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## Pentecost – Happy Birthday

This Sunday we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost recalling that first outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the early church. In a real sense we can speak of Pentecost as the birthday of the church. The appearances of Jesus in his risen body had come to an end, and he had taken leave of them in that form. Before his departure he had however made the wonderful promise of sending another, an advocate who would guide and lead and teach. He told them to wait and pray and to look forward to the coming of the Spirit who would lead them in the all truth.



The scriptures use dramatic language to describe that first Pentecost.

*And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. [Acts 2:2-4]*

They are trying to describe a deeply spiritual experience that they had never experienced before and human language is inadequate to capture the moment completely. They use the analogy of a mighty wind that did no damage, and a fire that didn't burn; clearly, they are trying to convey a powerful overwhelming moment of some kind. The effects of that moment are immediate and dramatic. The doors locked in fear are thrown open and this terrified group are transformed into fearless witnesses boldly proclaiming the triumph of the risen Jesus. So enthused are they that the onlookers think they have been on the wine. They preach the Gospel in the languages of all the Jews who had come to Jerusalem and are clearly understood. Whatever they had experienced has transformed them completely, and they meet with great success. We read how they added 3,000 to their numbers on that day alone.

That same Holy Spirit is given to us in our times, and while the moment may be less dramatic, the reality is as powerful. If it were not for the presence of the Holy Spirit in the church I think it would long since have collapsed under the weight of its own failings and sometimes scandalous sinfulness.

So happy birthday believers; this is the day the Lord has made, may he continue to pour out his Spirit on each one of us and may that Spirit heal the divisions in the Christian church so that we can together bear united witness to the "... one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all" (Eph. 4:5-6).

Philip Curran  
St. Mary's Lucan

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

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

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



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

**Or you can email** your query to us at [dscis@citinfo.ie](mailto:dscis@citinfo.ie) and someone will reply.

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

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

### Homelessness and the right to housing

Perhaps you have lost your rented accommodation, or had to move out of your home because your relationship has broken down. You may be staying with family or couch surfing with friends. Or you may be homeless for more complex reasons and have additional needs due to addiction or mental health issues.

Under the Housing Act 1988 you are considered homeless if one of the following applies to you: There is no accommodation available that, in the opinion of the local authority, you and any other person who normally lives with you, can reasonably stay or

You are living in a hospital, county home, night shelter or other such institution, and you are living there because you have no suitable accommodation

You are, in the opinion of the local authority, unable to provide accommodation from your own resources

In general, you may be considered homeless if you are:

**Sleeping rough:** Staying in an emergency hostel or refuge. Staying in bed and breakfast or hotel accommodation on a temporary basis. Staying temporarily with friends or family because you have nowhere else to go.

**Squatting (occupying a building illegally):** Our document on housing and other supports for homeless people describes the services and supports that are available for homeless people. We also have a document that lists a number of agencies and organisations that provide services to people who are homeless as well as one that

describes the particular arrangements for young people who are homeless.

**The right to housing:** There is no legally protected right to adequate shelter and housing in Ireland. However, local authorities have a responsibility to provide housing for adults who cannot afford it themselves, and Tusla must provide accommodation for children where homeless or in need of care. In 2014, a Constitutional Convention recommended that the Constitution be amended to include a specific right to housing, but this did not proceed. The recommendation was also included in a number of later bills which have failed, because it is thought to be at odds with how private property is considered in the Constitution. A number of political parties and homeless organisations are now calling for a referendum on this issue.

### Who is responsible for housing homeless people?

While local authorities do not have a statutory obligation to house people, they do have general responsibility under the Housing Act 1988 to provide housing for adults who cannot afford to provide it for themselves. They may help with accommodation either by providing housing directly or through arrangements with voluntary housing organisations and other voluntary bodies. They may also provide funding to voluntary bodies for emergency accommodation and for long-term housing for homeless people.

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has general responsibility for the health and in-house care needs of homeless people. In terms of funding, this means that local authorities are responsible for the costs of providing accommodation while the HSE provides funding for the care and welfare needs of homeless people, including in-house care.

Tusla (the Child and Family Agency) has responsibility under the Child Care Act 1991 for providing accommodation for children under the age of 18 who are homeless or in need of care. It may also provide aftercare facilities for young people aged over 18. Read more in our document on youth homelessness.

**Housing policy:** The government's policy on homelessness is based on a housing-led approach. It aims to secure long-term housing for people who are homeless, with additional social supports if necessary. This policy is covered in a number of different plans and policies, see [gov.ie](http://gov.ie) for more information.

**Read more about homelessness** on the website of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

## COVID CRISIS IN NEPAL

Covid news from India and South America is all over the media. However, per capita, the Covid crisis in Nepal is worse.



