over the age 60. This age cohort which numbers 400K are now waiting for their second jab. It's imperative that this group who in some instances got the first vaccine in late April are immediately prioritised. The health committee which I am a member of will be exploring this next week.

Caitriona McClean

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Twitter: @cmaemcclean

Vaccinations: I wrote to Minister Stephen Donnelly last weekend urging the gap be narrowed in Astra Zenica, and I am pleased to see progress as I now have evidence of people being called earlier than they expected for 2nd doses. Pharmacies are now vaccinating some over 50s who have not registered. The Delta variant is of concern, and I look forward to NIAC advice on mixed dosage.

Exam Students: I have the greatest admiration for students undertaking exams at present. Very best wishes to you and to your families.

Social Housing targets: Figures provided to me by SDCC seem very low in relation to National targets, and I have sought an update on targets and land availability. I would like to see HAP figures and waiting lists vastly reduced, and stability for families.

Liona O'Toole – Independent

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www.lotoole.com

Teen-Space: Most people will be aware of the teen-space/multi sports wall ball in Griffen Park by now. This has become a very popular spot for all ages and is providing much needed outdoor play. Following consultation with council management this area will be enhanced with new features including the relocation of the basketball nets, a larger ground surface and a new coffee dock. The walled-square feature is designed for the sport 'Boules', this idea was brought to my attention by a member of Lucan's Men Shed and we were delighted that the council agreed to our request to incorporate 'Boules'. I hope we will see some fun competitive sports as "Boules" is for all ages and abilities. Another welcomed feature to the park is the installation of the new electric gates.

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Lucan Citizens Information Centre

www.citizensinformation.ie



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

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

Or you can email your query to us at dscis@citinfo.ie and someone will reply.

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

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

Rights of young workers

The Protection of Young Persons (Employment) Act 1996 is designed to protect the health of young workers and ensure that work carried out during school years does not put young people's education at risk. The Act sets minimum age limits for employment, rest intervals and maximum working hours and prohibits the employment of anyone under 18 on late-night work. The Act also requires employers to keep specified records for workers under 18.

Children: Under the Act, employers cannot employ children aged under 16 in regular full-time jobs. Children aged 14 and 15 may be employed as follows:

Doing light work during the school holidays – they must have at least 21 days off work during this time.

As part of an approved work experience or educational programme where the work is not harmful to their health, safety or development. In film, cultural, advertising work or sport under licences issued by the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

Children aged 15 may do 8 hours a week light work in school term time. The maximum working week for children outside school term time is 35 hours, or up to 40 hours if they are on approved work experience.

Young people: The maximum working week for young people aged 16 and 17 is 40 hours, with a maximum of 8 hours a day. If a young person under 18 works for more than one employer, the combined daily or weekly hours of work cannot exceed the maximum number of hours allowed. Young persons are only permitted to work between 6am and 10pm. Any exceptions to this rule must be provided by regulation – see 'Licensed premises' below.

Licensed premises: The Protection of Young Persons Act 1996 (Employment in Licensed Premises) Regulations 2001 permit young people employed on general duties in a licensed premises to be required to work up to 11pm on a day that does not immediately precede a school day during a school term where the young person is attending school.

Employers who employ young persons to carry out general duties in a licensed premises must have regard to the Code of Practice concerning the Employment of Young Persons in Licensed Premises (pdf).

Evidence of age and the written permission of parents: Employers must see a copy of the young person's birth certificate, or other evidence of their age, before employing them. If the young person is under 16, the employer must get the written permission of the person's parent or guardian.

Payment of wages: All employees are entitled by law to a payslip. A payslip is essentially a statement in writing from the employer to the employee that outlines the total pay before tax and all details of any deductions from pay. You should find out information about the items your payslip should contain and how your tax is calculated here.

Since 1 January 2021, the national minimum wage is €10.20 per hour. This does not mean that everyone is automatically entitled to receive this. Young people aged under 18 are only guaranteed up to 70% of the national minimum wage, which is €7.14 per hour. Your employer can pay you more than the minimum wage if they want, but you should be aware that they are not required to do so by law.

If you are working in a workplace where staff are given tips and gratuities by customers (such as a restaurant, bar, etc.) there is nothing in law to state you are automatically entitled to these tips. However, the law does not require you to hand these tips to your employer either. Instead, it all depends on the custom and practice in your workplace.

