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The grip of the Mobile Phone

On Tuesday last I went with a friend to a well-known city restaurant for an early evening meal. Although early in the evening there were quite a few diners already there. At the next table was a family of four, a mum, dad and two early teenage children. What drew my attention to them was the fact that at one point in the meal conversation had ceased, the table fell silent and all four of them were deeply engrossed in their mobile phones, this lasted for about fifteen minutes.



I was tempted to produce my own camera phone to take a surreptitious photo but I would probably have breached all kinds of GDPR data rules as well as me being guilty of plain old bad manners. On three occasions the dad of the family left the table to speak to callers and was absent for over five minutes on each occasion.

I found myself wondering what could be of such overwhelming importance that could interrupt a family meal in that way. Mobile phone technology is a great boon for our times and has brought many benefits, but we seem to have allowed the phone to take the lead in even important family occasions. Would it kill us to leave the phone at home sometimes? Is there really anything of earth-shattering importance that it can't wait while we spend quality time in other activities with family and friends.

Having said all that, I have to confess a certain attachment to my own Samsung device, I am not entirely blameless in allowing the said device to claim my attention at times when I could and should be using my time more productively. The 'ping' of a Whatsapp message or the 'pip-pip' announcing an email arrival have become commands to be obeyed rather than invitations to respond, and we can all succumb to the slavish response.

Even more worrying is the spectre of young children with noses buried in screens and thumbs working overtime, manipulating some baddie around the screen of the latest gaming app. In reality they are the ones being manipulated. Digital games are generating vast revenues and the younger they start the greater the addiction is likely to be. The temptation for parents is to use the phone and the Ipad as a pacifier in early childhood thereby sowing a weed that will grow like wildfire. One parent told me some time ago that her 15 year old spent seven and a half hours one Saturday on an online gaming site, only emerging from his room for food. That simply can't be healthy for anyone.

So maybe we need to examine the role these devices are playing in our lives and do some serious reappraisal. Could you live without your mobile phone? Or could you leave it at home on some significant occasions? No? Oh dear!



Philip Curran, St. Mary's Lucan

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

www.citizensinformation.ie

The old 0761 numbers will remain operational in tandem with 0818 until **31 December 2021**. However, from 1 January 2022, **only the 0818 numbers will connect you to the relevant service.**



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 **0818 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 dcscis@citinfo.ie and someone will reply.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS) 0818 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 0818 07 2270 or email clondalkin@mabs.ie

Dealing with a deceased person's money and property

Our document '**What happens to the deceased's estate?**' has information about:

Rights of access to the deceased person's estate.
Rights of spouses/civil partners and family members.

What happens if the deceased person has not made a Will.

If there is a will and an executor has been appointed, then the executor deals with the estate. This means that they make sure that the spouse/civil partner is aware of the right to a legal right share and distributes the estate in accordance with the will and the law.

If there is no will, or, if there is a will but there is no executor, an administrator is appointed - usually the next of kin or a solicitor.

You can read more about the practical concerns you may have when someone close to you dies in Bereavement – A practical guide (PDF).

In order to get authority to administer the estate you must get a legal document called a Grant of Representation. This is a legal order that gives you the authority to administer the deceased person's estate.

If the deceased person left a will, the person who deals with the estate is called the deceased person's 'executor'. The executor needs to take out Probate.

What is probate?

Taking out probate means having the Probate Office or the appropriate District Probate Registry certify that:

The will is valid.

All legal, financial and tax matters are in order.

Wills only take effect when the Probate Office accepts that the will is valid. The will is said to have been 'proved'. The Probate Office may make some enquiries before making its decision, for example, it may require a sworn affidavit from one or both of the witnesses

If there is no will, the person who deals with the deceased person's estate is called an 'administrator'. An administrator may also be appointed if:

There is a will but no executor has been appointed.

The appointed person cannot act as executor.

The executor cannot or will not carry out their duties.

The administrator needs to take out a Letter of Administration (or a Letter of Administration with Will Annexed if there is a will).

Usually, the next of kin applies for a grant of administration. Priority is given in the following order:

Spouse or civil partner

Child

Parent

Brother or sister

More distant relative

The Probate Registrar will make a decision if there is doubt about who is entitled to be the administrator. The administrator must give an administration bond to the Probate Office - this is a sort of guarantee that you will carry out your duties properly.

The duties of the executor and administrator are broadly the same. If you are not sure about these roles, you should get legal advice from a solicitor – see 'Do I need a solicitor?' on our website.



Dealing with a deceased person's money and property (citizensinformation.ie)

The FLAC Free Legal advice Clinics are operating a limited serviced due to Covid 19 - their new information line number is 01 9061010 Monday to Friday from 9.30 am to 1 pm and Monday evenings from 7pm to 9pm.

Lucan Drama

Dates for All Ireland One-Act Drama Circuit

Lucan Drama is performing on
Fri. 5th Nov. Mill Theatre,
Dundrum.

Sat. 6th Nov Ballina

Sat 13th Nov. Kiltimagh

Friday 19th Nov. Gorey

Sat. 20th Nov. Coolgreaney.