Last Sunday, I attended a Zoom conference organized by the Nepal Ireland Society. About sixty people took part including the Nepalese Ambassador to Ireland, the Irish Ambassador to Nepal, a Nepalese parliament member, an Irish TD, an executive of the HSE, representatives of the Red Cross and of Engineers without Borders, representatives of various companies making medical equipment, frontline workers live from Nepal, representatives from Irish NGOs working in Nepal, including myself from INGO Nagarhope, Nepalese people living in Ireland (there are over 2000), Irish people living in Nepal, including our son, Lucan man, Fachtna Clandillon, better known as Doc.

The country is in crisis, hospitals are overwhelmed, equipment particularly oxygen and oxygen concentrators are in very short supply, hundreds are dying every day.

The immediate need is for Oxygen Concentrators. If you have any contact with a company /organisation who can supply these, please make contact with us immediately.

The good news at the conference was that the Irish government will help in as far as it can. They have already sent massive aid to India. Shipping costs of equipment will be heavily subsidised, customs will be waived where possible.

Doc and Nagarhope are not in a position to help directly so we are supporting Nepal Ireland Society in this campaign to send urgent aid to Nepal.

Nepal Ireland Society has set up a GoFundMe facility on their Facebook page. We are appealing to you to make a donation to this cause.

Alternatively, you can give the donation directly to us, details below, and we will pass it on to Nepal Ireland Society.

The link for Nepal Ireland Society Facebook page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/nepalirelandsociety ireland>

The direct link to GoFundMe page set up by Nepal Ireland Society:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-initiatives-to-tackle-covid19-in-nepal>

Our own details are:

Niamh Clandillon 087-0666891

Séamus Clandillon 087-2189960

191 BEECH PARK, LUCAN

**Please donate what you can to help save lives in Nepal.**

**Thank you for your support, Niamh Clandillon.**

## Leaning on the Griffeen Wall

Leaning on the Griffeen Wall,  
Listening to Seagulls call,  
River flowing swiftly by,  
Main Street at a crawl.

Busy people to and fro,  
In and out of shops they go,  
Dad resting toddler on the Wall,  
Tossing crumbs to ducks below.

Trees that keep the pavement dry,  
Allow blue glimpses of the sky,  
Gleaming ripples on the stream,  
A Griffeen trout goes gliding by.

Side by side stream and street,  
Destined they will never meet,  
In shadow of the ancient bridge,  
Old echoes drum a primal beat.

Still life by the water fall,  
The stately Heron standing tall,  
A respite from the bustling day,  
Leaning on the Griffeen Wall.

*By Paddy Mulhern*

## Lost

### Blackthorn Walking Stick

between St. Mary's Church  
and Ballydowd  
(sentimental value).

Contact Eileen 085-7370602



# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

[www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)



### New Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigils: **5pm and 6.45pm**

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

## Notice

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

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Saturday 10am

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

Our churches are open for Public Masses. While number will continue to be restricted and social distancing enforced it does mean that in St Mary's we can have a maximum of **69** people in attendance for Masses. The 69 is possible if we have two distinct areas within the church, one for 50 people and the other for 19. There can be no movement between these two areas. Each area will have separate entrances and exits.

**Admission to all Masses will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Enter at the main porch door, queueing from the left across the front of the old part of the church maintaining social distance at all times. We rely on your understanding to make this work. Masks must be worn.**



## Congratulations

to

**Sr Geraldine**

Who celebrates 60 years  
of her Religious Profession.

Sr. Geraldine entered the Bon Secours Sisters on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1961 and we are delighted to still have her ministering among us and wish her many more years of happiness in her profession.

*From all her friends in St. Mary's*

### Confessions – Nun's Chapel:

Monday and Wednesday after 10am Mass

Saturday after the 10am and 5pm Masses

**Praying with Scripture:** Praying with scripture is continuing on zoom. If interested please contact Cheryl Murphy at 086 8343754 to register.

**Private Prayer:** The Church is open daily for private prayer on weekdays from 10.30am to 6pm (funerals permitting) and on Sundays after the 12.15pm Mass to 6pm. Please enter by the Main Porch Door and exit by the side door (near the Nun's Chapel).

## St. Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro

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

### Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,  
9am, and 12 noon.

**10.30am Family Mass – live streamed only** This online Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families; it is an accessible liturgy for children and enables them to participate more fully in the Sunday Mass.

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Friday at 10am.

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

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

Current restrictions means that there can be **NO gathering outside the front of the church**, should the church building reach the maximum capacity of 50. Parishioners can however remain in their cars in the car park and receive communion.

**All Masses are streamed live on the Parish You Tube channel**

**Volunteers Needed:** To be able to put the safety procedures in place for the benefit of everyone **we need volunteers** to help with stewarding and sanitizing the Church at Masses. Thank you to those who have come forward.

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

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



## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

### New Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm

Sunday **10:15am and 12:15am**

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Friday 9:15am  
Saturday 10am

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

**All Masses will be livestreamed on**

[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

### Please follow guidelines:

Wear a face covering over both nose and mouth.

Use hand sanitizer when entering the Church.

Sit 2m apart on seats marked by the yellow stickers.

Family groups can sit together in dedicated group seats in the side rooms.

