

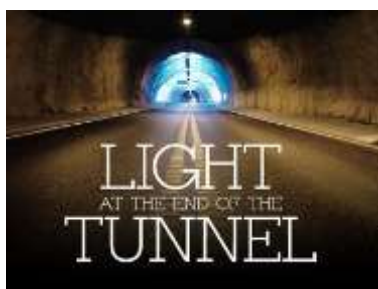


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At long last it seems that the end of the pandemic twilight zone is truly in sight. We have all grown weary with the restrictions on our freedom and the shut-down of so many activities that give spice and flavour to our lives. Things we took for granted now seem like absolute luxury, and the prospect of meeting up with friends for a drink or a meal or welcoming family and friends to our homes beckons like all our birthdays have come together. As more people are vaccinated we can expect the gradual relaxation of restrictions and a welcome return to normality.

This week our churches can once again welcome real live congregations albeit in limited numbers, but it does mark real progress towards a return to normality. The restrictions will limit numbers as heretofore, based on social distancing within the church building. St. Mary's capacity is 69 people and people will be admitted on a first-come-first-served-basis.

Mass times have to change to allow one hour between Masses for ventilation and sanitisation of the church. Beginning on Saturday 16th May, Masses at St. Mary's will be as follows:

Sat Evening Vigil 5:00pm & 6:45 pm

Sunday: 8:45am, 10:30am, 12:15pm & 7:00pm Weekday Mass will be Mon-Sat at 10:00am & Funeral Masses will normally take place at 11:30am

All Masses will be available on the parish Webcam.

Stewards needed

In order to comply with the social distancing and sanitisation 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 or fill in the online form on the parish website.

When the capacity (69 people) has been reached the church doors will be closed, please respect the regulations and don't shoot the messengers – i.e. our volunteer stewards.

Under present guidelines First Holy Communions and Confirmations cannot take place, and the Archbishop has indicated that these are unlikely to be permitted before Autumn.

Baptisms are also still on hold.

Confessions return

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can however resume and Confessions will be heard in the Nun's Chapel on Saturday Morning's after the 10:00 am Mass and on Saturday Evenings after the 5:00pm Mass. Confession will also be available on Monday and Wednesday mornings after the 10:00am Mass. People coming to confession are asked to respect social distancing at all times.

We look forward to welcoming you back to St. Mary's, and hopefully, without the limitation of numbers before too long.

Philip Curran, St. Mary's Lucan



Lucan Newsletter Back in Print from next week, Sunday 16th May!

We are so looking forward to getting back to printing our weekly copy. While many have followed us on the website, we realise that not everybody has access to the internet.



We look forward to all our local groups getting back in action over the next few months – follow that light at the end of the tunnel!

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PLEASE NOTE:

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

Alternately email notices/reports to any of the following:

marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

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Hillcrest Residents Association

Thanks to Lucan Tidy Towns for all your support with Hillcrest Spring Clean.



We had a great morning and great welcome and comments from residents as we tramped around. The number of discarded masks was very noticeable.



Plans are afoot to make the clean-up a monthly occurrence, as the first Saturday of every month to meet at Hillcrest Field, we'll keep you posted.

*Míle Buíochas,
Maria and my HRA colleagues*

Cleaner Needed in local primary school

2.30pm to 4.30pm Mon to Fri.

Email jobapplications@scoilmhui.ie

or phone 01 6240203



Lucan Lions Club

Just to let you know that, despite the COVID 19 pandemic, Lucan Lions Club continues to operate, albeit on a remote basis. Needless to say we have not been able to operate our usual fundraising and community activities and we hope to resume again when the lockdown is finally lifted. One again, we will be seeking help from all our loyal supporters to facilitate our work in helping local community projects.

In the meantime, the material below, sets out some of the work by Lions Ireland in relation to Diabetes Awareness. We hope it is helpful to you.

We will keep you posted on Lucan Lions Club activities when we resume.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.