Lucan Dramatic Society was founded in 1957 by Rev. James Loughran and Michael Gannon as 'St. Mary's Dramatic Society', and is now more commonly known as 'Lucan Drama'.

With previous circuit flirtations still evident on trophies, interest in competition was re-ignited in 2013, and Lucan has entered a One Act play practically every year since that time.

This year we bring you '**Contractions**' by *Mike Bartlett*, directed by *Vincent Casey* and starring *B. Guy Kelly* and *Katie Noone*. It is Katie's first play with Lucan Drama and both B. and Katie's first time in the Open Competition. *Mary Guy* is on Lighting. Best of luck to all participating!

Lucan Drama will not be staging '**The O Donoghue Sisters**' by Geraldine Aran, and '**Brenton V Brenton**' by David Tristram in November, due to the current situation re Covid. We hope to stage both these plays in the New Year.

In the meantime we will keep you updated re our festival play. Be careful and stay safe.

Sympathy: All members of Lucan Drama would like to express sympathies to member Agnes Mc Mahon and family on the recent death of her husband John Mc Mahon. John attended many plays over the years and was a wonderful supporter. He was a gentleman and loved by us all.

Rest in Peace John.

Contacts: Bernie: 086 4015794

Jack: 086 0666626

Woodview Residents Mass of Remembrance

Deceased residents of Woodview will be remembered at the

7pm Mass

in St Patrick's Church

on Saturday 13th November 2021

Hillcrest/Beaumont/Newcastle Road Residents Association

Come along and join Hillcrest Residents Association to Litter Pick on **Saturday 6th**

November 11am, meeting point is Hillcrest Football Pitch.



Hillcrest Residents Association had a virtual meeting with SDCC (South Dublin County Council) on Thursday 22 October last. Items discussed and commitments given included: footfall survey with possibility of crossing at entrance to Hillcrest/Tesco, need for Speed Limit Signs, Engineer to meet with HRA to review state of footpaths within our area plus Tree Stumps in Hillcrest are listed for removal in November.

We want to thank all residents who have lodged/paid their €10 subscription. It is greatly appreciated. We extend a gentle reminder to all residents to add their support by paying their subscription. Ní neart go cur le chéile / There's no strength without unity.

Rita O'Brien, Secretary

Facebook Hillcrest Residents Association

Lucan for further details, email

hralucan@gmail.com

On Village Planning

The Main Street Clinic supports and welcomes the tentative Proposal by SDCC to upgrade the Village Green Park especially as an improvement in the quality of the footpaths and road surfaces will lead to less accidents due to tripping.

Our concern, in relation to proposal, is that in its present form it may lead to a substantial reduction in available parking in the vicinity of our clinic. This would hinder access to the clinic for all patients who use the service and especially for families with children, Senior Citizens, and those with Disabilities.

If the proposal, in its present form, is presented for Formal public consultation in the near future we would ask that anyone, who shares our concerns in relation to abolition of available parking, to make a submission to SDCC on this matter.

Dr Lombard

Dr Collins

Dr Dwyer

Dr Prendergast



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

November



Confirmation: Best Wishes to the pupils of *St Mary's Boys N.S.* and *Lucan Educate Together N.S.* who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

this Saturday 6th November.

Please remember them in your prayers.

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

Notice: If you have a Sunday Mass booked please ring Sacristy to confirm time.
Ph. 01 6281487.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Important: Our Church can be at full capacity. However we need to remember that Covid is still very much with us. We must continue to **wear face coverings in the church and use the hand sanitizer on the way in.**

For all Masses, please **enter the Church via the Main Door and exit via the other 2 doors.**

Those in the **benches** please go out through the **back porch door** and those in the **chairs** please exit via the **side door beside the nuns' chapel.** No exit via Main Porch Door.

Masses will continue to be live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Annual Mass of Remembrance

Our Annual Mass for all our departed relatives and friends will take place on

Wednesday 17th November at 8pm

At this Mass the names of those from our parish community who died in the past 12 months will be especially remembered.

The names of all those on the November list of the dead will automatically be included.



Private Prayer: The Church is open daily for private prayer on weekdays from 10.30am to 6pm (funerals permitting) and on Sundays after the 12pm Mass to 6pm.

St. Mary's Readers' Roster November 2021:

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil and Sunday masses for the month of November 2021 was sent to all readers by email on 24th October. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Praying with Scripture: Praying with scripture has recommenced via zoom. If interested please contact Cheryl Murphy at 086 8343754 to register.

Baptisms: Dates are bookable online to the end of January 2022. Dates will be added as the need arises. If you need to cancel a booking contact: secretary@lucanparish.com

Visits to the housebound: If the housebound person has been fully vaccinated and at least two weeks have elapsed since the second dose, either Fr. Tom or Fr Philip 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.

If you are housebound and are not already on the list you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel: After Saturday Morning 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.



Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of *John McMahon*, Esker Lawns and to the partner, family and friends of *J.P. Bermingham*, Elmbrook.
May they rest in peace.

Special Collection - Trocaire

at all Masses this weekend

6th/7th November

in aid of the Hunger Crisis in East Africa.