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Citizens Information *cont'd.....*

There is a National Minimum Wage (Protection of Employee Tips) Bill 2017 which proposes to bring in legislation on employees tips.

The legislation will need to be enacted before this can come into force.

If all tips are collected by management and paid to staff through the payroll, then these tips are subject to tax in the normal way.

Records to be kept by employers: Employers must keep records for every employee under 18 that contain the following information:

The employee's full name

The employee's date of birth

The employee's starting and finishing times for work

The wage rate and total wages paid to the employee.

The employer must keep these records for at least 3 years.

Summary of the Act: Employers must give employees aged under 18 years a copy of the official summary of the Protection of Young Persons (Employment) Act, along with other details of their terms of employment, within one month of taking up a job. Employers with employees under 18 must also display the official summary of the Act at a place in their workplace where it can be easily read.

Penalties under the Protection of Young Persons (Employment) Act: Employers found guilty of an offence under the Act are liable on summary conviction to a fine of up to €1,904.61. Continuing breaches of the Act can attract a fine of up to €317.43 a day.

Continuing education and training: Tusla is responsible for ensuring that every child either attends school or otherwise receives a minimum education. One of its duties is to set up and maintain a register of young persons aged 16 and 17 who leave school early to take up employment and to make arrangements for their continuing education and training in consultation with providers and employers.

How to apply: Complaints in relation to infringements of the Protection of Young Persons (Employment) Act 1996 may be referred to the Inspection Services of the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC).

If a child or a young person thinks they have been penalised for refusing to co-operate with an employer in breaching the Act (for example, by refusing to work prohibited hours) then a parent or guardian may make a complaint to a WRC adjudicator. Complaints should be within 6

months of such penalisation. You can make a complaint using the online complaint form available on workplacelrelations.ie. This period may be extended by a further 6 months if the Workplace is satisfied that a reasonable cause prevented the presentation of the complaint within the first 6 months.

For further information on the Protection of Young Persons (Employment) Act 1996, you can contact the WRC Information and Customer Services - see 'Where to apply' below. It has a guide to the Protection of Young Persons (Employment) Act 1996 (pdf).

Where to apply:

Workplace Relations Commission - Information and Customer Service, O'Brien Road, Carlow R93 E920

Opening Hours: Mon. to Fri. 9.30am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm. Tel: (059) 917 8990

Locall: 1890 80 80 90

Homepage: <https://www.workplacelrelations.ie/en/>

Political Notes cont'd

Cllr Vicki Casserly - Fine Gael

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The County Development Plan: My focus continues with many contributions to deliver a new framework for the county plan to model development through to 2028. This will shape our future living space, leisure space and protection of our local environments. The development plan involves submissions of Motions to the Council. One such Motion relates to lands west of Adamstown for future development of c1700 houses supported by additional rail transport options and infrastructure progressed in tandem with house building that will benefit the wider community. These Motions also include preserving and enhancing historical features like those at Adderig. It is important to note that no development is progressed on the basis of Motions and is subject to the rigorous planning process involving significant engagement with the wider community.



Who remembers the Primary Cert?

It was an exam taken by 6th Class Primary School pupils, back in the day. Introduced in 1929, pupils could do tests in Irish, English, Mathematics, History and Geography, and Needlework for girls. From 1943 on, schools just sat the Irish, English and Maths papers, until the exam was abolished in 1967. If the pupil passed the exams, they received a certificate which might have been very useful to get a job.

Around the Faithful Homes

A project by Michael Fortune/folklore.ie
Image: John Kearney

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EXAMINATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

ARITHMETIC B —100 marks

Time—1 hour

Work any three questions

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1. Make out a bill for the following and deduct 2½% discount from the total:-

5½ lbs. butter at 4s. 4d. per lb.,
4 stones flour at 7s. 8d. per stone,
6½ lbs. bacon at 4s. 8d. per lb.,
2 stones sugar at 7½d. per lb.,
1½ lbs. cheese at 3s. 8d. per lb.

