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## The Suffering of a Nation



The world has looked on in disbelief at the horrors being unleashed on Ukraine before our very eyes. While Russia's invasion may not have gone according to Putin's master plan, the horrors continue and intensify. Each day brings new news of innocent civilians under bombardment and an ever-growing number of fatalities among women and children. This not the first time that Russia has employed such tactics, Chechnya and Syria spring to mind immediately.

What Putin has also underestimated is the sense of revulsion that his actions have given risen to throughout the world. He has unwittingly brought about an alliance of nations unparalleled since World War 2. Germany has completely altered its stance and has gone as far as providing defensive weapons to Ukraine along with many other nations; 141 countries of the United Nations have united in condemnation.

The unprecedented economic sanctions against Russia make concrete the reprehension in which the world holds its actions. Sadly, such sanctions will do precious little in the short term to bring an end to the attack, and ultimately it is the Russian people whose lives will suffer because of them. The Russian people are fed a diet of state-controlled propaganda and anybody who dares to contradict the official line faces lengthy imprisonment. Daily we see courageous people willing to suffer these draconian consequences in order that the truth be told, they are truly courageous individuals deserving of our admiration. To speak the truth to power in Putin's Russia is a dangerous thing.

Putin has threatened nuclear attack on any nation that comes to Ukraine's defence and despite the impassioned appeals of President Zelensky for the imposition of a no-fly zone that bully-boy threat seems to have rendered any intervention a non-runner. This of course creates a deadly precedent. What if the next aggressor is China moving in on Taiwan or indeed any nuclear armed country threatening a neighbour – will the sinister threat of the employment of nuclear weapons give them carte blanche? If this tactic works for Putin in this instance who is to say he will stop here? Do we stand back as observers and allow an aggressor an open season for the destruction of a free and sovereign nation? Clearly the wisdom of Solomon is called for here.

The Ukrainian people have shown a strength of character and a courageous spirit that leaves us all in admiration, we can only hope and pray that their resilient determination will see them through these terrible times and that they will emerge victorious. In the meantime we can all pray for an end to the madness.

*Philip Curran,  
St. Mary's, Lucan*

## Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade

### The Peter Brady Perpetual Trophy

This beautiful trophy was presented to Peter's wife, Patty, by Vivienne and Sean Ralph of *Diamond and Gem Jewellers*.

It's a lovely idea to have Peter and all his efforts, commemorated in this way

The lucky group to be the proud recipients of the trophy on St. Patrick's Day 2022, are **Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club**.

*Other awards on the day went to:*

Andri Kryzhanivskyl

Zara Curtis Academy of Irish Dance

Stephen Mac Photography

Vikings

Lee Byrne Academy

Lucan BMX Club

Once Upon a Time Parties

Lucan Gospel Choir



**Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club** – winners of the Peter Brady Perpetual Trophy

Congratulations to everybody who took part, and we send very best wishes to Barbara Cummins and Mary Meehan, founder members of the Lucan Parade, who are retiring after 30 years of service.



*The main man!*





## ICA in Lucan celebrate St Patrick's Day

We had a lovely morning on Monday celebrating St Patrick's Day. Our first social on our new meeting day & venue in the main hall in the Parish Centre. We had a good turnout of members and festive food provided by Mary Duffy and Abigail O'Callaghan. They made shamrock buns, Lemon drizzle cake, scones, and ginger cake, all homemade.

We had a surprise visit from Kathleen May and Margaret Hynes they enjoyed meeting up with the ladies some of them they hadn't met in two years. They stayed for a game of Bingo with nice prizes.

Mary Curley entertained us with some funny stories about Love & Marriage, they gave us a good laugh.



Congratulations to the winners of the best dressed in green first went to Abigail O'Callaghan, second to Fiona Guinan and third to Mary Curley.

Monday 21<sup>ST</sup> Craft group meet as usual from 10am to 12-30 pm in the main hall in the Parish Centre. There are a lot of crafts being worked on at present.



President Pauline Bligh wishes all the members a very happy St Patrick's Day and enjoyable weekend.  
*Mary Curley PRO*

## Re: Lucan Village Plan

*Dear Editor*

How many other Lucan residents like myself have found that the silence is deafening from the majority of elected Councillors and T.D's regarding the wishes of many of the thousands of older residents living in Lucan who do Not want to see reduced parking facilities in Lucan Village where older people with mobility problems like arthritis etc need to be able to have close access the Post Office, Doctors Surgery, Pharmacy, Banks etc etc on Lr Main Street in Lucan Village.

