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## A gradual return to normality



It's been great this past two Sundays to welcome people back to church even if it is in very limited numbers. Thanks to our dedicated stewards we have been able to accommodate 69 people at each of our six week-end Masses in St. Mary's, a total of 419 people. Admittance is on a first-come-first-served basis. (Most Masses have had the full 69 in attendance but the 6:45pm Saturday Vigil Mass has had some places for the past two weeks.) In pre-Covid times we had over 1800 people at week-end Masses so the present arrangement is hardly an ideal scenario, but it is an improvement on an empty church. Hopefully as vaccine roll out progresses numbers can increase gradually.

### Visits to the housebound

We have been unable to make our usual first-Friday communion calls to the sick and housebound for some months now, but thankfully this too is about to change. If the housebound person has been fully vaccinated and at least two weeks have elapsed since the second dose, either Fr. Tom or myself and/or any ministers of the Eucharist who are also fully vaccinated can call once again. As a precaution we will wear face coverings and ask those to whom we are calling to do the same.



We propose to recommence visits on the First Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>. If you were on the house call list prior to the pandemic you will automatically receive a visit. If you are housebound and are not already on the list you can call Deirdre at the parish office (621 7041) and leave your details, we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

People resident in the other Lucan Parishes should contact their respective parish office  
St. Patrick's Esker – Tel: (01) 628 1018  
Divine Mercy - Lucan South. – Tel: 01 4572900

While things are improving it is important that we remain vigilant and cautious. If we make too free too soon the spectre of another wave of this wretched virus might rear its ugly head. The past 15 months have been difficult for all of us and the progress we have made has been hard won, it would be tragic if that progress was undone by throwing caution to the winds. So, for the foreseeable it's facemasks all round, keeping the required 2 metre distance, washing the hands at every opportunity and avoiding gatherings of mixed households.

*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.

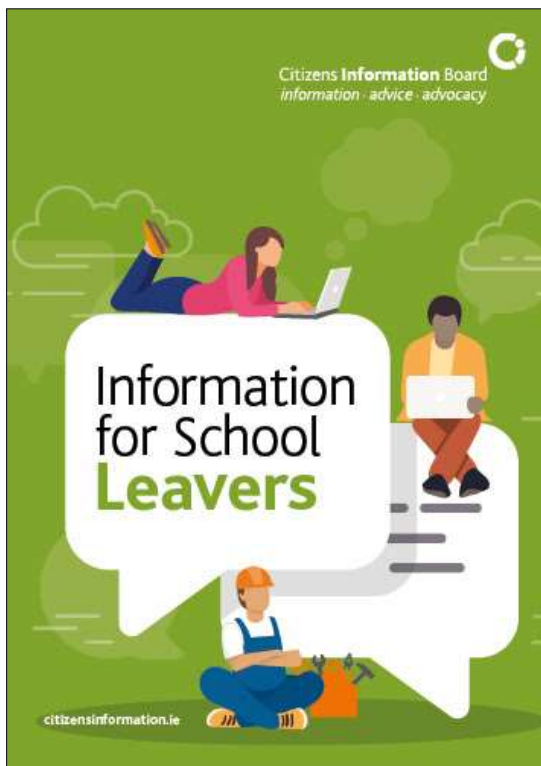
**Or you can email** your query to us at [dscis@citinfo.ie](mailto:dscis@citinfo.ie) and someone will reply.

**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)

### Information for school leavers (2021)

A guide for school leavers who are considering further education and training or who are starting work.



Available languages: English Irish

*Available formats:*

[Information for school leavers.pdf](#)

## The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) was founded in 2011 and is an operational arm of the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC). The NCSC is responsible for advising and informing Government IT and Critical National Infrastructure providers of current threats and vulnerabilities associated with network information security.

The main roles of the NCSC are to lead in the management of major cyber security incidents across government, provide guidance and advice to citizens and businesses on major cyber security incidents, and develop strong international relationships in the global cyber security community for the purposes of information sharing. In the period since 2011, the unit has focused its efforts on building capacity and establishing a stable base for its operational work.