This will replace the Share Collection.

Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan

**Rosary: 5.45pm,
Holy Mass: 6.15pm**

15th November

Mass also live at lucanparish.com



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



St. Patrick's Parish Annual Mass of Remembrance

Our Annual Mass for all our departed will take place on

Friday 12th November at 7pm.

All those in our parish who passed away within the past twelve months will be especially remembered. November list of the dead will automatically be included.

This can also be viewed online at

stpatrickslucan.ie



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

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday at 10am.

All Masses continue to be livestreamed at
stpatrickslucan.ie

We must continue to **wear face coverings in the church and use the hand sanitizer on the way in.**

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

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday 9:15am. Saturday 10am

Important:

We need to be diligent in continuing with the **wearing of face coverings and hand sanitising upon entering the church.**

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Daily Readings on website:

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

St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

Sunday 10am. **Wednesday:** 10am

St Mary's, Leixlip:

Sunday: 11.30am. **Tuesday:** 10am

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

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship: 11am.

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

Services will be streamed online and available on Youtube?



Supporting Parents after Bereavement

Anam Cara South Dublin are delighted to return to our Face to Face meetings

this month. We will be adhering to all guidelines in accordance with recommendations issues by the government.

Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly **Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 8th November at 7:20pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.**

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. (subject to change in accordance with government guidelines).

Deepest Sympathy



MURRAY (ANN)

It is with great sadness we remember Ann Murray. Ann was the inspiration for Lucan's Knitting Cub through her daughter, Rona.

We have a thriving club which celebrates its 11th year on 15th November. Thanks to the library for looking after us so well and thank you Ann.
Knitting Club

Anniversaries

Remembering our friend and colleague

JOAN O'FLYNN

Whose 12th Anniversary occurs on
12th November

Lucan Newsletter Team

CLERKIN (PADDY)

2nd Anniversary - 7th November

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

Lovingly remembered by Gerard and extended family

Our Lady Of Lourdes pray for us.
St. Bernadette pray for us.

KELLY (JOANIE)

25th Anniversary - 11th November

Late Sarsfield Park.
You sacrificed tears
And gave us your life
Your dreams were the family
A proud mammy and wife
You loved all our friends
It made us feel humble
You taught us to laugh
And never to grumble
You cooked all the meals
Cleaned out the fireplace
Found our lost socks
And cracked the odd plate
Your smile was a vision
It lit up our day
You were one of a kind
In your own unique way.
Sadly missed by the family



FITZGERALD (JOE)

24th Anniversary - November 2021

Late Dodsboro Lucan.

Remembering our Father, Joe, at this time.

As time goes by without you

And days turn into years

They hold a thousand memories

And a million silent tears

Never forgotten, Bernie, Marie, Bo and families

THOMPSON (TOMMY)

2nd Anniversary - 12th November

God called your name so softly

That only you could hear

And no one heard the footsteps

Of angels drawing near

The golden gates stood open

God saw you needed rest

His garden must be beautiful

He only takes the best.

Missed and loved so much, your loving daughter

Sharon and son-in-law David

THOMPSON (TOMMY)

Those we love don't go away

They walk beside us every day

Unseen, unheard but always near

Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Missed and loved so much, your loving grandchildren Jake, Luke and Faye



PLEASE NOTE:

Lucan Newsletter Office is **NOT OPEN** 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:

Community / Schools/ Local History

marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

Sport / Politics

roselucannewsletter@gmail.com

Parish Notes / Fund Raising

annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

Anniversaries etc. / Advertising Queries

catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com

Remembering

Recently, we dipped into the archives from 2003, when St. Mary's celebrated 50 years as a Parish in its own right, having previously been part of Clondalkin Parish.

The following parishioners, all gone to their eternal rewards, recalled times when they made their First Communions and Confirmations, and in the light of the ceremonies taking place these times, we'd like to share some of the memories with our readers.

Jack and Kathleen (nee Graham) Collins

The bell in the belfry, the choir in the loft, Holy Communion at first Mass only! Benediction after 11am Mass. Christmas and Easter Dues being read from the altar; Sodalties and Retreats And a great air of respect in the Church.

Going into the school for refreshments after making their First Holy Communions. The nuns were not allowed in the Chapel Yard, so one of the older girls had to bring the kids into the Chapel.

Girls and women had to wear a hat, and Kathleen recalls going to first Mass and coming out and giving her hat to her sister who was going to the next Mass.

There was a red barrier across the Chapel. You had to pay 3 pence to go as far as the red barrier; 1 penny to be in the back of the Chapel; 2 pennies to go up on to the gallery.

Archbishop Byrne confirmed them in Clondalkin in 1937. Kathleen, in her satin dress, went by taxi, and Jack travelled in a special 'Charming' bus. Jack recalls the dust in between the seats.

When Lucan became a Parish, Dr. McQuaid arrived in the Chapel Yard in a Rolls Royce, and the children to be confirmed formed a guard of honour.

Some of the nuns and priests of former days were very cross, and people were afraid of them. Nowadays, there is more understanding between the clergy and the laity.