2. Find the value of 13 tons 17 cwts. 2 qrs. of coal at £9 10s. per ton.

3. Simplify:-

$$\frac{2\frac{2}{5} \times \frac{5}{6} - \frac{1\frac{1}{3}}{1\frac{1}{5}}}{4\frac{7}{16} - \frac{3}{11} \text{ of } (1\frac{1}{5} + 1\frac{1}{3})}$$

4. In what time will £253 6s. 8d. amount to £298 18s. 8d. at 4½% per annum, simple interest?

5. It costs £26 2s. to put a fence around a square lawn at 1s. 6d. per foot.

Find: (a) the length of the fence;
(b) the area of the lawn in square yards.

Above is a copy of the maths paper from 1962, taken from Michael Fortune's www.folklore.ie – a site well worth a visit for so many nostalgic memories. Have a go at the test, and see how you do - those of a certain vintage will come top of the class!

Thank you to the Reader who sent the item to us.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée



Many members of the Soiree met last Friday morning face to face for the first time in about six months for a cup of tea and a chat in the garden of the Parish Centre. It was a most enjoyable morning and made us long for the day when we will be able to meet again in the Parish Centre.

Members' thoughts are turning to our next exhibition and we are wondering will it have to be on line again or will it be possible to mount a physical exhibition that will comply with whatever public health guidelines are in force at the time. We'll just have to wait and see.



This week's photographs show more evidence of members venturing further afield from the environs of Lucan with photographs submitted from West Cork and Wexford.

There were also lovely photos of flowers in the rain, bees and a rather forlorn young starling that seemed not to know what to do when I came across creature outside my front door a few days ago. The creature appeared not to show any anxiety when I came very near to take the photo.



Another field trip is planned, weather permitting, this Friday morning. The intention is to go to Manor Kilbride in county Wicklow. This location is a favourite spot for photographers of every kind, be they beginners or advanced, although as it is a woodland area with streams it is advisable to come properly togged out.



Until next week stay safe.



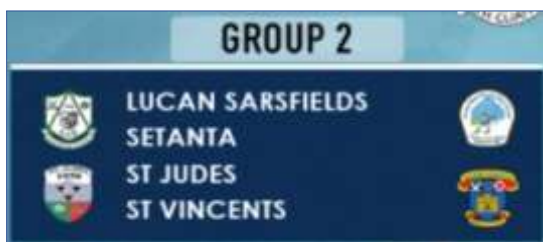
Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Daire Newcombe fired over a late point on Saturday evening to earn Lucan Sarsfields a 0-12 to 0-12 draw with Ballyboden St Enda's. While the win would have been preferred, a draw against the 2020 Dublin SFC beaten finalists is perfectly acceptable. June 26th will see Lucan take on St Judes, who were drawn in the same group for the Dublin SFC.



In the hurling draw, Lucan were also drawn in the same group as St Judes, with Setanta and St Vincents completing the group.



Details of all the draws can be found on the online version of Club Notes.

Bookings are now being taken for our Summer Camps in association with club sponsor **Keane Windows & Doors**. There will be 3 Club camps this year for those age 5 to those turning 12 this year. And an Irish language Summer Camp - in association with **Foras na Gaeilge**. Full details on our website. <https://bit.ly/SummerSars>

Healthy Club Notes

SunSmart Those who pursue outdoor sport and leisure are a high risk group for the development of skin cancer, as they spend long periods of time outdoors. Both occasional and often sun exposure can be harmful. This risk can be reduced by following the SunSmart steps to protect the skin. **SLIP-SLOP-SLAP-SHADE and SLIDE**; Slip on clothing: Slop on sunscreen: Slap on a hat: Seek shade: Slide on sunglasses. **Youth Mental Health First Aid** - Mental Health 1st Aid Ireland are offering a Youth Mental Health 1st Aid course



running over two Saturdays - 19th and 26th June 2021. Full details of both these articles are available on our website, www.lucansarsfields.ie

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club is taking part in Run4Pieta 2021. Starting at 6pm on Friday 18th June, until 6pm on Sunday 20th June. 100% of funds raised will go directly to Pieta. Please donate what you can to <https://www.idonate.ie/LucanSarsfieldsRun4Pieta376>.