Tune into Liffey Sound 96.4FM next Tuesday for the following programmes:

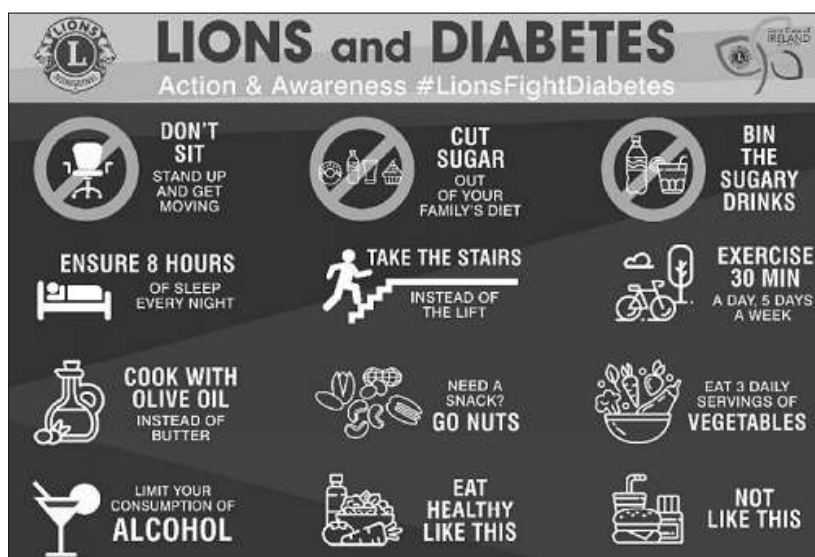
3pm - Classic Twist - A smooth and gentle 2 hours of classical music with Pat Quinn

5pm - Opera Works - Michael Bourke presents this Opera and classical music series

6pm - A year in music - Paul Gibney presents all the best songs from the 1960's up to the present day, year by year!

Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook



We had a busy morning replanting the flowerpots around the village and at St Joseph's layby.

Pollinator friendly Erysimum, Campanula and Bacopa.

Thanks to all who gave a hand.



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Masses 9th May:

Vigil Saturday: 6.30pm

Sunday: 11am

On-line only on www.lucanparish.com

From Monday 10th May our churches can re-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 maximum of **69** people in attendance for Masses

The 69 is possible if we have two distinct areas within the church, one for 50 people and the other for 19. There can be no movement between these two areas. Each area will have separate entrances and exits.

We look forward to welcoming you back.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am
Max 69 people - Admission will be on a first-come-first-served basis and we rely on your understanding to make this work.

New Sunday Mass Times

From Sunday 16th May Mass times will be as follows:

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

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

Max 69 people - Admission will be on a first-come-first-served basis and we rely on your understanding to make this work.



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 will be open daily for private prayer on weekdays from 10.30am to 6pm (funerals permitting) and on Sundays from 12 noon to 6pm. Please enter by the Main Porch Door and exit by the side door (near the Nun's Chapel). Please ensure social distancing when visiting the church and use hand sanitizers provided when entering and leaving.

Please note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is temporarily lifted by Pope Francis for the duration of the crisis.

St. Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

All Masses are streamed live on the Parish YouTube channel during Level 5

See website for reopening details during the week

Sunday Masses: Vigil Saturday 7pm, 9am, 10.30am Family Mass and 12 noon.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday at 10am.

Private Prayer: Church is open for private prayer, weekdays from 10.30 to 12.30 and access through church door at the bell tower.

View the following on www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Mass Readings for the week

Morning Prayer – Lauds

Evening Prayer – Vespers

Take five at 10 - Reflections–Weekdays: 10am

Taizé – Watch and Pray

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

All Masses will be livestreamed only on www.lucansouthparish.net

See website for reopening details during the week

Sunday Mass: Sunday 10:30am

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

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

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

Anniversaries

CLERKIN (MARIE)

17th Anniversary – 11th May

Will those who think of her today
A little prayer to Jesus say.

*Lovingly remembered by her son Gerard and the
Mahon and Clerkin families*

**Marie shall be remembered at Mass on 11th
May in St. Patrick's Church, Esker and St.
Mary's Church, Lucan at 10am and Lourdes,
France.**



RYAN (JOHN)

2nd Anniversary – 6th May

Just a prayer from the family who
loved you
Just a memory fond and true
In our hearts you will live forever
Because we thought the world of
you.

Lovingly remembered by Nancy and all his family



I SAW A ROBIN

I saw a robin this morning.
He cocked his head
And eyed me through the window,
Confidently.

His bright red breast
Lifted the darkness of a grey
day.
I thought of
Golden autumn leaves,
Scarlet holly berries,
Pure white snow,
Brown swirling winter water on the weir,
Blue and yellow pictures in coal flames,
Frosty star-filled skies.

I'm glad
I saw a robin this morning.

By Joan O'Flynn



Lucan Library

Clay Modelling Workshop for Adults
Tuesday 11th May at 11am.

About this Event:

Part of Bealtaine 2021

Follow the step by step
guide in this pre-recorded
tutorial to make a floral 3D
picture out of Clayotic.

After 24 hours it will air dry so it will become a
permanent keepsake. You will learn plenty of
model making tips during this fun tutorial.

