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## We will remember them.....



November is that traditional time of year when we remember our dead. In the world of nature November is a bleak wet and windswept month when the short evenings and the chilly mornings can be somewhat downbeat and even depressing. The luxuriant foliage of trees and gardens is shedding, and the colours of nature recede toward the bleakness of winter. And yet even from the slow death of nature, a new beauty emerges.

A walk through Lucan Demesne through to St. Catherine's park offers a feast of vibrant colours of russet reds, hues of brown, tans and magnificent gold. Even the decay of nature holds a splendid display which creates a canvas that invites us to sit and contemplate.

What makes winter bearable is the promise of springtime. Experience has taught us that winter will pass. Cold and dark mornings will yield to bright sunny days that will stretch long into the evening hours, and when Spring begins to work its magic new life will begin to sprout all around us. Trees that seem dead and lifeless will put out fresh shoots, colour will return through fresh sprouted bulbs and shrubs, such is the wondrous cycle of the world of nature.

Bleakness knows many forms in human experience, but perhaps the most difficult to bear is that which accompanies the death of someone we love. We have all stood at a graveside or in a cremation chapel taking our leave of someone who was part of our life. It's not an easy experience and it doesn't end there, it's usually the beginning of a process of grief, a journey with no fixed timescale and one with many ups and downs.

Our Christian faith offers us hope at a time of loss, the blessed assurance that as with the world of nature, death will yield to newness of life. What seems so hopeless and bleak will be transformed.

The words of Jesus himself offer reassurance and comfort at a dark time, words like "Do not let your heart be troubled, trust in God still and trust in me. There are many rooms in my father's house....." (John 14:1)



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Jesus opens up for us the reality of eternal life with God. Because of his life, death and resurrection heavens gates are opened to all who believe in him, and that gives real hope, the kind of hope that can ease sadness and bring reassurance.

So in remembering our dead this November let's cherish that hope, that like winter our sadness will pass and yield to an openness to that new life that Jesus has promised. Let's draw comfort from the knowledge that our dead are safe in the arms of the Lord, and we will meet them again. Just as the promise of Springtime makes winter bearable, so may the promise of Eternal Life make the death of our loved ones.

*Philip Curran  
St. Mary's Lucan*



## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

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

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



During the COVID-19 pandemic, you can find comprehensive integrated information online at [citizensinformation.ie/covid19/](http://citizensinformation.ie/covid19/) and you can get daily updates on what's changed on Twitter at @citizensinfo. You can also get information and advice from: The Citizens Information Phone Service: Call 0761 07 4000, Monday to Friday, 9am – 8pm.

**Our national call back service:** Visit [citizensinformation.ie/callback](http://citizensinformation.ie/callback) to request a phone call from an information officer. A limited number of appointments are being made in Citizens Information Centres offices where social distancing can be facilitated.

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**NB:** Please note the following change to our email address

**People can ring 0761 07 5000** and leave a message, and someone will return their call, or they can email [dscis@citinfo.ie](mailto:dscis@citinfo.ie) and someone will reply to their email.

## MABS - Money Advice and Budgeting Service

If you're behind in your mortgage payments, you may be worried about losing your home.

Talk to your lender. If you can't - talk to MABS. MABS now has a dedicated confidential, free, and independent mortgage arrears service.

MABS is a one-stop-shop for mortgage debt advice and referral.

No matter what your situation is, MABS will help you work out the next steps.

**Take control of what happens next.**

Call MABS today on 0761 07 2000 for independent information, advice and referral.

## Register of Electors

Each local authority must put together and publish a list of voters in its area. This is called the Register of Electors.

To be eligible for inclusion in the Register of Electors, you must:

Be at least 18 years old on the day the Register comes into force (15 February). You can add your name to the draft Register before you turn 18. Have been ordinarily resident in the State on 1 September in the year before the Register comes into force.

You can check the Register at local authority offices, Garda stations and public libraries, or online at [checktheregister.ie](http://checktheregister.ie).

To add your details to the Register of Electors, you complete form RFA and return it to your local authority. You do not need to pay for postage. If you live in Dublin, you can register online at [voter.ie](http://voter.ie) if you have a verified MyGov account.

