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Days of learning new things about ourselves.....

If someone asked me this time last year, how we would manage if restrictions as we have now came in, I would have been lost for words.

Yet here we are, discovering how precious ordinary things are. While it was not normal to stand at my gate for a neighbour's funeral passing, rather than attend the funeral, it was nice to see all the other neighbours out, waiting patiently, many not having seen each other for weeks now – a little thing in the greater scheme of things.

It's nice to go for a short walk, and wave across at a familiar face; to keep in touch with those who can't go out themselves etc. It all comes very easy when we can't be rushing here, there and everywhere. It's like the clutter is being removed from our everyday lives.

When all this is over, it won't be the same for everyone, but please God, we'll find the wherewithal to be there for those who hurt the most.

Our late colleague, Joan O'Flynn often wrote about the *Darling Buds of May* at this time – a reference to all the children making their First Holy Communion this month. Alas, there will be no *Darling Buds* this May – we must wait and see how these things play out.

Some interesting tweets from SOL (Society for Old Lucan) members these days – while they can't be out and about showing us the many treasures of Lucan, they are keeping an eye on things in as much as they can.

It was disappointing to learn that even during these restrictions, rubbish (*cans, drugs bags, carpet and building materials*) was recently dumped at the old St. Finian's ruins. Even consecrated ground is not off limits to some!

On a brighter note, a painted Covid-19 stone of hope was found on the site a couple of days later.

Thank you to that thoughtful person!



Smiley faces and words of hope: Some local children have been busy painting stones in bright colours with smiley faces, and words of hope *eg love, be kind, be nice etc*, and placing them along routes people frequently walk. Keep an eye out when you take that short walk – more than a few have been spotted around Lucan. Well done to our great artists!

Mary Mulhall

Citizens Information Centre

The CIC office is closed for personal callers until further notice.

People can ring **0761 07 5000** and leave a message, and someone will return their call, or they can email Ballyfermot@citinfo.ie and someone will reply to their email.



Dog-walker available

If any over-70s are unable to walk their dog because they are cocooning, I would be happy to oblige.
No charge.

Eoin 087 9730075

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

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Lucan Auto Sales

Ballydowd

Free Fix of Flat Battery or Tyre to anyone living in Lucan.

Phone 087-2332332



South Dublin Co. Co. on Dumping

Our Litter & Waste Enforcement staff have been investigating increased levels of illegal dumping and burning of waste this week. Household Waste Collection Services are operating and Civic Amenity sites are open.

If you witness dumping contact
014149000/wasteregulation@sdublincoco.ie

Catherine the Great

Congratulations to Catherine Kelly (*below*) who collected almost €3,000 for Aware over the Easter holidays.

An SNA in St Mary's BNS, Catherine was due to walk the Camino from Logrono to Burgus, 121km along Spain's stunning northern route of the Camino. However, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the trip had to be cancelled.



But no virus was going to stop this determined and experienced walker who decided to do the trek in Leixlip where she now lives. Keeping at all times within the 2km radius from the homestead in Glendale Meadows, Catherine started the walk Wednesday 8th of April at 8am with a 30km walk, followed by 25km on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, finishing on Easter Sunday with the final 16kms.

Of course mental health has never been more important especially during these unprecedented times and Aware's fundraising, like many other charities, has suffered substantially.



2 more Liffey Sound volunteers have started recording their programmes from home!

Tune in to "Blast from the past" with Terry Callaghan at 10am on Saturday mornings and "The Tommy Martin hour" at 2pm with Thomas Martin. If you would like any of our presenters to play a request for you or your family, please email stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie

Stay safe & well, the Liffey Sound team!

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook
Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station!

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

I am happy to report that despite the restrictions on movement imposed by the lockdown/ cocooning the members of St. Mary's camera Soirée are still active with their cameras and continue to share their photos with the other members on WhatsApp. As promised they have been focusing in the past week on the abundant flora and fauna in the Lucan area. Everything seems more vibrant this spring than in previous years. As one of the group remarked maybe in the current situation we are taking more notice of what has always been around us.