Please Note: One ticket per participants, max 2
per household.

A valid email address is required to register for
this event. Packs will be delivered therefore this
event is only available to residents of the South
Dublin electoral area. If you are not a resident,
this will result in the cancellation of your ticket.
We appreciate your understanding in this matter.



Herb Hanging Baskets with Horticulturist
Aoife Munn. 17th May at 11am.

Aoife Munn demonstrates how to
make a lovely herb hanging basket.

About this Event:

Part of Bealtaine 2021. Join
horticulturist Aoife Munn for a herb
hanging demonstration. This session
will include everything you need to know about
keeping baskets looking good for longer, which
herbs to combine, and much more.

Please Note: One ticket per device, max 2 per
household. A valid email address is required to
register for this event.



South Dublin Libraries Presents

**'Introduction to Classical
Music – Handel's Visit to
Dublin, 1741-2'**

Online talk Thursday 24th
May at 7pm

Sit back and enjoy this talk
on Handel's music and his
visit to Dublin in 1741-2, by Peter Whelan.

Peter has had a remarkable career as a conductor,
keyboardist and solo bassoonist. He is Artistic
Director of the Irish Baroque Orchestra.

South Dublin Libraries now offer FREE access to
the online music resource, Medici TV. Visit

<https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/sport-and-recreation/libraries/library-services/online-resources/> and use your library card to enjoy the



largest collection of online classical music videos

– orchestral, ballet, opera and performance.



Very strange indeed – the weather!

How many times have we witnessed frost in May? We had showers of hail, and one teenager who had been zip-

wiring with his Transition Year, in Wicklow last Wednesday, related how he zip-wired through a snow shower!

Hopefully, Ireland will warm up soon, and we'll be able to get that vitamin D into us, that all the experts talk about.

It's heartening to learn that up to this week, 30% of the population has received at least a first dose of a covid vaccine. They're certainly going at great speed in getting the magic potion to everyone. Please God, it will continue.

Big welcome back to the Hairdressers and Barbers! This time next week, many of us will be unrecognisable, having unloaded ourselves of great manes. We should be a lot lighter on the scales too!

Saw Tidy Towns and other Residents Groups working hard last Saturday, one of the nicer days, sprucing up Lucan and surrounds. It was great to see people out doing a bit.

Dandelions! Did you ever see so many? We're advised not to cut them, and to leave them for the bees and other insects. That will be an 'out' card for those who have a dislike of lawnmowers!

Postage Increase – the price of posting a letter will increase shortly, from €1 to €1.10 for a standard letter. You would think that posting letters these days is not too popular given that most of us use email and other social media. Still I see our local Postman weighed down with lots of mail these days – perhaps it's bills and birthday cards!



These curious little fellows were spotted at Weir View recently. They must wonder why so many people are out walking these days.

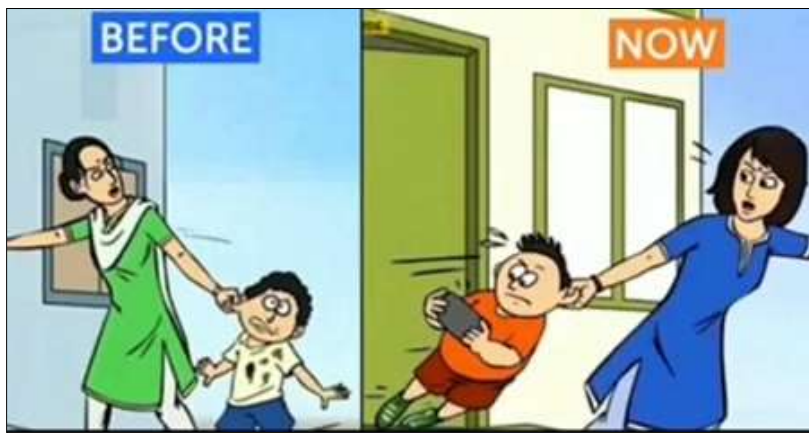
Old Photos! We have some quite old photos on file, which we will begin publishing shortly, once we are back in print. No doubt they'll arouse many memories.

If you have any pictures which you would like to share with us, just send to:

marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

Or alternatively leave in St. Mary's Parish Centre Postbox, with your name and address.

We will scan the photo, and return to the owner within a couple of days.



*"Good times
become good
memories,
Bad times
become good
lessons"*



SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Gaisce News: Richard Okafor and Mantas Arlauskas from class Johnson were busy completing their air pollution project for the community skills section of their Gaisce Bronze Award.



