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**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

*Congratulations*  
CLASS OF 2022

This week I had the privilege of celebrating graduation Masses for the pupils of St. Joseph's Presentation College and Coláiste Pádraig secondary schools. Both schools owe their origins to religious congregations; Coláiste Pádraig to the Irish Christian Brothers and St. Joseph's to the Presentation sisters. Although both congregations are no longer on-the-ground in either school, the schools are nonetheless built upon their ethos and values. Nowadays each school offers an education not just to catholic young people, but to people of varied faiths and nationalities. They are a shining example of how diversity is to be embraced and encouraged.

A truly Christian spirit is always a spirit of inclusivity, a spirit that celebrates diversity and in doing so contributes to social harmony and cohesion.

Graduation from secondary school marks another important milestone in the lives of these young people and we hope that they leave not just with academic prowess and achievements but with an innate sense of their own dignity and self-worth as children of God. People who are grounded in this way will treat others with the same dignity and respect that they have for themselves. "Love your neighbour as yourself." Mark 12:31 Not every school leaver will score top points in exams, human giftedness comes in many guises and academic excellence is just one aspect of that giftedness. Nobody should ever define themselves in terms of points on an academic score sheet. So, we wish all those taking exams the best, but remember, you are more than points attained!

### **A Prayer for Secondary School Leavers**

Father, we come to you with thankful hearts for those who are graduating from secondary school. We thank you for giving each of them the talents, abilities and self-discipline required for reaching this milestone.

We are grateful to You for providing the teachers who have taught them, nurtured them and challenged them along the way.

Now that their minds have been well equipped with the basic knowledge of many different subjects, we pray that their hearts and spirits will also be well equipped for successful living.

Add heavenly wisdom and discernment to their knowledge. Infuse their ambitions and dreams with Your love. Help them to desire Your good way for their future.

Remind them that you are only a prayer away when they meet obstacles, heartbreaks and challenges.

May they always be courageous enough to ask for help, advice and support when they need it. May they never needlessly suffer alone without reaching out to You and to others who care.

As they become independent adults, help them learn the secret of dependence on You. Give them a desire to know more about You. May they find you in the Scriptures, in the joy of new love, in the gathering of Your people at Mass, in the beauty of Your creation and in the strength of their youth.

And now may Your blessings be theirs as they begin a new life full of joy and promise. Amen.

*Philip Curran  
St. Mary's Lucan*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

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Email [lucan@citinfo.ie](mailto:lucan@citinfo.ie)

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**Monday to Friday 9am to 8pm on 0818 07 4000**  
We are closed on Monday and Friday each week.

**Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BTSCFA)**

On 20 June 2022, the BTSCFA opens for online applications. Parents who qualify for the payment will automatically receive a confirmation letter before 20 June 2022. If you do not get confirmation, you can apply for the BTSCFA payment online until 30 September 2022. More information later ...

**Public Services Card** - The following is a reply to Parliamentary Question

No 21774/22 given by Minister Heather Humphrey on 4 May 2022

"Since its inception in the late 1990s, the Public Services Card (PSC) has always been intended as a physical token of identity to be used in transactions between the citizens and the State, not just between citizens and my Department...

Once a person has successfully authenticated their identity in one of my offices, they are issued with a PSC which can be used as proof of identity when transacting with certain public bodies ("specified bodies") listed in that Act. The list of specified bodies includes the Department of Foreign Affairs and Road Safety Authority, responsible for the issuing of passports and driving licences, respectively.

This fact was recognised and acknowledged by the Data Protection Commission (DPC) in the Agreement of December last which settled my Department's appeal of an Enforcement Notice issued by the DPC.

The DPC acknowledged in that Agreement that any specified body may use the PSC as a means of verifying the identity of the people they deal with, provided that they also accept other proofs of identity.



The question of whether a specified body seeks production of a PSC as proof of identity is a matter for those bodies."

## Legislation

You can find a daily schedule for Dáil Éireann, and a detailed schedule for Seanad Éireann on the Oireachtas website. [www.Oireachtas.ie](http://www.Oireachtas.ie)  
The Summer 2022 Legislative Programme (pdf) has been published.

## Lucan Senior Citizens

*Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Jun:* Social Morning in the Parish Centre, 10.30 – 12.30.

Tess from Lucan Garden Centre demonstrated how pots and patio containers are made up.



## 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, June 2nd**, where a warm welcome awaits you.

Check our Facebook page for more details.



## Adult Education

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2022.

These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours per week and takes place mostly in the mornings.

**For more details**, contact [alimccann@ddletbaes.ie](mailto:alimccann@ddletbaes.ie) or call (01) 6283557.

## Lucan Active Retirement Association

A group of our members enjoyed an outing to the horse races at Fairy House on Friday.

**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 around 1 pm.

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

We are looking forward to our Line Dancing sessions in June.

## Lucan ICA

### Birthday party in the Spa Hotel

We all enjoyed our 56th birthday celebrations on Wednesday night last in the Spa Hotel with dinner and play "The Playboy of the Western World". It was lovely to meet our friends from Blanchardstown Guild on the night.



*Monday 30th May:* Craft Group continuing activities from 10am to 12-30.

Tea hostesses are Mary Skelly and Nuala Corbet.

Congratulations to Mary and Peter Curley on becoming grandparents again, they have a new granddaughter Aoife Curley.