The latest edition of the GAA Club Newsletter for June 2021 with information, news and updates for club officers, players and the wider membership is now available from <https://www.gaa.ie/news/read-the-latest-club-newsletter-june-2021/>



The LDCU Academy takes place on Saturday mornings for boys and girls aged between 4 and 7. Pre-registration is essential, scan the code or see website for details.

12th Lock Café is open from 6pm-8pm weekdays and Saturday 9am-2pm when training is taking place.



The Club Shop is open Thursdays 7-9pm and Saturdays 10am to 1pm.

Zumba continues outdoors on the All Weather Pitch every Tuesday for the month of June, 7.30pm to 8.30pm. For further details please contact Tracey on 0879735665

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €9400

There was no winner of the Club Lotto Jackpot of €9000 held on 10 June 2021. The numbers drawn were: **1, 7, 22, 23**.

The Lucky Dip winners of €30 each: **Tony Rigney, Louise Brogan, Helga Meyler, Cronan Dooley, Joe Leonard**.

The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 17th June, is **€9400**, and is sponsored by: **John Ryan, Accountant**. The draw managed by Edel Mooney, will be held in the 12th Lock Café, at 9pm and live streamed on our Facebook page. Tickets can be purchased via the website, ClubForce APP or at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Fáilte chuig an Nuachtlitir is déanaí ó Na Gaeil Óga, áit a gheobhaidh tú an t-eolas is déanaí faoi gach rud atá ag tarlú inár bpobal briomhar.

Bonnchúrsa Cóitseála

Bhí Bonnchúrsa Cóitseála CLG ar siúl Dé Sathairn 12 Meithimh ar pháirc Ghaelscoil Naomh Pádraig. Mhínigh Paudie Butler, saineolaí ar chúrsaí cóitseála, conas spórt agus scileanna a mhúineadh do pháistí. D'fhreastal go leor daoine ón gclub ar an gcúrsa agus thaitin sé go mór le gach duine a bhí i láthair.

A foundation course in G.A.A. coaching took place Saturday June 12th at Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig. Coaching expert Paudie Butler explained how to teach sports and skills to kids. The event was well attended and much enjoyed by everyone.

Peil na mBan

Cuirimid fáilte roimh ár n-urraitheoir nua, Foclóir.ie. Táimid an-bhuíoch as ucht a dtacaíocht agus tá comórtas ar siúl againn leo chomh maith. Tá deis geansaí nua na mban agus cóip den Fhoclóir nua a bhuachan! Abair linn cé hí do laoch i spórt na mban ar ár leathanaigh Facebook/Twitter/Instagram. Dúnfar an comórtas ar an gCéadaoin, 16 Meitheamh. Dé Luain – 7.15pm, Traenáil, Páirc an Fhionnuisce (Monday, Training in Phoenix Park)

We welcome our new sponsor, Foclóir.ie. We are very grateful for their support and are running a competition in association with our new sponsor. There is a new jersey and a copy of the dictionary to be won! Tell us who your hero in women's sport is on our Facebook/Twitter/Instagram accounts before the 16th June.

Cailíní Faoi 9

Bhí na cailíní ar bís le bheith ar ais ar an bpáirc agus iad ag imirt in aghaidh Man O War i bPáirc Naomh Cairtróna. Bhí dhá fhoireann de 8 ag imirt agus d'éirigh go hiontach le gach uile dhuine acu. Bhí go leor scileanna agus díograis le feiceáil ar an bpáirc. Tá na cailíní ag dúil go mór lena gcéad cluiche eile á imirt go luath. Na Gaeil Óga abú!

The under 9 girls team were delighted to return to the pitch in their match against Man O War at the weekend. They had 2 teams of 8 vs. 8 playing and everyone played really well. Everyone showed great skills and enthusiasm. The girls are looking forward to playing their next match soon! Na Gaeil Óga abú!

Buachaillí Faoi 9

Chuaigh na buachaillí faoi 9 chun páirce i bPáirc Naomh Cairtróna ar an Satharn. Bhí an aimsir go breá & dóchas san aer agus na buachaillí ag dul amach lena gcéad cluiche peile riamh a imirt. Bhí go leor pasanna den scoth le feiceáil agus thaispeáin siad neart fuinneamh in aghaidh Templeogue Synge Street. Bhí luas Bobby le feiceáil ar fud na páirce chomh maith le roinnt ciceanna iontacha ó Orin. Ar an pháirc eile bhí Shayne chomh cróga, á chaitheamh féin os comhair roinnt ciceanna láidre. Léirigh Jude díograis mhór agus é sa tóir ar an liathróid. Chuir gach uile bhuachaill a gcroíthe isteach sa chluiche agus bhí spioraid láidir ár bhfoireann soiléir do chách. Na Gaeil Óga abú!