Movement between the pods (side rooms and main church) is not permitted.

Follow the instructions of the Church stewards – they have purple hi-vis vests so easily recognized.

**Stewards:** Please consider helping us on the Steward team as with people's situations ever changing and the coming of the summer holidays we will need more people to cover all the Masses. You can get in touch with our [online contact form](#) or approach any of the stewards after Mass. Training will be provided.

**Sanitising after Mass:** All the pews need to be sprayed and wiped down after Mass and since many hands make like work please consider staying after Mass and picking up gloves, spray bottle and cloth from the table in the porch and help the team get the Church ready for the next Mass.

**Private Prayer:** While the Church is not open to parishioners for Mass, the Faustina Chapel is open for private prayer from 10am to 12 noon Monday to Friday.

**Daily Readings on website:** Under our Welcome menu you will find links for the Daily Mass Reading which updates every day as well as Sunday Mass Reading for the following Sunday's Mass. It is a great way to be able to read along during Mass if you so wish or take time to reflect on the passages during the week and see what message they have for you. One quick note is that if it is a Sunday and you want to see the Gospel for today then click on the Daily Mass Reading link as the Sunday listing will be for the following week.



## St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

Both St Andrew's and St Mary's churches are re-opened.

**St Andrew's: 10am**

**St Mary's: 11.30am**

Numbers attending each service will be restricted to **50**. To ensure the safety of everyone who wants to come to a service, there are some precautions that we are requesting you follow when you attend:

We ask that those in the 'at risk' groups or those who have been in contact with Covid-19 sufferers within the past 3 weeks not attend.

We ask that facemasks, although not provided, should be worn, except by those with underlying conditions, which preclude the wearing of one.

Please follow the directions of the Church Wardens when entering and leaving the building.

Please do not congregate when entering or exiting the church and members of the congregation should not meet in the carparks without adhering to social distancing rules.

Sanitisers are provided at every entry and exit to the church.

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

You can continue to take part in services online, The Rev Scott Peoples live streams services on:  
Sunday 10am from St Andrew's, Lucan  
Sunday 11.30am from St Mary's, Leixlip  
Wednesday at 10am.

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

## Pilgrimages

### Marian Pilgrimages

Marian Pilgrimages have released their pilgrimage schedule for 2021 and 2022

to Lourdes, Medjugorje, Fatima, Italy and Holy Land.

For more information or to register your interest please visit [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie) or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159.



## Acknowledgement

### LYNAGH (JIM)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary – 25<sup>th</sup> May

We wish to express our thanks to the many people who supported us following Jim's death.

To Father Curran for celebrating Requiem Mass and for visiting Jim during his illness.

To our neighbours Eileen McCrory for her prayer guidance and Cathy Nugent for her beautiful singing. To all those who sent Mass cards and messages of sympathy. To our friends and neighbours who turned out as Jim's funeral passed through Roselawn and Ballydowd Grove, it was much appreciated and an indication of such great community spirit. To the care team in our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross where Jim spent his final few days – our deepest gratitude for the loving care they administered. The Hospice is so worthy of our support.

**May Jim's kind soul rest in the peace of the Lord. 10am Mass Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May in remembrance.**

*Maura and the Lynagh family*

## Anniversaries

### MULLIGAN (MAURA)

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary – 19<sup>th</sup> May

Late of Meadow View Grove.

Silent the tears that fall

Living our lives without you

Is the hardest part of all

You did so many things for us

Your heart was kind and true

And when we needed someone

We could always count on you

The special years will not return

When we were all together

But with the love within our hearts

You will walk with us forever.

*Loved and dearly missed, Ted, Olive, Annmarie,*

*Patricia, Siobhain and families*



### MULLIGAN (MAURA)

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary – 19<sup>th</sup> May

May the winds of Heaven blow softly

And whisper in your ear

How much we love and miss you

And wish that you were here.

*Your loving grandchildren Nathan, Cian,*

*Caoimhe, Keelan, Conor, Dylan, James and Ryan*

### SULLIVAN (BREEDA)

#### 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 28<sup>th</sup> May

In loving memory of Breeda.

*Deeply loved and remembered always by your husband, family, relations and friends*

## Lucan Library

### Bealtaine Arts and Biodiversity Workshop With Duffy Mooney-Sheppard On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11am.



You can book a through Eventbrite at [LucanLibraryDublin.Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/bealtaine-arts-crafts-event-for-over-55s-inspired-by-bees-and-biodiversity-tickets-12242471212)  
Bealtaine Arts & Crafts Event for over 55s, inspired by bees and biodiversity.

#### About this Event:

This workshop is aimed anyone interested in art and Irish biodiversity, nature and folklore. We will discover the magic that occurs when drawing from scientific observation and artistic imagination and be inspired by some of the incredible Irish and global folklore about bees.

Come and find creative flow as we draw, make, listen to music and sow flowers for the bees.

Part 1: We will build and design a plant pot and plant bee friendly flowers.

Part 2: We will design and build a flower usable vase out of card.