The NCSC encompasses the State's National/Governmental Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT-IE). CSIRT-IE is an internationally accredited response team with its main function being the enhancement of situational awareness for constituents and for the provision of incident response for national cyber security incidents. CSIRT-IE has initially focused on the State sector and acts as a national point of contact for all cyber security matters concerning Ireland.

The NCSC will also be designated as the National Competent Authority single point of contact for the purposes of the EU Network and Information Security Directive.

NCSC will never request detailed personal or system information by email and/or phone. If in doubt please contact us directly. Please see our Data Privacy Notice and Statement.

More information is available on <https://www.ncsc.gov.ie/>

### Found



**Pair of Glasses** found on the Newcastle Road, opposite St. Patrick's Church, on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.  
Tel: 086-8813138

## WestSide Performing Arts raise funds for Lucan Homeless

Westside Performing Arts are busy preparing to reopen their studios for training with a full schedule of Summer Camps for July and August but in the meantime and in addition to their Online Classes, they have taking sessions outdoors to The Astro at St Andrews National School, Lucan every Wednesday with the proceeds from May 5th and 12th been donated to Lucan Homeless Donations who do fantastic work in the community.



*Sisters Taylor and Tori Berney*

“We feel it’s something that should be highlighted as much as possible and we use our platform to do that in Lucan, surrounding areas and hopefully further afield. Our fundraising and awareness campaigns over the years have engaged large numbers of people with the main beneficiary from our fundraising activities been Peter McVerry Trust who have received over €25,000 from our sponsored sleepover events”



Liffey Sound is looking for a new volunteer to join our fundraising team to help us promote our next

event. It may suit a social media marketing student as it's an opportunity to gain experience working on a project with a not-for-profit organisation.

If interested, please email Mairéad at [stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie](mailto:stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie)

**Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station**

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

## Them ducks .....

Have you ever seen so many ducks around the place? Ducks with their ducklings can be spotted all over Lucan, and some appear below in this week's Newsletter.



*Ducklings in Beech Park*



*On a visit to Spar Dodsboro*



*Sean and Tadhg met this pair on the way to school*



**Happy Birthday  
to Barbara  
on 28th May.**

Hope you have a  
fantastic weekend

# 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, **50 people in the pews section and 19 in the individual seats.** 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, queuing 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.**

**Stewards needed:** In order to comply with the social distancing and sanitization guidelines we will require volunteer stewards for each Mass. If you are willing to volunteer for one Mass on Sunday or weekdays contact Deirdre in the Parish office on 01 6217041 or fill in the online form on the parish website.

### 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).

**Deepest sympathy** to the husband, family and friends of **Mary Tobin**, Kew Park and to the family and friends of **Brid Harvey**, Beech Park.  
*May they rest in peace.*



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

When capacity is reached parishioners can 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.  
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.

**Private Prayer:** The Faustina Chapel is open for private prayer from 10am to 12 noon Monday to Friday.

## St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

**St Andrew's:** 10am

**St Mary's:** 11.30am

Numbers attending each service will be restricted to **50**.

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.

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.

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

## Lucan Presbyterian Church

**Morning Worship:** 11am

Our maximum capacity is **30** people.

### Reserve a place for church services:

It's easy. You can either register via our simple online booking form or give us a call on 0858231123

We will be keeping 2 spaces available for anyone who drops in. But these will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

You will need a face covering (unless exempt) and your own bible.

### Will the church be Covid safe?

Yes. The church will be cleaned when necessary, the doors will remain open for ventilation and we have hand sanitiser at the entry and exit points. You will be seated at a safe distance from others.

### Can I attend church every week?

Probably not. We would ask that you allow 2 weeks from your last visit before you book again to allow space for everyone who wishes to attend

### Will the services be streamed online and available on Youtube?

Yes. We will make every effort to live-stream the service at 11am on our Facebook Page and the recording will be available on our Youtube Channel that afternoon

## Medjugorje Mass

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

St. Mary's Lucan

Rosary at 5.45pm

Holy Mass at 6.15pm

Or online on [lucanparish.com](http://lucanparish.com)

Limited seats.

Reserve a seat: Call Pat 087 2238911

If you were at the May Mass no need to call Pat

At 7pm Monday 14/06/2021

Marian Pilgrimages Prayer Meeting on marian pilgrimages facebook

## Anniversaries

### BALFE (MICHAEL)

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

We hold you close within our hearts  
And there you shall remain  
To walk with us throughout our lives  
Until we meet again.

