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## Struggling with my faith.....

In present times, I am left wondering where is God in all of this trouble and turmoil, where the most appalling crimes are being carried out in full view of the entire world.

I wish I had the faith of generations past who left everything “in God’s hands” – they knew that all would be well again in the long run.

As we are brought daily reports on activities in Ukraine, it is a war like no other, in that with modern technology we feel very close to it. The images of people fleeing, with their old and young, in buggies and wheelbarrows and any sort of transport they can muster up, is the stuff of nightmares.

Good versus Evil – at the same time, I suspect that there is a glimpse of God in all the good which is being done. Irish people are holding their own among all the other nations lending support to these unfortunate people.

As St. Patrick’s Day approaches, we are reminded of our introduction to Christianity; please God, the way will be lit for us once more, and good will conquer evil.

St. Patrick’s Breastplate is an 8<sup>th</sup> century anonymous poem, part of which we are familiar with, but it is composed of several inspiring verses.

***Happy St. Patrick’s Day to all!***

*m.m.*

## From St. Patrick’s Breastplate

Today I put on

God’s strength to steer me,

God’s power to uphold me,

Gods wisdom to guide me,

God’s eye for my vision,

God’s ear for my hearing,

God’s word for my speech,

God’s hand to protect me,

God’s pathway before me,

God’s shield for my shelter,

God’s angels to guard me

from ambush of devils,

from vice’s allurements,

from traps of the flesh

from all who wish ill,

whether distant or close,

alone or in hosts.



## 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 [lucan@citinfo.ie](mailto:lucan@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

### Travelling to Ireland during Covid 19

From 6 March 2022, all COVID-19 travel restrictions are removed. You no longer need to complete a passenger locator form. You also no longer need proof of vaccination or recovery, or a COVID-19 test.

You should follow public health advice if you develop symptoms of COVID-19 or if you are a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19.

If you plan to travel on to Northern Ireland, you should check current guidance.

Further information is available on the following website: [Travelling to Ireland during COVID-19 \(citizensinformation.ie\)](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

### COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment (PUP)

From 8 March 2022, people getting a PUP rate of €250 will have their PUP reduced to €208.

### Fuel Allowance

In the week beginning 14 March 2022, the additional one-off payment of €125 to people getting Fuel Allowance will be paid. It will be paid on the same day as the qualifying social welfare payment for Fuel Allowance.

### COVID-19 enhanced Illness Benefit

People under 40 can no longer use proof that they requested an antigen test kit from the HSE to get COVID-19 enhanced Illness Benefit. You must

have a 'medical certificate of incapacity for work' or a text message from the HSE that you have tested positive for COVID-19, or registered a positive antigen test with the HSE to apply for COVID-19 enhanced Illness Benefit.

### Intreo Centres

Intreo centres and branch offices have returned to normal opening times.

### Drug Payment Scheme threshold reduction

From 1 March 2022, you will pay a maximum of €80 in a calendar month (reduced from €100) for certain prescription drugs and medicines.

Under the Drugs Payment Scheme, you pay a maximum of €80 in a calendar month for approved prescribed drugs and medicines, and certain appliances, for use by yourself and your family in that month.

The HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Service provides a list of medicines or aids provided under the Drugs Payment Scheme. These products are approved for the schemes by the HSE. If a reference price has been set for the drugs you are prescribed, this is the price that the HSE will use to calculate your monthly drugs costs.

If you have a medical Card, you are not eligible for the scheme.

Terms and conditions apply to this scheme, more information is available on Drugs Payment Scheme ([citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie))

You can apply for the Drugs Payment Scheme online at [mydps.ie](http://mydps.ie).

You can get a paper application form from your Local Health Office. You can also download a copy of the Drug Payment Scheme application form (pdf).

#### Further information

Drugs Payment Scheme Client Registration Unit  
PO Box 12966, Dublin 11

Local: 0818 224 478

Homepage: <https://www.mydps.ie/>

Homepage: <http://www.drugspayment.ie>

Email: [clientregistration@hse.ie](mailto:clientregistration@hse.ie)

### Lucan Newsletter

will be published as usual next week, despite St. Patrick's Day falling on the Thursday.



Please have all items for inclusion with us by **Wednesday night at 10pm**.

## Lucan St Patrick's Day Parade

Lucan St. Patricks Day Parade are delighted to be up and running again but it is with a heavy heart as we will miss our main man Peter Brady (RIP).

Thank you to all the people of Lucan, you have been so supportive in the 30 years we've been running; we could not do it without you.

We would also like to thank the Lucan Gardaí who have helped so much over the years; also the Lucan Newsletter team for getting all our information out to you all.

Thank you also to our sponsors South Dublin County Council and The Lucan Traders.



*Lucan St Patricks Day Parade Committee.*

## LARA –

### Lucan Active Retirement Association

*Happy St Patrick's Day, Lá fhéile Pádraig sona díobh to léir – wishing all our members a happy St Patrick's Day.* Our usual meeting will not take place on Thursday 17th March as it will be the Bank Holiday.

Our members enjoyed their Spring break in Dundalk last week – a great time was had by all.

Come on down! We welcome new members.

We meet from 11.30 am to 2.30 pm on Thursdays at St Andrew's Church Hall in Main St., Lucan. Free parking is available.

LARA meetings start with some exercises and then we play bowls, Scrabble and cards and light refreshments are served at 1.15 pm approx.

On Thursday 24th March we will have a party for members to celebrate our 17th birthday.