*Pauline*

## Lucan Drama

What a great week we had in the Spa Hotel last week. We performed to packed houses and all thoroughly enjoyed the full Lucan Drama Experience. We saw great performances from all of our cast. Those who chose the 'Meal/ Theatre' option enjoyed a lovely 2 course dinner before going to the play while others just had a drink and chatted .



We raised €620 from the raffle the first night and this money will go to the Red Cross Appeal for Ukraine.

We are forever grateful to Frank Colgan and his team in the Spa Hotel and the staff of the Newsletter for their long standing support.

Well done to all who worked tirelessly to bring this production to a high standard - Donal Downes the Director, Jack Flanagan, our Chairperson and our small but hardworking committee

We will be taking a bit of rest and start planning for our future productions.

*Have a great Summer and see you all again soon!*

Bernie 0864015794

Jack 0860666626



### Congratulations

to our grandson **Eoghan** who will receive his First Holy Communion this Sunday at St Patrick's, Esker.

*From Nanny and Granddad Cummins*



Happy  
Birthday  
Barbara



Hope you  
have a great  
day on  
Saturday!



# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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



### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

**Notice:** There will be **NO 9am Mass until September.**

**From May 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday** Masses will be 6.30pm (Vigil Sat.) Sunday: 10.30am, 12noon and 7pm.

Please contact the sacristy (01 6281487) if you have a 9am Mass already booked. If we do not hear from you, the 9am Intentions will automatically be included in the 10.30am Mass on the day you had booked.

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

### St. Mary's Readers' Roster June 2022:



The roster for readers at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses in St. Mary's for the month of June 2022 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

### Ministers of the Eucharist:

The June to August rota for Ministers of the Eucharist has been sent by email. Sincere thanks to our Ministers who have continued in their service throughout the pandemic. If any Ministers who took a step back during the last year or two would like to come back on-board, we would be delighted to hear from them. If there are parishioners who are interested in becoming a Minister of the Eucharist please contact myself at the following email: [phylliscleary@gmail.com](mailto:phylliscleary@gmail.com). This is a beautiful ministry that brings many blessings and you would be made very welcome.  
*Philomena Cleary*



### Holy Hour:

There will be **NO** Holy Hour until September.

### Christian Meditation:

Mediation every Tuesday at 8pm in the Bungalow. *All welcome, 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 **August 2022**. If you need to cancel a booking contact: [secretary@lucanparish.com](mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com)

### Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet **every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 10.45am and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### 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 *Dick Fallon*, Kew Park and to the family and friends of *Rita Stafford*, Woodville Avenue. *May they rest in peace.*



**Rosary:** The Legion of Mary will host the Rosary for the month of May in St Mary's Church, Lucan at 5.30pm (Monday to Friday). Rosary will be offered up for peace in Ukraine and for all your intentions. *All welcome.*

## St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

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

**Wednesday:** 10am

**St Mary's, Leixlip: Sunday:** 11.30am.

**Tuesday:** 10am

**Services** are available on our parish Facebook pages:

[St. Andrew's Church, Lucan](#) or [St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

**Weekday Masses:** Mon.-Fri.9:15am. Sat.10am

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

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



### May Procession

There will be a May Procession to honour Our Blessed Mother this

**Sunday 29th May**  
after 12.15 pm Mass.

Everyone is invited and we especially want to invite the **children who have made their First Holy Communion and Confirmation** this year.



### 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.

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

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

**Sunday Masses:** Vigil Saturday 7pm,

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

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

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

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

## Personnel Changes – Lucan Parishes

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has recently announced the following personnel changes in the Lucan Parishes.

**Fr Tom Kennedy Co.pp** – St Mary's has been appointed as Parish Priest of Castledermot, Co Kildare.

**Fr Aidan Kieran P.P.** Castledermot has been appointed as Parish Priest of Divine Mercy, Lucan South.

**Fr Ubaldo Muhindo**, Divine Mercy, Lucan South has been appointed C.C. St Mary's/St Patrick's.

**Fr Philip Curran**, Moderator, has been appointed as Parish Priest of St Mary's and St Patrick's.

**Fr John Hassett Co.pp** - St Patrick's has for health reasons been appointed C.C. St Patrick's

These changes take effect July 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>.

## Charity Fundraiser Event In aid of Laura Lynn Garden Open Day

43 Beech Grove

**THIS SATURDAY**

28<sup>th</sup> May 2022 10.30am – 4.30pm



Bring a friend Support a very worthy cause.  
Stroll around the garden. Relax and chat over tea/coffee. **Donation on leaving**  
Contact: Joe & Aine, 086 0561497

## Hospice Sunflower Days

Please support Sunflower Days

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

in aid of  
**Our Lady's Hospice &  
Care Services**



IF YOU HAVE AN HOUR OR TWO TO SPARE TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT ANNE  
01 4911072 OR [FUNDRAISING@OLH.IE](mailto:FUNDRAISING@OLH.IE).  
THANK YOU

## Anniversaries

### CURTIS (FRANK)

#### 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Also remembering **Francis**.

They will never be forgotten  
For though we are apart

They are always and forever alive in our hearts.

*Loved and remembered always, Eileen, Scott,  
Aideen, Annie, Liam, grandchildren and extended  
family*



### DURKIN (KATHLEEN)

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 28<sup>th</sup> May

We think of you every day and miss you always.