The under 9 boys team played their first ever match at St Catherine's Park on Saturday. The weather was lovely and there was excitement in the air as the boys took to the pitch for their first match. There were great passes made and they showed great energy against Templeogue Synge Street. Bobby was speedy around the pitch and Orin made some great passes. On the other pitch, Shayne was very brave throwing himself in front of some strong kicks. Jude showed great dedication chasing every ball. All of the boys put their hearts into the match the team spirit was fantastic. Na Gaeil Óga abú!



The Summer Solstice

The summer solstice marks the day when the noonday sun shines directly down on the Tropic of Cancer, which is at 23 degrees north latitude. It occurs usually on June 21 and gives us the longest daylight of the year.



The word solstice comes from the Latin sol (sun) and sistere (to stand still). There is very little noticeable change in daylight in the week leading up to and following June 21. The sun appears to stand still. The same situation arises around December 21 when the sun again appears to stand still. The months of greatest change in daylight are the equinox months of March and September. In Ireland at the summer solstice we have a favourable 60 degree angle of the sun. The sea prevents us from getting too warm in contrast to big landmasses at a similar latitude to ours.

Midsummer

Many people consider June 21 as midsummer's day, and indeed taking into account the amount of brightness this is true. Met Éireann uses temperature as its yardstick for defining the seasons in most places in Ireland the warmest temperatures tend to occur in July. Consequently mid-July is regarded as midsummer from a weather point of view. However seaside places tend to be warmer in August which of course is a popular holiday month. In Ireland the sea is at its warmest in August and September.

St. John's Eve

June 24 is the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and accordingly the preceding day June 23 is St. John's Eve. In parts of Ireland this was regarded as the eve of midsummer. In bygone days bonfires were lit in celebration. Brendan McWilliams in his book *"Weather Eye – The Final Year"*, tells us about competitions involving jumping over the bonfire. Having 3 successful jumps meant you were assured of a happy marriage and a lucky life. However, merely to walk around the bonfire 3 times would keep disease at bay for a full year.



Warmest and Coldest Solstice

The average maximum temperature in Dublin on June 21 is 18C. Looking at the 50 years from 1970 to 2019 we see the warmest solstice occurred in 2017. At Casement Aerodrome the temperature reached a very impressive 27C. The coldest solstice occurred in 1997 when Casement Aerodrome recorded a maximum temperature of only 12C.



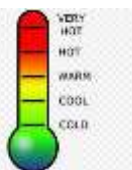
These two instances show the variability in temperature that can occur from year to year!

Measuring Air Temperature

Air temperature is the main factor affecting how comfortable we feel as we go about our daily business. Wind speed and the angle of the sun also contribute to how we feel, but to a lesser extent.

Things to remember:

1. Put the thermometer in the shade, out of direct sunshine as air temperature is what you are looking for. If you leave the thermometer in direct sunshine you will get the temperature of the thermometer, not the air!



Keep the thermometer a little bit away from objects or buildings so that air can circulate around it.

If it's raining or snowing you may have to bring the thermometer indoors as precipitation will affect the temperature reading. Some type of shelter could be used but it must allow air to move around the thermometer. An old fashioned max / min thermometer is available in some garden centres. The more modern temperature sensor can be bought online. You can read the temperature on a screen indoors while the sensor is placed in a suitable location in your garden. You could keep your own temperature records during an interesting period of weather.

Midsummer's Eve – Poem

Where are you going, summer breeze?
Off beyond the fields and trees.

What do you see when you blow that way?
Children jumping from bales of hay.

What do you hear as you travel the land?
People dancing to an outdoor band.

What do you smell as you rush about?
The perfume of blossoms bursting out.

What do you wish for as you leave?
Let all folks enjoy this midsummer's eve.

And finally, an old Irish saying:

*"Is maith an cairde lá fada samhraidh".
"A long summer's day gives good respite".*

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