In addition to the surprise art pack which will be posted to participants, they will need: Something to paint / draw with (e.g. paint, ink, pencils), a scissors and a glue stick (e.g. pritt stick).

**About the artist:** Duffy Mooney-Sheppard is a visual artist and storyteller. A recent graduate of the MA in Children's Book illustration at Cambridge School of Art. She has many years of experience leading arts events, programmes and creative workshops for young people and adults.

**Please Note:** One ticket per participants. A valid email address is required to register for this event.

# Political Notes

## Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

Phone: 085-7211574. Email: [ginokenny@oir.ie](mailto:ginokenny@oir.ie)

**DART Extension to Hazelhatch:** There is a public consultation now open for the proposal to create a new DART line between the city centre and Hazelhatch. The existing rail line to Adamstown would be used to provide an additional 11 trains each day with 4 times the capacity of current train services. The public consultation is open until 23rd June and all details are available at [www.dartplus.ie](http://www.dartplus.ie)

## Emer Higgins – TD

78 The Orchard, Lucan

01 401 3416 [Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie](mailto:Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie)

### Government moves to tackle investment funds:

Ensuring that people have access to home ownership in this country is a priority for me and a priority for the Government. And I am glad that the government has taken swift action to combat the issue of investment funds buying up properties meant for first-time buyers. The new measure will impose a stamp duty charge of ten percent on the multiple purchases of 10 or more homes and local authorities will also receive guidelines on ringfencing houses and duplexes for individual non-commercial purchasers. While we do need a level of investment to boost housing supply, I am glad that we have taken steps to protect first-time buyers. These new measures will come into effect from Thursday the 19th of May once passed by Dáil Éireann.

## Caitriona McClean

086-3898327, [cmaemcclean@hotmail.com](mailto:cmaemcclean@hotmail.com)

twitter: @cmaemcclean

**Hospital access via 239:** I received a reply from the Ombudsman. Our case will be assigned to a case officer as soon as possible.

**Supporting local businesses:** I have called on SDCC for leadership on a par with local authorities such as Fingal and Dun Laoghaire who have taken positive steps to support local businesses as we emerge from the lockdown. People need to be able to meet up in safety, and want to support local enterprise. We are proud of our local businesses and want to support them.

**Foreign investors buying up entire apartment blocks:** I am calling for a review. I have asked the Government that 20% be reserved for individual purchase. The up-front funding model could accommodate this. You may have seen my recent letter in Irish Independent.

## Paul Gogarty

Tel: 087-2752489. E-mail: [info@paulgogarty.com](mailto:info@paulgogarty.com)

**Balgaddy housing options:** I've a motion this month asking the Council to reiterate a timeframe for providing first choice options in newer housing in Balgaddy for existing residents whose properties have required multiple and/or ongoing maintenance works.

**Joined up thinking needed in village:** While there's now clarity on the revised parking scheme and proposed hikes for resident permits were reduced from earlier proposals, there remains an ongoing issue with the village area. There are heritage works, a proposed cycle scheme and ongoing congestion to be sorted. We need a holistic approach to make the village a place safer and more inviting to visit. Without national measures, traffic won't improve, so we need to look at how to facilitate the minority of people who can't walk far while also making the village less car-centric and more wheelchair/buggy-accessible. I've a motion down in this regard Tuesday.

## Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Ph: 087 7840898. [www.shanemoynihan.ie](http://www.shanemoynihan.ie)

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Twitter: @shanemoynihan

Instagram: cllrshanemoynihan

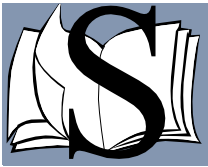
**DART South West:** DART+ South West is a project to modernise and improve the existing rail services from Hazelhatch & Celbridge to the City Centre including Adamstown Station, as well as the planned-to-open Kishoge Station. There is currently a public consultation taking place on the emerging preferred route, viewable at <https://www.dartplus.ie/en-ie/projects/dart-south-west>. Please contact me if you would like to discuss further.

**Pfizer Vaccines:** I welcome the announcement this week that Pfizer Ireland will produce a component of its COVID-19 vaccine at its Grange Castle Facility. This investment of \$40million will bring 75 new jobs and is a massive vote of confidence in Pfizer's workforce in Lucan and Clondalkin.

**Nuachtlitir Gaeilge:** Mas rud e gur mhaith leat leagan Gaeilge do my nuachtlitir a fhail, cuir ríomhphost agam le do thoil agus cuirfidh me ar an liosta seachadtha thu.

*Every house where love abides  
And friendship is a guest,  
Is surely home, and home sweet home,  
For there the heart can rest.*





# CHOO L NEWS



Our Transition Year students were **Rafting** last week! Rafting.ie, who are based in Palmerstown are a fantastic company to deal with. The students had a fabulous time on the River Liffey!