The Register of Electors is published on 1 February each year and comes into force on 15 February. To be entered on the published Register for 2020, you must have registered before 25 November 2019.

If the information in the Register is incorrect, or your situation has changed, you can complete form RFA1 and send it to your local authority by 25 November 2020 (to be included in the Register that comes into force on 15 February 2021).

If you have not registered on the draft register by 25 November, or your situation changes after this date, you can still register to vote by applying to the Supplement to the Register of Electors.





Level 5 restrictions have meant that we had to review our ways of working for the rest of the year. No longer can we meet and enjoy the camaraderie of the group on Saturday mornings or other days. Undaunted, we are making good use of WhatsApp to communicate what needs doing and which of us in pairs can take on the various tasks while taking care to work safely.

This year we received an abundance of plants and shrubs from the gardens of many generous locals and also from that of Scoil Mhuire GNS. In addition, many of our own volunteers shared plants and seedlings which they had carefully nurtured in their own gardens. It was quite a challenge to find suitable spaces for all that were donated but we got there! These plants will be looking their best from Spring onwards.

Our sensory garden in the grounds of St Mary's church is thriving, due to the careful attention of the Fitzgeralds. Across the way from here, the prayer garden has been given a makeover. Pat Colgan has been seen on hands and knees meticulously removing invasive thistle and other intruders from among the beautiful lavender. Take a bow Pat!

Working down at the weir where we planted some 'Bee Bombs', ie wildflower seeds, a resident family of swans kept a watchful eye.



We also want to mention that South Dublin County Council gardeners have been busy this autumn enhancing the Village Green and the bed at Sarsfield stone seat and others.

It now looks likely that the National Tidy Towns competition for 2021 will be going ahead maybe with some modifications depending on ongoing constraints posed by Covid. As we know, the 2020 competition was cancelled. After the initial restrictions were lifted we got into our stride again with enthusiasm and we believe we enjoyed the freedom of working without the pressures of the competition.

So thank you everybody for your commitment and support. We hope everyone in Lucan can enjoy the fruits of our work and that it will give a lift to all.

*Kevin O'Loughlin, Lucan Tidy Towns*

## Found

**Sum of Money in Lucan Heights**, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Phone 01-6280521

## Lucan Senior Citizens

Greetings to all our members!

Some members asked for the words for *Spiritual Communion*.

Thinking of you all!

*Stay safe!*

## Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are

truly present in the

Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You, above all things,

And I desire to possess you within my soul.

Since I am unable now

to receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as being already there, and

unite myself wholly to you: never permit me

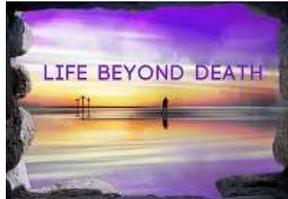
to be separated from You. Amen.



## Parish Notes

### St Mary's, Lucan

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



Masses will be available on the webcam at [www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)

#### Sunday Masses:

Vigil Mass Saturday: 6.30pm and Sunday: 11am

#### Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday: 10am

### Annual Mass of Remembrance

You are invited to join us **via webcam** on [www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)

**This Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.**

*Light a candle in your own home while partaking in this Mass.*



#### Private Prayer:

The church will be open daily from **10.30am to 6pm – Monday to Saturday** (funerals permitting) and **noon to 6pm on Sundays** for private prayer. Please ensure social distancing when visiting the church and use hand sanitizers provided when entering and leaving.

**Deepest Sympathy** to the mother, family and friends of **Padraig Griffin**, Ballydowd and to the wife, family and friends of **Michael McLoughlin**, Rochford Park.

*May they rest in peace.*



### Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

All Masses will be livestreamed only on [www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

#### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm,  
Sunday 10:30am and 12.15pm

#### Weekday Mass:

Monday to Friday 9:15am  
Saturday 10am.

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

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

All Masses will be livestreamed only during level 3 measures on [www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)

#### Sunday Masses:

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

#### Weekday Masses:

Masses on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10am.

### St. Patrick's Parish Annual Mass of Remembrance

Our Annual Mass for all our departed will take place online on

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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. A short concert by Lucan Gospel Choir will follow to honour those who passed away since the pandemic began.