24 TY students are in the final stages of completing this highly prestigious President's Award and will be receiving their Bronze Medals and Certificates in May.

Best of luck to Amber Brady, Emma McGivney, Joel Ogunkoyejo and Niamh Sim from 5th year who are working hard to achieve their Silver Gaisce Award this year. Despite the lockdown, students have found new and unique challenges to complete in community, personal and physical skills. The adventure hike will take place in May. Thank you to In Ni Ruaidhri, In Ni Bhrian, Ms Feeney and Ms Gallagher who have supported these students on their Gaisce journey. They look forward to presenting the students with their hard-earned award this year!

5th year History News: Well done to Claire Bredin and Rebecca Richardson who were clear winners in American Presidents Quiz held in class last week. USA and the Wider World, 1945-1989, is a topic of study on the leaving certificate history course. It's proving to

be a really popular area of study for the current 5th year history students. How well would you do?

Can you name, give dates of term in office and name the political party each president was aligned to?

Transition Year Events: A big thanks to team-works and LCC staff for taking our TY's out of their comfort zone and encouraging them to learn together in new ways. Team-Works focuses on the development of communication, trust and collaboration within a team. In an era of diversity, having a team that is comfortable working together is an important tool in allowing both the individuals and team to prosper. Our transition years participated in all the events and the weather was kind to them too.



Well done to our TY global Citizenship students, who took part in the excellent and inspirational World Wise Ireland "Our journey towards racial justice" student conference last Thursday. Thank you to the speakers and organisers.



Take care-take 5. Re-engage – 1st yr. Class Elm. 'Almost all creativity requires purposeful play'.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Art: Congratulations to 6th yr Kevin McGrane on receiving a place in The National College of Art & Design. NCAD is one of the most prestigious and renowned art colleges in Europe and can count icons such as Simone Rocha, Philip Treacy and W.B Yeats as alumni. Kevin has worked very hard developing his own unique style and skills across all areas of Art Craft & Design over the last 6 years. In the last two years he has challenged himself and started to focus on mixed media, a process that involves layering grounds and using a variety of drawing materials over these developed grounds. Kevin's attention to detail and use of chalk pastels is exceptional. Applying to NCAD this year was somewhat challenging as a physical portfolio was no longer accepted and all of Kevin's work had to be uploaded to an online portfolio. Kevin spent a great deal of time working independently in January as schools were closed and teachers and students were working remotely- this took a huge amount of dedication and commitment as Kevin was also keeping up with all the work with his other Leaving Certificate subjects.

Kevin's art teacher Ms. Ryan is extremely proud of Kevin, describing him as one of the most talented students she has ever had the privilege of teaching. She believes that Kevin's determination to push himself out of his comfort zone in the subject has been key to his success and is delighted that NCAD are getting such a well-mannered, kind, pleasant and gifted young artist. Kevin is a wonderful ambassador for the school and we wish him all the best in his four years in NCAD.



CBA –Visual Art: Over the past 7 weeks the two second year Visual Art classes, Picasso & Van Gogh, have been working on their Classroom

Based Assessment (CBA) - 'Process to Realisation'. The students were given a task to design a public sculpture for any location in the world based on the themes issued by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA). Both groups have worked very well and produced wonderful design sheets considering location influence and primary source drawing. Presentations of the work will take place over the coming days and each student will get the opportunity to digitally show their work to Ms Ryan and their fellow students. Ms. Ryan will assess their work and award a descriptor that will appear on their Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA) upon completion of their Junior Cycle.

Transition Year: Our two Transition Year groups, TY Edmund and TY Rice, went on a walking trip around Lucan with their Geography teachers Ms. Winters and Mr. Rafter last week. The trip was in preparation for a traffic survey that the students will be carrying out over the next week or so. The students covered 10km around the area in the brisk Spring air to observe how the land use in the area has changed over the years. They began at Woodies, looking at the bypass which split Lucan back in 1988. Their teachers explained how the land has changed from agricultural to retail in the space of a few decades.

They then moved on down towards the river Liffey to view the old Mills located along the Strawberry Beds. Along the route they came across the old cinema in Lucan village which has now become a bank and a residential area. The students then viewed the ruins of the Church of the Blessed Virgin, which they learned was built in the 1300's before suffering a slow descent into ruin in the 1600s. Today the grounds upon which the church was originally built are occupied by the Italian ambassador to Ireland so the students were careful not to trespass on Italian land and risk causing a potentially serious international incident!