## St Joseph's College

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> year students began their **End of Term Exams** on Monday, while our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year students will commence their tests on Friday. The majority of our 6<sup>th</sup> Year students are taking a number of exams in the Leaving Certificate in June and for those students, lessons will continue until the 28<sup>th</sup> May. We wish all of our students the very best and hope that all of their hard work pays off!

**St Joseph's College Parents' Association** presented a cheque for €1,500 to our Rosie's Garden Team last Friday! The students are creating a beautiful memorial garden in memory of Sr. Rosario Collier, as part of their Tidy Towns initiative this year. Thank you to our Parents' Association for all of their contributions this year and thank you to our school community for supporting our Parents' Association fundraisers!



*Land Ahoy! TY students rafting on the River Liffey!*



*Our Parents' Association making a presentation to the Rosie's Garden Team.*



## **'CAST' is a film making competition**

for TY students around Ireland where they make short films about social issues in their life. This year because of Covid, the competition did not go ahead but our students still took part in the module. A TV and film producer comes in every week to show the students how to use professional cameras, sound equipment and how to edit using green screens and voice overs. Since the start of the year our students have made two short movies dealing with body image and Covid. This year we teamed up with 'Sunshine TV' who make feature shows for the elderly in nursing homes. Many schools around Ireland took part and the students recorded short videos and edited them at home. The videos included cooking and arts and crafts tutorials, poetry readings, singing and footage of walks around an area. Sunshine TV was able to include these videos from students around Ireland to create a full 60 minute feature show to show their residents every week. Since we have been back in school the girls are continuing to film different pieces together both for Sunshine TV and for their own



film. Well done to Ms Brady (a past student of St Joseph's) and all of her CAST students!!



*Our very busy and creative transition year 'CAST' students!*

2<sup>nd</sup> Year students had a Zoom session with **Michelle Regazzoli Stone 'Mrs Makeup'** last week! It was a very pleasant hour for the students, learning about skin care and how to create a 'glamorous look'! Many thanks to Michelle for her expertise!

School website <https://stjosephslucan.com>  
Follow us on Twitter: @STJosephs3

## Lucan Planning Council

The South Dublin Co. Council's Development Plan for 2022 – 2028 is in its final stages of preparation and has been issued to the elected Councillors for their consideration. This allows them to recommend amendments and add new proposals. It is probably the most important function the Councillors have. We understand that the public will be able to make written submissions before the final vote later in the year.

Since its establishment in 1991 L.P.C. has worked closely with our Councillors on planning issues relating to Lucan. This co-operation resulted in one of our most noteworthy successes – the defeat of a very professional effort to re-zone the St. Edmundsbury lands for a large-scale housing development. L.P.C. has always strongly supported efforts to protect our wonderful Liffey Valley landscapes, which includes St. Edmundsbury. A similar large development in St. Edmundsbury in 2004 was rejected thanks to the overwhelming opposition of the Councillors. There has been no re-zoning of Liffey Valley lawns since 2002.

## LUCAN NEWSLETTER

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are **NOT** operating from the Newsletter Office at the moment, but leave your ads, queries or notices in the **letter box at St. Mary's Parish Centre, before 10pm on Wednesday night**, and we'll collect and look after them.

Alternately email notices/reports to any of the following:

[marylucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:marylucannewsletter@gmail.com)  
[annalucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:annalucannewsletter@gmail.com)  
[roslucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:roslucannewsletter@gmail.com)  
[catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com)

Due to Covid 19 it has not been possible to meet with the Councillors to discuss the new plan. Lucan is one of the country's fastest growing towns with a population approaching 60,000. It is vital that the St. Eds lands are protected as part of the area's green lung.

In the 2016 – 22 Plan, our Councillors, to their great credit, approved a section to strengthen the protection of the Liffey Valley lands, including St. Edmundsbury. We strongly urge them to ensure that these protections are retained in the new plan. We would also like to see greater access to the riverside between Lucan and Palmerstown as promised in the ERM Report "Towards a Liffey Park" in 2005.

We are blessed in Lucan to have such a marvellous facility on our doorsteps. We must do all we can to preserve it.

*Joe Byrne,  
Lucan Planning Council.*

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Awards:** The final end of term (April-May) award winners were announced this week with eight awards once again given out. For the Student of the Term award, students were nominated by their subject teachers as a result of their consistent application to homework, strong work ethic and attentiveness in class as well their excellent manners and behaviour.



The four winners of the **Student of the term Term awards** were as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> yr- **Daniel Power**. 2<sup>nd</sup> yr: **Alex D'Alba** 3<sup>rd</sup> yr: **Marshel Thomas**. Senior: **Divine Mwamba**. Each winner received a 20euro voucher plus a framed certificate in recognition of their fine achievement.



The following students won **Gaeilgeoir na téarma** awards: **Aidan Byrne** (1Beckett) **Mario Nunis** (Dara bliain). **Melie Uso Aduba** (Triú bliain) **Shane Coffey** (Cúigiú bliain). These students greatly impressed their Irish teachers with their fantastic efforts to speak Irish since the school re-opened for all after Easter. Comhghairdeas ollmhór a dhaltaí agus coimeád suas an sár-obair. Mar a deir an seanfhocal “*Beatha teanga í a labhairt*”.