People got married after 1pm on a Sunday unless they were well off!!! The Bans had to be called for 3 Sundays prior to the date, and there was no Mass – just a short service.



Rose Nolan (nee Eiffe)

Making my First Communion in 1929, the same year as Little Joe. Sr. Catherine prepared us, and when she was busy, two big girls – Agnes Halpin and Mona Sweeney would look after us. After our First Communion we were brought into St. Anne's for breakfast.

Making my Confirmation in Clondalkin. My mother and myself, got a bus from the school in Lucan to Clondalkin, and back again.

Getting married in St. Mary's on 7th September 1949. Fr. Ardiffe, a friend of my husband's, married us. We held our reception in my parents' house in Dodsboro. I still have a card sent to me by the three 'Mothers' in the Convent.

"Wishing dear Rosie every blessing and good gift from our dear Lord and Blessed Lady on her marriage.

From the three Mothers

Clare, Antonio and Gabriel, Sept. 1949."

When the Nuns had to go out of the Convent, for shopping in Dublin, Vincent O'Neill would drive them in his taxi, but he had to put a little black curtain around the back windows of the car, so as they couldn't see out.

Without a doubt the saddest time ever in Lucan Church, was when the three children – Derek, Declan and Victor were killed at the Glen of Imaal. There was terrible sadness in the Lucan at the time.

Women had to be 'Churched' after having a baby. You went to the Chapel at an appointed time. I remember kneeling around the Confession Box, and Fr. Brennan came out and beckoned me up to the altar rails where he said prayers and blessed me. You could not go back to Mass after the birth of a baby, until you had been 'Churched'!

Prim Dempsey (nee Clinton)

Making her First Holy Communion in 1942, and afterwards going into the Convent for breakfast and photographs. Most important then, was 'a little sup of water' after receiving Holy Communion, and before eating anything else. Fr. Hooke was the Curate in Lucan at the time.

Making her Confirmation in Clondalkin. She went to the ceremony by taxi and Dr. McQuaid confirmed her.

An earlier memory is of her sister Nancy, making her Confirmation in Clondalkin. That time, they and what seemed like the entire village, walked all the way to Clondalkin behind the Scouts Pipe band.

Mary Jo McGovern from Chapel Hill, was the main stay of the Processions. A statue of Our Lady was carried by the 'Children of Mary' in the May Procession.



For the Corpus Christi Procession, girls were given satin lined baskets with peony rose petals, to strew on the ground ahead of the Priest. All were anxious to be picked to carry a banner or ribbon or basket.

St. Mary's is on the 'Old' Galway Road, and on big match days, the 11 o'clock Mass was always packed out with supporters on their way to Croke Park. Indeed, many of them returned to Lucan to be unmarried, so impressed were they with the Church.

Sadly, St. Mary's was to lose it sold altar and beautiful ceiling, which was removed when the extension was being built in 1974.



Halloween has come and gone, and the weather played havoc for the Trick or Treaters this year. Still, a few managed to brave the elements.

Winter is coming fast and furious, making us root out the big winter coats and hats, which we'll need over the next few months. Interesting listening to all the talk about Climate Change from Glasgow these days. We must wait to see what actions will be taken at the end of the day!



Ooops! Birdie got it wrong with the 'Autumn Equinox' in last week's issue. This event actually took place around the 21/22 of September! The clocks going back, caught us out.....



Worrying that the Covid numbers are on the rise once again, putting our health care system under enormous stress. Will we ever see the end of it all?

A Shackleton Legacy is an interesting piece on You tube, with Mark Birnie and Thomas Meade talking about life in Shackleton's Anna Liffey Mill. Lots of nice filming too! Just over 7 minutes long, it's well worth a look. The link is: <https://youtu.be/ltsiq6Stfc0>

Birthday Greetings!

Happy 5th Birthday

to **Róisín**

In Melbourne, who celebrates her big day this week.

From all her friends in Lucan



Happy 13th Birthday

to **Fionn**

Who becomes a cool teenager on 11th November.

Have a great day!





SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

First Year History Webinar: All first year History students had a fantastic opportunity before mid-term to attend a fascinating webinar about children in the Irish Revolution 1916-1922, with special focus on South Dublin. Thanks to South Dublin County Council Libraries for organising the events and to historian in Residence Liz Gillis for her engaging talk. Some of the students then produced very interesting bubbles of opinions on Children of the Revolution.



Develop Me Workshops for Transition Year Students: Transition Year students engaged in some great team building and leadership workshops this week. In the course of the workshops students focussed on two critical areas for today's students – project management and understanding effective teamwork.



Online Oireachtas Workshops: 5th year students of Politics and Society had the opportunity to engage in an online Oireachtas workshop. Thanks to Conor Reale for his informative presentation and to our local TD's for answering our students' questions on current issues.



Amy Wade selected For Irish Team: We are delighted to celebrate another of our students who has been selected to represent Ireland. Third year student Amy Wade from Class Greta has been selected for the National Taekwon-Do Team to represent Ireland at the upcoming European Championships. Amy has been training consistently for this tournament over the last number of months. This is a fantastic achievement for Amy as she is only 14 and is the youngest member on the team!

