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Pastoral Letter of Archbishop Dermot Farrell – Easter 2022



“They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him.” (John 20:2). Mary’s grief at the death of her Lord, is compounded by the shock of the empty tomb. Someone has taken the body of the one she loves. Like Mary Magdalene and Jesus, we live in brutal times. In our world we see death and destruction all around: we cannot avoid the inhumanity of war in Ukraine and the plight of refugees; we sense the impending disaster of climate change, and our apparent inability to prevent catastrophe; even within the Church there is much that causes sadness. On that first Easter morning, Mary of Magdala’s dismay was transformed: she and the apostles realised that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Everything had changed.

The story of Easter is the story of a world restored. As in nature, what seemed dead, comes – in the mystery of spring – to leaf and blossom, and is even more beautiful than we remembered. Easter, however, is not only the story that makes sense of what happened to Jesus; it is also the story of what happens in our Church. Our hope permits us recognise the signs of resurrection in our faith communities: the risen Lord is always at work among us, bringing something new to be experienced, embraced, and lived.

Encountering the Risen Lord

Like Peter and his companions, we are commissioned to proclaim the good news of what is happening among us. Our encounter with the risen Lord opens our eyes and emboldens us to face the challenges of our time. Our Lord has not left us; He is with us at every step of life’s journey. For people of faith, Easter is not just some date, but the meeting with Jesus that restores our lives, and rekindles the hope every person needs. “Hope is the door that opens onto the future” (Pope Francis, April 26, 2017). True hope is neither fatalistic nor naïve; but that which permits us embrace life as it is. True hope, born of the faithfulness of our God, unlocks the imagination of God’s people. Over recent weeks, the people and priests of our parishes have been journeying on the Synodal Pathway.

Building Hope

It is time now for the whole diocesan family to travel further, by addressing the specific challenges we face as a diocese. The *Building Hope* Task Force in its Report proposed a strategy by which we can be renewed for the mission which Christ has entrusted to us all. Last February, in response, I issued a Statement of Mission for the Archdiocese emphasising that our primary purpose is to accompany people today towards an encounter with the Lord Jesus. This undoubtedly requires new ways of looking and thinking; it requires a shift in mind-set; and will need responsible stewardship. It will not happen without prayer and dialogue. We will need to discern and make decisions, and make decisions together. (Statement of Mission) This is now our common road.

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I am therefore inviting each parish community, as part of our *Building Hope* strategy, to begin to reflect on how best to respond to the pastoral situation in which we find ourselves. It is very clear that the future will not look like the past. Our world has changed: we cannot return to the past. God is bringing forth something new (see Isaiah 43:19). Our challenge – and it is ours – rather than simply reacting to events, is to shape the future in the light of the gospel. This is the work of God’s Spirit among us, but – like Mary – we have to welcome it (see Luke 1:38).

Courageously Journeying Together

Truly, we need to be courageous in moving beyond ways that no longer work in the Ireland of today. We need each other on this road: that means all the baptised, working closely together, with their gifts and talents, sharing their resources and wisdom, in the service of our parishes, and the one mission entrusted to us all by Christ.

I ask parish teams, parish pastoral councils and parish finance committees to lead their parish in a discussion of the gifts and talents available to them, the education and formation they need, and the parish partnerships that make most sense in their locality. Resources to support this initial Building Hope conversation over Easter and Pentecost will be made available shortly. While the work we are now beginning will require commitment over the coming year and more, it also gives us a unique opportunity to witness to and renew our own faith and that of our community.

+Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin

Darkness Into Light Corkagh Park

Corkagh Park has been established as a venue for the annual Darkness into Light walk.



Join thousands all over Ireland who will walk or run from darkness into light in the early hours of **Saturday May 7th** for Pieta.

You can register to attend on darknessintolight.ie (choose Corkagh as your venue).

Any queries please email corkaghpark@darknessintolight.ie
Follow us on Facebook @darknessintolightCorkagh

Celbridge Mill Community Centre

www.celbridgemillcommunitycentre.ie
celbridgemillcommunitycentre@gmail.com
Phone 01 6288556

The Haven for our older members of the Community, Celbridge at the Mill. Tues / Thurs-Home Cooked meals, Tea and Coffee, Bingo, Quiz games, Music, day trips, dancing – Ph Sylvia.01 6275518

Voices of Spring takes place at Celbridge Mill on Wednesdays 11-1pm. Ideal for anyone suffering from Dementia or Alzheimers and their carers.

Walking Indoor Soccer for the over 50s – 70s. Supported by the FAI this casual fun session of soccer takes place at The Mill requires new members. If interested please leave name at reception

Arthritis Ireland Seated Exercise Class – Wednesdays Ph. Gita 085 7437312



Lucan Spas and Hotels 1720 - 1836 with Joe Byrne

Local Historian Joe Byrne will be doing a talk on the remarkable history of the Lucan Spas and Hotels from the mid-18th to 19th Century.