Apart from birds, butterflies and bees the group has been photographing wild flowers – cow slips, the common daisy. Bluebells, buttercups, garlic etc. In fact there has been heated discussion between the members of the groups as to what the different flowers are. One thing is certain they are all beautiful. One of the group said that previously he would never have taken a photograph of a humble dandelion – he would just have wanted to pull it up whereas when you look at it closely a dandelion seed head is actually an incredibly complex and beautiful construction.



The members of the group hope that you will enjoy the selection of their photographs published in this week's edition of the Newsletter. Despite all the doom and gloom the world around us is still a beautiful place. We just need to take more time to appreciate it.

Till next week!

Parish Notes

**World Day of
Prayer for Vocations**



St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Masses at St Mary's:

Mass will be available on the Internet only each weekday **Monday to Saturday at 10am and on Sunday at 11am.**

WWW.LUCANPARISH.COM

Deepest Sympathy to the mother, family and friends of *Antoinette (Toni)* and *Jacinta Enright*, Woodville, to the wife, family and friends of *Jim McCarthy*, Esker Lawns and to the family and friends of *Maura Norton*, Ardeevin,
May they rest in peace.



St. Patrick's Esker/Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Mass will be available on Sundays at 10.30am on the web at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

The Church of Divine Mercy remains closed

We don't have live streaming here but you can tune in to Mass on many Parish Websites;

<https://lucanparish.com/live-webcam-broadcast>;

Weekdays at 10:00am & Sundays at 11:00am

<https://www.churchservices.tv/ballyfermotassumption> Daily at 10:00am

<http://www.wicklowparish.ie/sacraments-services/live-mass-services/>

Mon – Fri 10am & Sundays 11:30

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-jude-the-apostle2>

Weekdays 9:30am & Sundays at 10:00am

RTE News Now will also broadcast Daily Mass at 10.30am for those of you who don't have access to the internet.

Queen of the May

Bring flowers of the fairest
Bring flowers the rarest
From garden and woodland
and hillside and dale
Our full hearts are swelling
Our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale



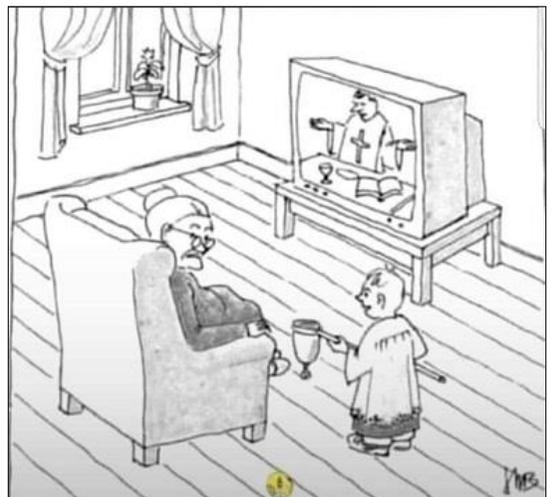
Chorus:

O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May
O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May
Their lady they name thee
Their mistress proclaim thee
Ah, grant that thy children on earth be as true
as long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers
as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue

Sing gaily in chorus
the bright angels o'er us
re-echo the strains we begin upon earth
their harps are repeating
the notes of our greeting
for Mary herself is the cause of our mirth

Chorus:

I'm sure we will hear this sung by Bernie Martin during the month of May at the 11am Mass in St Mary's. Thank you Bernie for your beautiful singing each week. It's nice to have a familiar voice.



Granny watching mass on tv & grandson taking collection 😊

Lucan ICA

NORTON (MAURA) R.I.P.



We in Lucan ICA were all so sad to hear of the death of our dear friend Maura Norton on Wednesday, 29th April 2020. Maura joined the Lucan Guild in 1994. Maura was very friendly with all the members, always up for fun and would surprise us with home-made goodies for evening meetings. Maura was brilliant at all types of embroidery and won many awards at Howth Arts & Craft weekend. Every year in April, we went to An Grianán for our Handcraft Week.

Maura would do painting in watercolours and created Macramé lampshades. In the guild, she shared her knowledge of making Quillo (a quilt that folded into a pillow). I think she made one for all of the family. We missed her when she was unable to be with us in the later years but we have great memories of Maura to share.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dílis.