The competition takes place from 24th November to 27th November in La Nucia Spain. The team will depart from Ireland on 22nd November and will return on 28th November and we wish Amy and the team every success at this event.

Arts Week: Our annual Arts Week will be back next February – bigger and better than ever! Meetings are already underway to plan this event. Watch this space!

First Year German: In the lead up to mid-term break our first year students created wonderful projects on the subject of Halloween – all in German!


Kenwood Young Baker Competition: Some of our students entered the Kenwood Young Baker Competition. They were challenged to create a cake inspired by the theme, *Dreams*. Best of luck to all students who entered! See below two entries, one from each age category.

Concern Debates: Our senior debating team will take part in their first Concern debate competition against Scoil Mhuire Trim this week. We wish them the best of luck!

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Talent Show: Coláiste Phádraig's Virtual Talent Show was held on Friday, October 22nd. As always there was great excitement and a brilliant atmosphere around the school on the day of the show which was streamed simultaneously into every classroom from 9:15am. Seventeen acts competed in this year's show in total having recorded themselves at home and there was an impressive range of talents displayed from singers, rappers, musicians, saxophone players, rubik's cube battles, football skills and a video game edit. There was also a very funny and well edited Lip Sync performance of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" starring the Coláiste Phádraig staff which all went down a treat with the students!

After the votes were counted, in third place was 1st yr **Jeremiah Pulle** with a brilliant saxophone performance of "Amazing Grace", which he chose as a tribute to God and Christianity. His skill on his alto saxophone was hugely impressive as he added some appregios (a series of broken chords/notes) to jazz up his crowd pleasing rendition of this popular Christian hymn. Jeremiah received 50euro for finishing 3rd.

In 2nd place was 2nd yr **Dominic Ogbiemwan** v.....  his original rap performance of his own song entitled "Somebody Else", about the importance of friendship in his life. Dominic was happy with 2nd place and his reward of 100euro but no doubt he will be back again next year, determined to go one better!

This year's Talent Show winner was 2nd yr **Luke Melinn** with his dazzling editing of the computer game "Splitgate" (a fast-paced multiplayer shooter game) adding a funny and unique montage of TikTok memes, video clips and tricks. His impressive skills and talent were particularly appreciated and enjoyed by the younger students in the school who nearly all voted for him! Luke was presented with 150euro and a framed certificate by Ms. Bonner in recognition of his fantastic achievement.

The TY students were a huge help throughout the Talent Show. Calvin Flood in particular did a phenomenal job editing the entire show which ran for 80 mins. Calvin committed an enormous amount of time into ensuring that every act was given the required time to display their talents and that each performance flowed seamlessly into the next one. Everyone was greatly impressed by Calvin's professional standard final edit which greatly added to the sense of occasion.

Luke Carmody did a brilliant job editing the *Bohemian Rhapsody* Lip Sync while Oisín

Beggan created the montage of pictures of all of the contestants. Ross Murray created the excellent introduction animation while Shane Wallace headed up the team of TYs that recorded the different groups for the Lip Sync. So many other TY students carried out important tasks to ensure that the Talent Show ran so smoothly.

Finally, a word of appreciation to Ms. Bonner who once again took on the enormous responsibility for this year's Talent Show. She was busy basically every free class period that she had over the space of a number of weeks chasing up students (and staff!) for their contributions to the Talent Show. Without her dedication, perseverance and patience (which was stretched to the limit on occasion!), the Talent Show would simply not happen.

Careers: A virtual information evening for students, parents and guardians was held just before mid-term. The event, held in collaboration between the CAO, the Institute of Guidance Counsellors and the National Parents Council Post Primary, included information on the CAO application process, advice on choosing courses and a parent's supporting role. The event was very well attended and it concluded with a Frequently Asked Questions session where some of the most common queries received by all three organisations were highlighted and answered. 6th yrs students attended the Higher Options Virtual exhibition on Wednesday 13th October. This annual event provides an opportunity for senior cycle students to speak with representatives from third level institutions in Ireland, the UK and the EU as well as further and higher education institutions and information organisation. The students were required to buy a ticket that enabled them to have unique access, on their phone or tablet, for the event and to access material on the event site and in their personal virtual backpack for one month afterwards. The Higher Options exhibition traditionally forms a very important part in helping the students make informed career decisions and this year's online event proved to be extremely useful. They were still able to visit stands and ask questions about courses and college life. They were able to access a full programme of interesting career talks from across a wide range of career areas that gave them the opportunity to find out about the areas of studies that might interest them in the future. These included presentations from the Minister for Further and Higher Education Simon Harris and Professor Luke O' Neill from Trinity College. If they missed any of the talks live, they were still able to access the recordings throughout the day, all from the comfort of their own homes!