On **Thursday 5th May at 6.30pm**
here at **Lucan Library**.

You can book a place via Eventbrite at <https://LucanLibraryDublin.eventbrite.ie>

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel"

Maya Angelou

Lucan Drama

Tickets for 'The Playboy of the Western World' can be bought at the door - €12 per ticket. Concession price of €10 for Senior citizens, Students and Unemployed. Dinner in Spa Hotel + Theatre Ticket costs £30
Tickets for Play may also be booked with Jack at 0860666626.



Theatre/ Dinner Tickets can be booked with the Spa Hotel on 016282494
The Show starts at 8pm and there will be a raffle at the interval.

This is our first production being performed to the Public since Covid/Lockdown, so we welcome your support in helping us to bring back live theatre to Lucan Audiences.

I think more than ever we need live shows to bring us together again and to enjoy an anxiety/stress free few hours, and also a night out!!!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon and having the banter!!

Contacts: Jack 0860666626; Bernie 0864015794; Donal 0879658838.

Lucan Active Retirement Association

We meet in St Andrew's Hall, Lucan village on Thursdays from 11.30 am to 2.30pm

There is an open invitation to you to come to one of our meetings.

We have bowls, Scrabble and cards - or you can just have a chat.

Light refreshments are served at 1.15 pm.

You are welcome to wear a face covering if you are more comfortable doing so.

Happy Birthday
Cathal

Hope you had a
lovely day in London
Love from all the family



Lucan ICA

Monday 2nd May: There will be no craft group as it is the May Bank Holiday. Hope you all have a lovely weekend, enjoy the glorious weather. See everybody on Monday May 9th.



We are now taking names and monies for our Birthday Night out on Wednesday 18th May. We will have dinner at 6pm in the restaurant followed by the play "The Playboy of the Western World" at 8pm. Please contact Mary Shanagher on 087-2957939.

Get well wishes to any members not well at the moment.

Tea Hostesses for Monday 9th May are Anne Beales and Ann Byrne.

Lucan Toastmasters



Are you as quiet as a mouse?

Do you hate speaking in public?

Do you want to make new friends?

If so, then Lucan Toastmasters is the place for you.

We meet on alternate Thursdays in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests.

Come along on **Thursday next, May 5th**, where a warm welcome awaits you.

Check our Facebook page for more details.

VHI Women's Mini Marathon Sunday 5th June

**St Francis Hospice
Needs your support!**

To register visit
www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie

To join team Eileen and raise funds for the hospice Go online www.sfh.ie
Or call 01 8327535 or 01 8294000

Thank you!



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

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 May 2022:

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil and Sunday masses in St. Mary's for the month of May 2022 (including Saturday 30th April) 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: We meet every **2nd Monday at 10.45am and 4th Thursday at 8pm of the month** in the Bungalow. We are available to listen to or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one.
Sr Geraldine.

Praying with Scripture: Praying with Scripture every Monday at **7.30pm** in The Bungalow. (masks optional). **Zoom meetings** will continue on a temporary basis for those uncomfortable meeting in bungalow. Meetings will take place on **Wednesday at 7.30pm.**

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

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

Visits to the housebound: If you are housebound you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **John Stafford**, Woodville, to the family and friends of **Rose Cahalane**, formerly Cherbury Park Avenue, to the wife, family and friends of **Noel Mulhall**, Mountmellick and formerly of Tubber Lane and to the wife, children, mother, family and friends of **Eoin Kavanagh**, Laraghcon.
May they rest in peace.



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.

St Vincent de Paul Society St Patrick's Conference, Esker.

Our monthly collection is on **this weekend** at all Masses.

We are very grateful for your continued support.
Mary, President

St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan: Sunday: 9am and 10am.
Wednesday: 10am

St Mary's, Leixlip: Sunday: 11.30am.
Tuesday: 10am

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

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

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

Morning Prayers of the Church:

Monday to Friday: 8.40am.

The Church will now be open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm for private prayers.

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 Mornings - 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!



Anam Cara

South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding

its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 9th May at 7:15pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Big Book

of

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Thursday Night

St Patrick's Church, Esker

8.30pm – 9.30pm

Any queries Contact Colette 086 0272002



The Women of Faith Conference 2022

The conference is **LIVE** on Radio Maria Ireland on 7th May from 2pm. We are blessed to have the following speakers. Sister Consilio (Cuan Mhuire), Wendy Grace (Catholic Speaker) Fr. Freddy Warner, SMA, Sister Susan Evangelist (Sister of Mercy) Dr. Edward Sri (Scripture Scholar).

Please join us for this blessed event sponsored by Totus Tuus Magazine.