**While the wearing of face coverings is no longer mandatory please wear one if you feel safer doing so.**



## Lá Fhéile Pádraig le Eiscir

**Riada:** Liffey Sound is recording a special programme with the pupils of Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada. The programme will be broadcast at 3pm on St. Patrick's Day on 96.4FM and will be available as a podcast on our website afterwards.

**Census 2022:** Maria Murphy from "Lucan Live" will be conducting a special interview regarding census 2022 on Wednesday the 30th of March at 3pm. If you have any questions about the census, please forward them to [lucanlive@liffeysoundfm.ie](mailto:lucanlive@liffeysoundfm.ie) The deadline for submitting questions is Sunday the 27th of March.

**Happy St. Patrick's Day** from the staff & volunteers at Liffey Sound and Best of luck to everyone involved in the Lucan St. Patrick's Day parade!

[www.liffeysoundfm.ie](http://www.liffeysoundfm.ie) or catch up on Facebook **Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station!**

**South Dublin Libraries**

**Irish History Live and the history of Saint Patrick.**

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Mike Moylan will entertain the Kids with a talk on the history of the St. Patrick (him who got rid of all the snakes!), Patron Saint of Ireland. This talk takes place on Tuesday 15th March at 3.30pm for Children aged 8-12yrs at Lucan Library! You can book a place through Eventbrite at [lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](http://lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie)

**HAPPY St. Patrick's Day**

## Lucan ICA

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March: Please note change of day from Tuesday to Monday.**

**Craft Group** will meet from 10am to 12.30pm in the big hall in the Parish Centre. Plenty of room for social distancing.

We will also have a little social time to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Please wear something **GREEN** ... or your Irish Dancing Costume, tee hee!! We will have a few games of Bingo – prizes galore.

# 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  
**No Evening Mass during Lent.**



### St Patrick's Day:

Masses: 16<sup>th</sup> March: Vigil Mass  
7.30pm

17<sup>th</sup> March: 10am and 11.30am  
No Evening Mass.



**Although the Government's recommendation is that masks are no longer mandatory, we would recommend the continued use of same.**

Masses will continue to be live-streamed on [www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)

**Holy Hour:** There will be a Holy Hour every Sunday from **4pm to 5pm** to pray for the success of the Synod in Rome in 2023.

**Christian Meditation:** Meditation every Tuesday at **7.30pm** in the Bungalow.  
*All welcome, Sr Geraldine.*



### Synod Update at St Mary's

All parishioners are being invited to the two Synod gatherings which will take place on **21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March**

at **7:30pm** in the Parish Centre. They will last no longer than 1 hour 30 mins.

The gatherings will be an opportunity to prayerfully reflect, listen and share in our experience of Church under four headings, two on each evening, so that we can better hear the Holy Spirit, to help direct the Church into the future. Information gathered will feed into the process for the feedback to Rome in advance of the Synod in 2023. It may also be used for parish planning in the future.

This will be done in an organised, gentle and prayerful environment. It is important to remember that we are being asked to listen and share with understanding and to respect each other's experiences. It is not an opportunity to debate or convince someone of our opinion. It is not necessary to attend on both evenings. Invitations to the gatherings will be available in St Mary's this weekend.

*Elizabeth Boland*  
Animator

*Mary Toole*  
Animator

### St Mary's Folk Group:

We are delighted to announce St Mary's Folk-Group will be back singing this Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon Mass. We would love if you could join us. If you cannot join in person you can visit online streaming services on <https://lucanparish.com/live-webcam-streaming>.



**Altar Servers:** Now that the restrictions of the pandemic have been eased, we are anxious to revive the Ministry of Altar Servers in St. Mary's. Girls and Boys who have received their First Holy Communion can join.

The commitment is to serve at one week-end Mass and on special occasions like Easter and Christmas. A full training will be given by Mrs Dee Gillen who looks after the servers.

Those interested should phone Dee on 086 816 9522

### Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

**Mondays at 10.45am and Thursdays at 8pm** in the Bungalow. We are available to listen to or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. *Sr Geraldine.*

### Praying with Scripture

Praying with Scripture every Monday at **7.30pm** in The Bungalow. (masks optional)

**Zoom meetings** will continue on a temporary basis for those uncomfortable meeting in bungalow. Meetings will take place on **Wednesday at 7.30pm.**



**Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:** After Saturday Morning 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

**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.

**Deepest Sympathy** to the husband, family and friends of *Rose Gelens*, Meadowview Grove and to the family and friends of *Rosaleen Langan*, Fforster Lawn.  
*Many they rest in peace.*





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

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



### St Patrick's Parish Esker Synodal Pathway:

The First Gathering of St Patrick's Parish Esker Synodal Pathway will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022 11am-1pm in St John the Evangelist NS, Adamstown. In the first Gathering we'll explore: *When you think of your experience of Church, what brings joy & what brings sorrow?* This invitation is for everyone - those who come to Mass always, frequently, seldom, rarely, never. We are keen to hear from everybody along this spectrum/journey - all ages, all groups. This process will be inclusive, safe, and sacred. Our intention is that it will have impact - not only in Rome, **but in our parish.** And it is up to each and every one of us to participate and make that impact. Please note that the gatherings will adhere to the parish's Child Protection and Data Protection policies. All feedback will be gathered anonymously. Check [www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie) for further information.