*From all the family*

### FINN (BRIDGET)

#### 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 31<sup>st</sup> May

In loving memory of a beloved wife and mother.

After the clouds, the sunshine

After the winter, the spring

After the shower, the rainbow

For life is a changeable thing

After the night, the morning

Bidding all darkness to cease

After life's cares and sorrows

The comfort and sweetness of peace.

*Sadly missed and always loved by Eddie, Angela,  
Edward, Les, Ken and their families xx*



### HEFFERNAN (JONATHON)

#### 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 29<sup>th</sup> May

"Yesterday I walked by the Liffey

Where you used to go

The water rippled in the sunshine

The birds sang and life flowed on.

Oh, how I miss you from this life you loved".

*Loved and remembered every day, Mam and  
Chris*



### HENNESSY (BRIAN)

#### 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 31<sup>st</sup> May

*Loving remembered by all his family xx*

## Birthday Remembrances

### WHELAN (SANDRA - nee CORRIGAN)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday away from home

Thinking of our beautiful Sandra whose 44<sup>th</sup>  
birthday occurs on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022.

Forever in our hearts,

*Love always your loving family*

### HARRISON (WILLIAM - LIAM)

Late of Esker Lawns, Lucan.

This weekend would have been your 84<sup>th</sup> birthday

We miss you every day. Dad, I am very proud

For having a great father like you

You taught me enough courage

To deal with the pain after you left.

I will be happy always

I'll make you proud for sure

Happy birthday my dear dad, rest in peace.

*Always loved and remembered, Anna, Ruth, Mick  
and Ajay*



Active Retirement Ireland's positive ageing audio series launches on community radio stations- The first episode will be broadcast on Liffey Sound 96.4FM on Monday the 30th of May at 3pm.

A new audio series 'The Old Country', which explores healthy ageing in Ireland, is to begin broadcasting on community radio stations around Ireland in partnership with CRAOL. It is produced by Active Retirement Ireland, the country's largest representative body for older people. The 'Old Country' was first launched as a podcast last July and was previously only available to stream through internet listening services, such as Spotify and iTunes, as well as on the Active Retirement Ireland website.

Commenting on the announcement, CEO of Active Retirement Ireland, Maureen Kavanagh, said: "I am delighted to announce our partnership with CRAOL Community Radio Ireland and the launch of our podcast series 'The Old Country' on community radio stations around Ireland. Across the 12 podcast episodes, our guest speakers — from older people to experts in fields of gerontology, human rights and inclusion — give a picture of ageing in Ireland that is both a reflection and a yearning to create a country that is a better place to grow old, now and into the future. The podcast was recorded during the pandemic and during a time when we saw older people lose their agency and their voice and really struggle to get it back. While we can reflect on this and the impact that Covid-19 had on older people's lives, we also need to take this opportunity to learn from it, to move forward and recreate an Ireland where everyone is valued and respected. This message is not just for older people. Ireland's population is getting older, it is in everybody's interest for our country to be a better place to be an older person."

[www.liffeyoundfm.ie](http://www.liffeyoundfm.ie) or catch up on Facebook

## Palmerstown Camera Club

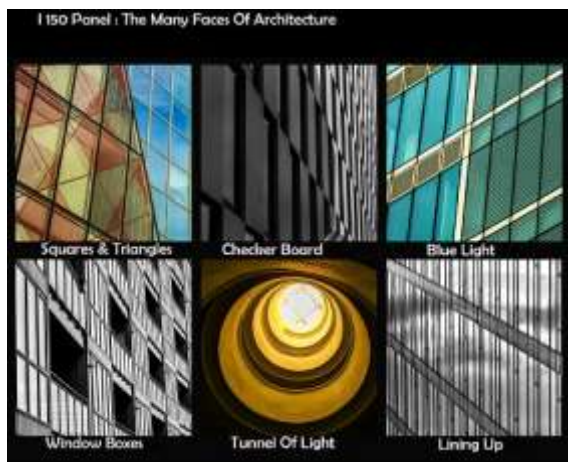
At Palmerstown Camera Club we hold a weekly meeting online/in person, every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm. People interested in joining the club or even attending one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting [secpcc@mail.com](mailto:secpcc@mail.com)



The camera club now offers a hybrid model, 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.

Last week at the club we had a judging night for the annual Packy Maguire Memorial competition and a fantastic array of images on show on the evening and congratulations to all the winners.

A few weeks ago, we had the judging night for last month's panel competition below is Lorna Carney's Architecture Panel and it won in the non-advanced category.



It is also getting to that time of year where we are going to hold our annual exhibition. The exhibition will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 in Palmerstown Parish Centre. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

## Wedding Bells

Best wishes to our local couple **Kevin Fitzgerald (Fitzy) & Emma Day**

as they celebrate their wedding in Co. Clare on Saturday 28 May 2022.



## The Health Alliance

The Health Alliance wishes to thank everyone who supported our Essential Services by making a submission seeking to retain the current parking arrangements on Main Street during the recent Part 8 Consultation Process.

Local Councillors Vikki Casserly, Paul Gogarty, Liona O'Toole, Shane Moynihan, Gus O'Connell, and Alan Hayes all voted in support of the amendment to retain Village Parking and we sincerely thank them for their support.