Please log onto [stpatrickslucan.ie](http://stpatrickslucan.ie)



**November Altar List of the Dead:** We will keep all last year's names in our Altar list of the Dead for this year. If you want to add new names to the list, please email:

[stpatrickschurchlucan@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickschurchlucan@gmail.com)

**Private Prayer:** Church is open for private prayer, weekdays 10 am to 12 noon.

**View the following on** [www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://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

### Medjugorje Mass On line

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm**

Rosary at 6.00 pm

Celebrant Fr. Philip Bradley

[www.Lucanparish.com](http://www.Lucanparish.com) or Marian

Pilgrimages facebook 7.30 pm Marian

Pilgrimages Prayer Meeting

## R.I.P.

### CLINTON (MICHAEL)

My Dad, Michael Clinton, formerly from lower Millbank, passed away peacefully last Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> October. He would have been 92 on 25<sup>th</sup> November. He worked in Hills Mill as a Dyer. His father, George, also worked in the mill. He was predeceased by my Mum, Breda, in 2015 and two sisters Nancy McCormack (died 1979) and Prim Dempsey (died January 2020) both in Lucan.

He lived in Cork and Clare in the early days of his marriage. He settled in Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny in the 70s, where he died in the care of Gowran Abbey Nursing Home.

He loved Lucan and told all of us so many fine stories. He was a very keen fly fishing man and fished the Liffey at Lucan in his earlier years.

He is terribly missed by his family.

*George Clinton and family*



### DIGNAM HUGHIE

20<sup>th</sup> November 1987

Finnstown Cottage, Lucan

*Remembered always your son Joe*

### FORAN (JIM)

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 12<sup>th</sup> November

Late of Cherbury Park Ave.

A shadow walks beside me

Forever by my side

Always there to guide me

Ever since you died.

So always stay beside me

It's so nice to know you're there

Thank you for the memories

And the times we loved and shared.

*So sadly missed by your wife Nodlaig and our 13 children*

### For Grandad Foran.

Of all the gifts in life

However big or small

To have you as our grandad

Was the greatest gift of all.

*Loved so much and remembered by your many grandchildren and great grandchildren*

## Anniversaries

### CAHALANE (MARGARET - Nanny)

6<sup>th</sup> November

### O'KEARNEY (ALEC - Dad)

9<sup>th</sup> November

Remembering you

Walking through a life that seems to mourn you

Remembering you

Like the Robin that comes sits beside me

Remembering you

When we hear your name in talk

Remembering you

Like a peaceful Winter walk

Remembering you

Is all we are left with, it will have to do

But Remembering you

Is not enough we pray you are still around us....

*Written by Anita O Kearney and all the O' Kearney family (including all the great grandchildren and grandchildren)*

### CLERKIN (PADDY)

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 7<sup>th</sup> 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)

24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 11<sup>th</sup> November

Late Sarsfield Park.

You cooked all the meals

Cleaned out dirty grates

Found our lost shoes

And smashed the odd plate.

*Sadly missed by the family*

Also remembering her beautiful daughter

**Margaret** whose 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary occurs 13<sup>th</sup> November.



Remembering our friend and colleague

**JOAN O'FLYNN**

Whose 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs on

12<sup>th</sup> November

*Lucan Newsletter Team*

## Anniversaries

### KILDUFF (MAUREEN - nee GALLIGAN)

Our lives go on without you  
But nothing is the same  
We have to hide our heartache  
When someone speaks your name  
Sad are the hearts that love you  
Silent are the tears that fall  
Living without you is the hardest part of all  
You did so many things for us  
Your heart was so kind and true  
And when we needed someone  
We could always count on you  
The special years will not return  
When we are all together  
But with the love in our hearts  
You walk with us forever.



*Greatly missed by your sisters Patty, Joan and Rosaleen, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends*

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

**Maureen's First Anniversary will be held this Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 6.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Lucan via the Parish Webcam.**

### THOMPSON (TOMMY)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 12<sup>th</sup> November

My Hero  
You held my hand when I was small  
You caught me when I fell  
You're the hero of my childhood  
And my later years as well  
And every time I think of you  
My heart still fills with pride  
Though I'll always miss you Dad  
I know you're by my side  
In laughter and in sorrow  
In sunshine and through rain  
I know you're watching over me  
Until we meet again.