*Sadly missed by his loving wife Catherine,  
daughter Mary, sons Ian and Nigel and their  
extended families*



### DURKIN (KATHLEEN)

**7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 28<sup>th</sup> May**

Often in our thoughts.

*Loved and dearly missed by all the family*

### FINN (BRIDGET)

**35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 31<sup>st</sup> May**

In loving memory of a dear wife and mother  
Bridget.

Our lives go on without you  
But nothing is the same  
We have to hide our heartache  
When someone speaks your name  
The special years will not return  
When we were all together  
But with the love for you  
That's in our hearts  
You'll walk with us forever.

*Sadly missed and never forgotten by Eddie,  
Angela, Edward, Les, Ken and families xx*

### HENNESSY (BRIAN)

**43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary - 31<sup>st</sup> May**

*Lovingly remembered by all your family xx*

### HEFFERNAN (JONATHON)

**35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 29<sup>th</sup> May**

Dearly loved and missed  
Every day through all the years.

*Mam and Chris*



## Birthday Remembrance

### HARRISON (WILLIAM - LIAM)

**83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday**

Esker Lawns, Lucan.

Thinking of you this week Dad and every day  
as we would have celebrated your 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Loving you is easy  
We do it every day  
Missing you is heartache  
That never goes away.

*Deeply loved, deeply missed, your devoted wife  
Anna, your loving daughter and son-in-law Mick  
and the apple of your eye, your darling grandson,  
Ajay*



Well done to the Flower arrangers at St. Mary's,  
on their beautiful altar display for Pentecost.

*Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Camera Soiree*



**Lots of discussions about Lucan these Days!** Between the Canal Loop and a Tourism Destination, we won't know ourselves. CHL Consultants have been appointed by South Dublin County Council to

develop and promote tourism in the area, and are in the early days of learning about the place and its people. The outcome should be interesting.

**Traffic Counts** seem to be underway all around the place. Cables are straddling several roads, monitoring the passing traffic. It will take some genius to sort that one out!



**Very fancy furniture in St. Catherine's** these days. We spotted a couple of new picnic benches near the playground. Nice job!

**Well done to all the Lucan players** making the various Dublin panels – we have footballers (men and women), hurlers, and camogie players in the mix, making for exciting times ahead.

**Without Friends – days are:**

Sadday  
Moanday  
Tearsday  
Wasteday  
Thirstday  
Frightday  
Shatterday ...

So be in touch every day.



## Imagine Summer 2021

Close your eyes and take to the skies  
Fly to the places that Covid denies  
The pilot advises to fasten your belt  
Your now as excited as you've ever felt

You're off to the sun, sangria and sand  
It's taken much longer than you ever planned  
Sit back and imagine that lunch on the beach  
Sipping a cocktail of vodka and peach

A swim in the ocean as warm as a bath  
Young lovers out bathing would gladden your heart  
Lie on the sand and soak up the sun  
Keep your eyes closed, the dreams just begun

Walk to the harbour and watch the sun set  
Or a fisherman struggling to untangle his net  
Girls in white dresses showing off their new tans  
Children on the carousels cheered on by their mams

The smell of steak and fish as it's cooked  
The table by the window that earlier you booked  
A glass of champagne to welcome you there  
The sun slipped away as you examine the fare

The rain on the window, wakes you up from your dream,  
Now off to your doctor to get that vaccine

*Benny, Hillcrest*

**B.I.B.L.E.**  
simply means  
**Basic Instruction**  
**Before**  
**Leaving Earth!**





# CHOOL NEWS



## Lucan Community College

### *Principal's message*

It's so hard to believe that we have reached the end of the 2020/21 school year. When I look back to last August I remember the challenging weeks of getting the school ready for physically distanced classrooms - tidying the clutter, removing extra desks and chairs, ordering PPE, online instructions provided for staff, students and parents for a safe return to school, etc. But the over-riding memory of those first days when our students returned is the joy and happiness that greeted us at the school gate and classroom doors as our students came back after the period of school closure. While we had managed the remote learning as well as possible at the end of the 2019/20 term, it was clear that being back together as a school community was good for the spirit, the heart and the mind. We experienced this again after our school closure from January to April but certainly had learned from our previous experience and had excellent engagement in online classes.