St. Joseph's College

Our 1st Year students had a 'Good Witches Walk' before the midterm break with their tutors in aid of the Charity **Concern**. They looked 'Fabulously-Spooky' as did their 'Terrifying' tutors! Their 'Witches' route took them through Lucan Demesne and then back for some welcome refreshments. **Well done to all of our 'Good Witches'!**

Halloween themed non-uniform day

Many thanks to our staff and students for dressing up in Halloween themed clothing on the 22nd October – the day brought so much to the school in terms of creativity, imagination, energy, fun and above all the sense of community spirit which is central to our ethos and the way we do things in St Joseph's College!



The Christmas Shoe Box Appeal is up and running in our school again this year. The Shoebox Appeal it is an Irish Charity that was set-up to provide a Christmas present to young children who otherwise wouldn't receive any present at Christmas time. Students who wish to participate can bring in a shoe box with suitable items in it (something to Write with, Wash with, something to Wear, and something to go 'Wow' at). Shoe boxes can be left at reception.

Our Skittles Group restarted on Monday lunchtime for 3rd, 4th and 6th year students. The skittles group is a safe meeting space for our LGBTQ+ students and their allies to meet and discuss all things related to LGBTQ+ or to just chill out!

We would like to wish **Ms Forde's** family the very best of luck in **Ireland's Fittest Family** this year! We hope they smash it and come home with the big prize!!



Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi everyone,

Today we had a very full hall of members; it was great to see so many members back and enjoying themselves. We had an hour's session with Carmel and Lisa from Carmel's Chaerobics and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. Even those who thought they may not be able to do it surprised themselves, and they really loved it too. In fact it was such a success, we have asked Lisa to come back the first Wednesday of each month to take a class with us.

Some of our men played chess again and we all sat and chatted over tea and coffee and chocolate biscuits. It's great to have the use of the kitchen again, we've missed our refreshments. We are still cleaning chairs and tables before and after we use them, masks are worn except when taking refreshments and hands are well sanitized to keep us all safe. Again, for next Wednesday could we ask some more members to come down early, around 1.10pm to help set up the tables and chairs and sanitize them all.

Helen is still taking names and deposits for our Christmas night out which is in the Castleknock Golf Club on Friday 10th December; we've had a fantastic Christmas party there before.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Wednesday 17th November Deputy Emer Higgins TD is coming along to give us some information on Budget 2022 so have your queries ready for Emer. I'd say that will be a very interesting afternoon for us all as older people will have a lot of questions for Emer to answer, so, write down in advance what you feel will affect you next year and be ready when the time comes. You have over a week to think of things. I know some of you will have no problem firing questions at Emer but if you're shy, write them down and I will ask the questions for you.

If anyone wants to join a fun, lively and friendly club, you can join us, once you're fully vaccinated and have a vaccination certificate with photographic ID. We meet every Wednesday afternoon at 1.30pm in St Andrew's Church Hall in Lucan (close to Stagg Cycle shop which is blue and yellow); there is parking inside the Church gates plus a bus stop just outside the Church gates. Don't be afraid to come in, you're very welcome. The long dark days are upon us now so come and join us for the craic so you'll have people to talk to for a few hours each week.

Till next time,

Marian Egan (Club Secretary) 086 1269 043

Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club was treated to some fantastic images from Richie Hogan (aka @minimal_dublin on Instagram) he was in to give a talk to us on Mono (black & white) photography. He had a wide variety of stunning images, and a good evening was had by all.

Next week in the club we have Brian Hopper a professional photographer based in Blackrock, Co Louth. He is a landscape photographer and has been involved in photography for over forty years.



The above image is from one of our members Noleen Kavanagh and titled Chilling.

People interested in joining the club or even attending one or two meetings free of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting secpcc@gmail.com

**It was
NOVEMBER**

*The month of crimson sunsets,
parting birds, deep, sad hymns of the sea,
passionate wind - songs in the pines*

Anne of Green Gables



beautiful autumn days. Our main focus has been on tidying and planting flowerbeds around Lucan village and surrounds.

It has been a pleasure for our volunteers to be out and about during these



Hard at work on the flowerbed on the Adamstown Road.

Thanks to South Dublin County Council for providing us with natural manure to enrich our soil and also biodiversity friendly spring bulbs. Now the leaves have started to fall in earnest and so paths become strewn with glorious colours of yellow gold and brown. Alas, the less agile in our community can easily slip and fall when trodding these paths. We try and play our part in creating safe passage by sweeping up the leaves on occasions when we are working nearby. We have just acquired a 'Leaf Blower', a generous gift donated by Alan Gale, who is currently setting up a Tapas Bar at one time Griffin's Pharmacy. We thank him for his gift and wish him well in his new venture.

We welcome new volunteers who joined us in recent months - Joe, Brid, Philomena, Mary C, and more recently father and son team, Anthony and Matthew - two great workers whose energy and smiling faces enrich our Saturday mornings. Of course not forgetting John G who was with us pre-Covid times and we are very happy to see him back again.

Lucan ICA

Craft Morning continues on **Tuesday 10am to 12.30pm**. Please bring along whatever project you are working on. The group will meet in the large hall at the Parish Centre.



It was wonderful to see so many familiar, friendly faces on Tuesday morning last, all delighted to be back to I.C.A. meeting up with friends for the chats as well as crafting, all after 9 long months absence. Thank God everyone is well.