*Dearly missed and loved  
Your loving daughter Serina*

### THOMPSON (TOMMY)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 12<sup>th</sup> November

Your life was a blessing  
Your memory a treasure  
You are loved beyond words  
And missed beyond measure.

*Missed and loved so much, your loving son Alan, daughter-in-law Nicola and grandchild Ava*

### THOMPSON (TOMMY)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 12<sup>th</sup> November

I thought of you today Dad  
But that is nothing new  
I thought about you yesterday  
And days before that too  
I think of you in silence  
I often speak your name  
All I have is memories  
And your picture in a frame  
Your memory is a keepsake  
From which I'll never part  
God has you in His arms  
I have you in my heart.  
*Missed and loved so much, your loving daughter Sharon, son-in-law David and grandchildren Jake, Luke and Faye*

### THOMPSON (TOMMY)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 12<sup>th</sup> November

Missing you Dad on your first anniversary away from us.

A Dad's love is special, a gift beyond compare  
You only know the meaning  
When he is no longer there  
A special time, a special place  
A special dad we can't replace  
With an aching heart I whisper low  
I miss you Dad and love you so.

*Love always no matter how far, your daughter Sandra and granddaughters Hannah and Heidi xxx*



## Thank You

The last donation from the Parish and Lucan of all kinds of money old and new amounted to about €3,000 when processed. In total Lucan has contributed approximately €7,500 to Koins for Kids over the last 3 years. Many thanks to everyone and we are still accepting any kind of coinage or



notes from anywhere in the world and those small coins you throws in a jar or the back of a drawer! We are proudly a 100% volunteer charity.

**Donations can be left in St. Mary's Parish Centre or contact me directly.**

*Damien Douglas, 087 9519222.*



### What a week!

It started with Storm Aiden and Halloween, and now we have the bluster of Storm Trump! We must wait and see how it plays out over the next few days.

### Lucan on the telly!



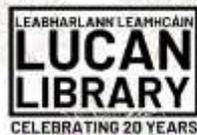
Despite the aftermath of Storm Aiden, Lucan was looking at its best for Virgin Media's weatherman, Deric Ó h'Artagáin, on Monday morning last. The weir looked splendid on the beautiful sunny morning that it was!



Wonder did Deric know that his fellow was keeping an eye on him!

**Can you believe that Lucan Library** is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday this November? No doubt, there were celebrations planned, but now put on hold due to current Covid restrictions.

We look forward to our library reopening



### Great work ongoing at the St. Finian's ruins!



What's left of the walls of this medieval church, are being pointed and repaired in the hope that they will withstand the elements for a long time to come.

The Society for Old Lucan (SOL) are to be congratulated for their perseverance in seeing this work come to fruition.



**From another era!** You never know what you'll see when you're out and about these days! Carol Johnson felt she went back in time when she spotted this old vintage Austin model exiting the gates of St. Eds, last weekend.

Happy 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday

To Fionn

Who celebrates his Birthday on 11<sup>th</sup>!

Have a great day!



## Remember, Remember the Flood of November 7<sup>th</sup> 2000!

It was the last great flood which we had in Lucan. The Griffen broke its banks upstream, flowing down the Lock Road and around the Village Green, where it flowed back into its basin.



Thankfully, work has since taken place to prevent a recurrence.

No sign of what would be the promenade. At times it was hard to make out the top of the weir, such was the volume of water.





# SCHOOL NEWS



## Lucan Community College

**Maths Week 2020:** Congratulations to all the students who took part in Maths Week 2020. Especially to all the “Maths Influencers” who participated in the Nation Wide Manga High Maths Challenge.

We are delighted to announce that William Okafor from Class Rowan, was the highest scoring student in Lucan Community College, a remarkable achievement for a first year student, well done William.

Overall seven students won gold medals in the Manga High Maths Challenge this year, and Lucan Community College was placed in the top five post primary schools nationwide. Well done to all involved, looking forward to 2021

**Transition Year Workshops:** All of our TY students took part in ‘Develop me’ workshops this week. The workshops specialised in experiential learning and focused on two critical areas for today’s students: project management and understanding effective teamwork. There was an overwhelming positive reaction to the workshops by students who enjoyed the experience.