A Special Thank you to Emer Higgins, Fine Gael, who was the only TD out of 4 who supported the retention of Village parking.

Inadequate parking remains an important barrier to accessing essential health services in Lucan Village.

## Happy Christening Day

to

**Beatrix Tarpey Flynn**



With love and best wishes from both families.



**Liffey River CLEAN UP**

**SAT 28<sup>th</sup> May: 10am**

**Some Lucan Tidy Towns volunteers** will be at the weir to give a hand. All are welcome to join us. No need to get your feet wet as we will be supporting Lucan Kayak Club from land. We expect LKC to reach the weir around 10.15 am Saturday.





**That was quick!** Can you believe we're at the end of May already? This time next week, we'll be really into Summer, and all the (*fingers crossed*) sunshine!

### **Happy Days are here again at Lucan Drama!**

It was great to be back in the Spa Hotel last week, as the *Playboy of the Western World* played to full houses every night.

It was a play with young wans and oul lads, and a few in between! It's great to see the young talent coming along, and well done to all the older members who are back at the helm.



**Aoife Gatley** (*Peegen Mike*), with **Eanna McAuliffe** (*Shawn Keogh*, her cumbersome 'boyfriend'), and **Brendan Freeman** and **Joe Brady** (small farmers *Jimmy Farrell* and *Philly Cullen*).



The man himself, **Brian Whitney** (*Christy Mahon*), with **Grace Stenson** (*The widow Quinn*), surrounded by his adoring fans – village girls, **Anita Kearney**, **Ellen Downes** and **Grace Ryan**.



Christy Mahon, the Champion, with Peegen Mike and the village girls.



The evergreen **Donal Healy** (*Michael James Flaherty*), agrees to marriage between his daughter and the playboy.

**Congratulations** to everybody involved in the production – we are already looking forward to the next offering!

**Great Irish Interiors** on RTE 1, this Friday night at 8pm, features **Castletown House** in Celbridge. The building has a great historical background, going back to the 1700s.

**Beware! Please be on your guard against rogue fund raisers calling to your home.** At least two unfortunates discovered that not all was as it seemed when a female collecting for 'Ukraine', mask, clipboard – the full works – called on some older residents, gaining access to their homes, and stealing cash. A genuine fund raiser would never ask to come into your home, so don't be caught out.





# CHOOL NEWS



## St. Joseph's College

**Sports Day:** On Thursday last we had our first full school sports day in almost five years. We were treated to one of the best days of May so far and the weather was a great backdrop for what was a great day for all staff and students. Each year group participated in a team event within their tutor classes in the morning before moving to the track to compete in many different events including 100m, 200 m, relay events as well as Novelty events such as the egg and spoon and the sack race. All this activity worked up quite the appetite but luckily Ms. Borza and Ms. Hodkinson are BBQ pros and cooked over a whopping 300 burgers on the day. Shortly after 11.30 the sound of an Ice Cream van could be heard getting closer and the cue never stopped from when it arrived. A fantastic day was had by all and we would like to thank the PE department for all of the work that goes into organising such a huge event. We would also like to thank Lucan Harriers and Weston Hockey club for the use of their grounds for the day.



**6<sup>th</sup> Year Graduation Mass:** On Wednesday our 6<sup>th</sup> year group will have their graduation Mass, this is a significant moment as it symbolises the end of their school life in St Joseph's College after 6 Years. The last 6 Years have been challenging for all and we are so proud of this group who have adapted to everything thrown at them and have now graduated from St Joseph's College. They celebrated with their parents at a special ceremony y in school after the graduation Mass. Well Done to the Class of 2022.

**Carlingford Trip:** On Monday our Transition Year group went on a trip to Carlingford adventure centre. Activities included, kayaking and some team building exercises. This was a great day out that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Transition Year group have a number of upcoming trips next week including a day trip to Bray and also a day Trip to Dundrum.



**5<sup>th</sup> Year Picnic:** Our 5<sup>th</sup> Year Students were treated to a picnic on Monday 23 May thanks to the Student Council. The students got to sit and relax in the sun for a short while and were even joined by their tutors for a few tasty treats. This gave the students an excellent chance to socialise and switch off for a while prior to their exams beginning on Friday.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year Pizza Party:** Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Year group enjoyed a pizza party on Tuesday evening. In what was glorious weather the 3<sup>rd</sup> years waited eagerly for the delivery of over 90 pizzas. The group enjoyed the time to a catch up with their friends. Thank you to their Year head Ms. Byrne for organising this great treat.

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**Website:** [www.stjosephslucan.com](http://www.stjosephslucan.com)

**Big Book Meeting**  
of **Alcoholics Anonymous**

**Every Thursday Night**  
**St Patrick's Church, Esker, 8.30pm to 9.30pm**  
Any enquiries Contact Colette 086 0272002

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Awards Night:** The annual Coláiste Phádraig Awards Night was held in the school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The Sports Hall was packed with over 500 people in attendance as parents, family, friends, students and staff gathered together for the 1<sup>st</sup> time since 2019 to celebrate a whole host of award winners at the biggest and most important event in the school calendar.

The opening awards were for academic excellence, with beautiful glass plaques presented to one student from each year group for each academic subject.

