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It hasn't gone away you know!



Just a few weeks ago restrictions were lifted and we all joined in what we hoped were the post-covid celebrations. Life began to return to some semblance of normality, the pubs and restaurants once again filled up, family gatherings resumed and we all began to relax. But the recent dramatic rise in the incidence of Covid has sounded a warning siren that we all need to pay

attention to. The pressure on our hospitals is immense with record numbers on the dreaded trollies of our A & E departments, and the numbers in ICU care are once again rising.

Professor Luke O'Neill - a name we have all become familiar with over the past two years - has suggested that we were perhaps too hasty in discarding the face mask. As an airborne virus it transmits most easily by droplets in the air from coughing and sneezing as well as through simple speech. The latest strain of the virus known as BA.2 Covid Deltacron is known to be the most infectious variant to date, and Professor O'Neill has pointed out that it's almost impossible to avoid.

'This BA.2 there's nothing like it, it's 30% more infectious than Omicron, which is already 70% more infectious than the previous one. Yet again the spike has changed in the virus and it sticks to your lungs much more readily and hence it spreads much more quickly. He also said "that the transmissibility of the virus means that it will be difficult to stop the virus spreading — even for those who have avoided other strains thus far. 'A great phrase I saw this morning is "BA.2 is sweeping up everyone who didn't get Omicron". In other words it's almost impossible to avoid this really,'

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Unlike previous variants the symptoms of infection appear within two days of contraction and it is essential that anyone with symptoms should isolate at home. The wearing of face masks remains an effective means of preventing transmission and it seems a no-brainer that we should stick to the practice for as long as the danger remains.

The past two years have been arduous and difficult for all of us and it seems that we have not quite emerged from the other end of the dark tunnel. We may well have to make some more sacrifices before the scourge of Covid finally comes to an end. At St. Mary's we are requesting all churchgoers to continue to wear a mask out of respect and concern for others and to use the hand-sanitizers on entering the church.

*Philip Curran
St. Mary's Lucan*

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is 0818 07 5090

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 as soon as possible and arrange a meeting if necessary.

Or you can email your query to us at lucan@citinfo.ie

Our Reception Desk in Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre is open from 10 am to 4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays (excluding lunch 1 – 2pm) for collecting forms, etc.

The 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

Tenants' Rights

Question: My private rented accommodation is damp and mouldy. Does the landlord have to fix this?

Answer: Yes, your landlord has a legal duty to make sure that your home meets certain minimum physical standards. This includes keeping it in a proper state of structural repair and free from damp.

Question: Does my landlord have to provide a washing machine?

Answer: Yes, your landlord must provide you with access to a washing machine, and a clothes-dryer if your home does not have a private garden or yard.

Some of the other things they must provide include:

- A 4-ring hob with oven and grill
- A cooker hood or extractor fan
- A microwave oven
- A sink with hot and cold water
- A well ventilated bathroom which is in a separate room from the living quarters
- A fixed heating appliance in each room which you can control
- Vermin-proof rubbish storage facilities

Question: Is my landlord responsible if my possessions are damaged because of an issue with the property, for example, if the pipes burst?

Answer: While the landlord is responsible for keeping the building in good repair they are not generally responsible for any damage to your possessions. Several insurance companies provide contents insurance for private tenants.

Question: What should I do if my house does not meet the minimum standards?

Answer: First speak to your landlord about the problem. Put your complaint in writing and include as many details as possible, including photographs, videos and any receipts for repairs you did at your own expense. If your landlord refuses to carry out the necessary repairs, you should report them to your local authority.

Read more about standards for rented accommodation on citizensinformation.ie <https://bit.ly/3srvj1w> or call us on 0818 07 4000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm).



Lucan Community Council

Bus update:

The NTA failure so far in moving forward with solutions to the bus issues, the 25 or the 239 and other difficulties relating to schools and buses being full on arrival in Lucan, as a consequence of C-Spine changes to the routes has prompted the LPC to take further steps. Our concerns and solutions relate to bus access for the elderly, people with disabilities, and parents with young children. These are real concerns and LPC have done everything possible including hand delivering letters to assist the NTA. It's more important now than ever that public transport should be suitable and user friendly and designed to meet the real public transport needs of people in light of the appalling and unjustifiable war in Ukraine and the impact on the cost of energy. We have written to Dublin Bus and are pursuing with the CEO's office with a view to enlisting their help. LPC have found Dublin Bus to be approachable and appear to fully understand where we are coming from. We have followed up by phone with the CEO's office this week to see whether they can meet us, and a proposition is being put to the CEO on our behalf.