In Lucan Village, the students looked around for the best sites to carry out their traffic survey, noting down all of the different routes into and out of the village. The trip then concluded with a visit to a 7th/12th century Ringfort, surmounted by a Souterrain known locally as "The Cave", situated past the Hollow on the grounds of Moat Hill House. The teachers also pointed out the various styles of housing along the way. The students are to be commended on their active participation, genuine interest, good manners and strict adherence to social distancing regulations

for the duration of their educational and enjoyable local excursion.

St Joseph's College

We were delighted to have a new addition to St. Joseph's last week. On Friday, 30th April, Sr. Josephine and Sr. Bernadette presented Ms Fitzgerald with a **Child of Prague** for our school. We also got a gift of a statue to Our Lady and a statue of the Sacred Heart!



Well done to 5th year students **Leah Kennedy Carney, Muskaan Khalid and Caoimhe Farrell** who came third place in the Construction Industry Federation '***A Home for Everyone***' Challenge. They designed an 'Eco-tainer' home with an innovative use of shipping containers, to create a sustainable home of the future. Well done to the team, it is a super achievement!



We were delighted to receive **12 new outdoor picnic benches** over the weekend, courtesy of our Parents' Association! They will get plenty of use for lunchtimes and outdoor teaching options! Our Parents' Association is organising a **Clothing Collection this weekend**. Clean clothing, belts, handbags and shoes (in good condition) can be dropped at the Layby beside St Joseph's College, between 11am and 3pm on Saturday 8th May. Thank you to our community for your continued support of our Parents' Association fundraisers!



Congratulations to 5th year student, **Esther Adanikin**, who has been offered a place, this summer, on the '***Patch***' mentoring programme. 'Patch is a 6 week long summer accelerator for 16 – 21 year olds that want to push the world forward. Participating teams spend the summer working on a chosen project, getting to know an energetic group of peers and learning from brilliant mentors and speakers. Patch is open to future entrepreneurs, scientists, engineers, designers and technologists of all stripes.' Well done Esther!!



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

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

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 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

Information on the Schengen area is available on our website:
https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/government_in_ireland/european_government/european_union/free_movement_of_people_within_the_schengen_area.html

Public Holidays

There are 9 public holidays in Ireland each year. Public holidays may commemorate a special day or other event, for example, Saint Patrick's Day (17 March) or Christmas Day (25 December). On a public holiday, sometimes called a bank holiday, most businesses and schools close. Other services, for example, public transport still operate but often with restricted schedules. Public holidays are:

New Year's Day (1 January)
Saint Patrick's Day (17 March)
Easter Monday
First Monday in May
First Monday in June
First Monday in August
Last Monday in October
Christmas Day (25 December)
Saint Stephen's Day (26 December)

Good Friday is not a public holiday. While some schools and businesses close on that day, you

have no automatic entitlement to time off work on that day.

How is the date of Easter Monday determined each year? Easter Monday is the only public holiday that can vary significantly from year to year. The date of Easter moves every year. Easter should be the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after 21 March. This means that the earliest possible date for Easter Sunday in any year is 22 March, the latest is 25 April. Easter Monday falls on 5 April 2021 and on the following dates in 2022 and 2023: 18 April 2022 and 10 April 2023.

Lay off or short-time working: Many people have questions about public holidays during the COVID-19 pandemic. During lay off or short-time working, you still are employed by your employer and your contract of employment remains in force. This means that you are entitled to benefit for any public holidays that occur during the first 13 weeks of lay off. Part-time employee must have worked at least 40 hours in the 5 weeks before the public holiday. You do not accrue annual leave during lay off but you are entitled to take annual leave that you accrued before being laid off.

Rules: Your entitlement to public holidays is set out in the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997. Most employees are entitled to paid leave on public holidays. One exception is part-time employees who have not worked for their employer at least 40 hours in total in the 5 weeks before the public holiday.

If you qualify for public holiday benefit you are entitled to one of the following:

A paid day off on the public holiday

An additional day of annual leave

An additional day's pay

A paid day off within a month of the public holiday

You may ask your employer at least 21 days before a public holiday, which of the alternatives will apply. If your employer does not respond at least 14 days before the public holiday, you are entitled to take the actual public holiday as a paid day off.

The Organisation of Working Time:

(Determination of Pay For Holidays) Regulations (SI 475/1997) set out the appropriate rate of daily pay.

Part-time employees: If you have worked for your employer at least 40 hours in the 5 weeks before the public holiday and the public holiday falls on a day you normally work you are entitled to a day's pay for the public holiday. If you are

required to work that day you are entitled to an additional day's pay. *Over*

If you do not normally work on that particular day you should receive one-fifth of your weekly pay. Even if you are never rostered to work on a public holiday you are entitled to one-fifth of your weekly pay as compensation for the public holiday.