The majority of awards on the night were non-academic, with awards for the BT Young Scientists, the Tráth na gCeist team, the Student Council and Prefects, Mark O' Neill Student of the Month winners, Gaeilgeoirí na Míosa winners, Sports Star winners, Class Tutor awards, Grá don Ghaeilge, effort and application, positive attitudes, co-operation and courtesy, Visual Art Creativity, charity initiative and overcoming adversity to name but a selection of the awards!

**Adam Russell** won the coveted **Ryan McKeown Perpetual Shield** for outstanding contribution to English class throughout the year.

**Ben Lawless** and **Alex Leonard** were the joint winners of the **Sports Star of the Year Award** in recognition of their outstanding achievements in soccer and athletics respectively. Ben has scored 12 goals in just 7 games for the 1<sup>st</sup> yr soccer team while Alex has won gold medals at 200ms at the West Leinster and Leinster Track and Field Championships in the past few weeks.

**Calvin Flood** and **Matthew White** were joint winners of the **Transition Year Student of the Year Award**.

**Abel Mathew, Hassan Hussein, Peter Donohue, Eoin Galvin** and **Adam Russell** all won **From Each, His Best awards** for their year groups in recognition of giving of their best at all times in every aspect of school life while Adam also won the overall award.

**Evan Core, Efrin Abi, Jordain Dilip George, Jones Gyebi** and **Brendan Lennon** won the **Padraic Naughton Award** for each year group while Brendan won the overall award for his fantastic all-round contribution to school life.

The main award of the night, **The Tommy Brennan Student of the Year**, was jointly won by Divine Mwamba and Ben Kirwan so well done to both students.

An enjoyable night was had by all and thanks to

Ms. Looby and Ms. O' Leary, who did a great job introducing and presenting the awards throughout the evening, and to Ms. Casey for her fantastic work preparing and distributing the awards.



*Tommy Brennan winners Divine Mbamba and Ben Kirwan with principal Mr. Brady and Year Head Ms. O' Neill*

Many thanks also to Vivienne Ralph from Diamond & Gem Jewellers in Lucan who provided all of the awards for the ceremony and was a constant support right up until the last few frenzied hours of preparation!

**Sports Day:** Sports Day made a very welcome return to the Coláiste Phádraig school calendar this year and luckily it was held on a beautiful, warm, sunny day last Thursday. A very competitive day of track and field events saw some very impressive performances with numerous multi-medal winners from the different year groups.

Jerome Jothibalan won an impressive 4 track gold medals with victories in the 3<sup>rd</sup> yr 100m, 400m and 800m finals and he also won gold in the 4 x 100m relay. 1<sup>st</sup> yr Jack Horan also excelled with 2 gold medal displays in the 400m and 800m and a bronze medal in the 100m.

Perhaps the highlight of the day was the annual Teachers versus Students grudge soccer match which finished 3-3. Luckily the teachers held their nerve to eventually win on penalties (much to the disappointment of the somewhat partisan crowd of students!).

**6<sup>th</sup> yr news:** Our 6<sup>th</sup> yr students attended the traditional end-of-year breakfast in the school canteen on Tuesday. Our canteen staff served them a delicious breakfast of bacon, scrambled eggs, sausages, baked beans, bread and rolls while vegetarians were catered for too with freshly baked scones and jam. The students also got to enjoy some ice-cream afterwards as an ice-cream van was hired for the day by management for all students.

## Lucan Community College

### Graduation Season In Lucan Community College:

What an exciting week it has been for our Transition Year students and our Leaving Certificate Students! The week started off with the traditional final breakfast for our sixth year students on Monday morning. Transition Year graduation took place on Tuesday night followed by the sixth year graduation on Wednesday night. We hope to give you a flavour of the events here.

**6<sup>th</sup> Year Breakfast:** It was a feat of organisation that any hotel would have been proud of – prepare breakfast for almost 150 hungry teenagers!

As the students met in the Millennium Garden for the last time the team of tutors – Ms. Hackett, Ms. Quirke, Mr. Banagan, Mr. McAnerin, Ms. Murphy and Ms. Feeney worked alongside Deputy Principal Ms. Brady to decorate the dining hall and ensure everything was ready on time.

Once the students filed in and sat down the eating began in earnest! Stories were swapped amid the mouthfuls of food. Students tucked into the fresh fruit, sausage and rasher rolls and mini pastries. There was also a selection of yogurts and juices on offer. Teachers popped in to say hello – or goodbye! – and to wish the students well in their exams and into the future. Sixth year head Mr. O'Connor was unable to attend in person but joined in on TEAMS extend his best wishes to the students.

The breakfast also provided an opportunity for some awards to be presented – Awards were given to students who took part in the Badminton Blitz and certificates were given in recognition of students who took part in the Concern Debates. Other students received certificates for furthering the work of Diversity in our school.

This tradition is a lovely way to mark the end of the time in school for our students and epitomizes the relationship of mutual respect between students and staff that is very much a feature of Lucan Community College. Long may this tradition last!



**Transition Year Graduation:** The Transition Year Graduation on Tuesday night was a great celebration of a great year for our students. The theme of the year for Transition Year 2021-2022 was “Connected” – what an important theme in today’s world.

Students celebrated the great opportunities they have had over the past year and relived the memories that they will cherish long after they have left Lucan CC. Opening the ceremony, the Transition Year Coordinator Ms. Higgins formally introduced each class group with their tutor.