South Dublin County Council have also failed to provide a pedestrian crossing for people trying to cross the Street to Post Office Doctors Surgery etc from oncoming traffic coming from two directions where people are trying to cross the street after parking their car.

*Mairead Hilliard*

## Refugees and Displaced Persons from Ukraine

Lucan Lions Club is supporting the people of Ukraine by donating €1000 to Lions Clubs Ukraine. If you would like to support our fundraising for Ukraine, please donate at 'Luke the Lion' collection box, at the customer service desk inside SuperValu.



# 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.**

**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)



### Update on Synod Gatherings

Our two Parish gatherings in preparation for the Synod process will take place in St Mary's Parish Centre on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** and **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at **7:30pm**. Each of the gatherings will last about 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend to share their experience of Church under four different headings. It is not necessary to be able to attend on both nights. We look forward to seeing as many as possible on both nights.

Mary Toole  
Animator

Elizabeth Boland  
Animator



### Confirmations

Best Wishes to the pupils of **Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig** and **Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada** who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Thursday and Friday. Hope you all have a lovely day.



*Please keep them in your prayers.*



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 Dee Gillen who looks after the servers.

Those interested should phone Dee on 086 816 9522

### 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:

Mediation every Tuesday at **7.30pm** in the Bungalow. *All welcome, Sr Geraldine.*

### 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.**



### St Mary's Folk Group:

We will be singing this Sunday at the 12 noon Mass. Please come along and join in with us.

### Special Collection for Ukraine

**Weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in Ukraine and surrounding areas.**

**This replaces the usual share collection at all Masses**

*(Please do not use the Card Machine at the doors for this special collection)*

### FOUND

**Black framed glasses** found in St Mary's Church car park. Please call to the Parish Centre to claim

### FOUND

**Sunglasses** (in glass case)  
Phone 087 1241422



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

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

### Sunday Masses:

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

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

### Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday at 10am.

All Masses continue to be livestreamed at [stpatrickslucan.ie](http://stpatrickslucan.ie)

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



## 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

### Confirmation

Best wishes to the boys and girls of *Scoil Áine Naofa* who make their Confirmation next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
*Please keep them in your prayers*



## 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](#)

Daffodil Day Coffee Morning  
Cake and Gift Sale

Church of Ireland Parish Centre,  
Lucan - Friday March 25th

10am-1pm



## ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLICS IN IRELAND

Human Rights and the  
Challenges for the Church

Linda Hogan

Zoom – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 8pm

More than ever, the intersection between human rights and religious traditions and their importance in a global context remains a geopolitical flashpoint. Linda is at the forefront of international debates on the intersection of religion, gender and human rights.

**Professor Linda Hogan** of Trinity College, Dublin - Chair of Ecumenics, School of Religion - is an ethicist with extensive experience in research and teaching in pluralist and multi-religious contexts. Her primary research interests lie in the fields of inter-cultural and inter-religious ethics, social and political ethics, human rights and gender.

ACI is honoured to host Linda as guest speaker for this latest Zoom call in our **Synodal Pathway** series.

To join us, use the following URL:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87082979287?pwd=b09tWUNLSUhmaGdNXXQySElkdndYdz09>

Meeting ID: 870 8297 9287 Passcode: 659942

Or use the link on <https://acireland.ie/human-rights-and-the-challenges-for-the-church-linda-hogan/>

## Anniversaries

### CHRISTOPHER (CHRIS) BRADY

37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 20<sup>th</sup> March

Happy times we spent together  
Memories that will last forever  
Thinking of you today and always.  
*Sadly missed by your loving daughter Hillary xxx*

### DERCK GALLAGHER

6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 30<sup>th</sup> March

Late of Sarsfield Park.  
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.  
**Mass for Derck on 27<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon in St. Mary's, Lucan.**



### MAUREEN (DOBBS) LITTLE

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary - 20<sup>th</sup> March

To have you for a wife  
Was cause enough for pride  
No-one could be your equal  
However much they tried  
I lost a wife in a million  
I loved her to the end  
I lost two precious things that day  
My wife and my best friend.  
*Always remembered by her loving husband Michael*

### MAUREEN (DOBBS) LITTLE

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary - 20<sup>th</sup> March

If roses grow in Heaven Lord  
Please pick a bunch for us  
Place them in our mother's arms  
And tell her they are from us  
Tell her we love and miss her  
And when she turns to smile  
Place a kiss upon her cheek  
And hold her for a while  
Because remembering her is easy  
We do it every day  
But there is an ache within our hearts  
That will never go away.  
*Always remembered by her loving daughters Michelle and Marion, sons-in-law Ronan and Gary, grandchildren Barry and his wife Faye, Andrew, Hannah, and Lucy, great-grandchildren Sophia, Briain, Ben and Elora Rose*