**Graduation news:** Our Leaving Cert Class of 2020 were back in the school at various stages throughout the week to collect their graduation certs and Coláiste Phádraig Cuff Links as mementoes of their time in the school. The students would have

received these at their Graduation last May but for the school closures at the time. The students arrived in individually and they were shown the school's new Graduation Book that has been backdated to last year to include the class of 2020. In this book, the names of every student in the 6<sup>th</sup> Year graduating group will be listed, along with the names of the entire staff for that particular school year, as well as the names of the five main award winners. The 2020 cohort were

unfortunately unable to sign the book due to COVID-19 health regulations but their names were printed instead.

All future Graduating classes, and staff members, will individually sign the book to mark the students' graduation from the school. The book will hold a record of every student and every staff member in the school in a particular school year and

it will make for interesting reading in the years and decades ahead!

Our class of 2021 will attend socially distanced mini-graduation ceremonies in the Sports Hall next week. The students will attend the ceremonies in groups of 40, sit two metres apart and will wear mask throughout the ceremony.

Unfortunately, no parents will be allowed to attend, which is a shame but understandable in the current climate.

**History:** Back on Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 2016, the 1<sup>st</sup> yr students of class 1Lead buried a time capsule on the school grounds after completing their archaeology studies in History class. On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021, the very same students (all older and wiser!) met up with Mr. Sweetman to exhume the capsule and find out if the

enclosed container was strong enough to preserve the items they buried in it.



*First Years bury the Time Capsule in 2016  
Over .....*



## Coláiste Phádraig *cont'd.*

As they carefully removed the time capsule from the ground, the students seemed to be transported back to their younger, giddy selves as they excitedly peered into the container, keen to discover just what their 1st yr selves had buried and how well the items had been preserved. Each student had actually written a letter to their future selves and thankfully they were still in good condition. Some of them had written that they hoped Liverpool would finally win the Premier League by now and thankfully the dreams and hopes of the 1<sup>st</sup> yr Liverpool fans came true in 2020!



*Excavation begins....*



*The Time Capsule unearthed*



Some of the other items removed included selfies of each student (which made for some gentle ribbing and teasing!), a class photo, a copy of The Irish Times from the day the capsule was buried, the 2016 School Yearbook, an All-Ireland Final match day programme from 2016 between Dublin and Mayo, the Lucan newsletter from that week plus a history exam that the students completed back in 1<sup>st</sup> yr. It turns out that it was their 1<sup>st</sup> ever history exam in the school, and they finally got to see what they got in the exam! One student got 95% but missed out on one question-on archaeology of all topics!

The group very much enjoyed the occasion, reminiscing with each other and Mr. Sweetman about the past and reconnecting with their younger selves.

**Transition Year:** Our TY students attended an enjoyable and educational workshop on event management and public speaking last Wednesday. James Sexton, who created Ireland's Fittest Family, spoke to the students about his life and success in the event management industry and shared with them numerous helpful and practical tips that that could prove very beneficial at some stage in the years ahead. James is an entertainer and is extremely passionate about event management and he is also the warm-up act for Ireland's Got Talent so he has "been there, done that" in the business.

He demonstrated how to use a micro-phone

correctly and how best to address an audience and win and sustain their interest throughout your address. He did a number of team building exercises that the students enjoyed and the workshop flew by for everyone-which is always a good sign. We commend the students on their attentiveness, interest and participation throughout.



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Well the group was blessed with the weather last Friday morning for their “field trip” along the banks of the Liffey. The sun shone and there were just enough beautiful white cloud formations to make the sky interesting. In the Newsletter last week Birdie referred to the amount of wild Garlic around the place! We were intoxicated by the scent of this flower as we walked along.

Five members of the Soiree turned up and it gave us a great sensation of normality to be able to walk along together and display our combined ignorance as we tried to identify the many wild flowers on our route.



Many's the time we wished that “Birdie” that fount of Lucan knowledge was in our company to help us out. The only sad note was that ladies of the Soiree were conspicuous by their absence! That said many apologies were received before we set out.







This Friday we are meeting on line again to review the photographs taken on the field trip and we are impatiently waiting for the next trip. A selection of these photographs is published in this edition of the Newsletter. We hope you enjoy them!

*Until next week stay safe!*





## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



**Congratulations** to all the sixth years who are graduating from secondary school this month, and the very best of luck to those about to sit the Leaving Certificate examinations and also to all those sitting end of year exams.

All players and team management **must** be current members of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club to be insured to train and play. To renew or take out membership please use the ClubForce app on your smartphone, or visit our website. When renewing, please ensure to use the same email address as last year. If anyone has financial difficulty with renewing membership please email John Cosgrove in confidence at [Lucan.Sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:Lucan.Sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com) to discuss alternative options. Club membership runs from January to December each year, and is independent of the registration periods of the GAA, LGFA and Camogie Association. Normally, all members must renew membership before March 31<sup>st</sup>, however this has been extended for this year only to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**County News:** Well done to the Dublin Hurlers last Saturday, and to Paul Crummey who came on and scored a great point in the dying minutes. It's back to Parnell Park on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> when Antrim will be visiting.