**Transition year graduation day:** On Thursday 22nd October, the school acknowledged the great efforts made by the Transition Years of 2019-20, our current 5th Year group, by awarding the certificates of achievement to students. The students were presented their certificates by their

Tutors and Year Head, Mr John O Connor. A Barista Van was organised for them to celebrate their achievements and to allow for an open-air, socially distant event given the current ongoing restrictions.

Ms Higgins, the Programme Coordinator, acknowledged the work of the group up until the 12th March, when schools were closed, and especially complimented the continued work throughout the period up until the remote interview process took place in May. They took part in many curricular and co-curricular activities



over the course of the year. They have gained hugely from their participation in the year. Congratulations to our students.

**Retirement Wishes:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October marked the last day for Ms Margaret Ryan as a teacher in our school as she is retiring from teaching to start a new exciting journey. Ms Ryan started working in our school in 1985/6 before the school moved from its former home in Lucan Vocational School to its current home as Lucan Community College.

She has worked with many Home Economics colleagues during her 35 years of professional service in our school community including Ann McHugh, Johanna Williams and current Home Ec team Martin Feeney and Nicola Walsh and this week she introduced our newest staff member Ms Hackett to all of her students.

Ms Ryan is first and foremost a teacher of Home Economics and those students who have been lucky enough to have her as a teacher know the high standards and expectations she has had for each and every one of you as well as the individual feedback and support she has offered to help you to reach those standards. She has sought ways to expand the influence of the Home Ec department beyond the JC and LC subject classroom through TY cookery modules, classes on nutrition and healthy eating and with the LCA Hotel Catering and Tourism module and has been an important part of building home economics up to being one of our most popular option subjects.

Ms Ryan has taken on many other roles and responsibilities during her time in LucanCC including working on the important change of focus from vocational school to community college in 1987, planning for and contributing to many important school events including retirements for others staff members and our school’s 25th anniversary, leading a year Management team as Year Head, planning and writing the school timetable for many years and more recently leading our whole school Wellbeing programme with an excellent team of volunteers.

Throughout her time in Lucan CC Ms Ryan has worked hard to achieve positive outcomes for our students, to provide friendship and support for her colleagues and to seek ways to maintain and improve the ethos of Aontas/Unity within our school community.

We wish Ms Ryan every happiness in her new adventure and hope that she continues to bring ideas and energy to whatever new endeavours she takes on in the future. *By D. Birnie*

*Part of report held over for next week’s issue!*

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Talent Show:** Coláiste Phádraig's Virtual Talent Show was held on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 9am. Eighteen acts competed in this year's show in total having recorded themselves at home and there was an impressive range of talents displayed from singing, dancing, guitar, keyboard and trombone playing to rapping, **DJing** and art displays. There were also some surprise and hugely entertaining teacher acts too which the students really enjoyed!

At the end of the Show, every student in the school got the chance to vote for their top three acts. The TY students collected and counted the votes before handing them to the principal. Mr. Brady then read out the top three acts over the intercom with each act getting an (extremely loud!) cheer.

In third place was 6<sup>th</sup> yr **Eoin Wood** whose DJ Norman act greatly entertained the students by mixing songs of a similar tempo to great effect. Eoin confidently and enthusiastically joined old beats with newer tunes, all from the dance electronic genre of music, resulting in a catchy, upbeat and enjoyable act that went down well with all year groups and he received 100 euro for his efforts.

In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was 2<sup>nd</sup> yr **David Farrelly** on acoustic guitar. David has gone from strength to strength since joining the school's Music Club in 1<sup>st</sup> yr, having mastered workshops in music technology and sampling before creating his own music from scratch. He took part in the live Talent Show last year and this experience really helped his confidence and self-belief. It was clear from his energetic and passionate guitar performance that he is flourishing when it comes to playing acoustic guitar through his loop pedal. David has a fantastic musical ear and a natural talent for overlapping his own melodies and beats to make a continuous stream of outstanding music and tunes. His upbeat performance of Ed Sheeran's "You Need Me, I Don't Need You" received a great ovation around the school and it was clear, from the reaction he got, that he was an outstanding contender for the top prize. He was happy with 2<sup>nd</sup> place and his reward of 100euro but no doubt he will be back again next year, determined to go one better!