### 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)

**Although the Government's recommendation is that masks are no longer mandatory, we would recommend the continued use of same.**

## St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

### St Andrew's, Lucan:

**Sunday:** 9am and 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](#)

## 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

**Although the Government's recommendation is that masks are no longer mandatory, we would recommend the continued use of same.**

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

### Lent Programme:

Every Tuesday: Additional Mass at 7pm  
Every Thursday: Holy Hour 7 to 8pm  
Every Friday: Stations of the Cross at 8pm



### Adoration and Holy Hour:

**Monday: 7.30pm**  
**Thursday: 7pm**  
**Friday: 2-3pm**

## 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**

### Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Rosary and Confession: 5.45pm,  
Mass 6.15pm

*All Welcome*



**Anam Cara South Dublin**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding

its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

## Anniversaries

### BYRNE (JIM)

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 11<sup>th</sup> March

Late of Roselawn.

God called your name so gently  
That only you could hear  
No one heard the footsteps  
Of the angel drawing near  
Softly from the shadows  
There came a gentle call  
You closed your eyes and went to sleep  
You quietly left us all.

*Missed every day by his devoted wife Ann,  
daughters Catherine and Suzanne, sons Gerard,  
Frank and Declan, daughters-in-law Eimear and  
Ursula, sons-in-law Andrew and Martin and his  
13 grandchildren*

**Jim's Memorial Mass will be Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>  
March at 12 noon.**



### COLLINS (JACK)

#### 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 15<sup>th</sup> March

In loving memory of Jack Collins.  
Late Sarsfield Park.

Your memories are such lovely ways  
Of bringing back our yesterdays  
Deep in our hearts your memory is kept  
To love and cherish and never forget.

*Loved and remembered by your daughter  
Carol Anne, Elizabeth, grandchildren and  
great-grandchildren*

### MOONEY (PAT) R.I.P.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

Late Beech Grove.

**Anniversary Mass 27<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon.**



### Quarryvale Community & Youth Centre, Greenfort Gardens, Clondalkin

**Mature Movers** - FREE starting Wednesday  
23rd March for 6 weeks - Gentle Exercise classes  
- 11.30-12.30. Call 01 6233417 to register

**Dance for Life** - FREE starting Friday 25th  
March for 6 weeks - 10-11am, learn new dances  
while having fun. Suitable for all ages and  
abilities. Call 01 6233417.

## Esker Active Retirement Association

*Hi everyone,*

This week we had 42 members playing bowls,  
cards, scrabble and having the craic. Then our  
chaerobics commenced and it was absolutely  
brilliant. Great exercise, great fun and  
some of the songs that were played, we  
hadn't heard in years and we had a great  
laugh at them. We even had a visit from our  
Community Garda Anne who walked around  
chatting to us all and getting to know us. I thought  
she might be there to check for illegal substances  
but the worst we had was Wagon Wheels lol.



Next week we are having our AGM so if all our  
members could attend please. This will  
commence promptly at 1.45pm and shouldn't go  
on very long. We'll have our usual activities  
afterwards and our refreshments.

Still more people joining our club each week.  
Just drop into the club any Wednesday afternoon.  
We are looking for more men to join our club as  
we want a good mix; we did get another man who  
joined today which is great. So, if you're over  
fifty-five, semi-retired or retired, consider joining  
an Active Retirement Club. We'll keep you young  
at heart. We are in St Andrew's Church Hall just  
down from Stagg Cycles which is a blue and  
yellow building. There's parking in the grounds  
of the Church and also a bus stop outside the  
Church gates.

*Till next time,*

*Marian Egan (Club Secretary) 0861269043*



### Contacts:

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**Reports and Ads. etc.** may also be left at the  
usual addresses:

St. Mary's Parish Centre  
Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

**Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the  
weekly deadline.**



After a two-year break, we're all looking forward to **Lucan's St. Patrick's Day Parade**, on Thursday next.

Sadly, they will be missing one of their founder members, **Peter Brady**, who passed away before Christmas. We're sure Peter will be there in spirit, and we wish the organising committee all the best for the big day!



## Lucan Drama

### 'The Playboy of the Western World'

by J. M. Synge, our Spring production, was not well received in the Abbey when it was first performed. Synge was distraught and felt humiliated. The word 'shift' was thought to be offensive!!!!

However it has since received worldwide acclaim and has been performed to huge audiences in several countries.

Rehearsals are continuing in The Spa Hotel at present.

*Lucan Drama wishes all our supporters a Happy St. Patrick's Day*, and look forward to seeing you all mid-May.

#### Contacts:

Jack 0860666626; Bernie 0864015794



*The late Peter Brady with Committee Members, Mary Meehan and Barbara Cummins, joined by Malcolm Mahady for this photo.*

**New Garda Uniforms!** All our local Gardaí should be looking very well in their new gear at this year's Lucan Parade! Watch out for them!

**Don't forget, Lucan Newsletter** will be printed as usual on Thursday next (St. Patrick's Day), so be sure to have your items for publication in by Wednesday night. We also hope to have some photos from this year's parade for the issue.

### Ukraine fundraising

It's great to see the effort being put in to help the Ukrainian people – a Trojan effort by so many.

We'd do well to remember that while we Irish may complain about price rises etc, we are not running for our lives!



**SCHOOL OF MUSIC FERMATA**

# Music Fundraiser

## Children for Children

In Aid of Ukrainian Children

Join Fermata School of Music for a fundraiser concert in aid of children affected by war in Ukraine. Teachers & Students performances through the evening. Plenty of Music, Donation Boxes, Arts Auction and much, much more is awaiting for you.