Lucan village and traffic plans:

LPC will host a meeting with our local Cllrs on the 29th March.

The agenda includes the following-

1. LPC plan for traffic flow in the village
2. SDCC proposed one way trial/ cost benefit in terms of damage to business and community
3. LPC proposed route for cycle lane
4. Water level fluctuation at the Weir
5. LPC specific proposal for an alternative road to reduce through traffic
6. Fatal flaw in routing of Lucan Luas in SDCC Development Plan
7. Bus update

LPC wish to acknowledge concerns expressed to us on the topics included above, and thank concerned residents and businesses for their input.

Caitríona McClean

Secretary of Lucan Planning Council

086 3898327/ cmaemcclean@hotmail.com



Mother and Toddler Group

St Mary's Parish Centre

Every Thursday

From 10.30am to 12 noon.

All welcome



Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi Everyone,

We had a very good crowd of people at our club again today, everyone enjoying the whist and scrabble and the craic over the tea and coffee. Unfortunately we haven't had our AGM as some of us had Covid so it had to be postponed for now. We will advise when a new date has been chosen.

We are off on our trip next week so the **club will be closed on Wednesday 30th March**, but back on again the following Wednesday 6th April at 1.30pm as usual.

If you want to join our club, just drop into the club any Wednesday afternoon. 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 & yellow building. There's parking in the grounds of the Church and also a bus stop outside the church gates.

Take care everyone.

Marian Egan (Club Secretary)

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Big Book Meeting

of **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Every Saturday Night

St Patrick's Church, Esker, 7pm to 8.30pm

Any enquires Contact Colette 086 0272002

Lara –

Lucan Active Retirement Association

On Thursday 31st March we will have a fund-raising Coffee Morning for Ukraine and all our members are welcome. We ask our members to donate as much as they can for this very good cause.

At the Coffee Morning meeting we will also have our usual activities at 11.30 am in St Andrew's Hall in Lucan village- starting with some exercises and then we play bowls, Scrabble and cards.

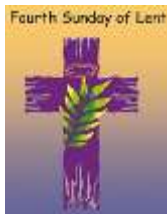
On Thursday 24th March we had a party to celebrate both St Patrick's Day and our 17th birthday.

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

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

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

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.



St. Mary's Readers' Roster April 2022:

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil and Sunday masses for the month of April 2022 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

2nd Monday at 10.45am and **4th Thursday of the month 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.

Confirmation

Best wishes to the girls of **Scoil Mhuire Girls N. S.** who will be confirmed next Friday 1st April.

Please keep them in your prayers.



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.**

Update on Synod Gatherings

2nd gathering in preparation for the Synod process will take place in St Mary's Parish Centre on **Monday 28th March at 7:30pm.** Gathering will last about 1 hour and 30 minutes.



Everyone is warmly invited to attend to share their experience of Church under four different headings. You do not need to have attended the 1st gathering. We look forward to seeing as many as possible.

Mary Toole *Elizabeth Boland*
Animator *Animator*

Altar Servers: 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

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Paddy Hyland**, formerly of Lucan.
May he rest in peace.



Special Collection for Ukraine

THIS Weekend of 26th and 27th 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 Tap and Go Card Machine at the doors for this special collection)

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

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

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



The Second Gathering of St Patrick's Parish Esker Synodal Pathway will take place on Saturday 2 April 2022

11am-1pm in St John the Evangelist NS, Adamstown. In the second Gathering we'll explore: *When you think of your experience of Church, what are your hopes & what are your fears?* 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 for further information.

Confirmation

Best wishes to the boys and girls of **Scoil Mhuire, St. John the Evangelist, Adamstown Educate Together** and **Esker Educate Together Schools** who will make their Confirmation next Friday 1st April.

Please remember them in your prayers



Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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



Synod: You are warmly invited to the Synodal gathering in March, in the parish of Lucan South. The word "synodal"

means journeying together and these gatherings will be an opportunity to share and listen to each other's experience of Church, in an organised, gentle and prayerful environment.

Venue: School Hall, Divine Mercy Junior School
Time: 7-9pm **Date:** 31/03/2022

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



Bingo night: Thursdays 7-9pm. In the John Paul II Memorial Hall. Meet up with friends, connect with new people and to assist with fund raising for the Church. All are Welcome!