*President Pauline Bligh and all the members of
Lucan ICA*

Acknowledgements

BEVAN (JOHNNY)

A thank you to all our neighbours and friends for their kindness and sympathy during our recent sad bereavement.

From the family of Johnny Bevan, Sarsfield Park

RYAN (JOHN)

6th May 2019 (RIP)



Late of Hillcrest.

As we approach the first anniversary of our beloved John, we, his family, would sincerely like to thank everyone who has sympathised and provided comfort and support during this difficult time.

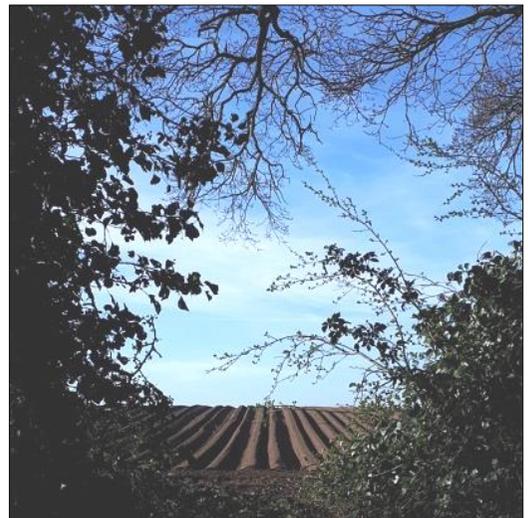
To those who helped prepare and contributed to our farewell to John, your generosity and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated and will be forever remembered.

We're also very grateful for your continued support through letters, mass cards, phone calls or calling by. St. James Target Lung Cancer Fund would also like to acknowledge the generous donations received.

As it is not possible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our gratitude. A Mass has been offered for your intentions.

John is lovingly remembered and will be forever missed by all who held him dear.

Nancy and family



*A ploughed field in Lucan, from St. Mary's
Camera Soiree.*

We heard that we are all in the same boat, but it's not like that. We are in the same storm, but not in the same boat. Your ship could be shipwrecked and mine might not be. Or vice versa.



For some, quarantine is optimal. A moment of reflection, of re-connection, easy in flip flops, with a cocktail or coffee. For others, this is a desperate financial and family crisis.

For some that live alone they're facing endless loneliness. While for others it is peace, rest and time with their mother, father, sons and daughters.

With the weekly increase in unemployment some are bringing in more money to their households than before when they were working. Others are working more hours for less money due to pay cuts or loss in sales.

Some were concerned about getting a certain chocolate for Easter while others were concerned if there would be enough bread, milk and eggs for the weekend.

Some want to go back to work because they don't qualify for unemployment and are running out of money. Others want to kill those who break the quarantine.

Some are home spending 2 – 3 hours / day helping their child with online schooling while others are spending 2 -3 hours / day to educate their children on top of a 10 – 12 hour workday.

Some have experienced the near death of the virus, some have already lost someone from it and some are not sure if their loved ones are going to make it. Others don't believe this is a big deal.

Some have faith in God and expect miracles during this 2020. Others say the worst is yet to come.

So, friends, we are not in the same boat. We are going through a time when our perceptions and needs are completely different.

Each of us will emerge, in our own way, from this storm. It is very important to see beyond what is seen at first glance. Not just looking, actually seeing.

We are all on different ships during this storm experiencing a very different journey.

Unkown author – courtesy of [Kenmare News](#).



May Bank Holiday looming

– what will we do?

Looks like more short walks, and quizzes, and even bingo on Zoom!

Thank God, we're able to do this much – it's not the same for everybody!

Society for Old Lucan (SOL) Take a sneak-peek @Soc4OldLucan Committee member Johnny Cully's beautiful digital reconstruction of the how the Eastern end of nave and chancel may have looked in medieval times of St. Finian's medieval church in Esker, Lucan.



Well done to digital wizard, Johnny Cully on this very interesting project. We look forward to more news on this.

'Weeds are flowers whose virtue hasn't been discovered' is an old saying! Well done to St. Mary's Camera Soiree members on their photos this week. There will be plenty of material for a great exhibition when this is all over.



We would love to receive photos of anything from our Readers!

Capt. Keen's Burst Pipe

By John Kelly

The Grahams were a proud, well respected and popular family from the small parish of Lucan. The grandkids loved nothing more than to chase the young chicks around Granny Graham's backyard and grew up on stories about their grandad's bravery and heroics on the fields of Somme and Ypres.