**TICKETS €15**

**SATURDAY 19.03.22 6.00 pm**

**Lucan Sarsfield GAA Lucan, Co. Dublin**

TICKETS / QUERIES  
Fermata School of Music - Lucan  
Office Ph: 01 621 8673 or 085 125 1712  
E-Mail: info@fermatamusicsschool.ie

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# Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022



1	St. Patrick (Peter Brady Jnr)	21	St. James Brass & Reed Band
2	Flag Bearers	22	Dyno Rod Drain Services
3	The Dublin Pipers	23	Vikings
4	142 <sup>nd</sup> Esker Lucan South Scouts	24	Lee Byrne Academy
5	180 <sup>th</sup> Lucan South Scouts	25	Lucan Boxing Club
6	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dublin Lucan Scouts	26	Entwine Performing Arts
7	The Red Cross	27	Lucan BMX Club
8	Jimmy Stagg Cycles / Irish Raleigh Choppers / Lucan Cycling Club	28	Papa Painting
9	Andri Kryzhanivskiy	29	Lucan Sarsfield GAA
10	Beech Park Football Club	30	Once Upon a Time Parties
11	Goldwing Owners Club	31	Lucan Gospel Choir
12	Ahmadiyya Muslim Association of Ireland	32	EFast Emergency Vehicles
13	Zara Curtis Academy of Irish Dance		
14	Stephen Mac Photography		<b>Lucan Concert Band</b> performing in village from 3pm
15	Na Gaeil Óga CLG		<b>St. James Brass &amp; Reed</b> performing at Ball Alley from 2:30pm
16	RTH Property Management		
17	Tír ná nÓg Guides		<b>Free Face Painters, Clowns, Balloon Artists</b> in Village Green from 2:30pm
18	Serena Brady Academy of Dance		
19	Club Pro Garda Westmanstown Gaels GAA Club		<b>Review Stand</b> Supplied by J. Toner, <b>PA System</b> by Joe Keegan.
20	V Styles Lucan		<b>Sound System</b> supplied by Print & Promotions

**Parade Assembles:** At Tesco for 2pm Sharp - Please be in position by 2.30pm

**Parade Commences:** At Tesco 3 pm SHARP

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# SCHOOL NEWS



## St. Joseph's College

**Well Walk:** On Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March we held our Wellbeing Walk which was a fundraising walk in aid of Joeys Outdoor Classroom and Rosie's Garden. We are all looking forward to having our outdoor space ready for use for all Students and Staff by the end of the school year. This was a great occasion for our entire school community and one of the first whole school in person activities that we could do in almost two years. There was great excitement in our school all day with a huge amount of activity occurring, this began with our Transition Year students running their own fundraising-activity for Joeys Outdoor Classroom where they cleaned and hoovered a huge amount of Staff Cars, not forgetting the help they got from a great bunch of Teachers who helped supervise, coordinate and also gave a hand cleaning. Inside the school Students and Staff held a bake sale in the staffroom and in the corridors for Students at break to get a little sugar rush before our Well Walk. Prior to leaving on our Walk with all the school community gathered outside we were treated to a Flash Mob by our 6<sup>th</sup> year students before we got a Garda escort out onto Chapel Hill as we made our way towards St Catherine's Park.



While completing the 5 km loop there were lots of laughs, smiles and even some singing provided by Ms. Kearney accompanied by Ms. Mellet on Guitar. The Students returned to school and got some well-deserved refreshments after their efforts. Well done to all of the Students who behaved impeccably throughout the duration of the Walk. Well done to those who prepared the refreshments in school for the Students and Staff on their return also a big thank you to all the Staff

who acted as Marshalls along the way and to those Teachers who accompanied the Students on the 5km Loop. Finally a special Thank You to An Garda Siochana in Lucan who assisted us throughout the Walk. We have raised €8070 and we are quickly closing in on our target of €12,500. Considerable work has been completed on Rosie's Garden and Joeys Outdoor Classroom and pictures of the work can be seen on our website and social media sites.

We are still accepting donations for or Fundraiser and donations can be made through our Go Fund Me Page by clicking on the following Link: <http://gofund.me/10b5a747>

**6th Year Trip:** Our 6th Year students enjoyed a great trip to Go Quest Dublin on Tuesday for an escape rooms style activity. This was a long overdue school trip for this group.

**Sport:** Our under 15 soccer team were in action again this week in the minor league, they faced Maynooth Post Primary. In what was a very competitive game the girls ended up on the wrong side of the result against a very strong Maynooth Post Primary Team. They showed great skill and determination right up until the end where they scored with the last kick of the game. Our Minor Camogie team start of their championship campaign this Friday when they face an away trip to St Marys in Naas, best of luck to all the players and coaches.

**Transition Year:** Subject options talks continue for the Transition Year groups this week on

Thursday, these important talks are being live streamed via zoom into the classes. These subject option talks are invaluable in aiding the students choose the subjects they wish to study in Senior Cycle. The talks guide the students through the course structures of various courses at Senior cycle as well as giving key information in relation new subjects.

On Thursday the first group of students from 4A1 went rafting down the Liffey until they reached their destination in Palmerstown. This is the first group of 6 that will go rafting over the next couple of weeks. The Students had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

**6th Year UCD Trip:** On Friday the second group of 6<sup>th</sup> years took a visit to the UCD campus to experience campus life. This trip was organised by the guidance department and is the second of two trips with the first half of 6<sup>th</sup> year attending the trip on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. This is a great experience for the prospective students of the University to experience campus life at its peak.