Radio Maria Ireland is accessible by:

1. Going online at www.radiomaria.ie
2. Download the Radio Maria IRELAND App to your smartphone or tablet
3. Listen live via Facebook
4. Call 01 4373277 and listen live
5. Listen through your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210

The Association of Catholics in Ireland

Invites you to

a Zoom Synodal Gathering 5th May, at 8pm

"The synodal process is a time for speech. A time to let the voice of the Church speak and bring forward the issues, the problems that inhabit our synodal Church".

Cardinal Mario Grech, 23rd March '22

What do **you** most want to say to the bishops who will gather in Rome in October 2023?

ACI is invited, as a representative reform and renewal organisation, to contribute our synthesis of members' and supporters' views to the National Synod. We wish to listen and represent as many perspectives as possible. We ask you, therefore, to share this invitation so that our gathering reflects the spirit of the Synod as set out by Cardinal Grech:

"...no one – no matter their religious affiliation – should be excluded from sharing their perspective and experiences, insofar as they want to help the Church on her synodal journey of seeking what is good and true. This is especially true of those who are most vulnerable or marginalized."

Vademecum For The Synod On Synodality

To join us on Thursday May 5th, click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86136528758?pwd=bjlyV0RtRE9FUWpuSk9xaGRJK0xiQT09>

Meeting ID: 861 3652 8758. Passcode: 159134

Or use the link on <https://acireland.ie/the-aci-invites-you-to-zoom-synodal-gathering/>

We extend our deepest sympathy to our colleague **Mary and her family** on the death of her brother-in-law

Noel Mulhall

May he rest in peace.

Lucan Newsletter Team

Anniversaries

MAHADY (SHEILA)

16th Anniversary – 1st May

Late Sarsfield Park.

You are with me always

Rest in peace.

Malcolm



RYAN (JOHN)

3rd Anniversary – 6th May

Just a prayer from the family who loved you

Just a memory fond and true

In our hearts you will live forever

Because we thought the world of you.

Lovingly remembered by Nancy, Róisín, Nóirín,

Siobhan, sons-in-law, grandchildren

Anniversary Mass will be offered at 10am on the 6th May in St. Patrick's Church.

Esker Cemetery Mass

**will take place on
Sunday 4th September at 3pm.
(weather permitting)**

Rosary:

The Legion of Mary will host the Rosary every evening for the month of May in St Mary's Church, Lucan at 5.30pm starting 3rd May 2022.



All welcome

Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi everyone,

Thirty-one of us were at our club today. We payer whist and scrabble, had some lovely chocolates and refreshments and everyone was on top form. I am organising a Dublin City Tour in July and we are very lucky to have a Professional Tour Guide with us to bring the history of Dublin alive for us. Date to be confirmed. McGinley Coaches will pick us up from Lucan, take us through the City and back to Lucan again. We already have twenty-eight people booked to go. Anyone else interested, please contact me directly on my number below.

Hilda and Helen are also arranging different days out during July and august so keep an eye on the Newsletter and our Whatsapp chat.

Next week we have our Chaerobics class which everyone loves, so big crowd expected for that.

Our AGM will take place on Wednesday 18th May at 2pm, all members should attend for this.

We are hoping to go to see the play, "Playboy of the Western World" in the Spa Hotel on Friday 20th May. Please contact Hilda in relation to booking tickets to come with us.

See you all at the club next Wednesday.

Take care everyone.

Marion Egan (Club Secretary) 086 1269043.

Hilda, 087 6427746.

Pilgrimages

Medjugorje 2022

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.



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

Féileacáin Stillbirth and Neonatal Death

Association of Ireland - SANDAI. Support line 085 2496464. Contact -028 51301, email admin@feileacain.ie

Travelling abroad during COVID-19

Some countries have restrictions in place for travellers. You should check the public health advice, document requirements and restrictions that are in place in the country you are going to. You should do this even if you are travelling to an EEA country.

You can use the EU Digital COVID Certificate if you are travelling within the EU and EEA to show that you are fully vaccinated, or have tested negative or have recovered from COVID-19.

EU Digital COVID Certificate (DCC)

If you are travelling within the EEA, you should carry the EU Digital COVID Certificate (DCC).

A DCC will show if you are:

Vaccinated against COVID-19

Recovered from COVID-19 in the past 6 months, or

Have a negative RT-PCR or antigen test result, or

Have received a booster vaccine



You can still travel without the DCC, but it will be easier to show that you satisfy the COVID-19 testing rules in the country you are going to by showing your DCC.

You can read more in the European Commission's EU Digital COVID Certificate (DCC) certificate factsheet and Questions and Answers about the EU Digital COVID Certificate (DCC).

Before you travel:

Check travel advice for your destination

Check the travel advice for the country you are travelling to before you travel abroad.

Is your passport in date?

Check that you and your families' passports are in date before you book. Passport Online is open to all applicants. You can get information on how to renew your passport or how to apply for your child's first passport. Updates on services and the latest turnaround times are available on the Passport Service's website.