When the winner of the Talent Show was announced, the students went a little crazy for a minute (or two!). The clear winner, with a huge

number of 1<sup>st</sup> preference votes, was 1<sup>st</sup> yr **John Judd Joshua** whose uplifting, energetic and extremely powerful performance of "Our God" by Christian singer/songwriter Chris Tomlin, got an incredible ovation from virtually every classroom. John demonstrated his exceptional keyboard playing skills to perfection and also provided his own drum beat accompaniment throughout his Worship song with expert timing. His vocal range was incredibly impressive for someone so young, as he reached a high F-sharp on a few occasions, a skill that is quite hard to master for a lot of young musicians. John poured his heart and soul into his performance and his passion, sincerity and sheer enthusiasm really endeared him to the watching students and staff alike. John was the deserved winner of this year's Talent Show and he was presented with 150euro and a framed certificate by Ms. Bonner on Wednesday.

In a lovely moment, John explained to Ms. Bonner that he was going to donate his entire winnings to a charity that is close to his heart. We highly commend this selfless act of generosity which is very much in the tradition of Edmund Rice. We are very proud to have such a caring, decent, talented student who has already become a wonderful ambassador for the school.

Well done to all acts (teachers included!) who competed in the final and had the bravery to record themselves in the knowledge that their act would be shown to the entire school. The students watching in the classrooms must also be commended for being extremely supportive and encouraging throughout the show.

The TY students were a fantastic help to Ms. Bonner throughout as they organised and ran the show to a high standard. Bliss Osayande and Abdullah Nur Omar took on the job of introducing the acts throughout the Show and they were confident, articulate and encouraging all the way through so well done to both on a top class job.

Thanks also to Ms. Bonner on yet again putting in so much hard work into this year's Talent Show and to Ms. Lynch for assisting her along the way. A special word of thanks to Transition Year student Shane Whelan who did a phenomenal job editing the entire show which ran for almost two hours. Shane 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 Shane's professional standard final edit which greatly added to the sense of occasion.



## St Joseph's College

We were delighted to see an article by past pupil **Maeve Doyle** in Monday's Independent! In the article, Maeve described her experience as a visually impaired student. It is a superb article - well done Maeve! There is a link to the article on our Twitter and Website. We are very proud of Maeve's accomplishments and wish her the very best for the future!

The **Transition Year Song-Writing / Video-Making Workshop** with CreateSchool.ie led to an outburst of creativity from our talented TY students before the midterm break. First of all the students had to come up with a theme and lyrics and they created a fantastic song called "Time is Up" which focuses on the theme of female empowerment. Of course every great song needs a great video and we were blown away with the acting skills and dance moves of our energetic troupe. We look forward to seeing the finished result on the Big Screen!



*TY students recording their video with CreateSchool.ie*

**Our TY Tidy Towns** group were delighted to welcome local Landscape Designer and past-pupil, Sandra Cosgrove, to St. Joseph's College! The students are setting out to create a memorial garden in memory of Sr. Rosario Collier, who passed away on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Inspired by Sr. Rosario's love and dedication to the school and planting pots and flowers, the student would like to create a '**Rosie's Garden**', as part of their Tidy Towns initiative this year. We are delighted to have Sandra on board to assist the girls & look forward to great things to come!

Well done to our **Student Council**, who held a very successful charity fundraising event for the charity Canteen Ireland, a nation-wide support group for young people between the ages of 12 and 25 years who have or have had cancer. Staff were encouraged to dress up as another teacher, while students had to guess who they were. The event was a lot of fun for students and staff.

Canteen Ireland called to our school on Monday and were delighted to be presented with the money raised with the event. Congratulations to Ms. Kenny for being voted the 'Best Dressed' by the students, Ms. Bould for winning 'Most Recognizable' and Georgia Jeremiah for guessing the most amount of teachers correctly!