The Dublin ladies footballers take on Waterford on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>, also in Parnell Park. Dublin men meanwhile travel to Semple Stadium to face old rivals Kerry following the win away to Roscommon last Sunday. There was no such luck for the Division 1 and 2 Dublin camogie teams losing to Kilkenny and Westmeath, and who will face Offaly and Kildare this weekend. Best of luck to the Lucan Players; **Chris and Paul Crummey, John Bellew, Abby Shiels, Darren Gavin, Emmet O'Conghaile, Emma Flanagan, Laura Quinn, Ellen Dunphy, Laura Sharkey**, all involved with the county teams.

**COMPETITION** - Dublin LGFA are calling on young journalists aged 13-18 years of age to watch Sunday's game versus Waterford, to imagine they are at the game, follow the play closely, compose an introduction, note the trend of the game, pick out key players and compile a match report (500 words or less)



Parents / guardians can email the match report to [info@dublinladiesgaelic.ie](mailto:info@dublinladiesgaelic.ie) please type **'WRITING COMPETITION MAY 23RD'** in the subject line. As an added bonus, if you cc. your entry to [pro.lucansarsfields.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.lucansarsfields.dublin@gaa.ie), we will pick a Club winner and runner up to win a €50 and €25 club shop voucher, and have your match report published in club notes. Full details on [www.lucansarsfields.ie](http://www.lucansarsfields.ie)

**Frásaí na Coicise.** It's that time of year again....**séasúr na scrúduithe**....exam season. Here's some vocab:

**Staidéar** (Study)

**Luaschárta** (Flashcard)

**Béaltriail** (Oral exam)

**Measúnú** (Assessment)

**Tráchtas** (Thesis)

**Obair dhian** (Hard work)

**Go n-éirí le gach duine atá ag tabhairt faoi scrúdaithe faoi láthair agus go luath!** - Good luck to everybody who is doing exams now or soon! Michele Uí Bhuachalla, Oifigeach Gaeilge

**Does your family have what it takes to win the €15,000 cash prize and be crowned Ireland's Fittest Family?** If so, apply now! Please find a link to the Ireland's Fittest Family 2021 promo on the RTÉ One

Facebook page: <https://fb.watch/5qfntKZ-kA/>. More information and the link for an online application form can be found at [www.rte.ie/irelandsfittestfamily](http://www.rte.ie/irelandsfittestfamily). If you have any questions you can email – [fittestfamily@animotv.ie](mailto:fittestfamily@animotv.ie) or call the production team on 083 013 6814.



**Lucan Sarsfields Golf Society** is back in action. Schedule of Outings booked for 2021;

- **May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sat), St Margaret's GC**
- **July 10th (Sat), Moyvalley GC**
- **Aug 7th (Sat), Kilcock GC**
- **Aug 28th (Sat), Luttrellstown GC (Jack Butler's Captain's Day)**

New members and visitors are always more than welcome at our outings, so why not give it a shot! Contact Capt. Jack Butler at 087 258 2780, or Seamus Fagan at 086 816 8984 to book your tee-time.



**Lucan Sarsfields Cont'd over .....**





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

### Cóitseáil 101

Beidh tús á chur go luath le cúrsa a chuirfidh béim ar an dtéarmaíocht atá de dhíth le bheith ag cóitseáil. Tosnóidh sé ar an Luan, 17 Bealtaine agus mairfidh sé ar feadh 8 seachtaine. Má tá suim agat clárú don chúrsa déan teagmháil le Ciara ar 0830723566.

A new course starting on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May for 8 weeks will focus on the Irish terminology and phrases required for GAA coaching. If you are interested in registering for the course please contact Ciara by text on 0830723566.

### Folláin 101

Beidh ranganna aclaíochta trí Ghaeilge ag tosnú go luath. Reáchtálfar iad gach Céadaoin ar 6 p.m. i bPáirc Naomh Chaitríona. Deis iontach iad na ranganna seo le do chuid Gaeilge a chleachtadh. Má tá suim agat clárú déan teagmháil le Daithí ar 0833058326

Fitness bootcamp through Irish starting on Wednesdays from 6-7pm in St. Catherine's Park. A great opportunity to practise your Irish. If you are interested in registering for the course contact Daithí on 0833058326.

### Foirne Fásta

Foireann na mBan ag traenáil Dé Luain agus Dé Céadaoin 7.15pm, Páirc an Fhionnuisce. Déan teagmháil le Máire ar 0877935266 má tá suim agat.

Foireann na bhFear ag traenáil Dé Máirt agus Déardaoin 7pm, Páirc an Fhionnuisce. Déan teagmháil le 0857867929 má tá suim agat.