Throughout the last school year our school community has stepped up to the challenges faced and individual students, staff and parents have gone out of their way to support and help others and to add to the resilience of the whole school community. Aontas/Unity is not just our school motto - Aontas is how we survived this last year. Kindness and caring shone through and the leadership roles of Year Heads, tutors, SNAs, guidance counsellors, course coordinators and others adapted to on-line or in-person student support as needed. Our administrative, housekeeping and caretaking teams kept the show on the road and dealt with an additional layer of work as a result of the pandemic.

It's impossible to put into words the gratitude I have as school Principal for each individual contribution to the year that we have lived, but I know that I speak on behalf of our patrons Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board and our Board of Management when I say *Míle Buíochas* to each and every student, parent/guardian and staff member for the dedication, hard work and adaptability that you brought to your role this year. We have faced many challenges but together we have grown stronger.

Good luck to our 6th years in the Leaving Certificate and LCA examinations - we hope to see you in August on results day! All other year groups and incoming 1st years will receive reports, book lists, uniform and calendar in mid-June. Return dates after Summer begin with 1st years starting on 30th August with other years following throughout the week.

I hope that you enjoy this newsletter with clips of some of the highlights of the year - definitely one to keep in the memory box for the future. A big thank you to all of the teachers for their newsletter/twitter/website contributions over the last year and to Jason Carey for coordinating our media presence.

Have a wonderful, long, sunny, restful, safe and healthy Summer holiday. We made it!! See you next year!

*Diane Birnie*

### **The Irish Times meets Lucan CC**

A massive thank you to all staff members and 6th year students who were involved in the Irish Times interview and video article, recorded over a four-hour period on 19/05/21.



These include Diane Birnie, Grainne Malone, Jason Carey, Elaine Brady, John Grimes, Una Howley, Marion Freeman and Emma Geraghty with Stephen Brett, Andrew Purcell working behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly. Thanks, were expressed to the wider DDLETB support teams that have worked closely with us during the last year and in particular to the Digital Support Team led by Sam Conroy. A special thanks to the Prefect Team, mentioned in the article and to the students who took part in the SPHE class that was described. The mini life stories of our students are wonderful, and their quotes do your heart good.

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## Lucan Community College *cont'd*

Their maturity and positive outlook on events of the past 18 months were reassuring to hear and their display of resilience and confidence was positively commented on throughout the morning by the IT educational editor, Carl O'Brien and videographer Enda O'Dowd. The video piece highlights an SPHE resilience class designed by Emma Geraghty and co-presented with Marion Freeman. This content has also been adapted and presented to 1st year students as part of our whole school approach to student pastoral care, health and wellbeing – 'Aontas'.

*"We've faced so many hurdles since March 2020. It shows that things will be thrown at you in life and you can overcome them. There will be difficult days. But you can get through them . . . if you can survive the last year, you can survive anything . . . and better days are to come."*



Lucy Horrigan LCC 6<sup>th</sup> year (Irish Times article 24/05/21)

## Orla Dunne in first year has been selected as one of the final winners of the HERSTORY.

Founded in 2016, the Herstory movement tells the stories of modern, historic, and mythic women. The project in conjunction with RTE asked students from all over Ireland to create pieces of artwork celebrating MIGANT women. Orla's winning entry will be projected at night onto Irish Landmark buildings such as Trinity College and Christchurch Cathedral.



*Report continued in next week's issue.*

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Awards:** Due to the continued COVID-19 restrictions, Coláiste Phádraig's annual Awards Night 2021 could not take place. However, the main award winners for the school year attended a small, socially distanced presentation ceremony in the school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

There were five winners of **1<sup>st</sup> yr Student of the Year Awards**, one student from each class tutor group; **Efrin Abi, Joel Emmanuel, Evan Whelan, Killian Costello and John Joshua** so well done to each of them.

**Jevin Joy, David Farrelly, Freddy Molloy and Cillian Lawlor** were the winners of the **2nd yr Student of the Year Awards**.