The MC’s for evening were Princess Tientcheu Diep and Shane Stokes – what a wonderful job they did. Isaac Kenny played Eric Clapton’s “Change the World” on guitar. This provided a very apt background to the “Lighting the Candle” ceremony.

The first part of the event gave us a reprise of some of the great events of Transition Year. Jessica Verna, Millie Morrison, Aaron Cronin, Sarah Kate Winders, Saoirse Balfe and Darragh O’Toole recalled some of the workshops and trips that Transition Year students enjoyed during the year. We heard about Teamworks;

the visit to Causey farm when students got a taste of the reality of farm life; how students learned about teamwork in the develop Me workshop. It was great to hear how some students got to touch and feel the reptiles at the Reptile Workshop and how the German Exchange was able to continue its long tradition (albeit virtually).

The Transition Year musical was a culmination of great effort and teamwork from all involved.

Alice Bell and Cian Tuohy gave a lovely rendition of “Suddenly Seymour” one of the songs from the Transition Year Musical “Little Shop of Horrors” before the second part of the night got underway.

We heard about some more of the great experiences of the year – Soar, Forensics Workshop, Gaisce, Global Citizenship, Rafting and Enterprise. Thanks to Sean Jackson, Emma O’Donnell, Ruby Crocker-Dunne, Japneet Johal, Sean Kearney and Robert Keher for giving us such an insight into these activities.

Kacper Banaszczyk worked with Amelia Mc Namee and Luke Concannon to put together a wonderful Slideshow Presentation portraying some of the magical moments of the year. Ms. Higgins and Mr. Grimes called on the nominees from each class for student of the year before awards were given across a range of extra-curricular and academic areas. Each student was presented with his/her individual folder for the year before the overall Student of Transition Year was announced – Congratulations to Robert Keher.

It was lovely to hear our school principal, Ms. Birnie address the students and remind them of the importance of knowing when to ask for help. She also drew our attention to the wonderful piece of artwork that Ms. McKeever worked on with students. This work illustrates the theme of the year – Connected. Once Ms. Birnie had thanked those who had been involved with our Transition Year students it was time for students Phargavi Shyam Sundar and Eabha Lillis to thank Transition Year Coordinator, Ms. Higgins and Year Head, Mr. Grimes. The evening came to a wonderful close when the entire cast of “Little Shop of Horrors” took to the stage for one last time.

**Sixth Year Graduation:** What a wonderful event for our Leaving Certificate students, their families and the entire school community last Wednesday night! The audience got a glimpse into the life of our students over the last six years as they watched a slideshow of pictures taken over the years. Then it was time for Mr. O’Connor to introduce each student as the classes came in with their tutors. Yasmin Aminou and Desmond Omosigho were our MC’s for the night.

During the Reflection section of the ceremony students read poetry and brought up some reminders of their time in Lucan Community College – from books and folders to the very necessary mobile phone! A lovely piece of instrumental music accompanied the lighting of the class candles.

There was great excitement and moments of laughter as we were treated to two slideshows reminding students of their Junior and senior years in the school.

The ceremony continued with the presentation of academic and extra-curricular awards to students.



# Political Notes

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### Sarsfield Park – Litter Bins:

Thank you to the Sarsfield residents and association members that brought this to my attention. Following a motion I tabled at this week's Area Committee meeting, the two previously removed litter bins will now be reinstated in Sarsfield Park.

### Home Security Advice – Update:

In last week's notes to the page, I provided some information regarding my call on the Council to consider rolling out the previously popular Home Lock Replacement Scheme once again – awaiting more detail. This week, both myself and the local Sinn Féin team hand delivered 300 information leaflets in the Finnstown area, offering some helpful tips regarding home security advice, and keeping one another safe in our homes.

### Boundary Wall Italian Embassy:

More questions and a further motion raised, requesting SDCC expedite negotiations to determine a resolution that results in a given timeline to repair the wall.

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### Medical Laboratory Scientists Association Strike:

This week People Before Profit tabled a motion calling on the government to address the issues around pay parity and vacant posts in the strike this week by laboratory scientists. The strike has been suspended for talks in the labour court to see if a resolution can be found. It's imperative that a resolution can be found given the vital role laboratory scientists make in the health system. It's not too much to ask for equal pay, equal work.

### Clondalkin Equine Club:

In the last number of weeks the Clondalkin Equine Club announced it was in danger of closing because of funding. The club is organising a Race Night event on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June in the Deadman's Inn to help raise funds for the long-term future of the project. If you would like to attend the event just show up on the night. If you would like to sponsor a race, please contact me directly.

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### Lucan Pool and Leisure Centre delayed further:

I've raised the need to facilitate previous users of Lucan leisure centre when the new amenity is opened, as well as supporting Esker Boxing Club. However, the Council remains non-committal on the Naíonra, but "will facilitate contact to explore whether the childcare services can be within their operating model".

However, news is not good in terms of an opening date for the new pool complex. "Due to significant challenges with the construction programme for the campus, the leisure centre will not be open in time for the commencement of the new school year this autumn, or indeed potentially for a number of months thereafter. A revised completion date "well into Q4 2022" for the works is now likely unfortunately. So as of now, no indication of a pool before Christmas.