Foireann iomána ag traenáil Dé Máirt agus Déardaoin 7pm, Páirc an Fhionnuisce. Déan teagmháil le Conan ar 0044 7514 033624 má tá suim agat.

Foireann camógaíochta ag traenáil Dé Máirt agus Déardaoin 7.30pm, Páirc an Fhionnuisce. Déan teagmháil le Cathal ar 0872549706 má tá suim agat.

### Acadamh

Acadamh ar siúl gach Satharn i nGaelscoil Naomh Pádraig, Leamhcán. Fáilte roimh imreoirí nua i gconair.

The Academy takes place every Saturday morning in Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig, Lucan. New players welcome. 10-11am – 2016/2017. 11-12pm – 2015

### Campaí Samhraidh – Dátaí don Dialann

Beidh na campaí samhraidh ar siúl ar na dátaí seo a leanas. Fógrófar na sonraí cláraithe sna seachtainí amach romhainn.



Summer camps will be taking place on the following dates. Registration details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Cúl Camp - Iúil (July) 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

Campa Club 1 - Iúil (July) 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

Campa Club 2 – Lúnasa (August) 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>.



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

**12<sup>th</sup> Lock Café** is open from 6pm-8pm weekdays and weekend mornings when training is taking place.



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

**Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €7800.** There was no winner of the Club Lotto Jackpot of €7400 held on 13 May 2021. The numbers drawn were: **8, 11, 12, 13.**

**Lucky Dip winners of €30 each:**

Brenda Daniels, Sinead O'Neill, Judy Crowley, M. Hylands and Karen Boylan.

The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 20th May, is €7800, and is sponsored by: Diamond and Gem Jewellers. The draw will be held behind closed doors at 9pm and live streamed on our Facebook page. Tickets can be purchased via the website, ClubForce APP or at the following link:

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



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



**The HSE Cyber Attack** is the big news this past week, as if there wasn't enough to contend with.

Hopefully things will get sorted as soon as possible.

Just imagine what kind of world we would have if these criminals put their brilliance to good use!

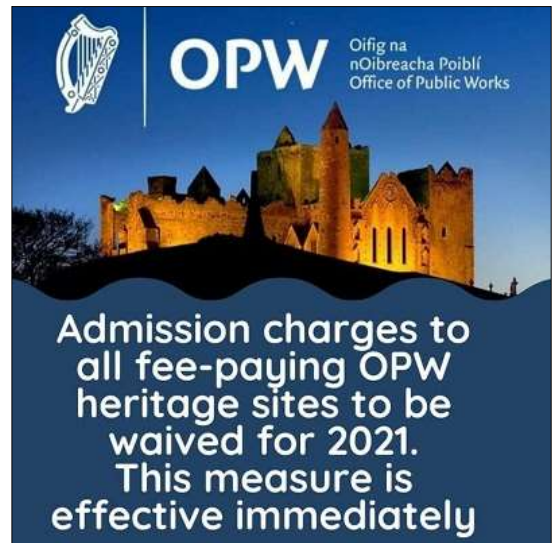
**Thank you** to those who sent nice compliments re our back cover of the Marian Shrine in Dodsboro last week, and the couple of verses of Queen of the May. That hymn brought childhood memories back to one of our readers in Germany of all places.

**Our Village Parking rules** will be changing shortly. While we will still retain the 30 minutes free parking from Monday to Friday, Cllr. O'Toole informed us last week that motorists will be charged for Saturday parking. Make sure to read the parking signs over the next few weeks, and don't get caught out!

**Ice Cube Wine!** Birdie has just discovered that wine can be freeze as ice cubes. As well as all the usual foods which we know can be frozen, SDCC included it in a tweet this past week, while promoting Climate Action and Stop Food Waste.



**Lucan's high flyer, Aer Lingus pilot, Lisa Cusack**, gave a great account of life as a pandemic pilot on Ryan Tubridy's show, on Thursday morning last.



## Great news for anyone planning those summer day adventures!

Admission to all OPW sites is free for the remainder of 2021, and if you happen to have a Heritage Card which was due to expire before March 2021, it will be valid for a further year.

With many sites within easy reach of Lucan, it is a great opportunity to visit those places now. Many buildings have limited access, but be sure to check out [www.heritageireland.ie](http://www.heritageireland.ie) for further details, and plan your trips accordingly.

## Castletown House and Parklands

Just up the road from us is the famed home of the Conolly's, with extensive grounds catering for walkers, and families with children who love to run wild!



### Limited Access

From 12 May 2021: House open Wednesday to Sunday 10:00 – 17:00 (last entry 16:00-17:00)  
Self-Guided visits of the Ground Floor  
Pleasure Gardens Open 7 days 10:00 – 17:00 (last entry 16:30)

**Pre-booking essential for the House and Pleasure Gardens** as numbers are limited. Book online at [www.heritageireland.ie](http://www.heritageireland.ie)

Parklands open 07:00 – 22:00  
Café Takeaway only 10:00 – 17:00