My mammy Joanie, who loved her nights out at the local dancehalls with next door neighbour and friend Sheila Flanagan, never strayed far from the family home, the last in a row of two-storey houses built by the Shackletons near Main Street for their workers in the local flour mill.

Joanie's father, Thomas, had returned — albeit riddled with shrapnel — to the village after fighting in the Great War and married Mary O'Neill in the parish church of St Mary's, his two war medals tucked safely away from view in a chest of drawers as the War of Independence reared its ugly head.

It was in this old stone terraced building on The Square that they reared 12 kids, and it was there that their beautiful, flame-haired daughter met and married a handsome young man from Armagh with a burning ambition to be a racing writer.

An accountant by profession, dad was a hard grafter with a strong work ethic and it wasn't long before he broke into journalism in the now defunct Irish Press, moving on in the early 1970s to campaign under the nom de guerre Capt. Keen as a tipster for the Irish Independent.

While mammy was a friendly and cheerful woman and always in good humour, Bob was intensely private and had no time for idle gossip and nosey neighbours. He played a straight bat but had a nice line in one-liners and seldom missed an opening.

One savagely cold winter morning Bob was above in the attic and in a foul mood struggling with a burst pipe when the doorbell rang.

'Is this Kellys?'

'It is.'

'Have ye a leak?'

'We have but I...'

'Hang on I'll get me stuff.'

Before Bob could say '... didn't phone anyone' your man in the blue overalls was back with toolbox and ladder, whereupon Bob decided to play schtum — far be it from him to stop a lad heaven-bent on fixing our burst pipes.

'The missus is making a fry. Will we stick you in the pan?'

'Bejapers guv, that's decent of you. I wouldn't say no, could do with a good fry-up after last night — but let me fix that pipe first. Where exactly is the problem?'

'Oh, upstairs in the attic. By the way, is it true that if you leave a light on in the attic the pipes won't freeze over?' enquired Bob, who was as good at DIY as he was at being a morning person.

'A lot of people swear by it, but it's a load of baloney. Waste of electricity too. Just get the attic insulated — that'll do the trick.'



A couple of hours later, the leak was sealed and Jim the plumber was making strong inroads into a full Irish when his walkie-talkie buzzed and a loud exchange ensued.

'Jim! Where the hell are you?'

'I'm here at Kellys. The job is oxa, Paddy. Just fixed the problem and grabbing a cuppa.'

'Where's your Kellys?'

'Sarsfield Park.'

'Yeah? Well I'm here at Kellys in the old folks' estate in Sarsfield Close and you were supposed to be here two hours ago and this gentleman is not at all happy. Can you get down here straightaway!'

At which point Bob shrugged his shoulders and with an impish grin asked, 'Anyone for more sausages?'

There was no harm done. Jim polished off rashers, sausages, eggs and white pudding and went off to his assignment on the Close with a full belly and a story to amuse workmates.

In fairness, it's not every day you get to fix Capt. Keen's plumbing!



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



It is with great sadness that we learned this week of the death of **Jim McCarthy**, a longstanding member of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club, and our community has lost one of nature's true gentlemen. Very proud of his Wexford roots, Jim nevertheless gave everything to his new home in Lucan, and especially so to Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club. Many the young lad in Lucan got his love of Gaelic football from Jim, including players who went on to wear the blue of Dublin at the highest level.

Jim's dedication to the teams that he managed was legendary and indeed ahead of his time. In the days before social media, it was quite common for players to find Jim's handwritten notes in their letterbox in the early morning, setting out the venue and time of the next game and even directions to the ground! He emphasised the need for everyone to get to the right venue on time, so there was often a convoy across the M50 with Jim at the front doing 80km an hour and a few frustrated lads following. Maybe that was his technique to get them fired up for the games.

He understood the value in having a strong and united management team with him, and Mick Casey, Cormac Gordon, Frankie Farrell and Dermot Russell were his trusted allies. With this management team, and with an emphasis on the development of young players, it was no surprise at all, but still a remarkable achievement, when Jim's Junior B team won the double of league and championship in the 2001 season.