*Ms O'Brien (dressed as Ms Kenny), Mr Hickey (dressed as Mr Barry) and Ms Kenny (dressed as Mr Hickey)*

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



### 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 any of the following:  
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# Political Notes

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**Litter bins:** There are plans to install 7 new litter bins before the end of the year in the Lucan and Palmerstown-Fonthill electoral areas, including at the two entrances to Hermitage Park, Woodview estate, Griffeen Valley Park and the Newcastle Road. I continue to make representations for provision of litter bins– contact me if you are aware of an area which may require extra bin provision.

**Ramps consultation:** South Dublin County Council is currently consulting residents on the installation of traffic calming measures in Lucan and Palmerstown-Fonthill. Proposed locations in Lucan include Airlie Heights (ramp) and Cooldrinagh Lane (bus cushions). Submissions will be accepted until 3<sup>rd</sup> December, and the decision to proceed will be based on the number of submissions in favour versus the number of submissions against. You can make a submission by post or at online at <http://consult.sdublincoco.ie>.

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**Sports Funding:** Unprecedented funding package of 85 million has been put in place for the Irish sport sector. The primary aim of the grants is to cover the costs associated with implementing Covid-19 hygiene and social distancing protocols. Adamstown Cricket Club, Lucan Juvenile Badminton Club, Beech Park FC, Esker Celtic FC and Lucan Pitch and Put are just some of the local clubs who will receive funding.

**Lucan Business2Business:** I had the opportunity to meet (virtually) with local business owners last week to discuss the current challenges they face. Now, more than ever, we need to get behind local business owners to help them navigate through these difficult days.

**Register of Electors 2021/2022:** The draft register of Electors for 2021/2022 is available to view until November 25<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you are registered to vote. [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie)



## Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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**With a population boom in the area,** local services are struggling to keep pace with youth needs. Lucan and its surrounding areas have been pinpointed by planners for almost 20 years to help accommodate a growing population. South Dublin County Council has long considered Lucan to be a key development area. With the huge growth in the number of young people in the area, existing services are finding it difficult to keep pace with youth needs. While Lucan is a great place to live for so many, the youth in the area are being let down by the lack of investment in services. While organisations such as Crosscare do their best to keep up with growing demand, many constituents are deeply concerned and have highlighted to me that young people in the area are being increasingly forgotten. Positive early intervention and listening to young people's needs is imperative but that needs resources and funding.

## Bucket List

Don't want to scale the Matterhorn or sail around the world,

To have my hair dyed purple, either with or without curls.

No urge to fly an aeroplane, hot air balloon, or chopper

Or clinch a Simon Cowell deal as a world acclaimed showstopper.

Don't plan to ride a motorbike, a donkey, or a filly

Go pony-trekking in Peru or diving in Lough Swilly.

Enrolling in bridge classes just isn't on the cards  
And I'll never take up Ballet 'cause I don't do leotards.

Won't sign up for a marathon – it wouldn't be a runner

And I'll never opt for Botox just to be an old-age stunner.

Parachute or bungee jumps from heights that make me dizzy

Would never do me any good, just put me in a tizzy.

By now, you've guessed my Bucket List is really not extensive.

Adventurous, exciting, or even that expensive.

You see, the only thing I want to do is before I die  
Is to have a ball with those I love in the buildup to 'Goodbye'.

*Rita O'Brien. (Pen to Paper – Lucan Creative Writer Group 2015).*



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### The 2020 Annual General Meeting of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club

will take place on Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 9pm. Due to the restrictions in place, the meeting will be conducted online by an invitation link. Please see the notification email sent to all members for full details.

**Dublin GAA County Board** has advised that as a result of the current Covid-19 Level 5 restrictions which are in place until December 1st and the winter close down of Public Parks/usual pitch conditions in December and early January:

**Cup Competitions;** All Cup competitions have been discontinued. Outstanding games will not be played. Under 21 Championships; The CCC has decided to abandon its plans to play the 2020 Under 21 Football and Hurling Club Championships. **Minor Championships:** Outstanding Minor Championship fixtures in both Hurling and Football have been deferred until mid-January 2021 at the earliest.

The latest edition of the **GAA Club Newsletter** for all members is available via the online version of this newsletter or via the GAA website:- <https://www.gaa.ie/news-archive/news/read-the-latest-club-newsletter-october-2020/>



Also available is the **LGFA Pass It On** Autumn edition: which includes the launch of a full schedule of webinars for the coming months focusing on five key strands; Coach Education, Match Officials Education, Player Education, County/Provincial Officer Leadership Series and Club Officer Leadership Series <http://read.digitaleditions.ie/i/1302727-peil-autumn-2020>.