Coffee Morning: Our Coffee Morning: Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10am (after the 9.15am Mass) in the John Paul II Memorial Hall. Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits/cakes – or just drop in for a chat!

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](http://St.Andrew's Church, Lucan) or St Mary's Church, Leixlip

Anniversaries

ANNA CARTON

1st Anniversary – 27th March

Late of Hillcrest View.

Your life was a blessing

Your memory a treasure

You are loved beyond words

And missed beyond measure.

Sadly missed by her loving husband Liam, sons Mark and Shane, daughter Tara, family and friends

Anniversary Mass for Anna on 27th March at 10:30 in St. Patrick's, Esker.



EIFFE (JIMMY)

5th Anniversary – 28th March

Forever in our hearts

Never forgotten.

Your loving son Viv and Joanne xx

Remembering Ma (**Breda**) xx

HARRISON (LIAM)

3rd Anniversary – 28th March

Late of Esker Lawns.

Don't think of him as gone away

His journey's just begun

Life holds so many facets

This earth is only one

Just think of him as resting

From the sorrows and the tears

In a place of warmth and comfort

Where there are no days and years

Think how he must be wishing

That we could know today

How nothing but our sadness

Can really pass away

And think of him as living

In the hearts of those he touched...

For nothing loved is ever lost

And he was loved so much.

The most wonderful husband to Anna, father to Ruth, father-in-law to Mick and grandfather to the apple of your eye, Ajay



Birthday Remembrance

KANE (DECLAN)

57th Birthday – 28th March

Birthday remembrance of our son Declan.

Your special day we cannot share

Our gift to you must be a prayer

With broken hearts we whisper how

“Happy Birthday Declan”

We miss you so.

Never forgotten by his Mam, Dad, sisters Susan and Aideen, nephews, nieces and brother-in-law

Pilgrimages

Medjugorje 2022

11 Nights - 7th May, Dublin to Split

18th May, Split to Dublin. €795.00

8 Nights - 10th May, Dublin to Split

18th May, Split to Dublin. €745.00

6 Nights - 19th October, Dublin to Mostar

25th October, Split to Dublin. € 685.00

8 Nights – 19th Oct Dublin to Mostar

27th October, Split to Dublin. €745.00

Fatima

5 Nights – 7th September, Dublin to Lisbon

12th September, Lisbon to Dublin

Book early to avoid disappointment.

Pat 087 223 8911.



Koins for Kids

Koins for Kids have a target of €1,000,000 to raise funds for equipment in the New Children's Hospital!

We accept all types of coinage and all types of notes, old money, new money, old notes, pre decimal, foreign, anything you no longer have a use for and that might be lying in a drawer or a lint filled pocket of an old coat. We can make good use of it.

Contributions can be left in St Mary's Parish Centre, Lucan or the sacristy in St. Mary's Church.

Many thanks,

Damien Douglas, 0879519222.

WELDON (MARGARET - MARIE)



Late of Dodsboro Cottages

MEMORIAL MASS

for **Margaret** will be held

on Saturday 2nd April at 3pm

in St. Patrick's Church

Lucan ICA

Monday 28th March: We

Crafty Ladies will be busy as usual from 10am to 12.30pm, in the large room of the Parish Centre.



Carmel will show us how to make a beautiful doll out of a pillow – such talent!!

Tea Hostesses are: Anne Beales and Ann Byrne.

Enjoy the beautiful weather, ladies – time to get stuck into the garden.



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

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

Castletown House, Celbridge

Great News! The Castletown team have been very busy preparing the house for the coming 2022 season!

With the conservation cleaning almost finished..... they are delighted to announce, Castletown House will re-open on **7 April 2022!**

Access to the house will be available through guided tours running daily from 10am to 4pm. The music and events programme is back too!!



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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.

Lucan Library

The Brand New Lucan Junior Book Club

5th April. For ages 9-12. Meetings done through Zoom. Booking using Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/junior-book-club-session-7-skulduggery-pleasant-tickets-293177430587>

This month's book is Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy. This is the first book in one of the most popular series ever written by an Irish author. For those of you who have read this before, this is your chance to talk all about it. For those of you who haven't, welcome to the madness.

This book club is recommended for children aged between 9 to 12 years old. We have several special copies of the book behind the counter ready to give out to our junior book club members. You will take them out the same way as you would a normal book. So bring along your library card to the desk and ask for the Junior Book Club book.

Use your voice for kindness,
Your ears for compassion,
Your hands for charity,
Your mind for truth,
And your heart for love.