Travel to the EEA: If you are travelling to the EEA (the EU, plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein), you should check the European Centre of Disease Control's map (EU traffic lights system). This map is updated weekly by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and categorise regions as green, orange, red or grey depending on their COVID-19 rates of infection. Re-open EU has information about current COVID-19 restrictions and laws in EEA countries. Laws and restrictions may change while you are away (both in the country where you have travelled to and in Ireland), and you should check for new information regularly.

Do you have travel insurance? You should get travel insurance for you and your family. If you have a travel insurance policy already, or travel insurance is included in your health insurance policy, you should check that you are covered for hospital treatment for COVID-19.

You should bring your European Health Insurance Card with you if you are travelling to the EEA or Switzerland. Make sure that it is in date, it has to be renewed every 4 years and each family member needs their own.

If you need emergency consular assistance abroad If you need help while you are abroad, you can contact the Irish embassy or consulate in that country.

When you return: All travel restrictions to Ireland were removed. You no longer need to complete a passenger locator form. You no longer need proof of vaccination or proof of recovery or a COVID-19 test.



Happy May Day to all!

At long last, the sunshine is back, but that north-easterly wind coming from Putin's direction was certainly chilly.



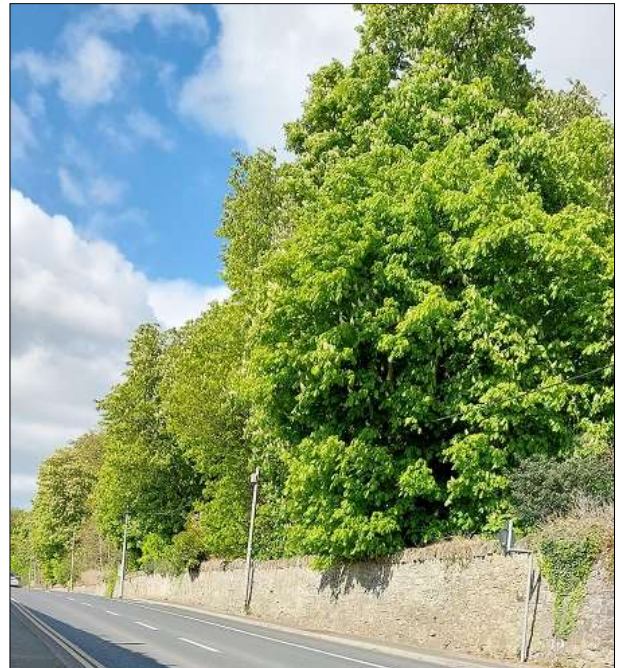
St. Catherines Park



John Kelly sent us a photo of this painting by Leixlip artist Eddie Finn, of the Old Church and farm in St Catherine's. Only painted in the past few weeks, the scene could easily be from fifty years ago.

Eddie was busy during lockdown painting some iconic scenes of a facility that played such an important role for many during the pandemic.

The Greening of Lucan!



If these tree could talk – These mainly Horse Chestnut trees in Lucan Demesne, have stood tall for at least a couple of centuries – they can live to be 300 years old. It's lovely to watch them bloom each year – a sure sign that summer is coming.

Speaking of trees – of another ilk – we noticed this sign still on a pole outside St. Patrick's Church in Esker.



Surely we're not getting that ahead of ourselves!

Hopefully whoever put it up will remove it pronto, and help Lucan Look Lovely!

Heard a Ukrainian Refugee being interviewed last week, and she spoke of the life plans they had for their children, and then quoted Woody Allen:

"If you want to make God laugh, tell him about your plans"

How true!



SCHOOL NEWS



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Subject options: A 5th yr Subject Options Information Session for parents was held via Zoom on Tuesday evening, 26th April. The Careers and Guidance Departments, Mr. Fox and Ms. Hunt, as well as senior management, addressed the parents and guardians of current 3rd yr students who are going straight into 5th yr in September, as well as the current TY students, and gave them extensive guidance on the options available for 5th yr students in Coláiste Phádraig. The session was extremely well attended and parents reported feeling much more informed about the factors that need to be considered when subject choices are being finalised. The parents also appreciated the detailed 34page booklet that was shared with them digitally. The booklet covers every subject offered in 5th yr in the school with the rationale for choosing each one clearly outlined.

Our new 5th yr cohort of students will have the choice of 15 optional subjects this year (they will choose four subjects from these 15). Starting in September 2022, the students will also have the option of doing PE as one of their options so there is sure to be a high demand for this subject.

Cultural Day: A GAA Cultural Day for all 1st and 2nd yr students was held in the school on Tuesday and it was a great success. Students stayed with their class groups throughout the day and they were accompanied by two Transition Year students who brought them from station to station. In total there were ten stations around the school for the students to participate in; Gaelic Football, hurling, handball, volleyball, rounders, ground hurling, no man's land (a fun GAA game that develops kicking, passing and catching), football skills, pen shoot out and Pella (a new, fun, modified Gaelic game). They had a set time at each station before they moved onto the next activity.