### MAUREEN (DOBBS) LITTLE

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary - 20<sup>th</sup> March

We can picture you like a photograph  
We can see your smile and hear your laugh  
We don't need to look back, we remember you  
You can ask the sun, the moon, the stars,  
Every day that goes by, we remember you.  
*Always remembered by her loving sisters and brothers, Patty, Margaret, Vera, Phil, John, Christy, George and Martin*

### JOE FENNEL

2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary - 20<sup>th</sup> March

My father loved Lucan, its history and community, the village's sights and sounds. This weekend, I'll be remembering him and his Sunday evening routine – a walk through Esker Lawns to Mass (usually sitting towards the back), followed by a pint of Smithwick's down in Kenny's, and then home to my mother and me for tea.

*Loved and missed everyday by his son, Michael*

## COMMUNITY CONNECT DRIVE & DROP



**Donate to Help Families in Need**  
**Saturday March 26th 1pm-3pm**  
**St. Mary's Church Car Park**

Help us to gather much-needed essential items for mothers and babies around the country, by donating – just pick up a few extra items in your weekly shop. Every donation will go directly to a family in need.

### **New Items Only:**

Nappies – size 1 to 6, Baby wipes, Nappy Sacks  
Baby Wash/Shampoo, Nappy Cream, Baby Sponges, Baby Cotton Wool, Packs of babygros and vests (newborn to 6 months). Packs of baby hooded towels, Baby blankets, Packs of baby bibs, Baby bottles.

Hospital bag items - dark towels, maternity nightdresses, slippers, toilet bags, sanitary towels, breast pads, nipple cream, new packs of dark underwear.

Unopened Gift Items for Mothers: hand cream, lip balm, body lotion, body wash, fluffy socks/slippers, etc. (no candles or glass items please).

***Financial donations accepted in an envelope***

For more information see:

<http://communityconnect.ie/driveanddrop/>



## LARA –

### Lucan Active Retirement Association

Happy Birthday to all our members – we're going for 17 years and will have a party for our members on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate this milestone.

We will have our traditional birthday party with some singing and music on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30 am in St Andrew's Hall.

Our members enjoyed their **Spring break**, having left Lucan at 11am on the 7<sup>th</sup> March and at last, our trip to the Ulster Folk Park & Transport Museum was happening albeit nearly 2 years late. Our base was the beautiful Ballymascanlon Hotel near Carlingford where we would be fed, watered and looked after for the next four days. Charlie, our chauffeur with the charming Donegal accent drove us anywhere we desired above and beyond the call of duty. We stopped in the lovely Strandfield Garden Centre for a coffee break and then onwards to Carlingford and the Lough. On arrival at Ballymascanlon, keys were given to everyone as if by magic and we went straight to our spacious rooms. Some relaxed and some went to the Leisure Centre. Our delicious dinner was served at 7pm.

Day 2 we headed north to Newry and eventually Belfast where Charlie took our group on a tour of the city, followed by some shopping.



Day 3 we headed off to the Ulster Folk Village & Transport Museums, weather was not great but we are a cheerful lot and very used to Irish weather. We learnt a lot about transport through the ages and how people lived in the past and bought our favourite childhood sweets in a shop reminiscent of our young days.

Day 4 after another substantial breakfast, a walk through the hotel's beautiful grounds had to be done and luckily it was a beautiful day. We strolled to the dolmen where some took the challenge of stone-throwing with the purpose of

landing a stone on top and in doing so got whatever their heart desired. Then feeling fit again, we headed southwards where we stopped in a sunny Drogheda for 2 hours and discovered that we had all loved the town and probably would go back another time. We were all delivered safely back to lovely Lucan by our new friend Charlie as promised at 4pm.

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

### Lucan Senior Citizens

Our colourful display shows a selection of hat, Easter crafts and Teddies.

The hats were knitted for premature babies in response to a request from Anne Byrne's Knitting Club. Anne was



delighted with the quantity of hats, Easter Baskets and Chicks knitted for family and friends and filled with cream eggs. The Irish and Italian Teddies were much admired.

Thank you for everyone for their generous response. ICA ladies, look out!!

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>: 10.30 – 2.15 approx.  
Social Morning and Lunch in the Spa Hotel.