Happy Mothers' Day

to all the Mams of Lucan, and wouldn't you know it – we get to spend an hour less in bed, as the

clocks spring forward this Sunday!



18°C in March! When was the last time we enjoyed such temperatures so early in the year. St. Patrick certainly looked after us this time, and by the looks of things, we have a few more good days coming our way.

Great to hear the lawnmowers out again, with people getting a chance to enjoy their gardens. A walk around any part of Lucan will reveal all the delightful spring colours.....

Spring in Lucan Demesne and St. Catherines these days with little lambs stealing the show – make sure to take the kiddies up to see nature at its best.



Indeed, all the parklands are coming into their own with many of the wild flowers beginning their displays.



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 for more information.

What Spring Can Bring

Spring can bring many things.....

Spring can bring warmth and light,

Spring can bring storms.

Spring can bring flowers in bloom,

Spring can bring loss.

Spring can bring Winter's end,

Spring can bring doubt.

Spring can bring bees and birds,

Spring can bring grief.

Spring can bring a new possibility,

Spring can bring hope.

Spring can bring us hope.

I hope Spring is kind to you.

By David Doyle

A wonderful St Patrick's Day

Dear Editor,

It was wonderful to enjoy the St Patrick's Day Parade in Lucan Village. A fantastic parade and atmosphere with families enjoying all the village has to offer.



Given their very vocal opposition to the reduction of car traffic through Main Street, I do hope that the lack of car traffic on St Patrick's Day will not result in too many job losses for the Lucan Village Business & Services Group.

They are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Mark Beegan,

On old age

Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds inside my head. That will freak you out!



SCHOOL NEWS



2nd Year School Tour: On Monday 21st March a group of 2nd year students enjoyed a fun filled day in Carlingford Adventure Centre. Activities included laser quest, kayaking and some team building exercises. This was a great day out that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

St. Joseph's College

TY Activities: On Monday our TYs enjoyed a Skip n Rope workshop, this one hour workshop taught students a range of new skills, tricks and moves simply using a skipping rope. They had a great time practicing their new tricks individually and then in pairs. Some of the supervising teachers couldn't resist giving the tricks a go also much to the enjoyment of the students. Thank you to Skip n Rope who were excellent with the students.

Our TY students also had their subject choice interviews this week to help and guide them in their subject choice for Senior Cycle.

On Thursday another group of Students went Rafting, they had a great time and even stopped half way to play a few games on the riverbank.

Ukraine Appeal: Last Tuesday, we had our Flag Day Fundraiser for Ukraine Crisis Appeal with the Red Cross. Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser – on Monday this week we sent €1,906 to the Red Cross to help with their relief efforts in the affected areas. Well done to everyone who brought in money for the no-uniform Day and who baked for the bake sale.



Sport: On Tuesday our under 14 Gaelic Team played Mac Daras in a league fixture, this was the first time for a lot of the girls to represent the school on the Gaelic Football field. It was a great team performance and the girls were victorious in the end by a couple of points.



Concern Debating: Our Concern debating team will take part in the All -Ireland Quarter final when they face off against St Columba's College from County Donegal this week, best of luck to them while debating the environmental impact of fast fashion.

First Year Disco: The Parents Association plan to run a first year disco in the school on Friday the 25th of March. The First Year students were very excited all week and have been snapping up their tickets at break-time and lunch.

CEIST Student Conference:

Members of our Student Council participated in the CEIST Student Leadership Conference on Wednesday via zoom, this was an excellent

opportunity for the 6th year students to engage with students from different CEIST schools throughout Ireland. There were a number of Keynote speakers and students from various schools discussed initiatives and activities that happen within their school settings.

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Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Soccer: A fundraising 5-a-side soccer blitz was held in the school on Tuesday 15th March. A group of Transition Year students organised, planned, promoted and ran the event themselves and it was a great success.



In total, 13 teams took part and each team played a minimum of 7 matches each. After a long, but enjoyable day of action the winning team consisted of Cian Merriman, Cillian Murphy, Jack Andrews, Niall Rian Doyle, Cillian Gamble and Christopher Harold. Their team won a dramatic final 3-2, sparking jubilant scenes of celebrations in the Sports Hall!

The event raised almost €200 for Dogs Trust, Ireland's largest dog welfare charity.