**Conor Langabeer, Seán Fullam, Harry Thekkan-Davis and Jeelson Roy Perayil** were selected for the **3rd yr Student of the Year Awards**.

**James Ryan, Reece Webb and Brendan Lennon** were the deserving recipients of the **5<sup>th</sup> yr Student of the Year Awards**.

**Ryan Bayly, Jamie Byrne, Cian Dardis, Matthew Duffy and Eoin Kilduff** won **Spirit of TY Awards** in recognition of their contribution to the Transition Year Programme.

**From Each, His Best** awards were given to students in recognition of giving of their best at all times in every aspect of school life. The winners of these prestigious awards this year were as follows: **Darragh Kane, Jordain Dilip George, Mario Nunis, Jack Griffin, Calum Conway and Ben Kirwan**. Each of these students fully embodied the ethos and spirit of this award by applying themselves to the best of their ability with determination, perseverance and persistence.

**Padraic Naughton Awards** were presented to students for their all-round contribution to school life. This award is named after the 1<sup>st</sup> lay principal of Coláiste Phádraig (1989-2002) and the award recognises those who do a lot for the school in their time here. The winners of these awards this year were as follows: **Patrick Rance, Royal Shonowo, Jones Gyebe and Zach Delmar**.

The other four main end of year awards were also presented. **Robert Maloney** won the overall Padraic Naughton Award, **Shane Murtagh** and **Jonathan Somers** were the joint winners of the overall From Each, His Best Award while **Conor Henson** won the coveted **Transition Year Student of the Year Award**.

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## Coláiste Phádraig CBS Cont'd .....

The main award of the school year, **The Tommy Brennan Student of the Year**, was won by 6<sup>th</sup> yr **Kevin McGrane**. An exceptionally talented artist, Kevin has greatly impressed all of his teachers with his impeccable manners, good humour, sincerity, thoughtfulness and diligence and he now adds his name permanently to the list of outstanding past winners of this highly prestigious award.



*Main Award winners 2021 with Mr. Geraghty*

While the winners must return their Perpetual Awards before our Awards Night in May 2022, they get to keep the beautiful silver engraved platters they were presented with as mementoes of their achievements. The students also had their names engraved on small metal plates which went up on the school Roll of Honour display board in the main building, where they will remain permanently. It may have been a downsized, low-key award ceremony this year, but the awards are just as meaningful and important as ever so congratulations to all of the winners on their fine achievements.



**Student news:** There was great excitement in the school last Wednesday as the distinctive chimes of an ice-cream van could be heard in the school yard.

It has been a very demanding year for the students and the ice-cream van was a small token of appreciation for their outstanding adherence to the Covid-19 health and safety regulations throughout the school year.

The main job for our teachers on the day was preventing our sweet-toothed students from bolting out of the classrooms in their exuberant desire to get to the front of the queue! In fairness, the students were all very well behaved and extremely patient as they were called out in turn for their delicious ice-cream treat. The ice-cream truck spent the majority of the day distributing ice-creams with the traditional 99s being extremely popular and the students were in good spirits afterwards.

**Soccer:** Kyle Robinson was presented with his Ireland Schools International Cap and number 9 jersey by Joe Carroll from FAI Schools on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Kyle represented Ireland in an U18 Schools International match against Australia last year and he was due to be part of the squad for the prestigious Centenary Shield competition in April before the pandemic put a stop to all sport in the country. It was a proud day for Kyle to receive his first cap and his equally proud parents were in the school to witness the presentation.



*Kyle with his proud parents*

**Exam news:** 34 of our 6<sup>th</sup> yr students sat their Computer Science Leaving Cert written exam in the school on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The students reported that the exam was challenging but fair and that they were relieved to have completed one of their exams fully done by now.

# Political Notes

## Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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

### South Dublin County Council Draft

**Development Plan:** My party colleague Cllr Madeleine Johansson has submitted a number of motions to the draft development plan around planning and heritage for the Lucan area. One of the motions submitted is the development and tourism potential of the Shackleton Mills. There is enormous potential for the site as a heritage and historical attraction. We hope to work with local historians and the community of Lucan to highlight the potential of the site during the process of the development plan.