### Hillcrest Residents Association

**Meet the Neighbours!**

**COFFEE MORNING**

**In The Lord Lucan  
on 24<sup>th</sup> March at 11am**

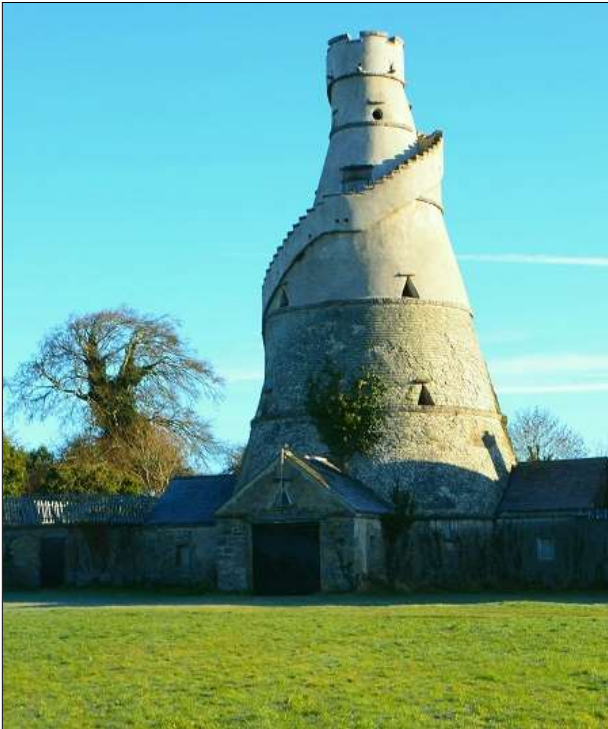
*All Welcome!*



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Weren't last week's wedding photographs taken in the first half of the last century beautiful! We are again grateful to Kay for allowing us to publish them.

Last Friday we had our first revision session on the basics of processing photographs using the photoshop software. As this Friday has been designated by the Government as a once-off Bank Holiday in recognition of the efforts of the general public, volunteers and all workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, and in remembrance of people who lost their lives due to the pandemic we are not meeting in the Coffee Dock. We will continue with our revision of Photoshop at our next meeting next Friday.



This week Paddy, Conor and Donal are our contributors with landscape views and wild life (robins and goldfinch) to the fore. I wonder will we have any photographs from the members of the Soiree of the Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade, back after an absence of two years, for next week's issue of the Newsletter (hint, hint!). I'm sure Birdie will be out with her camera anyway to record its return for the archives!



*Until next week stay safe!*







# SCHOOL NEWS



## St. Joseph's College

**Ukraine Food Truck:** A team from Lucan, Co. Dublin are bringing urgently needed food, medicine & supplies to the Poland / Ukraine border each day and they need your help to continue. Mr. Alan Gale is a parent to one of our 5th year students and you may have seen his interview on Claire Byrne Live earlier in the week where he spoke about the conditions at the Polish /Ukraine Border. The group are based currently at the Polish/Ukraine border to bring medical/food and other supplies to those people fleeing Ukraine. The group are trying their best to help but the costs are huge - there is a website and link where donations can be made to support the efforts - **I have included the link here for anyone who wishes to have it to make a donation.** <https://www.ukrainefoodtruck.com/>

**Concern Debating:** We received fantastic news last week that our Concern Debating team have won their last 16 debate and now are through to the next round which means they are in the last 8 schools in Ireland. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done to all involved. They now face St Columba's College from Co. Donegal in the next round and we wish them the best of Luck.

### Incoming First Year Parents Information

**Evening:** We held a very successful webinar on Tuesday 15 March, this information evening was to help provide essential information to help prepare the Parents and the Students for September.

**Sport:** Well done to our Under 15 team who put in a great performance against a strong Maynooth Post Primary on Tuesday last. Although the result didn't go our way the girls never gave up and scored the final two goals of the game. Our Senior Soccer team played Castleknock Community College in the West Dublin regional final and after a very exciting game they were victorious on a score line of 6-3. Well done on winning the regional final and the best of luck in the last 8 of the Leinster League.



**Our Minor camogie team** played their first fixture of the league campaign where they faced St Marys College in Naas. Unfortunately they were defeated by a very strong Naas team, but the girls battled all the way until the end.

**Well Walk Summary and Figures:** The latest figure for overall fundraising is €10,466 out of our Target of €12500, we are so grateful to everyone who has donated so far, our go fund me is still live to try to reach our Target. Work is ongoing on Rosie's Garden and Joeys Outdoor Classroom and it looks Fantastic. We cannot wait to use this beautiful space. A short video of the progress can be viewed on our School Website.