Fortunately, it was a fine, calm, dry, Spring day so everyone was in great spirits throughout and a fantastic day of fun and games was had by all. Many thanks to Mr. Lyons especially for organising and co-ordinating the day and to the teachers and TY students helped out throughout the day.

Athletics: Twenty of our students took part in the West Leinster Schools Track and Field

Championships that was held at the Morton Stadium in Santry before the Easter Break. Our athletes competed in an array of track and field events over the two days and they all did themselves and the school proud with many impressive displays throughout.

Three of our athletes qualified for the Leinster Schools Track and Field Finals that will also be held over two days in May. Alex Leonard won the 200m in great style with a strong finish on the inside lane to claim the gold medal. Jerome Jothibalan ran very well to finish in 5th place (out of 40) in the 800m Junior Final while Aidan Doyle finished 6th in a competitive field in the 800m Minor Final.

Awards: Well done to 2nd yr **Mateusz Graca** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month* Award for March in recognition of his initiative in arranging a collection in the school for Ukrainian refugees at the Polish border which raised a total of 1073euro.

Congratulations to **Alex Kennedy** who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award* in recognition of his excellent performances at left back for the 1st yr soccer team as well as his dedication and commitment at training.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **James Ryan** ón séú bliain a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí Márta 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 on Monday in recognition of their application, co-operation and excellent behaviour throughout March.



Irish: Our 6th yr students were treated to some sausage rolls, biscuits, cakes and tea in the canteen on Tuesday morning by their Irish teachers as a reward for the successful completion of their Leaving Cert Irish oral exam (worth 40%) during the Easter Break.

St. Joseph's College

Transition Year Barista Training: On Monday morning the halls of St Joseph's College were filled with the beautiful aroma of Coffee as a number of Transition Years took part in the Barista workshop with the Dublin Barista School. A great experience for all and something that will look great on their CV.



5th Year Ecology Trip: A group of 112 5th year students travelled to Castletown House in Celbridge this week on an Ecology trip as part of their Biology Class. The girls were studying the flora and fauna of a woodland ecosystem and showed excellent skills when using qualitative and quantitative investigating techniques.

Minor Camogie Match: On Tuesday our Minor Camogie team played Mount Sackville in another group game in their League Campaign. The Girls put up a great performance against a good Mount Sackville Team and won well in the end. Well done to all involved, they now progress to the next stage of the competition.

Ty Trip to Dublin Zoo: Our transition Year group went on a full year group tour to Dublin Zoo on Thursday. The much-anticipated tour did not disappoint with students enjoying the freedom to guide themselves with great excitement from one enclosure to the next to see what kind of creature awaited them.

6th Year Write Ups: Students who study Politics and Society and History completed their write ups this week on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively. These write ups are project work the students complete as part of their coursework in the Leaving Certificate. In the case of History and Politics the project was then uploaded onto the

Department of Education's portal for grading. Well done to everyone.

5th and 6th Year Art Trip: On Thursday 5th and 6th Year Art students will be going on an Art Trip as part of their Visual Studies and Art History courses. All students visited the Hugh Lane Gallery where they were brought on a guided tour, focussing on the work of the Impressionist painters. 5th Year Art students then visited the National Gallery of Ireland to view the work of 19th Century painters, while 6th Year Art students visited the National Museum to view Bronze Age artefacts.

PAL Trial Finale: Every year we participate in the Public Access to Law National Trial Competition designed for TY students. Unfortunately because of Covid restrictions the Court Service have cancelled this year's competition. Because the students had put in so much preparation work in advance of the Trial competition we thought it was a good idea to allow our students to compete against one another. On Friday we held TWO separate trials, involving 4 barristers, 4 witnesses, court staff, reporters, artists, photographers. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in all of the above categories.



Minor Soccer: Our Minor soccer team took to the field again this week in their Leinster Quarter Final where they faced Mercy Coolock. The girls played excellently and eventually ran out winners on a score line of 6 goals to 1. It was a great team performance but Siena Hannon was the player of the match after a dominant Midfield performance. The girls are now through to the Leinster Semi Final.

1st Year Stay Awake: Our Cinnire Team were very busy all week organising the First Year Stay Awake. This was a great evening of fun and games with the theme being TV and movies. The First Year students had a great night, well done to the Cinnire Team for organising this event.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan
Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan
Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Palmerstown Camera Club

At Palmerstown Camera Club we hold a weekly meeting online/in person, 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 sepcpc@mail.com



We started back last week with in-person sessions in the Parish Hall in Palmerstown and we are now able to offer a hybrid model in the camera club. This is so we can have local/national and international speakers visit the club. The international speakers will be on zoom and they can be viewed at home or in the parish hall in Palmerstown with other camera club members.