Those students that didn't want to take part in the soccer tournament got to go on a 12km Nature walk in St. Catherine's Park. These students got to enjoy some fresh air, beautiful scenery and exercise in a very tranquil setting with lovely scenic views of woodland and grassland situated on the north bank of the Liffey. They also revisited their childhoods with some fun time on the zip lines, roundabouts and swings in the playground!

Flag Day: Coláiste Phádraig participated in The Thomas Meagher Foundation Flag Day on Wednesday 16th March. Four Transition Year students raised the Tricolour flag up the flagpole in front of the main entrance to the school whilst reciting Amhrán na bhFiann with passion and pride. The Foundation was set up to promote pride in and respect for the Irish flag and to educate people about its symbolism and meaning. The main message the Foundation tries to promote is that the Tricolour flag symbolises peace and inclusivity.

The students also planted two apple trees after raising the flag, one for each TY group, as a symbol of health, vitality, growth and abundance. This is to become an annual tradition in the school from now on with each Transition Year group.

Gaeilge: Bhí a lán imeachtaí agus gníomhaíochtaí éagsúla ar siúl ar fud na scoile an tseachtain seo caite chun Seachtain na Gaeilge a cheilúradh. Bhí

comórtais postaeir, tráth na gceist, cluichí biongó, toraíocht taisce, searáidí, gearrscánáin, drámaíocht, ról-imirt, díospóireachtaí agus amhráin Gaeilge ar siúl ins na ranganna Gaeilge agus bhí spraoi ag gach duine a ghlac páirt sna h-imeachtaí.

Transition Year: TY Edmund went into Dublin City last week for an Art Tour. Eoin, their tour guide Eoin from Alternative Dublin, a creative events company based specialising in artistic experiences, led the students on a two-hour adventure, visiting various hidden locations across the city. The students learned about tags and designs, as well as the various places spray painted by different artists over recent years. They learned of the artists' state of mind at the time they created the pieces and how they got around the various graffiti rules in place. They also group got an introduction to lots of male and female artworks from across Dublin City. The students enjoyed the Icon Factory and the Icon walk, an outdoor gallery located in Temple Bar. It is one of those hidden gems that was designed by a community of artists who transformed the laneway into a living Art project. The laneway is colourful and every square inch is packed with Art and installations. At the end of the lane they stumbled upon a working Art Gallery Atelier and viewed artists working on commissions through the window.

Ms. Ryan looks forward to going back with TY Rice on the 6th of April, when hopefully the weather will be a little nicer.

Golf: Our Junior golf team competed in the Leinster u16s qualifier last week. The event was hosted by Balcarrick Golf Club and representing Coáiste Phádraig were 3rd years Enda Walsh and Conor Dillon, as well as 1st yr Jack Norry. A cold wind and showery rain made for difficult scoring. The first hole in particular proved to be extremely tricky, with the northerly gusts repeatedly enticing opening tee shots towards the expansive hazard that dominates the entire right hand side of the hole. Its many victims included two of our three players, which unfortunately set the tone for the rest of the day.

Enda, Conor and Jack fought hard however and finished out the round with some respectable figures. In particular, Enda did himself proud with a hugely impressive 33 points, made all the more commendable given he was playing off a handicap lower than his official playing index. Despite not qualifying, it was a welcome return to the fairways for our school and school's golf in general.

Lucan Community College

Aoibhe Continues To Represent Her Country!

Lucan CC is rightly proud of third year student Aoibhe Fleming. Aoibhe is a member of the FAI Republic of Ireland Women's Under 17 squad. Having recently returned from injury Aoibhe took part in a training camp in Spain. While in Spain Aoibhe was on the team that had emphatic 4-1 win in a friendly against Switzerland. The team will be playing their Phase 2 Women's Under-17 Euro qualifier games on March 23rd v Slovakia, March 26th v Finland and March 29th v Iceland. All games will take place at Tallaght Stadium. Under 16s go free and the cost for adults is just €5. Why not go along and support Aoibhe and her team come along and support Aoibhe and her teammates!



Volleyball: It is great to see so many extra-curricular activities available for students at Lucan CC. And now there is another one to add to the list! A new Volleyball team has been set up in the school. Training sessions take place after school on Wednesdays and during lunchtime on Thursdays. It was great to see over fifty students take part in the training sessions in the first week. Students of any skill level welcome! Thanks to teacher Ms. Quinlivan.