Sick leave on a public holiday: If you are a full-time worker on sick leave during a public holiday, you are entitled to benefit for the public holiday you missed, as described above. (An employer can also choose to regard you as not on sick leave on the public holiday and pay you as normal for the public holiday. If this is the case, the public holiday is not counted as a sick leave day.)

If you are a part-time worker and you are on sick leave during a public holiday, you are entitled to benefit for the public holiday, provided you worked for your employer for at least 40 hours in the previous five-week period - see 'Part-time employees' above.

However, if you have been off work for more than 26 consecutive weeks due to illness or accident, or for more than 52 weeks due to an occupational accident and you are absent from work immediately before the public holiday because of this, you are not entitled to the public holiday.

Absence from work and public holiday

entitlement: You are entitled to leave for any public holidays that occur while you are on maternity leave, parental leave, paternity leave or adoptive leave. These rights are set down in the Maternity Protection Acts 1994 and 2004, the Parental Leave Acts 1998 - 2019, the Paternity Leave and Benefit Act 2016 and the Adoptive Leave Acts 1995 and 2005 respectively.

You are not entitled to public holiday benefits if you were absent from work immediately before the public holiday and your absence is:

Over 13 weeks, due to lay off or some other reason and authorised by your employer.

Due to a strike

After the first 13 weeks of carer's leave

Losing your job

If your employment finishes during the week ending on the day before a public holiday and you have worked for your employer for the previous 4 weeks, you should receive an additional day's pay for the public holiday. This also applies to part-time employees who have established a right to the public holiday by working at least 40 hours in the previous 5 weeks. You can read more about this in 'Further information' below.

Public holidays falling on a weekend: If the public holiday falls on a day which is not a normal working day for that business (for example, on Saturday or Sunday) you are still entitled to benefit for that public holiday, but you do not have any automatic legal entitlement to have the next working day off work. Read more on workplacerelements.ie.

How to apply: You can find out more about public holidays in this explanatory booklet on holidays and public holidays (pdf) or from the Workplace Relations Commission's Information and Customer Service - see 'Where to apply' below.

If you are not getting your public holiday entitlement you may make a complaint under the Organisation of Working Time Act within 6 months of the dispute or complaint occurring. You must use the online complaint form from workplacerelements.ie. The time limit may be extended for up to a further 6 months, but only where there is a reasonable cause which prevented you from bringing the complaint within the normal time limit.

Where to apply:

Workplace Relations Commission - Information and Customer Service, O'Brien Road, Carlow R93 E920

Opening Hours: Mon. to Fri. 9.30am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm

Tel: (059) 917 8990

Locall: 1890 80 80 90

Homepage: <https://www.workplacerelements.ie/en/>
Further information

Termination of employment and public

holidays: In the case of *Gazboro Ltd. -v- BATU (DWT9916)* the claimants ceased to be employed on 18 December 1998. They claimed an entitlement to be paid in respect of 25 and 26 December. As the Court interpreted the wording of Section 23(2)(a) of the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997, the week ending at midnight on 24 December began at midnight on 18 December. Since the claimants worked for the employer during the 4 weeks preceding that week they were entitled to an additional day's pay in respect of 25 December. The week ending on 25 December began at midnight on 19 December. Since the claimants ceased to be employed on 18 December they had no entitlement under the Act in respect of 26 December.



Emer Higgins – TD

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Maternity Restrictions: I have called on the HSE to end restrictions on partners attending maternity appointments, scans and labour. Developments in vaccination and testing should allow us to show women and their partners more compassion.

Bealtaine Festival: The month of May belongs to the Bealtaine Festival, celebrating art and creativity as we age. South Dublin County Council have organised a varied programme of virtual events for the over 55's in the county. Yoga, gardening, theatre, singing and much more, there has never been a better time to get involved and stay connected.

https://sdcc.ie/en/news/calendar-of-events-bealtaine-festival-2021.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1G53dMdFP8MyfH8koJH2uxdXFwOTTJrHydceRH7o3_i1HxXp06a3auyc

Spring Clean Ups: Well done to Lucan Tidy Towns and everyone who took part in recent cleans ups. Fantastic work done in Vesey Park, Willsbrook Park, Edmundsbury, Adamstown Road, Hillcrest to mention a few.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

Phone: 085-7211574. Email: ginokenny@oir.ie

Oireachtas Health Committee: This week the secretary general of the Department of Health addressed the health committee in regards to the RTE Prime Time investigates programme. A number of questions that I asked was about the ethical nature of the keeping of such confidential files and was this practise routinely used in the Department. Lessons have to be drawn from this adverse practise were trust and confidence in the system is paramount.