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### Crossing at Hermitage Park:

At this week's Traffic Management Meeting, we learned of some limited progress towards a pedestrian crossing at Hermitage Park. The Council will install an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing (including dish kerbs). I have asked for signals (controls) to be included, given the number of traffic counts that have been done at my request at this location. The Council will look at this and revert. This is something I have raised consistently since being elected, so happy to see progress on it.

### Outer Ring Road tonnage limit:

I welcome the Council's decision to undertake a tonnage review on the R136 in the last quarter of this year. This follows my motion calling for such a review, and I look forward to the consultation that it will involve.

### Email newsletter:

If you would like to receive the most recent version of my email newsletter, please visit <https://www.shanemoynihan.ie/your-latest-community-update/>





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



**Lucan Sarsfields Golf Society:** The Annual Golf Classic, at Lucan Golf Club will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Summer Camps:** The Summer Camps are now available online, visit our website and reserve a place to avoid disappointment.  
[http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/content\\_page/24707/5/](http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/content_page/24707/5/)



**Coaching with Martin Fogarty:** There was a great turnout for the Martin Fogarty Expert Coaching session which took place last week. This was the first such event organised by the coaching working group. It was an engaging and thought-provoking session, Martin also took time to answer the questions which had been raised in advance, as well as taking questions on the night. Feedback collected from attendees has been extremely positive.

A special word of thanks to Martin for giving his time to share his knowledge and experience. Thanks also to the Under 17 hurlers who participated in the evening. And not forgetting our videographer for recording the session, this will be made available in due course. Watch out for further sessions being planned for the coming months!

**Junior C Camogie:** A great performance on the senior pitch by Lucan Sarsfields C Team as they had a great battle from start to finish against St Marks and came out on top by 3-8 to 2-3, stellar performance by the backs with midfield keeping

the ball moving and winning 50/50 tussles while the forwards sought to capitalize on possession and they converted the majority of their chances into points and goals, the sponsor of the new kit, Deirdre Maher of Tour America was on hand to give the girls their new set of jerseys before throw in.

**Intermediate Camogie:** The intermediate team captured the league with an emphatic win against St Vincent's last week. The team won all their matches to top the table and claim the title, at different stages during the league a total of 33 players lined out, our thanks to Donal Colfer and Frank

Fleming who released players from their Junior panel to supplement our numbers. Best of luck to the girls who will now take a well-earned break to sit their Leaving Cert before all attention switches to championship later in the Summer.

**Lotto:**

Last week's Lotto Prize of €12,200 was not won. The Numbers were **7, 8, 19, 21.**

**Lucky Dip prizes** go to Karen McAndrew, Catherine Morrissey, George Dobbs, Catherine Ryan and Davy Ryan.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€12,600.** The draw is sponsored by Clandillon Motors and will be led by Shay Hurson.



## LUCAN SARSFIELDS SUMMER CAMP



July 4-8  
Cul Camp Booked out

July 11-15  
Hurling Camp

July 25-29  
Campa Samhraidh  
Camogie, Football, Hurling,  
Ladies football

August 8-12  
Football Camp

August 15-19  
Hurling camp

Open to those born in  
2010 to 2017

### Team News

#### AFL1 Lucan Sarsfields 2-15 St Maurs 1-14

Despite playing with 14 men for the majority of the game Lucan got back to winning ways in AFL1. Jack Carey got an early goal in the opening minutes in the 12th lock with a brilliant finish past the St Maurs keeper.

Excellent performances from Colm Walsh and Henry Keogh gave Lucan a platform to go and win the game in the second half with both contributing to the scoreboard. Brendan Gallagher and Mark Lavin also raised the white flag meaning Lucan ran out winners by 5 points.



Sunday also saw many local young athlete taking part in the well-established Community Games. The community games have been famous over the years for the starting point.

## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

**Fantastic turn out on Tues evening at the Bob Heffernan/Mary Hanley Enfield 5k**, hosted by Na Fianna AC. 55 Lucan Harriers made the evening trip.

An evening that threatened to be a washout turned out to be a perfect evening for racing, with many incredible times and plenty of PBs. Pics courtesy of various club members, also a few from the sportsfile site. Well done everyone and thanks to those who travelled out to cheer us all on. Well done to Na Fianna hope to see you guys at our 5 mile race on Sept 4th in Lucan.

**Fantastic results from the prestigious Leinster Schools Track & Field Championships** which took place this week. Great performances from everyone who had qualified to take part. Harriers had the following 8 athletes winning 10 medals from 5 schools. This time they were wearing their school colours:

Rachel Jez - 2nd Minor Girls 800m

Davide Fais - 3rd Minor Boys 500m

Ferdia McDonagh - 2nd Minor Boys 1100m

Maggie Jez - 1st Inter Girls 1500m and 2nd 1500m s/c.

Saoirse Fitzgerald - 1st Inter Girls 800m and 3rd 300m

Aisling Fitzpatrick - 3rd Inter Girls 1500m

Kate O'Connell - 1st Senior Girls 400m

Benjamin Caullier - 3rd Senior Boys 1500m

Well done all everyone on more super performances.

## FitFor45 Ashbourne

On Saturday, March 5th, FitFor45 Lucan created an event in order to raise much-needed funds and awareness for My Lovely Horse Animal Rescue.



FitFor45 are an outdoor fitness provider in Lucan and we are known for our 45-minute classes, hence the name!