We would like to thank all the members and friends who donated shoe boxes and monies to Doris' Hope Foundation Shoe Box Collection. We are delighted with the response. It is our guild charity. Well done everyone.

Mary Curley and Doris O'Donoghue.

Found

Please help us find the rightful owner of a ring that was found a few years ago in St Mary's Parish Centre.

It is a Gold dress/engagement ring with a single coloured stone surrounded by smaller stones.



If you are the owner of this ring, please phone the Parish Office 01 6217041.

Christmas Cards for Sale In St Mary's Parish Centre

Christmas cards
(assorted designs) in aid of
The Peter McVerry Trust

Pack of 12 - €5



Christmas Novena Masses available

Proceeds go to the Student Priests.
€6



Congratulations to our double-double U14 ladies, who completed the Camogie League and Championship Division 1 doubles, a short week after doing the same for the ladies football U14A. A super achievement by the player and mentors.



Congratulations also the U16A Camogie team who captured the Division 1 county championship, again well done to the team and mentors.



A big Championship semi-finals weekend for our adult hurlers proved to be a rather disappointing one as our Seniors and Junior As lost out to Na Fianna and Ballyboden respectively, however, the Junior Bs had a two point win over Erins Isle and progress to the championship final, seeking an amazing third championship in a row. Next weekend, it is the turn of the Senior Footballers as they take on St Judes in the county semi-final on Saturday at 5:15pm in Parnell Park. RTE2 have announced that they will be showing the match live, but it would be great to have lots of support at the game. Watch out for ticket details on Facebook and Twitter during the coming week. The Junior C Footballers also play their semi-final away to Cuala on Sunday afternoon. Our Minor A hurlers play in a championship semi-final away to Raheny on Sunday at 11am, while the U21 hurling championships also start on Saturday. Also commencing on Sunday is the Minor

Camogie Championship and the U20 championship group stages continue with the Junior C's at home to commercials on Tuesday (7:30pm).

The 2021 Annual General Meeting of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club will take place on Thursday November 25th at 9pm. Due to the ongoing restrictions in place, the meeting will be conducted online on Microsoft Teams. Any full member wishing to attend should send an email to Club Secretary, by 11th November, 2021.

Deepest sympathies to Orla Rooney and family on the recent death of her mother, Mary McCarthy. May she rest in peace.

Lucan Healthy Clubs and our Junior C footballers are asking for leftover unwanted sweets from Halloween Trick or Treaters. A Box will be located in the cafe from Monday. These will then be donated to Lucan Homeless Donations.



Some of our senior footballers were up at the LCDU Academy on Saturday morning, to help the boys and girls at the nursery improve on their skills! Also spotted at the Academy was Paw Patrols' Marshall, who evaded the normally vigilant Car Park Marshall, Mike Hanley ;) and made his way to the All Weather Pitch, to join in with the fun! When asked whether he had seen the 'No Dogs Allowed' Sign, he wagged his tail and woofed in reply. Mike later explained that as Marshall was a service dog, he was of course allowed on the premises, so no foul there!!



12th Lock Café is open from 6pm-8pm weekdays and Saturday 9am-2pm when training is taking place.

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Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

Cailíní faoi 8

Tá foireann na gcailíní 2013/2014 (Faoi 8) tar éis dul chun cinn ar leith a dhéanamh le linn an tséasúir atá imithe. D'imir siad a dtríú cluiche déag ar an Domhnach seo caite sa pheil i gcoinne Naomh Mharcais in atmasféar iontach i dTamhlacht.

D'éirigh leo roinnt mhaith scóranna den scoth a aimsiú ach an rud a chuir gliondar i gcroíthe na mbainisteoirí ná an sár-iarracht agus an comhoibriú a bhí le feiceáil ó thús go deireadh. Ní rud nua a bhí i gceist anseo dar ndóigh, mar tá spiorad agus aontacht fuinniúil léirithe acu i ngach cluiche peile agus camógaíochta go dtí seo.

Ar son na foirne cóitseála, Freda, Cóilín & Daithí, ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil leis na himreoirí agus a gcuid tuistí as ucht an tiomantas agus an tacaíocht atá tugtha don ghrúpa ó sheachtain go seachtain. Ní neart go cur le chéile...Na Gaeil Óga Abú!!

The 2013/2014 (under 8) girls team have made great strides since the beginning of the year. They played their thirteenth game of the year on Sunday when they took on St. Mark's in a football game played in a wonderful atmosphere in Tallaght.

While Na Gaeil Óga registered plenty of nice scores, it was the excellent attitude and team work that was most pleasing for the management team. The girls have shown great spirit and unity throughout the year in both football and camogie. The management team of Freda, Cóilín & Daithí would like to thank the players for their outstanding efforts through the year as well as their parents for their support. Na Gaeil Óga Abú!!