**Flag Day:** Tuesday, 15th March was a Flag Day in St. Joseph's College - a day to celebrate the symbolism and importance of the Irish Flag, and how it celebrates the coming together of 65 different nationalities in St. Joseph's College. In celebrating such a rich number of cultures and traditions, we invited all students to take part in our no-uniform day - to wear their own traditional dress, to wear green, or to stand in solidarity with Ukraine by wearing the colours of Blue & Yellow. The day was marked by a number of different activities, not least, our fundraiser for the Ukraine Crisis Appeal (Red Cross). We also held a Bake Sale of food from many different countries. We held a special Zoom Assembly to all classes at 11.50am, which featured the live raising of the Irish Tricolour, a sample of dance, song and music from many countries, and a link to Poland to where two parents of St. Joseph's students are working in reporting and bringing relief to areas affected by the conflict in Ukraine. Flag Day, this year, will be a reminder of the importance of coming together as a school community to support each other and spreading the Flag's message of Pride, Respect & Peace.

**Seachtain na Gaeilge:** This week in school we have been celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge with various activities over the last three days for students and staff. Students in the junior classes took part in a poster competition in class while the seniors created tik toks as Gaeilge. On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year classes enjoyed fun activities in class including bingo as Gaeilge / some Céilí dancing and some students showed off their Irish Dancing skills. As per tradition on Wednesday morning the Irish Department cooked a full Irish Breakfast for the entire Staff and the week was finished off with the grand final of the Tráth na gCeist.

**First Year Disco:** Our wonderful Parents Association have organised a first year disco to be held in the school on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. The First Year students are very excited about this and have been busy getting hold of their tickets at lunchtime during the week.

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## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Awards:** Well done to 2<sup>nd</sup> yr **Hassan Hussein** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month Award* for February in recognition of his impeccable manners, enthusiasm, diligence and excellent attitude in all of his classes.

Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> yr **James Duffy** who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award*. James captained the 1<sup>st</sup> yr soccer team to three wins from three in the Dublin League and led by example in each game Comhghairdeas freisin le **Morgan Gladney** ón rang 1<sup>st</sup> Tine a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí na Nollag mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt ach go háirithe agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge.



The three winners each received a 20euro voucher as well as a framed certificate to recognise their achievements.

Well done also to the class tutor student of the month winners who each received a 5euro vouchers for the school canteen in recognition of their application, co-operation and excellent behaviour throughout February.

**Science/Business:** Well done to 3<sup>rd</sup> yr Taha Farooqi who was part of a team that won “Best Overall Group” at the BT Young Scientist Business Bootcamp held in UCD last week. Taha was selected to take part in the four-day event from the pool of prize winners shortlisted for special awards, category winners and the top four award winners from this year’s Exhibition, held virtually in January. Taha worked on a project, selected by the BT YSE judges, with four other Bootcamp students and they worked collaboratively to develop the idea further, based on the workshops they took part in throughout the week.

Taha’s group were given the task of securing funding from “Headrite Sports” for a headband that investigates head related injuries in sports and seeks to design and develop wearable technology to better enable the measurement and recording of such head impacts. The group spent eight hours a day over the course of the four days on the UCD Campus working on this project. They also attended talks from guest speakers on topics ranging from CEOs to Patent Attorneys.

On the final day, the group presented their ideas to an expert panel of judges. The judges evaluated the presentation from the point of view of “Headrite

Sports” and they were clearly impressed as they won the award for “Best Overall Group”.

**Soccer:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> yr soccer team advanced to the last 16 of the Leinster Shield after a dramatic 4-3 extra time win against a spirited and talented Scoil Dara, Kilcock team last Wednesday. Two goals from Aidan Doyle, plus one each from Ben Lawless and Derry Ware, ensured the win for Lucan who will now face Celbridge CC in the 2<sup>nd</sup> rnd.

**English:** Our 6<sup>th</sup> yr HL students went to the Helix Theatre last week for a multi-media production of William Shakespeare’s *Othello*. Two actors, playing Othello and Iago, performed monologues and key scenes live on stage and a cast of actors joined them on screen for the rest of the scenes.

The interpretation of the play began with scenes of The Black Lives Matter Movement. Our students actually felt that this backdrop was a little too political and that it would have been more effective if it was used as a social element instead.

Technology and social media was used throughout the performance to further reinforce the timeless, universal nature of the play’s themes of jealousy, appearance versus reality, revenge, racial prejudice, betrayal and love. Somewhat ironically, the students didn’t particularly like these modern elements such as FaceTime, text messaging etc!