Next week as a speaker we have Julian Elliott a professional photographer who specializes in travel photography. Julian will share with us his photographs based on his visits to, Italy, Mongolia and Vietnam to mention just a few.

A few weeks ago, we had the judging night for last month's themed competition "Water", and below we have an image from Elaine Butler titled "Beach Reflection" and this image came second in the open category in the advanced section.



If you haven't heard about Lucan Men's Shed, then read on, because I would like to let you know why it's here, where it is and what you will find, should you decide to come to visit us. You will be more than welcome and with this in mind, our opening days each week are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



The Shed is located behind the Irish Wheelchair Association building, in the same grounds, well-signposted on the Lucan-Newcastle Road, R120. Having crossed the first bridge, coming from Lucan Village, access to the Shed is through the second gateway on the right, just before the filling station.

Lucan Men's Shed members has been around for some time, meeting regularly as a group, but without a premises. Finding that base was, in itself, a task, but our efforts came to fruition in the acquisition of the aforementioned Shed. It was a structure which needed attention and attention it got, through the combined efforts of the membership. We are now an established entity, with a solid attendance and an active committee of management.

The Shed is a service to the men of Lucan, to anyone aged 18 or over, who would welcome a place to meet regularly, to exchange ideas and enjoy the chat in a friendly atmosphere. To move the conversations along, there's an abundance of tea and coffee, not to mention what seems like an endless supply of biscuits. A caller, a complete stranger, commented that he enjoyed the craic and the friendship, the hospitality and the welcome. The Shed is open to callers on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between 1000 and 1300. Just drop in, if that's your fancy.

The Shed arranges a walk on a Wednesday, a walk which is organized and lead by a committee member. This activity is open strictly to "members only." There are sound insurance reasons behind this restriction in participation. It is well-known that those members, who get involved in walks, come to enjoy them.



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New route for Cycle Way Welcome:

A new route for the Canal Loop Cycle Way is now being proposed. The new route would go down the green area at Brookvale estate down the Lucan Rd and will terminate in Lucan Village. This means it will no longer run through Sarsfield Park. This is good news as cyclists would have faced a more problematic route via Sarsfield Park. The continuation in to Fingal will be considered at a later stage. Further public consultation on the route will be held in the summer.

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Lucan Village Update:

Well done to all the residents and businesses who fought so hard to protect carparking in the village. We saw democracy in action with local councillors Vicki Casserly, Paul Gogarty and Liona O'Toole, supported by all seven Fine Gael councillors, voting through a change that ensures the protection of carparking during the upgrade of the Village Green

Primary Care Centres Update:

Lucan: The HSE will shortly seek expressions of interests from those seeking to develop Primary Care facilities in the area in Q2 2022.

Adamstown: The developer of Adamstown Town Centre has proposed the repurposing of the existing Adamstown Boulevard Building into a new Primary Care Centre. Pending finalisation of paperwork, HSE will work towards securing an Agreement for Lease with a planning application anticipated in Q3 or Q4 2022.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty - Independent

“Not just at election time”

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Latest swimming pool delay:

Regrettably, issues with materials may delay project further into autumn. I'll continue to chase up regularly.

GP application in Lucan Village:

I regularly highlight the lack of spaces for new GP services in Lucan/Adamstown, so it's welcome that an application has gone in at Dr Harris's old surgery. We don't have a vote on such issues, but I've put in a support submission.

Hayden's Lane multi-storey application:

Additional information received from developer. Decision due next month.

Playing pitches shortage:

Had motion passed seeking coordinated approach to public/private pitch allocation for sports clubs/schools. Also highlighted issues with GAA pitch size in Adamstown and problems with area previously used by AGP FC for its Academy.

Fallen tree cleared at St Joseph's lay-by:

Thanks to SDCC for clearing obstructed footpath. Have also raised similar issue in Esker Cemetery.

We learn as we go along.....



I'm old enough to remember when paper bags were being blamed for the destruction of trees - and plastic bags were the solution!





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Race Day: The Race day is planned for the 9th May. Prosecco reception at the clubhouse, four course meal with wine, professional tipster, exclusive raffle and complementary bus from the clubhouse. Tickets are €120 each and available from Jim 086 238 7585.



Lucan Sarsfield Golf Society: Annual Golf Classic Lucan Golf Club will take place on Friday 17th June 2022. A 4 Person Team is €400 (€320 before 11 Am), Goodie Bag, 2's Club, Nearest the Pin, Longest Drive, a Meal and Raffle on the night. All proceeds in support of Club Development.

Music Bingo: This Thursday Music Bingo will be in the Club Bar, it promises to be a lot of fun with eyes down and ears open from 9pm, entry is €10.



Fossetts Circus: Lucan Sarsfields will host Fossetts Circus from the 26th April until 2nd May. Lucan have a number of tickets available from the 13th April at a special rate of €8 in the Café.