Over 120 members from both our Lucan and Ashbourne groups participated in the 5.5KM **RunAMuck Event**. This event involved running, climbing, and crawling through bogs, fences, and obstacles.

Each member contributed to raising sponsorship for the event from friends and family. Along with this, we also had some very generous donations from local businesses' which allowed us to host a charity raffle along with food and drinks following the event.

We were awarded the largest team at RunAMuck 2022 and we raised a total of **€6,886**. This money was split based on the fundraising between Lucan and Ashbourne. €4,265 going to **My Lovely Horse Animal Rescue** and €2,621 going to **Ashbourne Suicide Awareness & Prevention**.





## LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### Club Strokeplay (Gross)

Sponsored by: Lucan District Credit Union

21 May 2022

Gents Senior Winner Michael Ahern 97 [Back 18]

Gents Senior Runner Up Damian Creevey 97

Gents Inter Winner Vincent Kavanagh 101 [Back 18]

Gents Inter Runner Up David Lee 101

Gents Junior Winner Ciaran Ennis 113

Gents Junior Runner Up Brendan Keane 116

Ladies Senior Winner Tracey Smith 111

Ladies Senior Runner Up Philo Condron 116

Ladies Inter Winner Adrienne Kelly 122

Ladies Inter Runner Up Roisin Harpur 125

Ladies Junior Winner Maria Rooney 138

Ladies Junior Runner Up Rita Dillon 139

We had a very successful Club Strokeplay last Saturday and we thank our sponsor Lucan District Credit Union for their continued sponsorship to our Club. Thank you also to Noel Ryan and the competition committee who ensured that members were accommodated on the timesheet. Great job done by all.

### New Members Welcome – Adults and Juveniles

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

### Sponsorship

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

### Dates for your Diary

28<sup>th</sup> May – Race Night and Champion League Night.

18<sup>th</sup> June – Mid Summer Festival and Presentation of prizes for the Club Strokeplay

9<sup>th</sup> July – Captains' Day - Dinner and Presentation on the night – ticket only.



## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

**Zamda:** D'oibrigh na buachaillí agus cailíní ó Na Gaeil Óga go dian roimh an Cháisc chun airgead a bhailiú (€468.50!) do Zamda! Tháinig Pádraig Ó Fainín amach tráthnóna Dé Máirt le labhairt leo faoin obair a dhéanann siad sa tSaimbia. Beidh Pádraig ag dul ann an tseachtain seo chugainn!

**An Teaghlach is Tréine:** Beidh an Teaghlach is Tréine anois ar siúl ar an 12ú Meithamh. Faigh do thicead anois!

Ticéad teaghlaigh/Family Ticket

<https://nagaeiloga.clubzap.com/products/7689/purchases/new>

Ticéad amháin/Single ticket

<https://nagaeiloga.clubzap.com/products/7867/purchases/new>

**Buachaillí F9 Peil:** Bhí na buachaillí F9 go léir ar fheabhas le caighdeán ard Peil ar taispeáint. Ba iad Rían Ó Dónaill & Senan Mac Dónaill a bhí ag imirt a chéad cluiche do NGÓ-laochra na himeartha- maith sibh!

**Cailíní F13 Camogie:** Thug na cailíní F13 cuairt ar gcontae na Gaillimhe Dé Sathairn le haghaidh an oíche! Cluiche camógíochta in aghaidh Cumann Camógaíochta Chois Fharráige (tarraingionn siad imreoirí o limistear 3 club fir, Micheal Breathnach san aireamh!) agus Páirc an Phiarsaigh ina dhiaidh sin chun cluiche Gaillimhe v BÁC a fheiceáil ♡👏  
Bhí turas iontach ag na gcailíní.



**Buachaillí F10 Peil:** Bhí trí chluiche diana De Sathairn in aghaidh foireann an-láidir i Naomh Mearnóg.

D'imir na buachaillí F10 go maith agus lean siad ag imeacht go dtí an deireadh. Léirithe iontacha ó Rhys Reilly, Sean McLoughlin agus feidhmíocht iontach cúl báire ó Conor Sheehan inár bhfoireann A, Luke Brandon, Ruairí Fee agus Evan Foley i gcluiche B agus Donnchadh Büttner mar chúl báire agus Conor Dunbar inár gcluiche C.

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

At our Friday meeting last week we reviewed the results of our first “field trip” of the year and started building up the portfolio from which the photographs for our next exhibition will be selected.

As the subject for the month of May for the Camera Soiree is flora many photographs of flowers were submitted. It is reassuring to see that despite the turmoil in the world nature continues to mount her beautiful annual display.

Conor sent in a lovely photograph of early morning in Dungarvan. He also submitted the first photograph of a bee this year. I have not seen any so far in my garden or elsewhere despite an abundance of dandelions!



The English name means a bird that eats mistletoe and the Irish name for this bird is Smólach Mór. The creature is a common resident in Ireland although, according to the website of Birdwatch Ireland, Mistle Thrushes are less frequently seen in suburban gardens than Blackbirds and Song Thrushes. The Mistle Thrush favours larger parks and rural areas. The bird sings at all times of the day whatever the weather.



He also submitted a photo of a Mistle Thrush “bringing home the bacon”.



We will be expecting plenty of photographs from the continent over the next few weeks as one of our members has headed off to France.

*Until next week stay safe!*