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Tráth na gCeist:** Our 3<sup>rd</sup> yr quiz team took part in the virtual National Final (Craobh) of the Tráth na gCeist Boird Feachtas on Tuesday for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. The four students, Cillian Lawlor, Eoin McGarty, Tom Doran and Alex D'Alba, had qualified for the Craobh by finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Dublin Regional Round that was held in October. This year saw the final once again streamed live on the Feachtas Utube channel to each of the 20 teams participating from schools throughout the country. Coláiste Phádraig had the youngest team taking part in the final with the majority of teams containing senior students from Irish speaking schools, all competing for the prestigious Micheál Mac Gréil Perpetual Trophy. Our team finished with a respectable final total of 38/60, 1 more than they achieved last year. The winning score was 59/60 so the standard was exceptionally high this year.



Our four 3<sup>rd</sup> yrs should be very proud of their efforts as it was challenging for them to fully understand every question. The students are determined to qualify for the Craobh again next year as senior students and finish higher up on the leader board.

**Soccer:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> yr soccer team were knocked out of the Dublin Metropolitan League last week after being beaten 4-1 by Salesian College Celbridge. Ben Lawless opening the scoring for Lucan with a sensational individual goal after just 10mins. Picking the ball up just inside the opposition half, Ben drove forward with purpose and evaded four challenges before creating space for himself inside the box and scoring with a deft right-footed finish, low past the keeper into the far right hand corner. Salesians equalised soon after with a brilliant team goal involving several players. The 1<sup>st</sup> half saw an open, exciting game with both teams pushing forward at every opportunity. Lucan began the 2<sup>nd</sup> half on the front foot and penned their opponents back with a high press and aggressive tackling. They went close to re-taking the lead on a number of occasions but it

was Salesians who went in front from a free kick before grabbing two further goals late on. Although the final score-line of 4-1 was somewhat harsh on Lucan, their opponents were worthy winners on the day.

**Wood Technology:** Over the last number of weeks our 1<sup>st</sup> yr Wood Technology students were busy putting the finishing touches to their wooden paddle boats in preparation for the hotly contested and much coveted paddleboat championships. These wooden boats were made entirely by each student and powered by an elastic band. Races were held in the Wood Technology Room. Congratulations to Patrick Dignam and Adam Donoghue who were the class winners in some of the most exciting races we have witnessed over the last number of years. Both lads will race each other over the coming week to decide who will be overall first year champion. Well done to all first year Wood Technology students who displayed creativity and great handcraft skills during this project.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> yr Wood Technology Students are starting their carving project. They have many exciting designs planned and it will be great to see these coming to life over the next few classes.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> yr Wood Technology students are busy completing their practical project as part of their Junior Cycle Wood Technology Course. Students had to choose between a gaming headset and controller holder, an educational toy for a young child or an artefact that promotes and celebrates diversity within their community. Mr. Flynn has had some excellent designs for each of these projects and it will be exciting to see these completed over the next number of weeks.

**Well-being:** A “Design a healthy eating menu” competition was held in some of our SPHE 1<sup>st</sup> yr classes recently. The students had to design a menu with a starter, main course and deserts that would be appropriate for their age-group. They drew from their learning of the Food Pyramid and a balanced diet in SPHE class to come up with a variety of well-designed and creative menus that greatly impressed their teacher Ms. Fahy. After assessing each one, Andrei Costa and Ben Walsh won prizes for their extremely healthy menus that ticked all the right boxes. Andrei’s menu included Garlic bread and carrot sticks for starters, Salmon with rice and peas for the main course and apple tart for dessert so a menu well worth trying out! Both students received 5e vouchers for the canteen as a reward.

**Table Tennis:** Well done to 3<sup>rd</sup> yr Abhinav Sriram who won the u15 Division B Table Tennis tournament held in Palmerstown last weekend.

## Lucan Community College

**Wellbeing Week:** The timing of Wellbeing Week couldn't have been better, coming as it did with the lifting of covid restrictions in schools. When we returned after mid-term it was wonderful to see smiles on faces of students and staff for the first time in a long time. We were welcomed into the school on Tuesday with Wellbeing signs, balloons and Mental Health posters all of which were prepared by our Transition Year team, class Clarke.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students enjoyed delicious fruit bowls to get Wellbeing Week off to a healthy start. The canteen, Glanmore foods, kindly provided complimentary fruit bowls to students with lunches during Wellbeing Week.

Unfortunately, the fruit bowls were so delicious, they were devoured too quickly to get a picture of our students enjoying them! A big thank you to Class Clarke, who delivered the fruit bowls to all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students on Tuesday morning. Your help was much appreciated!

Each morning of Wellbeing Week provided something for everyone in the school community – whether your preference was quiet Meditation or more physical activity including dance, boxercise and step aerobics.



Lunchtime also provided Wellbeing opportunities for all. For those who wanted to take part in an activity the Zumba class and the Skipathon Disco were a great hit not to mention the Table Tennis Tournament for teachers! There was also a room set aside where one could go to read, relax or just be quiet. Music in the courtyard each lunchtime

Many classes took the opportunity to get into the fresh air and the sight of a group of students leaving the building to go on a wellbeing walk became a familiar sight throughout the week. Class Cedar's historical walk allowed them a nice break from the history classroom. On this walk students learned about some of the historical attractions in Lucan. First stop was St. John's

Bridge and then onto St. Finian's Medieval Church (represented on our school crest).