Peil do na hAithreacha

Tá muid ag cur tús le foireann peile do na haithreacha. Beidh an traenáil dírithe ar spraoi agus ar fhoghlaim na Gaeilge. Beidh sé oiriúnach do dhaoine ar gach leibhéal peile agus Gaeilge, ina measc daoine nár imir peil riamh agus/nó daoine nach bhfuil ach beagán Gaeilge acu.

Más maith leat do spéis a léiriú, líon isteach an fhoirm seo le'd thoil

<https://forms.gle/Ekkfw4ErrmWnAa3T8>



We will be starting a football team for Dads, this training will be focused on enjoyment and learning Irish. It will be suitable to people of all levels of football and Irish, including people who have never played football before or people who have only a little bit of Irish.

If you would like to register your interest for this, please fill in the form below.

<https://forms.gle/Ekkfw4ErrmWnAa3T8>

Cluichí na Seachtaine

Buachaillí F12 – Iomáint v Naomh Jude, Páirc Tymon, 06 Samhain 12:15

Buachaillí F11 – Iomáint v Cromghlinn, Páirc Naomh Caitríona, 06 Samhain 11:00

Buachaillí F10 – Iomáint v Naomh Pádraig, Páirc Glenaulin, 06 Samhain 11:00

Buachaillí F9 – Iomáint v Naomh Caoimhín, Páirc Naomh Caitríona, 06 Samhain 10:00

Buachaillí F8 – Iomáint v Cromghlinn, Páirc Pearse, 06 Samhain 11:00

LUCAN SARSFIELDS *cont'd*



The LDCU Academy takes place on Saturdays for boys and girls aged between 4 and 7. See our website for booking details.

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

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot

€1,000: There was one winner of the Club Lotto Jackpot of €17,000 held on 28th October 2021. The numbers drawn were: 14, 20, 22, 25.

Congratulations to **Patrick Hennelly** who matched all four of the numbers drawn.

The Lucky Dip winners of €30 each: **Brian Mahon, Tommy & Liam (x 2), Mick Roche, Pat Keane.**

The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 4th November, is **€1,000**, and is sponsored by: **Clandillon Motors**. The draw will be held in the Club house, 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>.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin.



Political Notes

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Lucan Village improvement projects: The Council is proposing to commence the statutory Part 8 planning application process for the following three projects around Lucan Village: 1. Village Green and the section of Main Street along the western edge of the Green. 2. Weir Side promenade. 3. Lucan Demesne entrance. Public consultation on these three projects is planned to commence before the end of this year. On these three projects to date, there has been informal engagement with local Cllrs, local businesses and interested groups, as well as a series of on-street and on-line surveys. This engagement is being used to inform these three planning applications.

Separate to these three planning applications, the Council are at the very early stages of considering a trial along Main Street between the Village Green and the River Liffey Bridge for a short period of time during 2022.

Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Proposed Village Plans: I've discussed proposed plans with many residents recently and I can confirm the following update on process to date: Proposed Part 8 plans for 1: Village Green and the section of Main Street along the western edge of the Green,

2: Weir Side promenade, 3: Lucan Demesne entrance. Throughout 2021 council management have engaged with Cllrs, met with a number of businesses in May, carried out on-line/on-street surveys with nearly 500 people in June/July and most recently in October held 3 virtual meetings with businesses and other interested local stakeholders. Since then they have had some one-to-one discussions with some of the local businesses to understand their concerns in more detail. All of this work is being used to refine the design for the projects and they are currently working on this. The proposed one-way system **trial** is a separate project, updates to follow!

Cllr. Shane Moynihan, Fianna Fail

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Ballyowen Lane clean-up: Thanks to the volunteers who turned up at our first clean-up a few weeks back. We will do this on a regular basis. If you'd be interested in helping out, please let me know!

Mount Andrew: The boundary breaches between Mount Andrew and St Edmunds estate has been a long running issue and one that I have been working on. I am pleased that I got a commitment from Council management that they will bring forward a recommendation for resolution and repair by December's Area Committee meeting. This has been a long-running issue for local residents and I will continue to pursue it until resolved.



*A crisp autumn day
in Lucan, from St.
Mary's Camera
Soiree.*

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Our Friday morning meetings continue in the Coffee Dock of the Parish Centre and are well-attended. The printing of the 2022 calendar is in hands. We are getting back into the swing of things and those with new cameras are exploring what they are able to do. Instruction manuals are all very well but I always think that they have been written by experts for experts. The members of the group are helping each other out in exploring practically what the buttons and knobs are for!

We have also begun to look again at some of the possibilities using the Photoshop software to “improve” our photographs. The trouble nowadays with digital processing is that you cannot be sure that what you see is the truth! But when I think about it since the invention of photography it has always been possible to “doctor” a photograph and there are plenty of examples around. Only now it is far easier to do so!



Is it only me or was this year's Halloween thankfully quieter than usual? There seemed to be fewer bonfires and fireworks. I was appalled to read in last week's Tablet magazine that Halloween has become the third most lucrative retail season after Christmas and Easter. Its current manifestation apparently is an invention of the American entertainment machine of the 1970s when Hollywood discovered that exploiting adolescent anxieties about death and the afterlife was an unbeatable business model.

Enough of the cynicism – stay safe until next week!