Trade Union Recognition Bill: This week People Before Profit introduced the Trade Union recognition bill which will give workers the right to join a trade union where a majority of workers in a workplace want to join a union.

Solidarity to ESB Workers on Strike: ESB workers are currently out on strike in regards to outsourcing and union recognition of their union the Independent Workers Union.

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Vaccinations: I was delighted to be invited for vaccination at City West on Sunday last which was a positive experience and very well organised. It is worthwhile planning to take it easy for the days afterwards. Drink plenty of water, and know the symptoms will pass, and the relief of getting the vaccine is huge. I would encourage you to register when your turn comes.

Housing: The programme for government includes construction of social and affordable housing on a large scale, as is necessary. The waiting list for housing in our constituency is high. But we also need to ensure fair access to private housing in Lucan. I have written to the Taoiseach to ensure our young people can buy a house or apartment, and housing is not all bought up by investment companies.

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Additional Litter Bins: I continue to receive requests for additional litter bins. The following are recent ones I have requested: Griffeen Valley Park extension (to be examined), Esker Road - Bus stop 2505 outside St Finians Estate (1 to be installed in Q2), Castlegate Crescent entrance to Adamstown beside Finnstown Hotel (to be examined).

Adamstown litter Bins: As Castlegate is still the only estate in Adamstown which is in charge, bins have been provided at the following locations: Station Road - on path outside Adamstown Educate Together National School, Station Road/Castlegate Terrace - on path outside St John the Evangelist National School opposite Adamstown Community College, Station Road - outside Adamstown Community Centre, Station Road – retail bin provided by Londis, Castlegate Park open space (2), Castlegate Way - at bus stop near Castlegate Walk junction, Adamstown Avenue – at bus stop near Castlegate Drive junction.

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County Development Plan Process: The Chief Executive has issued his Draft Plan for consideration by the Council. Councillors have until 28th May to submit motions, to suggest changes to the draft plan which will then go to public consultation. Further information at <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/devplan2022/>.

Outdoor Strategy: I am asking the Council to take a holistic approach to supporting an outdoor summer this year, to maximise activity in our parks and shared spaces. I would encourage people to complete the Council's survey on parks and open at <https://consult.sdblincoco.ie/en/content/south-dublin-county-council-parks-and-open-space-user-survey-2021>

Home Security Scheme: South Dublin County Council has extended its Home Security Scheme until 30 June 2021. This scheme is to support older, vulnerable or residents living alone to replace their existing external door European Profile Locks with high security anti snap locks.

Link: <https://secure.southdublin.ie/Forms/Item/65>

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Cumann na Sáirseálaigh Leamhcáin



While we await more detail from the games organisations, the dates to remember are:

From 10th May – Outdoor training is permitted at adult level in pods of a maximum of 15 people (including coaches). However, games are not allowed and indoor facilities must remain closed.

From 7th June (and subject to the Public Health situation at the time) – Club games will be permitted at all levels but must be played “behind closed doors”.

Three Club members, Sean McClelland (Senior Hurler), Herbie McClelland and Paul Stapleton are doing a 42km (Marathon) hike from Tallaght to Shankill on Saturday 8th May to raise funds for *Darkness Into Light*. Donate at the following link:
<https://www.darknessintolight.ie/fundraisers/herbertmcclelland/dublin>

Thank you to Intel Ireland Ltd., who last week announced their Matching Grant donation for 2021. We are proud to be part of the Matching Grant program. Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club will receive \$10,000 from the volunteer hours by Intel employees in our club, Ian O'Connor, Stiofan O'Conghaile, Brian Mahon, Billy Fitton and Colm Farrell.

Round 1 of the Allianz Hurling League gets under way this Saturday, 8th May, **Dublin** are at home to Kilkenny in Parnell Park at 15:30. The game will be shown live on Eir sports.

The Camogie Association have delayed issuing their fixtures calendar to poll Club and County players due to disquiet from GPA and inter-county players. Dublin Camogie Executive have stated that they are against the Camogie Associations proposed schedule as they prefer a “Club First” approach. Please read clarifying statement on www.dublincamogie.ie

All the latest news from the LGFA, including the monthly newsletter ‘Pass It On’ and the Spring 2021 Magazine ‘Peil’ is available online now.

Frásaí na Coicíse

Dia dhaoibh gach duine!