Club Lotto: Last week's Lotto Prize of €10,600 was not won. The Numbers were **1, 4, 10, 13**. *Lucky Dip prizes* go to Geraldine Mitchel, Estelle Carr, Don Crowley Louise O'Neill & Louise Fagan. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €11,000. The draw is sponsored by Dual Printing Ltd., and will be led by Edel Mooney.



Juvenile Section / Coiste na nÓg

U8 LGF Go Games: The girls were back in action this morning after a brief easter interlude. Despite the bellies full of chocolate the girls put on an egg-selent display of football this morning. The girls turned up in a mighty force of green representing their jersey with pride. From the first whistle the Lucan girls dominated the play with fantastic skills on show, in only their second go-game of the season. Already players are looking to play as a team and convert their possession - bringing all their learned skills and drills from the training field to the match, which is very encouraging. Above all else, great to see all our girls coming off the pitch with smiles on their faces and new friendships blossoming. We go again next week moulding these future sars stars.

U9 LGF Go Games

A home game for the under 9's against St. Brigids, who were tough opposition to go up

against but the Lucan girls matched it with some super performances and great team work. Well done girls!

U10 hurling Go-Games versus St Vincents:

Team 1 were involved in a very close ding-dong battle in Vincents. The Lucan team gave their all but St Vincents got a few late scores to shade it in the end. Ronan Kennedy put in a very busy performance and was constantly driving his team on.

Squad: Adam Dowling, Casey Quinn, Harry McCormick, Oliver Morley, Paddy Smith, River Byrne Philips, Ronan Kennedy, Seamus, Moriarty, Sean Walsh

Team 2 played very well against a strong St Vincents team. St Vincents were the better half, but Lucan came roaring back into the game in the second half. Jack Collins capped a fine display with a great individual goal while Cormac O'Gara won many turnovers in defence.

Squad: Charlie McSherry, Cormac O'Gara, Dave O'Laoire, Eoin McKenna, Jack Collins, Oran Darcy, Oscar Watts, Ross O'Carroll, Tom O'Sullivan

Team 3 were involved in a brilliant battle that contained great scores, tackles and blocks. The highlight was a cracker of a score from Jack O'Shea direct from a puck out.

Squad: Andrew Byrne, Cillian Forde, Colin Murphy, Conor Coleman, Jack O'Shea, Jamie McCarthy, Kealan Carley, Max O'Neill, Noah McCarthy, Rian Fahey

Lucan Sarsfields U12A Hurling: Lucan and St Judes U12A played a very entertaining grading game in a sunny Tymon park.

St Judes started the faster and scored two early goals from their pacey full forward line. Points from Oisín Brady and Daire Sheehan eventually settled Lucan down. Then before half time a high ball from Johnny Donovan was dropped into the net making it 2-3 to 1-2, Judes leading at half time. The start of the second half was a disaster for Lucan conceding 3 goals and 2 goal in a very short time. But Lucan battled back led by Victor Adankin and Johnny in mid-field. Points from Daire, Johnny, Leon Brennan, Tomás



McSweeney and a goal from Alex Mahon made Judes sweat for the remaining few minutes. It finished with Judes winning 7-5 to 2-8. Mentors and parents all enjoyed the match which was played in a very sporting manner.

Continued over

Squad: Daire Sheehan, Victor Adankin, Óisín Brady, Daniel Carroll, Tomás McSweeney, Conor O'Keefe, Liam Dunne, Leon Brennan, Jack Biggs, Darragh McAndrews, Quinn Damer, Conor Colohan, Johnny Donovan, Alex Mahon, Conor Sheehan.



Lucan Sarsfields U12A

Lucan Sarsfields U12C: A strong performance by our C's against St Judes, both teams battling hard, but Lucans resolve saw it difficult for Judes to get out of their half. When it did come down the defenders did a great job stopping Judes and clearing the ball, making Daniel H's job in goal easy. All this good work gave team Cs its first win as a team end score 5-2 to 0-1. Goals and points by Dylan W, Matthew D, Matthew F Cormac H and Ethan S, well done boys!

U15 LGF Feile: Our B team travelled to Sylvesters in Malahide and the day commenced with a parade and a cool sea breeze. The B's played well in their first game the match ended Lucan Sarsfields 1-6 Stars of Eireann 1-2 and we had a great start. Unfortunately in the next game we met a strong Marys team and lost, Lucan Sarsfields 1-7 St Mary's 3-6. This meant it was all down to the final match which the girls had to win to stay alive in the event. With a great effort we got our second win from the hosts, Lucan Sarsfields 4-5 St Sylvesters 3-2. In a strange twist of fate we went to a play-off against the eventual winners of the tournament St Mary's. It was a special day with our thanks to Sylvesters who were tremendous hosts.