Our first-year students thoroughly enjoyed their soccer tournament. Ms O'Gara's Friendship classes as well as mindfulness sketching also enhanced the week for them. Students in second year got great benefit from their Growth Mindset classes with Ms McManus and Wellbeing. It was lovely to see photographs on twitter throughout the week of students taking part in these events. Students in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year were busy all week getting their four stamps on their "Activity Cards". These four stamps had an added bonus – students would be entered into a draw and there was great excitement when the winners were presented with their Easter eggs!

The theme of wellbeing continued into CSPE classes for junior cycle students where resources targeted at wellbeing were used. Students in Transition Year, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year had a power point presentation on Coco's Law.

Anne Frank told us many years ago that "No one has ever become poor by giving" and our students certainly gave of themselves during Wellbeing Week. Many students were nominated by their teachers who witnessed or heard about Random Acts of Kindness. It was touching to hear about all these wonderful kind acts throughout the year

groups. These Random Acts of Kindness were acknowledged by the Liffey Valley vouchers presented to the students. Students also had the opportunity to share with us all what works for them and provides them with wellness. Day by day students could put up post-it notes with encouraging messages of either a practical or empathic nature.

A sincere thanks to all the teachers and students who participated in our

Wellbeing Week and to Ms. Gallagher and the Wellbeing Team of teachers who gave of their time and support to make sure it was a success. A special word of thanks to our Parents' Association who very kindly sponsored all prizes throughout the week.

**Politics and Society:** Well done to our 5th Year Politics and Society students for organising a thought-provoking meeting with MEP's for Dublin. Thanks to Barry Andrews, Ciaran Cuffe, Frances Fitzgerald and Clare Daly for answering student questions on EU policies and on the role of an MEP. Thanks to teacher Ms. McCarthy for helping students to organise this important event.



## Palmerstown Camera Club

At Palmerstown Camera Club we hold 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).

A few weeks back we had our judging night for our monthly competition and **this** month's theme was Architecture. There was a fascinating and wide range of images on view for that evening.

Next week we have photographer Catherine Knee from the UK in to do a talk for us. She is a photographic artist, based in the UK and her work looks amazing. So, it should be an interesting evening.

Two of the winning images from the evening:

(Right) Garrett Hayes won advanced colour for his titled image "Bullring, Birmingham".

(Far Right) Terry Healy won with his image titled "Staircase" in the novice open category.



Congratulations to both and thanks for sharing these great images.

## Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Agnes' birthday with members and committee. Agnes is our longest serving committee member having served in many roles over the years.

Agnes was presented with flowers and a cake by Pat and Moira – our other long serving committee members. The three ladies have 79 years of service between them. Geraldine thanked them for all their help and support.



Wed 16<sup>th</sup> March: 10 .30 – 12.30. Social Morning in Parish Centre.







## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### DON DARDIS RIP

Don was one of the greatest members of Lucan Sarsfields, he certainly was the longest. Don's days at Lucan go back to the 1940's when he started the Juvenile Section. My first memories of him when I played Juvenile in the 1950's as a mentor he would cycle with us to away games in Tallaght, Clondalkin etc. He held almost all major positions in the club as well as a Board Delegate where he was very well respected. Don had a great love of all things Irish including Traditional Irish Music and Dance. Don worked most of his working life in Clondalkin Paper Mills where he met his wonderful wife Catherine. A great friend and colleague sadly missed by all. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam. Our thanks to Mick Molloy for the kind words.

### Social News

We are delighted to announce that St. Patrick day festivities are back on in the Club. A Kids entertainer will be in the Clubhouse from 4pm to 6pm. Music by Dionse from 6pm in bar with food available in the bar. This will be a ticketed event with limited numbers. Tickets will be on sale soon in the cafe to members first, for the inflation busting price of €1 each. Check social media later in the week for more details.

**Junior Disco.** Due to popular demand a Junior Club Disco will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets on sale Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of March at 6pm in the café.



**The Senior Footballers** continued their winning start to the league with a win over Kilmacud Crokes 1-9 vs Lucan Sarsfields 0-13, this sets up nicely for the St. Patrick festivities where Lucan will take on Ballyboden on St. Patricks Eve @ 8pm in the lock.

**Senior Camogie** took on Na Fianna full time score Lucan 2-10 vs Na Fianna 0-7.



**U19A Hurlers** welcomed Cuala to AGP. Cuala were a bit sharper on the morning and took the points home with a 1-11 to 1-16 win.

**Junior C Football,** Ballyfermot De Salle 4-4 Lucan Sarsfields 2-11. Lucan had to rely on a Josh Brant free 2 minutes from time to secure an away win in their first league game against Ballyfermot De Salle on Sunday afternoon. Struggling throughout the game for any real fluidity, Lucan can count themselves very lucky to have come away with the points. The first 20



minutes went to plan as Ballyfermot attacks came to little and Lucan picked off points at will. Ahead by 0-6 to 0-1, Lucan appeared well in control. However, the next seven minutes saw Lucan concede three goals, each one softer than the last, as they went from 5 points up to 5 points down. Two quick frees in the last couple of minutes from Jack McCarthy & Josh Brant reduced the deficit to a one score game at half-time. Half-Time Lucan down by three, 3-2 to 0-8. A couple of early points in the second half, and then a Charlie Caseley goal put Lucan in front. Two Ballyfermot points scored while Lucan were managing to butcher numerous scoring chances meant the sides were level again, but then a long-range shot from Jack McCarthy drifted into the net to give Lucan what looked like a killer score. However, the point after the goal never came, and Ballyfermot made Lucan pay with a goal of their own with 4 minutes left. It was left to Josh to secure the win, as Ballyfermot wasted half a dozen possessions in the final moments to force a draw.