The vast majority of them really enjoyed the audience interaction and question time with the cast. They also enjoyed the highlighting of key themes at certain key moments and the use of the overhead projector to emphasise key quotes. The effective use of lighting to emphasise mood and atmosphere was well received as too was the dramatic, modern twist on the climax of the play. Overall, it was a hugely positive and rewarding experience for the students who were all really happy to get the opportunity to go on a school trip again.

**Fundraising:** A fundraiser in aid of Ukraine was held in the school last week. 3<sup>rd</sup> yr students Mateusz Graca and Konrad Ragnoli, members of the 87<sup>th</sup> Dublin Polish Scout Group, made contact with the Polish Scouting and Guiding Organisation to see if they could do anything to help the Ukrainian refugees arriving at the Polish border. There are currently a huge number of scouts helping out at the border one of the things they requested was financial assistance. Mateusz and Konrad approached Mr. Brady to see what could be done to raise some funds. As there was another fundraising event taking place at the same time, it was decided to simply organise a collection of 2euro from students and staff. In total 1.073euro was collected and Mateusz will now ensure that the funds go directly to the account of the Podkarpacka Scout Province ZHP in Poland. Well done to the two students on their thoughtfulness and initiative.

Further information on Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/87thDublinPolishGroup>

## 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

### Coming to Ireland from Ukraine

**Visas:** Citizens of Ukraine do not need a visa to travel to Ireland. You also do not need proof that you have a COVID-19 vaccine, and you do not need to take a COVID-19 test before you arrive.

If you do not have a current passport, you can use another form of identification to travel to Ireland (for example, national ID card, expired passport or birth certificate). The Irish Government has asked airlines to accept these documents.

If you are travelling with family members who are not Ukrainian citizens, they may need a visa to come to Ireland.

You can read frequently asked questions from the Irish immigration authority, called Immigration Service Delivery (ISD), for visa and immigration information. The Irish Refugee Council also has information on coming to Ireland in Ukrainian.

#### **Immigration and international protection:**

When you arrive in Ireland, you should go to the reception centre set up at Dublin Airport. You will give your details and you will get a letter confirming that you have residence in Ireland under the Temporary Protection Directive from the immigration officer in Dublin Airport. Staff can also help you to get somewhere to stay if you need it, and help you to access financial support (money).

**Temporary Protection Directive:** The EU, including Ireland, is using the Temporary Protection Directive. This means that you are allowed to work and access services and benefits without making an application for international protection (refugee status). This applies to:

Ukrainian citizens who lived in Ukraine before 24 February 2022

People who had refugee status (or another type of international protection) in Ukraine

Stateless people who lived in Ukraine before 24 February 2022

Family members of the people above if they were living in Ukraine before 24 February 2022

It also applies to people who had a permanent Ukrainian residence permit who lived in Ukraine before 24 February 2022, and who cannot safely return to their countries.

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You will get permission to live in Ireland for one year under the Temporary Protection Directive. Your permission may be extended after that. You will get a letter confirming that you have residence in Ireland under the Directive from the immigration officer in Dublin Airport.

Immigration Service Delivery (ISD – the Irish immigration authority) is working on arrangements to give letters to people who arrived in Ireland before 9 March 2022. We will update this page when more information is available.

The following organisations have further information in English, Ukrainian and Russian:  
Immigration Service Delivery - Frequently Asked Questions for Ukrainian nationals and residents of Ukraine

The Irish Refugee Council - Ukraine information note

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - Travel to and arrival in Ireland

**More information** is available on our website at the following link:

[Coming to Ireland from Ukraine \(citizensinformation.ie\)](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)







**Congratulations** to all involved in **Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade!**

It was great to have it back after a two-year gap, and we were blessed with the weather too.



**Busy few days in sport** between Cheltenham and the Six Nations. Let's hope Ireland can pull off a win over Scotland on Saturday, and possibly England will do us a favour over France!!!

**At long last, the Dubs** got a win in the League. Fingers crossed, they have turned things around for the coming months!

This Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March sees the **Spring Equinox** – equal day and night! Next weekend will see the clocks spring forward – on Mothers' Day, no less!

**Lovely to see the Cherry Blossom** come on the scene. The fine weather should give it a real boost.

**Lots of fundraising events** organised for Ukraine – great to see everyone doing what they can, and well done to all the boys and girls in the various local schools, who have been busy thinking of other children from the war-torn country. We'll most likely see Ukrainian students in the classrooms of Lucan very shortly.