Seo dhaoibh roinnt frásaí chun úsáid timpeall an tí, agus na páistí ag filleadh ar ais ag traenáil. Here are a few phrases to use around the house, now that the juveniles are back training (hurray!)



Táim ag dul ag traenáil anocht - I'm going training tonight.

Tá an dinnéar réidh - dinner is ready

Beidh cith agam i gceann nóiméid - I'll have a shower in a few minutes

Ar mhaith leat uisce nó bainne? - Would you like water or milk?

An bhfuil d'eochara an tí agat? - Do you have your house keys?

Cá chuir tú do chamán? Where did you put your hurley?

Bain taitneamh as!

Michele Uí Bhuachalla

Oifigeach Gaeilge

The LDCU Academy returns on May 8th. Pre-registration with David is essential.

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For further information, phone
David - 087 926 7607

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

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot

€7000: There was no winner of the Club Lotto held on 29 April 2021 sponsored Clandillon Motors. The numbers drawn were **14, 15, 19, 21**.

Lucky Dip winners of €30 each: SMEGS, Bridie Burke, Eilish McNally, Mick Mulhall, Frank Masterson. The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday May 6th, is €7000, and is sponsored by **O'Grady Hearing Care Services**. 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.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

Cóitseáil 101

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

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

Nóta Buíochais - Crannchur Urraíochta d'Fhoirne Peile na bhFear

A Chairde,

Ba mhaith linn buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil leis na heagraíochtaí, na gnónna beaga agus móra agus na daoine aonair a léirigh spéis in ár dtiomsú urraíochta. Ní raibh muid ag súil leis an ráchairt mhór a tháinig mar thoradh air, ach is léiriú iontach é ar cé chomh fial flaithiúil is atá sibh fiú agus na bróga teann ar go leor dínn faoi láthair. Is mór againn bhur bhflaithiúlacht agus is cuidiú millteanach do na foirne agus don chlub bhur dtacaíocht san am i láthair. Déanfar na hurraitheoirí ar fad a chlibeáil thíos. Má tá duine ar bith fágtha ar lár – abraigí linn le bhur dtoil! Orainne aon locht sa liosta!

Déanfar an tarraingt Dé Luain, an 3 Bealtaine. Craolfar an crannchur beo ar leathanaigh Facebook agus Instagram an chlub. Go n-éirí le gach urraitheoir!

A note of thanks – Fundraising Draw for Men's Football Teams Sponsorship

We are blown away by the support we've received from organisations, businesses, and individuals over the past month. The generosity has been overwhelming - especially in a time where many of us have been affected financially. Your participation in our fundraising raffle is very appreciated and we truly thank you for your kind donations. All of our sponsors will be tagged below. If we have made any omissions please let us know.

The draw shall take place on Monday, the 3rd May and will be live on both Facebook and Instagram. Good luck to all participants!

Áiseanna Ard Aidhin, Aisteoirí Bulfin
An Siopa Leabhar, An tOireachtas
Andrew Power, Anita O'Brien
Batch.ie, Boyne Ventilation
Caitríona Lonergan, Club an Chonartha
Coláiste Seosaimh, Conradh na Gaeilge
Coyle's Hardware, David McHugh
Déaglán Mac Pháidín, Donegal Dublin Business Network, Donegal International Airport
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John & Joan Grubb, Joseph Sweeney
Lower Deck, Portobello, Marino
Martin Reynolds, Cionn Caslach
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Pól Ó Murchú, aturnaetha, Pop Up Gaeltacht
Púca Mobile, Queercal Comhrá, Raidió Na Life
Raidió RíRá, Reic, Riordan-Scully Insurance
Seán Mac Fhionnghaile, Signs ASAP
Thomas St Pharmacy, Walsh Painting Contractors



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Following on from the submission of Michael's video taken in his front garden last week which captured the beauty of the birds singing and by way of proving Anna's contention that Lucan has a high proportion of birds members of the soiree have submitted this week many photographs of these birds resplendent in their magnificent plumage to complement their singing prowess.





At our weekly on-line meeting last Friday we noted the continuing progress in the vaccination of many of the members of the group. We felt, on foot of the recently announced relaxations in the restrictions on the number of people that can meet outdoors, that it would be safe to organise an outdoor “socially distanced and face masked” photography local field trip for those members of the group who would be comfortable with the idea. So after fourteen months of not being able to meet and weather permitting we hope to organise the field trip on 14th May our usual Friday meeting day. Full details of the arrangements will be sent to the members on our WhatsApp group nearer the time.

Until next week stay safe!