Gluais: It is wonderful to see the continuing involvement of Lucan Community College in the Gluais programme. This leadership programme is for fifth year students. However, the application process takes place in Transition Year and the programme was launched for our current Transition Year students on 9th March. Students who apply for this programme will be interviewed and the successful applicants will complete a five-day training course during the Easter break. We look forward to these students getting involved with the first-year students who are due to join us next September. Thanks to Ms. Clifford for her involvement with this programme.

First Year 5-A-Side Football Tournament

Report by Ruby Crocker-Dunne: A group of Transition Year students got together to organise a five-a-side football tournament for first years. The tournament was a fundraiser for the Transition Year Young Social Innovators project. The topic of the project is "Empowering Young Females". The aim of this tournament is to promote women in sport. Lots of students got involved and had a great time and all were rewarded with a medal at the end. Thank you to Ms. Gregory for helping to organise this tournament.

Politics and Society: Congratulations to students Chloe Kelly and Amber Brady who had their projects mentioned in the Dail for International Women's Day. I am sharing this link to a tweet from the Politics LCC Twitter account - two 6th year students, Chloe Kelly and Amber Brady, had their projects mentioned in the Dail for International Women's Day. The girls had done a project on Women's Health. Thanks to teacher Ms. Mulhearn.

CSPE Students Get a Taste Of Our Electoral System:

As part of their action project in CSPE, 3rd year students organised class presidential elections. Candidates delivered speeches on why the class should vote for them, while other students created polling cards to bring to the election, ballot papers to vote on, informational posters as well as the ballot box to place votes. Students cast their votes which were then counted using proportional representation by single transferable vote. Thanks to teacher Ms. Flanagan for giving students such a valuable insight into our voting system.

Flag Day: First year students and tutors recently celebrated Flag Day. Students had a great time making a wonderful mural with all our flags of heritage represented. Students also created individual drawings which were put together to make a giant Irish flag just in time for St. Patrick's Day. We also had a lovely Flag Raising ceremony where students raised our national flag in the school grounds and performed our national anthem Amhrán na bhFiann. Thanks to teachers Ms. McKeever, Mr. O'Donnell and Ms. Conway.



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St Patricks Day: Congratulations to Barbara Cummins, Mary Meehan and Caroline and Denise Brady, and to all the participants in this year's St Patrick's Day parade. It was a fantastic day with huge turnout – even the sun shone for us. Peter would have been very proud.

Daffodil Day March 25th: Cancer takes so much from so many families. Daffodil Day is a chance to come together to reflect and raise much needed funds. Well done to Lucan's Donna Marie Cullen for taking a leading role in the national Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day Campaign.

Adamstown Community Badminton Club:

It was my pleasure to meet with the ladies from Adamstown Badminton club recently and to help launch their new branding.

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Road Safety - Earlsfort: In January, I submitted a number of issues in relation to road traffic management highlighted with me by residents of Earlsfort. One item that was raised was ambiguity regarding right of way and the need for repainting of road markings at junctions. I'm happy to report that the Traffic Management Meeting (TMM) gave commitment to me at this week's meeting to schedule these works to their road crews in the period ahead. R136 Road. With the continued increase and planned construction of housing, infrastructure and forecast population growth, the permitted 12.5t weight restriction on the R136 (Road from Woodies passing the very busy pedestrian junctions at Castle Rd/Pennyhill, Griffeen, Adamstown and Kishogue is a cause of some concern, also considering the massive huge number of school children along this location. I am therefore going to call for a review of this now.

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South Dublin Councillors Vote to Ban New

Data Centres until 2028: A number of weeks ago South Dublin County Councillors voted to ban any new data centres for the duration of the new County Development Plan 2022-2028. The amendment to the draft plan was proposed by People Before Profit Councillor Madeleine

Johansson. South Dublin County has become a hub of data centre activity in the last few years with the most recent planning application being approved in February 2022. Companies with data centres based in South Dublin include Amazon, Microsoft and other multinationals. Most of them are located in the Grange Castle and City West industrial areas, but there are also two located in the Cookstown area of Tallaght. It is estimated that 10% of Ireland's electricity use is currently consumed by data centres and this is expected to increase to 25-30% by 2030.

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New additional exit/entrance onto Adamstown

link road: My motion requesting the council planners to examine the possibility of introducing a new exit/entrance onto the Adamstown Link road to alleviate traffic congestion that currently exists on the Griffeen avenue was raised at this weeks area committee meeting, any additional measures to reduce traffic should be considered. N4 Incident: I raised the matter of the recent accident on the N4 which resulted in the Lucan area coming to a standstill. The need to examine emergency diversion signs/plan that's currently in place for the M50 should be considered for our national roads. It was agreed that relief roads are necessary to alleviate traffic on this side of the county, something which I've been campaigning for since elected. Management also agreed to my request to provide me with the final report on the incident on N4 once completed.