**Here's something that bothers Birdie!**

While many of us enjoy watching archaeological documentaries, some provide food for thought. A recent programme showed a dig in an English graveyard, which dated back to pre-roman times. As time went by, the site revealed many intact skeletons, and the archaeologists picked their way through them. I've decided to be cremated, and then nobody will be able to poke around my poor bones!



**Census forms** are being delivered to homes at the moment, and there is quite a bit of study involved! On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, we have to answer all the questions – this is to provide those who plan our future, with some guidance.



### Best Wishes



to our grandson **Killian** who will make his Confirmation next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Hope you enjoy your special day

*From Nanny and Granddad Cummins*

**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.

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

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Office Ph: 01 621 8673 or 085 125 1712  
E-Mail: info@fermatamusicsschool.ie

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## Lucan Drama

Dates for our forthcoming production **'The Playboy of the Western World'** by John Millington Synge are  
Wednesday 18th May,  
Thursday, 19th May, Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May.



It's great to be back rehearsing and having fun. At present many amateur drama groups are rehearsing all over the country for the 3 Act Drama Festival, the finals of which take place in Athlone in late Spring.

Live Theatre is a wonderful experience and an all-consuming passion.

We are so looking forward to performing in front of live audiences when we will be transported from the monotony of our daily lives and strive to become the characters created by J.M.Synge - a real challenge.

Once again thanks to Frank Colgan of the Spa Hotel for giving Lucan Drama rehearsal space.



The Acre Project upcoming talks /workshops /coffee mornings begin with a talk from Caroline Morrin from 'Older Voices Kildare'. Caroline will talk

about the services they offer, and how they are building the confidence and capacity of older people in Kildare through the 'Older Voices Kildare' initiative.

The wonderful 'Beanery' vintage barista van will also be here so why not treat yourself to a coffee and a scone and take a relaxing walk around our sensory garden.

Tuesday April 5th  
10.00 am -11.00 am: Caroline Morrin 'Older Voices Kildare'  
11.00 am-12.00pm: 'Beanery Vintage Barista Van'.

To book a free place for 'Older Voices Kildare' talk please phone 'The Acre' on 085 282 7225 or [info@acreproject.com](mailto:info@acreproject.com)

If you know any old person needing support and friendship please pass on info about our talk and a coffee.

## 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 [secpc@mail.com](mailto:secpc@mail.com).



Next week we have photographer Brendan Burke from Dublin, and his talk will be around photographing your pets. He is an award-winning photographer specializing in owner and dog portraits. And as Brendan says this is to "capture that special bond between you and your pet forever". You can look at Brendan's website here <https://www.shootmydog.ie/>

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.

Below is the mono novice winning image from Terry Healy with his image titled "Walkway" Congratulations Terry and thanks for sharing these great images.



## Lucan Library

**Autism 101-** Presented by Lisa Domican, CEO & Founder of GraceApp.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00 am.**

Booking via [lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](https://lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie)  
Q&A Workshop to help you get to grips with supporting someone with Autism.

Autism 101 is a short, online video course to help you to get to grips with supporting someone with Autism. It will be available to you for free to view in your own time from 22<sup>nd</sup> March once you sign up for this workshop. At the 29<sup>th</sup> March Q&A workshop Lisa will host a live zoom workshop to answer your questions, and help you tailor some strategies to your own circumstances.

Lisa is a co-creator of Grace App and mother of Liam and Gracie Domican who both have autism.



### Social News

Sars events are proving popular this week as both the St. Patrick day festival and the Junior Disco sold out. We shall post news shortly about the Dinner Dance and the Race Day so watch the socials.

Our thanks to all who support these events they are vital to funding all of our teams and day to day running of the club.

**Lucan Sarsfields are delighted to host Fermata School of Music for a fundraiser in aid of Ukrainian Children. Saturday 19th March at 6pm. Tickets are €15.**

**Team News:** Plenty of Inter county activity and colleges activity this week with Sean Harkness and Evin Dowling in the DCU panel for Freshers Hurling. Dublin Intermediate Camogie, Chloe O'Connor & Ellen Dunphy. Dublin Senior Camogie had Emma Flannagan in midfield.



**AHL1 v Ballinteer St John:** The game was moved from Marley Park to the AWP at Broadford due to pitch closure in Marley. The game didn't start as Lucan would have liked, with the concession of a goal very early on, but the team worked themselves back into the game with some good scores from Chris O'Leary, Kevin Fitz and Donie Flannery with the highlight a point from full forward Colm Keenan from the sideline. By half-time Lucan had pulled 3 pts clear on a score of 0-12 to 1-6.