Our A team hosted the Feile in Sarsfields. They finished runners up and travelled to Sylvesters to play their Semi Final against Kilmacud in Bloomfield. Our B team remained on to offer their support. It was a very exciting match with two very even teams. At the end it was level and went to 10 minutes of extra time, the Lucan girls just lost out in the end as they tired in the last couple of minutes eventually conceding a gaol. With little time for a response the girls battled on but their final attack returned without a score leaving Kilmacud with the result.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

Díolachán Plandaí: Beidh Díolachán Plandaí don bhFoireann F12. Dé Domhnaigh an 1 Bealtaine ó 11:30 ar aghaidh (Urban Market, PNC). Beidh ceardaíocht saor in aisce do pháistí.

The under 12's will be hosting a plant sale on Sunday May 1st from 11:30am at The Urban Market in St. Catherine's Park. There will be free crafts for kids.

Iomáint Faoi 11: Bhí bua iontach do na leaids F11 i gcoinne Lucan Sarsfields Dé Domhnaigh! Maith sibh!

Well done to the under 11 hurling team who had a good win on Sunday against Lucan Sarsfields.



Cluichí na Seachtaine

Foirne Fásta

Peil na bhfear (A) v Naomh Maur, Páirc Naomh Caitríona, 3 Bealtaine 19:15

Peil na mban v Craobh Chiarán, Clonshaugh, 4 Bealtaine 19:15

Peil na bhfear (B) v Gaeil Naomh, Shéamais/Caisleán, Páirc Naomh Caitríona, 5 Bealtaine 19:15

Camogie v Cill Mochuda Na Crócaigh, TBC, 5 Bealtaine 19:30

Faoi Aois

Cailíní F13 – Camogie v Na Fianna, TBC, 1 Bealtaine 13:30



SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Lucan's Golden Girls

Carol Kearney: European Indoor Champion
W50 relay Gold in Braga 2022 also 200m bronze,
400m silver at the same championships

Annette Durkan: European Indoor Champion
W45 4 X200 m relay 2022 European
championship Braga

Leanne Wellings: European Indoor Champion
W45 4 X200 m relay 2022 European
championship Braga



What a wonderful weekend of celebrations for our European Champions. Firstly on Friday evening a lovely reception hosted by the Mayor of South Dublin County Council. Peter Kavanagh. Family and Friends of Carol, Annette and Leanne were invited to County Hall in Tallaght for a presentation by The Mayor, with a reception after. Lovely words were spoken by Mayor, Peter Kavanagh, PJ Hyland and Gerry Martin.

There was plenty of glamour on show not the usual running tops and trainers we are all normally spotted in.

It was a wonderful privilege and honour to be present at such a lovely event. An honour well deserved by our European Champions. Plenty of photos captured the essence of the evening wonderfully

Then on Saturday morning the club took the opportunity of having Leanne at the track to have a club presentation to the girls. A great number of Club members turned out to honour the achievements of the girls. Colin said a few words on behalf of the club and committee.



Each were then presented with bouquets and framed pictures of their achievements in February. They were presented by Claire Joyce, Ladies Captain, Breda Smyth, Vice-Captain and Fiona Hegarty, who without, doubt we would not have the wonderful track we have today.

The sun shone and the day was made all the brighter by all the smiles and sense of pride. There was a lot of positivity on the track at 11am on Saturday morning. Great to see.

Well done on the fabulous achievements and to everyone who took time out to attend the track. It was very much appreciated by our three Champions.

LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

Dublin Board Mixed Scramble

Last Sunday saw our Club take home the honours in the above competition. We secured both first and second prize with the Heffernan Family taking first prize and the O'Reilly family taking second prize. They both had the same gross score – the difference was one third of a shot in the handicap. Congratulations to all who represented our Club and again well done to champions and runners up. Hopefully this will be the start of another great year for our Club in securing silverware. Thank you to all our supporters who made the trip to Portmarnock to cheer on our teams.



"A trophy carries dust. Memories last forever."

Mary Lou Retton

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last Friday in the Coffee Dock we had a good attendance as we tried our hands at macro-photography under the guidance of Donal. An example of the results of our efforts is Donal's photograph of sea shells.

In the meantime, Irene is in Madrid and Willie has been touring the north-west of the country sending in photographs from Donegal, Derry and the Giant's Causeway in Antrim.



The Giant's Causeway was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site back in 1986 and according to legend the causeway was built by Fionn MacCumhaill. In reality what we see today is the consequence of intense volcanic activity that occurred about 50 to 60 million years ago.

Taking advantage of the fine weather we have been having Paddy has sent in some misty water shots and Kay has sent in some beautiful photographs of cherry blossoms. Sadly these delicate flowers, like the cheerful daffodils, are nearly gone until next year!

This Friday in the Coffee Dock we will look at the results of our efforts in macro-photography on the big screen as well as looking at photographs taken during April on the subject of "doors" which was this month's chosen topic.

Until next week stay safe!