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DEIS status for Divine Mercy National

Schools: I was delighted to get confirmation recently from Minister for Education Norma Foley, that DEIS status has been restored for Divine Mercy JNS & [Divine Mercy SNS](#), [Balgaddy](#). I'm a proud past pupil and happy to see this necessary additional support. This is long overdue and something I have directly raised with the Minister since being elected.

Griffeen Avenue: Since being elected, I've been raising the state of the footpaths and cycle track from the R136 to the Divine Mercy schools and Lucan CNS. I'm encouraged by a response I received from the Council that they will proceed with repairs in this area as part of this year's repair programme.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Social News

Our Annual Dinner dance is back, so gents polish those shoes and ladies treat yourself to a new Guna. We hope everyone can support this important fundraiser our first big event this year.



Tickets from: Mary Flannery 087 7469143; Alice White 086 0805055; Josephine Donohue 087 9447262; Kathleen Roche 087 9639439; Mary Reynolds 087 2640121.

AFL1 v Ballyboden St. Endas:

A great start to the St Patricks festival when Lucan secured their third win of the league campaign. Some lovely flowing football was played at times by Lucan who also managed to keep Boden away from goal in the later part of the game. Final Score 3-10 to 0-13.

Juvenile Section / Coiste na nÓg:

Loads of activity this week with across the codes with Camogie, Hurling, Ladies Football and Football. Please submit all you matchday photos and reports to your pro.

Thanks to all the teams who supported the Parade, there was a great turnout by our teams and members. Lucan Sarsfields won the Peter Brady Perpetual trophy for best entry, loads of fun on the day as seen from the U11 Girls.



This Easter the club will be running camps for all ages!

U13-U16 Hurling & Camogie Skills camp which will take place from 11th-13th April. This is hosted by our own Dublin Senior Hurler Chris Crummey and promises to be a week with lots of skill development, fun and maybe a special guest or two from our other intercounty players. To book (places going fast), please go to Club/Society Registrations - Lucan Sarsfield's GAA Club Events (clubforce.com)

The following week sees the return of our Easter camp for younger players, those aged 6 to those on the u12 teams. This is a mixed camp where girls and boys will do camogie/hurling and football/ladies football during the week, improve their skills, have fun and make new friends. The camp runs from 19th-22nd April and spaces can be booked here. Club/Society Registrations - Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Events (clubforce.com)

Club Lotto

Last week's Lotto Prize of €8,600 was not won. The Numbers were **1, 7, 10, 13.**

Lucky Dip prizes go to Gillian Ryan, Jim Mulqueen, Columbo Elliot, Sinead O'Neill and Gerry McAndrew.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €9,000. The draw is sponsored by Diamond and Gem Jewellers and will be led by Shay Hurson.

Tá €9,000 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine:

Diamond and Gem Jewellers

Beidh sé beo ón Na Sárséalaigh 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 14th 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 Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin

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

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

It was great to back in Athlone this weekend for the National Indoors after a 3 year hiatus due to Covid. This was undoubtedly Lucan Harriers most successful nationals ever with a big representation from the club bringing home 10 medals in total.

It was great to see so many stepping up to the National Indoor stage for the first time with many right in the mix and competing really so well – Avgustin Victor (U13 shot), Grace Byrne (U16 shot), Oisín Mulally (U17 400m), Ella McGrath (U14 60 and Shot), Nathan Dooley (U14 Shot), Conor Abbott (U13 60m Hurdles), Max Campbell (U14 LJ), Conal Fitzgerald (U12 600m), Charlie Bermingham (U12 HJ) and Cillian Murphy (U17 boys 800m) – with many PBs.

Well done also to some of our more seasoned campaigners who didn't pick up medals on this occasion but competed so well and did our club and themselves proud. Undoubtedly many will be national medallists in the future – Milly Hughes ran really well in the U18 girls 400m and 800m running a fantastic 63.53 pb in the 400m. Aisling Fitzpatrick had a fantastically brave run in the U17 girls 800m final, making a huge move with 400m to go but it just wasn't quite enough on this occasion and she finished 5th. Ferdia McDonagh had 2 big PBs in the U15 boys 800m running an excellent final and finishing 5th in 2.12.