**Lucan Sarsfields:** Ian Brogan, Cormac Porter, Jake Dunne, Eoin Power, Jake Mooney, Ronan Finan Breen, Ian Crowley, Jack McCarthy, Mark Gormley, Josh Brant, Charlie Caseley, Ryan Brant, Shaun Keegan, Kevin O'Reilly, Adam Smith, Brendan Harkin, Neil O'Leary

**Our Intermediate Camogie team** got their League campaign off to a winning start on a fine morning on AGP3 against Ballinteer St Johns. In a well contested game, our girls played with heart and determination and were worthy winners on a score line of 3.08 to 0.05. **Team:** Aisling Ni Ruairc, Aisling O'Toole, Anna Cuffe, Deirdre O'Toole, Emma O'Brien, Emma O'Flynn, Faye Murphy, Fiona Dowler, Lauren Dawson, Lily Rooney, Lorna Sexton, Meabh Dowler, Millie Reid, Orla Sadlier, Rachel Boyhan, Roisin Egan, Sinead O'Toole

**Club Lotto.** Last week's Lotto Prize of €7,800 was not won. The Numbers were **9, 16, 26, 28.** **Lucky Dip prizes** go to Richard McAndrew, Ann O'Donnell, Kieran O'Neill, Pat Keane and Fintan Clandillon. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €8,200. The draw is sponsored by DJ Engineering and will be led by Séamus Clandillon. The draw will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 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.

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

# SPORTS

## LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

**Captains' Drive In.** Thursday 17th March is our Drive In and may we wish our Captain Gerry Ward, Lady Captain Adrienne Kelly and President Michael Purcell the very best for the year ahead. Our Drive In promises to be a great day – so come along and support your club and enjoy the music on St. Patrick's evening from 5.30 to 7.30.

**Membership Fees.** Membership Fees are now due and can be paid on line or at the clubhouse on a Tuesday morning or contact the Club Registrar – Martin Walsh.

**New Members Welcome – Adults and Juveniles.** Our Club is now open for membership. If you would like to join our Club please contact the Secretary in writing and we will be in touch with the relevant details by return. You can join as a family or individual or indeed you are more than welcome to call into the Club House and ask for any committee member who will be only too willing to discuss your enquiry – best time to call is at the weekend or contact us at [info@lucanpitchandputt.com](mailto:info@lucanpitchandputt.com)

**Sponsorship.** Members please note that our PRO – Andy Fitzgerald is seeking sponsorship of our tee boxes for the coming year. Please see Andy if you wish to sponsor a tee box.



Fáilte chuig an Nuachtlitr is déanaí ó Na Gaeil Óga, áit a bhfaighidh tú an t-eolas is déanaí faoi gach rud atá ag tarlú inár bpobal bríomhar

### Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seo thíos líosta na n-imeachtaí a bheas á reáchtáil ag an gclub do Sheachtain na Gaeilge agus beidh fáilte romhat chuig imeacht ar bith! Cuir r-phost chuig Conán ar [pobal@nagaeiloga.ie](mailto:pobal@nagaeiloga.ie) chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil.

Siúlóid Stairiúil - Dé Céadaoin 9ú - 9.10 am  
Beidh Siúlóid Stairiúil trí mheán na Gaeilge i Leamhcán ar 9.10 am le Liam Ryan

Ceardlann Amhránaíochta - Déardaoin 10ú - 6.30 pm.  
Beidh Ceardlann Amhránaíochta do pháistí i Leabharlann Leamhcán ó 6.30 pm go 7.30 pm le hEoin P. Ó Murchú. Cláraigh anseo:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sean-nos-singing-for-children-tickets-278242640227>



Pop-Up Gaeltacht - Dé hAoine 11ú - 8 pm  
Beidh Pop-Up Gaeltacht sa The Penny Hill, Leamhcán

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Díanchúrsa Gaeilge - Dé hAoine 11ú/Dé Satharn 12ú

Beidh Díanchúrsa oíche Dé hAoine agus i rith an lae Dé Sathairn in éineacht le hÁras Chrónáin

Siúlóid Ghlantacháin - Dé Sathairn 12ú - 10 am  
Beidh an siúlóid ar siúl in éineacht le Tidy Towns, Lucan ar 10am

Rith Páirce na n-Óg - Dé Domhnaigh 13ú - 9.30 am

Beidh an rith ar siúl i bPáirc an Ghrifín in éineacht le Junior Parkrun, Grifeen Park ar 9.30am

Seisiún Ceoil - Dé Domhnaigh 13ú - 4 pm  
Beidh Seisiún Ceoil trí mheán na Gaeilge in Courtneys of Lucan

Malartú Traschultúrtha - Dé Máirt 15ú  
Beidh foireann faoi aois NGÓ agus South Dublin MAKTAB ag bualadh lena chéile  
Siúlóid Ghaeilge - Dé Céadaoin 16ú - 9.10 am  
Beidh siúlóid trí mheán na Gaeilge i bPáirc an Ghrifín

Lá Fhéile Pádraig - Déardaoin 17ú Beidh an club ag glacadh páirte i bParáid Lá Fhéile Pádraig, Leamhcán agus ag teacht le chéile i nGaelscoil Naomh Pádraig ina dhiadh.