Jim was a family man through and through, and very proud but never vain about their achievements. He was a very kind and gentle man, but he also had great strength of character and a positive outlook. We remember how he and Elizabeth handled with great dignity their enormous grief at the untimely death of their son Fintan and his partner Sonya Rabbitte.

Jim built up great relationships with his players.

Perhaps his strongest trait however was his ability to connect with his players at a personal level which often led to him going above and beyond for the betterment and wellbeing of the team collectively and individually.

These relationships inspired a loyalty that has stood the test of time and he was always delighted to chat with the players about the old days and the mutual enjoyment that they shared, and indeed

these players themselves warmly welcomed their interactions with Jim.

Jim gave a huge commitment to Lucan Sarsfields over a long period of time. He was a great contributor to Christmas Draw fund-raising and drove on his team to deliver big performances just the same as on the field of play. Similarly with the Club Lotto, where he strongly pushed ticket sales and was a member of a Lotto management team until quite recently. Indeed, Lucan Sarsfields recognised Jim's ongoing and exceptional contribution with its highest awards - a Club Person of the Year Award, and a Hall of Fame Award in 2004.

Our sincere condolences to his wife Elizabeth, his children Niall, Kevin, Ailish and Bríd, his grandchildren, Bec, Fionn, Ben, Charlie, Faye, Clodagh, Cian, Donal and Alex.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

Charity Fundraising: Lucan Sarsfields Senior football team will run from Sunrise May 2nd to Sunrise May 3rd to raise some much needed funds for the **#DoitforDan** campaign and **Cystic Fibrosis Ireland**. All donations will go towards these 2 charities. They will all run a minimum of two hours over the course of the day in pairs all within our 2 km radius and keeping to social distancing between the runners. They will be running for 24 hours consecutively as a team. You can donate online via the club website or see our Facebook page.

Lucan Sarsfields Lotto Jackpot €20,000: There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot held on Thursday **23rd** April, 2020. The numbers drawn were **20, 21, 22** and **26**. **Lucky Dip winners (€30): Teresa and Pat Quinn, John McGivney, Olive Halpin, Joey Byrne and Deirdre Shanagher.** Next Draw: **Thursday 30th** April 2020, Sponsor: **Henley Forktrucks**, Managed by Mary Flannery. Huge thanks to the Grey Bunny -**Tom Flannery**, our lotto MC.



IMPORTANT: For the duration of the current restrictions due to the COVID-19 outbreak the lotto draw will take place on **Thursday nights at 9pm** behind closed doors and will be live streamed on Facebook. You can still enter the draw by clicking on the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto> or on the local lotto link on the Lucan Sarsfields website. **Make sure to get your entry in before 6pm on Thursday to be included in that night's draw.**

Political Notes

Cllr. Ed O'Brien - Fianna Fáil

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Surface water drainage in Lucan Village:

The above works have commenced in Lucan village and are works which I have been pursuing for a considerable length of time. The works will hopefully prevent the overflow of rain and surface water during heavy rain in the village.

Grass Cutting:

A number of residents have asked about grass cutting during the pandemic. These works are continuing but on a scaled back basis so the duration between scheduled cutting has increased. If your estate has been overlooked please contact me.

Online Clinics:

Due to restrictions on face to face meetings I will commence online clinics starting this week. I will post details on my social media pages. Or if you prefer you can contact me using the usual channels for details.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan - Fianna Fáil

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Litter bins:

I requested that SDCC install new litter bins at the St Loman's Road and Ballyowen Lane entrances to Hermitage Park (on Mount Andrew side) and am delighted to report that there are plans now in place to install them. I am continuing to lobby for provision of more bins in other parks, including Ballyowen Park near Balgaddy.

Business Continuity Vouchers:

The Local Enterprise Office for South Dublin County is offering a Business Continuity Voucher for businesses across every sector that employ up to 50 people. This is worth up to €2,500 in third party consultancy costs and can be used by companies and sole traders to develop short-term and long-term strategies to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. Contact me if you would like to learn more.

Online clinics:

Contact me to make an appointment for my online clinic every Saturday morning.

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

Phone: 01-403007/01-6183816.
Email: gino.kenny@oir.ie

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Colouring my hair!

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