## Emer Higgins – TD

78 The Orchard, Lucan

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

**Dart+ South West:** There are plans to turn the train line through Adamstown and Fonthill, to a DART line. This would mean double the number of trains and four times the capacity. A better, faster and more frequent service for commuters. See [dartplus.ie](http://dartplus.ie) to have your say on the plans which will be delivered by 2026.

**Litter Prevention:** In response to a rise in litter during the pandemic an additional €5m has been allocated to Local Authorities for litter prevention and cleaning nationally. Griffeen Park will have 3 additional bins installed and a 1,100 litre wheeled container will be placed in the car park.

**Vacant Homes:** Following last year's record investment in the programme to refurbish and re-let vacant properties, South Dublin County Council will refurbish an additional 150 boarded up houses in 2021.

## Caitriona McClean

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

**Housing:** I have asked the Council if Government targets have been set on affordable housing and social housing schemes, and where and what type of housing will be provided.

**Outdoor seating in Lucan:** I am raising the matter of benches being provided at certain spots to encourage people who otherwise would not be inclined to walk to the village. This will facilitate people meeting outdoors too. I understand Kildare do this.

**Transport:** I am working with Tom Newton, and we have made a submission to Department of Transport in the public consultation process. This

includes the Lucan Luas along the N4, and a direct Cork to Belfast train via Adamstown.

**Best wishes:** Thinking of our exam students and their families at this time.

## Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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[facebook.com/cllrshanemoynihan](https://facebook.com/cllrshanemoynihan)

Twitter: @shanemoynihan

Instagram: cllrshanemoynihan

**King John's Bridge:** South Dublin County Council has finalised the scope of repair and conservation work needed and is preparing an application for Ministerial Consent.

**Mount Andrew-St Edmunds:** At this week's Area Committee meeting, I highlighted the need to repair the boundary wall between Mount Andrew and St Edmund's estate. With support from other councillors, council management resolved to come back with a report on possible options for our next meeting.

**Foxhunter site:** We had expected a decision from An Bord Pleanála last week on the Foxhunter site proposal. Notification arrived on Friday last that the decision has now been deferred to 12th July 2021. If I learn anything else, I will let people know.

**E-newsletter:** The latest version of my e-newsletter has gone out this weekend. Let me know if you would like to receive a copy.

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**Dog Park:** My proposals to improve, enhance and expand the dog park are progressing and I can confirm following update: the next phase of works includes the extension of the dog run which will add approximately 900sq m to the facility. Tender documents are currently being prepared for this. The 2nd dog run entrance near Johnsbridge estate will be relocated nearer to the footpath and it will also be upgraded in the process. Signage is being reviewed as part of the upgrade works and if suitable pictograms can be identified they will be included and used internally. A request has been sent to DSPCA to hold course/training classes in our Parks.

**Adamstown Roads:** My motion passed and agreed at this week's meeting to review vehicular speed and examine safety measures remains under review. Was agreed to take the appropriate traffic management measures if necessary.



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

With the relaxation in the restrictions on travel in recent weeks, the members of the Camera Soiree are getting more and more adventurous.

Amongst the photographs submitted this week there are photographs taken in the grounds of Carton House, in Manor Kilbride which is a favourite location for photographers and photographs from Ballinafagh, near Prosperous.



This Friday morning we hope to organise another local field trip weather permitting. Unfortunately, at the time of writing the weather forecast for Friday is a bit dodgy but we will fall back to our on-line meeting if the weather does not play ball.

As the vaccination programme gathers apace, we are looking forward to the possibility of being able to meet indoors in the not too distant future, maybe after the summer holidays. Hopefully we are not being too optimistic. While for the duration of this crisis we have been able to keep in touch via WhatsApp and with weekly on-line meetings the reality is that this is not the same as meeting face to face in a social environment every week! In addition, regardless of the merits of the “new” technologies some people are understandably just not comfortable with it.







As I look through my records I think I am right in saying that this week marks the 50<sup>th</sup> contribution of Saint Mary's Camera Soiree to the Lucan Newsletter



*Until next week stay safe.*



**Cumann na Sáirseálaigh 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.



**Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club is taking part in Run4Pieta 2021.** Pieta first opened its doors in Lucan, County Dublin in 2006. Since then they have seen and helped

over 65,000 people in suicidal distress or engaging in self-harm. Pieta provide free counselling to those with suicidal ideation, those engaging in self-harm, and those bereaved by suicide. Staff are fully qualified and provide a professional one-to-one therapeutic service.