Historical Walk Wednesday 9th - 9.10am

There will be a Historical Walk through Irish in Lucan at 9.10 with Liam Ryan

Irish Singing Workshop Thursday 10th - 6.30pm  
There will be an Irish Singing Workshop for children in Lucan Library with Eoin P Ó Murchú. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sean-nos-singing-for-children-tickets-278242640227>

Pop-up Gaeltacht Friday 11th- 8pm

There will be a pop-up Gaeltacht in The Penny Hill Leamhcán. Everyone is welcome!

Díanchúrsa Gaeilge Friday 11th/Saturday 12th  
There will be an intensive Irish course on Friday evening and Saturday in association with Arás Chrónáin

Litter Picking Walk Saturday 12th - 10am

The walk will take place in Lucan in association with Tidy Towns Lucan

Rith Páirce na n-Óg Sunday 13th - 9.30am

The run will take place in Grifeen Park in association with Junior Parkrun Grifeen Park at 9.30am

## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Lucan Harriers AC are doing a green mile over the track on Friday 18th from 10am to midday to raise funds for Ukraine. The idea is to get down to the track run a mile with your family/friends /community and raise fund towards the relief effort for Ukraine. The format will be the same as our Christmas morning Goal mile. Let's get out there and get it done.



Right now, thousands upon thousands of Ukrainian women, children and the elderly are amassing in the west of the country and flowing into neighbouring countries, namely Poland, Slovakia and Moldova.

The conflict has already seen over 160,000 people internally displaced and a mass exodus. In all, UNHCR estimates that as many as 5 million refugees could be generated by the conflict.

GOAL's teams are well positioned to deliver humanitarian services to those affected, but they need help to do so. We at Lucan Harriers AC are therefore kindly asking, as a special appeal, to give what you can to help what is a rapidly moving and deteriorating context and join us for a special Green GOAL Mile this St Patrick's Day to support our friends and neighbours in Ukraine



### **Examples of what your support can do:**

- €50 can provide hygiene kits containing soap and other hygiene and sanitary items.
- €100 can provide food kits for families containing essentials for up to a month.
- €250 can provide refugee supports including psychosocial support, accommodation and resettlement services

Please like and share wherever you can please <https://goal-ukraine-appeal.raisely.com/lucan-harriers-ac>

## Emer Higgins - TD

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

Late last year I carried out a local survey to gather public opinion on the proposals and the removal of car parking spaces was the main concern raised with me by local businesses and local residents.

Now is your opportunity to formally have your say on these plans. You can view the full proposal including drawings and maps on the council's website where you can make your submission or you can do so by post to Senior Engineer, Roads Construction & Design, LUPT, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 YNN5. Closing date March 3rd I have asked the Council for an update on their proposal around a one-way-system trial.

## Cllr Paul Gogarty

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**Emerging cycleway:** Residents living in the vicinity of "Esker Heights" (sic) received a leaflet from SDCC about the emerging preferred Canal Route Project cycleway link via Lucan-Newlands Road, through a new "Brookvale Park" at the top of the 'Jet Hill' and across to Dispensary Lane. More information will be available in due course. Having made submissions last year against plans to go through Cherbury Park, across Beech Park and towards Sarsfield Park opposite the layby, this route makes a bit more sense in terms of linking canals and a safer cycleway to the village; it will be subject to further consultation.

### **Lucan Village green works/parking proposals**

Over 440 submissions were made online, plus more in writing. Some interesting arguments have been made on both sides of the debate. My own contribution arguing the plan is premature can be found at this link online: [www.bit.ly/pglv22](http://www.bit.ly/pglv22)

## Liona O'Toole – Independent

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**County Development Plan:** I tabled several motions for the County Development plan, most were passed/amended, other motions I co-signed with Cllrs Guss O'Connell and Paul Gogarty, working together to ensure we get the best policies in the draft and therefore benefiting the areas of Lucan, Adamstown and Clonburris. My motions for an SLO (special local objective) to have a Garda station in the Clonburris SDZ was also supported. These amendments will go out for public consultation in the next few months, any submissions made will be debated one last time with motions tabled in June. Huge thanks to all those that took the time to make submissions throughout the process. I will keep all updated on future dates, deadlines etc.



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last week I referred to the sepia wedding photographs taken in the US a century ago that Kay brought along to our meeting. They are so beautiful and detailed, and taken in an era long before automatic cameras and digitalisation, that she agreed that they could be published in the Newsletter for all to appreciate.



There was a unanimous desire amongst members of the group to revisit the basics of processing photographs in the Photoshop software. After such a long period when it was not possible to meet in person many members felt that what had learned has been largely forgotten. The trouble with computer software is that (A) you never learn how to use all of the facilities and (B) it is a case of **“use it or lose it”** with those tricks that you have learned. So, for the next few weeks at our meetings we will be doing this. In addition, members over the next few weeks have been charged with taking photographs – **with cameras** - on the subject of old building with a view to building up a portfolio from which our next exhibition will be selected.

At long last we got some photographs from the continent. Donal sent us photographs of peach trees in blossom and boats in harbour as far as the eye could see in each case. Conor found some street art near the Bull Wall and provided an intriguing photograph of what he called *“a cluster of ladybirds”*.