The second half started similar to the first half, but Lucan weren't able to shake a dogged BSJ performance. Some timely scores from Colm Walsh and some long range frees from Chris O'Leary coupled with some good defensive play from the likes of Rory Stapleton, Paul Claffey and Eoghan Seery helped keep BSJ at bay.

**Lucan Sarsfields** - Seanie McClelland , Philip Smith , Paul Rigney, Paul Claffey , Matt McCaffrey (1pt) , Johnny McCaffrey , Rory Stapleton , Rob Ward ( 2pts) , Cian McHugh , Kevin Fitzgerald( 2pts), Chris O'Leary (7pts - 5 frees), Colm Walsh (3pts) , Donie Flannery(3pts), Colm Keenan (2pts) , Charlie Keher (1pt).

**Subs:** Eoghan O'Conghaile (for Colm Keenan 35 mins), Eoghan Seery (for Philip Smith 25mins) , Evin Dowling ( for Charlie Keher 50mins), Niall Stagg , Daniel O'Neill, Paddy Ward.

**Minor A Camogie v Kilmacud Crokes:** Lucan Minors got their Division 1 League campaign off to a flying start with a great win over Crokes. After a few days of heavy rain home venue was offered to Lucan, AGP3 was in fine condition and the girls took full advantage and raced into a six point lead, before Kilmacud got on the scoreboard. This was followed by a point a piece, bringing the half time score to 0-7 to 0-2.

In the second half the Lucan girls continued to pile on the pressure, running out worthy winners on a score line of 2-10 to 0-4.

Team: Aisling Colfer, Erica Collins, Sinead Farrell, Mia Rooney, Leah Dunne, Niamh Roche, Erin Jones, Lily Rooney, Ellie Gaire, Orla Morrissey, Kellie O'Brien, Cathy Cosgrove, Aoibheann Stokes, Caoilfhionn Sheary.

**Juvenile Section / Coiste na nÓg:** U11 Ladies football hosted four teams from Clontarf on Saturday. All of the girls worked hard, showing great skill and great teamwork. Our thanks to the Clontarf girls for travelling across and presenting a great challenge in some great games of football. It was lovely to see so many girls out playing sport and having fun on a Saturday afternoon. Our thanks to Alan and all the Mentors who attended our Introduction to Coaching session during the week. Keep practising the Jab lift at home.



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## LUCAN SARFIELDS *continued.....*

**Club Lotto:** Last week's Lotto Prize of €8,200 was not won. The Numbers were 5, 10, 11, 16.

Lucky Dip prizes go to Sean O'Conghaile, Catherine Ryan, Laura Murtagh, Andrea Smith and Gerry (c/o Gerry McCaffrey).

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €8,600. The draw is sponsored by Newcastle Golf Centre and will be led by Gerry McAndrew.

*Tá €8,600 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine: Newcastle Golf Centre*

*Beidh sé beo ón Na Sársálaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook.*

*Déan cinnte go bhfuil d'iontráil curtha isteach agaibh roimh 6 i.n. oíche an chrannchuir, chun í a chur san áireamh sa chrannchur na seachtaine sin.*

The draw will be held on Thursday 17<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.

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

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link:

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

*Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sársálaigh Leamhcáin*

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



### Older people need your support!

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people.

ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit [alone.ie/volunteers](http://alone.ie/volunteers) for more information.



## ESKER CELTIC F.C.

**Note to any Ukrainian families moving to Lucan**



Our doors at Esker Celtic FC are open to you as a community-based football club.

We invite anyone coming from Ukraine that's interested to join our club, training sessions and Academy across all our teams.

Also we welcome any donations of sports gear from our members and the wider community to families and children from Ukraine staying in the Lucan area.

[#EskerCeltic](#)

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**Healthcare Provision – West Lucan:** On the final day of the latest meeting in the formulation of the County Development Plan 2022-2028, I was delighted that a motion I tabled calling for more concentrated efforts to deliver upon the very basic of healthcare facilities needed within the rapidly emerging communities of Lucan West was passed. Healthcare facilities in Lucan are already over strained - newer large developments such as Shackleton, Hallwell, Paddocks and Adamstown, totalling some 3,000 families in a half a dozen developments are void of a local GP, dental practice, physiotherapist, or specialist treatment facility of any description. In fact, there isn't even a single pharmacy in the immediate vicinity. More needs to be done to see delivery of these services in tandem with housing and population growth.