On the medal front there was a consistent stream of medals all weekend with Athletics Ireland officials commenting on how well Lucan Harriers were doing. Kate O'Connell continued her rich vein of form winning the U19 400m on Saturday with an assured performance clocking 56.43. She backed this up on Sunday with silver in the 200m running a PB of 24.74.

Saoirse Fitzgerald was pipped for gold on Saturday morning in the U16 1500m finishing second by .02 of a second in what was a fantastic race.

On Sunday Saoirse unleashed a devastating kick off a tactical first 600m to win the 800m in some style.

Eve Noctor stepped up to the podium for the first time at national level winning bronze in the U18 400m just missing silver by 4 thousandths of a second! Eve came from the 'depths of hell' to get up for bronze and had there been another 10 metres it could have been gold. Eve followed this up with a blistering last 200m to win silver in the 800m in 2.14.

Maggie Jez was another to win her first ever National track medal. Maggie ran a brilliant U17 1500m winning silver in 4.54 in a competitive race and I'm sure there's more to come. Benjamin Caullier who has been going from strength to strength over the last 6 months really showed his class in 1500m and in another close finish was pipped for gold by .02 of second winning silver and running 4.14 in a very tactical race.

Rachel Jez competing at her first national indoors ran a tactically astute race in the U14 girls 800m and battled all the way up the home straight to win a fantastic bronze.

Davis Quinn won the club's first ever walks medal doing very well to win bronze in the U15 1k walk.

On Monday evening more great news, came through. After her fabulous performances over the weekend, Eve Noctor has been invited to join the Irish U20 4x400m squad preparing for the World U20 Championships in August. This is an amazing opportunity for Eve as she joins Kate O'Connell who is already an established member of the squad. Congrats Eve!

A huge well done to everyone on your success over the weekend and wishing you plenty more future success



L-R:
Saoirse Fitzgerald,
Eve Noctor,
Kate O'Connell,
Benjamin Caullier.

LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

Captains' Drive In

The weather for our Captains' Drive In was great and helped in no small way to making the weekend such a success. The morning commenced with our Chairperson Jimmy Thompson welcoming everyone and wishing everybody the best of luck for the year ahead. Our Captain Gerry Ward, Lady Captain Adrienne Kelly and President Michael Purcell also wished all our members a very good year ahead and each said they were looking forward to the season commencing.

On the day itself our Lady Captain Adrienne Kelly won her grade and our Captain Gerry Ward had success with the 'horses' and not to be outdone our President Michael Purcell had a 'birdie' on the first hole.

Thank you to Regal Fare for their very kind and continuous sponsorship of this competition.



Our Captain Gerry Ward, Lady Captain Adrienne Kelly and President Michael Purcell.

Captains' Drive In - Results

36 Hole Stableford (Nett).

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Gents Overall Winner – Christian O'Reilly 101 Pts

Ladies Overall Winner – Tracey Smith 91 Pts

Gents Class 1 Winner – Johnny Price – 89 Pts (Back 9s)

Gents Class 2 Winner – Noel Ryan 94 Pts

Gents Class 3 Winner – Simon Heffernan 92 Pts

Ladies Class 1 Winner – Adrienne Kelly 88 Pts

Ladies Class 2 Winner – Dora Keane 90 Pts.

Membership Fees

Membership Fees are now due and can be paid on line or at clubhouse on a Tuesday morning or contact the Club Register – 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

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.



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.



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St. Mary's Camera Soirée

We hope that all readers of the Lucan Newsletter had an enjoyable and safe St. Patrick's Weekend, after a forced gap of two year. Birdie certainly produced a great crop of photographs from the Lucan parade in last week's edition. I am afraid that the only member of the Camera Soiree to submit a St. Patrick's Day Parade photo was Frances.



Paddy submitted photographs taken in the grounds of the Irish Museum of Modern Art, including the sculpture of the hare entitled "The Drummer" located at the main entrance. He was also in the Irish National Memorial Gardens at Islandbridge. The Heritage Ireland website explains that these gardens which were opened in 1940 were designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and are dedicated to the 49,400 Irish soldiers who died in the First World War and are one of the most famous memorial gardens in Europe.

We are back in the bungalow this Friday, wearing our masks and windows open, for our second revision session on the basics of processing photographs using the photoshop software. The members of the camera Soiree should be busy taking photographs of "old buildings" which will be reviewed at our first April meeting.



Until next week stay safe!