In 2020 Run 4 Pieta created a real sense of togetherness amongst the GAA community, whilst raising much needed funds for Pieta. The last 12 months have been very challenging for all of

society including our sports clubs, which provide such an important outlet for everyone involved. Starting at 6pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June, club members, will walk, run, cycle for 48 hours consecutively until 6pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June. 100% of funds raised will go directly to Pieta. For more details, including how you can donate and register for a timeslot and take part, please see our website <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsRun4Pieta2021>, you can also scan the code.

**Well done to all our county players**, Chris and Paul Crummey, John Bellew, Abby Shiels, Darren Gavin, Emmet O'Conghaile, Emma Flanagan, Laura Quinn, Ellen Dunphy, Laura Sharkey, and of course, Paul Casey with the Dublin Ladies backroom team. Despite some great performances, the Camogie teams are still searching for their first wins, as the Ladies Footballers got off to a solid start, Abby Shiels making her senior debut as goalkeeper. A win too for the hurlers with both Crummey brothers getting on the scoreboard, and footballers playing out a thrilling draw against Kerry.



## Healthy Club Notes

All the details about the new Safefood START campaign, which has been covered widely in both national and local media are available on the online version of club notes. To help parents there are 10 tips for cutting back on treats and ideas for healthy snack alternatives. There are specific resources to help parents give treats a break. Resources include expert videos from child psychologists and public health professionals and a range of print resources. You can also join or follow the conversation on social media using the hashtag #onedailywin



**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.

**Zumba** outdoors on the All weather pitch for the month of June starting next Tuesday 1st June and running for the 5 Tuesdays in June, 7.30pm to 8.30pm. €10 a class or if people wanted to sign up for the month of June it would be 5 classes for price of 4. You can also pay as you go. Under 18s and students are €5. All funds raised going to the club. For further details please contact Tracey on 0879735665

## Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot

**€8200:** There was no winner of the Club Lotto Jackpot of €7800 held on 13 May 2021. The numbers drawn were: **1, 7, 22, 26.**

**Lucky Dip winners of €30 each:** Don Dardis, Cian McHugh, Dara Keher, Ann Kelly, Faye & Alex Flanagan. The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 27th May, is €8200, and is sponsored by: **Dual Printing Ltd.** 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.**





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

Bíonn cúrsa ar siúl gach Luain a chuirfidh béim ar an dtéarmaíocht atá de dhíth le bheith ag cóitseáil. Má tá suim agat clárú don chúrsa déan teagmháil le Ciara ar 0830723566.

A course which focuses on the Irish terminology and phrases required for GAA coaching takes place each Monday. If you are interested in registering for the course please contact Ciara by text on 0830723566.

### Folláin 101

Bíonn ranganna aclaíochta trí Ghaeilge ar siúl 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 takes place Wednesdays from 6-7pm in St. Catherine's Park. This is 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 gconaí.

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>.

## Lucan Library

### Design a Climate Themed Interactive Board Game. Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 10 am

A fun Introduction to design, engineering and climate, for all the family. Part of Cruinniu na Óg, Ireland's National day of creativity for children. Kits for this workshop must be picked up from Lucan Library prior to the event and returned to the library in full after the event.



Please Note: One ticket per device, 1 per household, 4 people max recommended per ticket. This is a family event, adult supervision is required. A valid email address is required to register for this event.

**About this Event.** This is a perfect activity to introduce design and engineering skills in a fun and engaging way. A STEAM-based workshop that explores environmental issues and promotes the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

"Learn to accept the reality of yourself as someone with strengths and weaknesses who will have some good days and some bad days"



The National Tidy Towns 2021 competition has finally been launched. Submissions for this virtual competition have to be made by 2nd July. Photos will be all important this year as entries will be judged purely on the quality of the application. We can do with your support in this regard.

When you are out and about perhaps you might spot something which you think showcases Lucan. If you could take a picture and send on to us via WhatsApp that would be great.

In the meantime, we thought you might like to identify the locations of our photos this week. These are just a sample of recent activities.

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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.

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