**RIP.** Our Sympathies to all who have been bereaved recently: the Keenan family on the loss of Emer's father John (Sean); the Flynn family on the loss of Brian's father, Christopher; the Sejean family on the loss of Antonio's mother Juliette; the Griffin family on the loss of Donal's brother, Padraig. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

**The Lucan District Credit Union Academy** for girls and boys born in 2013, 2014 and 2015 only, continues on Saturday. To register your child for a place, contact David Moran, Club GPO, on 0879267607. Pre- registration with David is essential.



**The 12th Lock Café** opening hours 6-9pm Monday to Friday and 9:30am to 1:30pm on Saturday. These times may change in line with Covid-19 guidelines. Now in stock: Brian Walsh hurls, grips and gum shields. Available to order now: Lucan Sarsfields Hurling and Football **Christmas Hampers** customised to fit; choose your own grip and mouth guard colours, also Christmas stocking fillers can be bought in the Café; baseball caps, umbrellas air freshener and bottle openers. Why not enter the Café €2 draw to win a supporters pack, Lucan Sarsfields branded cap, broly, keyring/opener, and car air freshener. One in fifteen a winner. Also in stock are Club Onesies in club colours, and Dublin Colours are available to order.

**Many Thanks to Anthony Doody**, who installed the bollard lighting outside the Café, last Sunday morning.

**Club Shop** opening hours: O'Neill's club shop will be closed until Dec 5th due to Covid-19 restrictions.

**Lucan ArtFields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot** €2200. There was no winner of the €1800 jackpot in the draw held on Thursday 29th October sponsored by Matt Reilly Autoparts, The numbers drawn were **9, 11, 17, 18.**

**Ten Lucky Dip winners** (because of the Halloween Bank Holiday), of €30 each: Carl Masterson, Peter Hickey, Byrne Family, Carmel Bellew, Brian Kearney, Michael Hanley, Moya Sweeney, Don Dardis, Darragh Hunt and Mary Freeman. The Jackpot for the next draw at 9pm on November 5th will be €2200, sponsored by John Ryan Accountant and managed by Mary Flannery, will be held behind closed doors and streamed on our Facebook page. Tickets can be purchased online at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>. Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

## Lucan Library

As the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 continue to evolve, we are striving to provide the best service possible to you, and as such, events normally facilitated in your library branch are being facilitated online where possible.

Please find below information on:

Our Genealogy Series

English Classes for Beginners

Post Menopause Talk

and the Decade of Centenaries Lecture Series.



### Please note:

1. All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum.
2. For events delivered online, a valid email address is required to register. South Dublin Libraries will forward the email address you use to register to the event facilitator who will then send an access code to your email address to enable you to attend the workshop. The contact details (name, email address and phone number) you supply to South Dublin Libraries via Eventbrite will be accessible by the event facilitator on the day of the event for the duration of the event in case you need assistance accessing the event. **All events free of charge.**



Irish Family  
History Centre

### Introduction to Family History

Starts Thursday 5th November, 7:00pm - 8:30pm  
Continues Thursday 12th, 19th, 26th November  
and 3rd and 10th December.

More time on your hands? Now is the perfect time to get started on your family history!

South Dublin Libraries presents a series of genealogy talks with Fiona Fitzsimons of the Irish Family History Centre and Declan Brady from Maynooth University every Thursday evening for 6 weeks.

Each class introduces a major source:

**Thursday 5th November: Evidence in your own home.** Booking now open,

via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/introduction-to-family-history-evidence-in-your-own-home-tickets-127309408869>

**Thursday 12th November: Census of Ireland**

Booking opens Friday 6th November, 10:00am  
via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/introduction-to-family-history-census-of-ireland-records-tickets-127316369689>

**Thursday 19th November: Church Records**

Booking opens Friday 13th November, 10:00am  
via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/introduction-to-family-history-church-records-tickets-127320640463>

**Thursday 26th November: Valuation Office**

Records including Griffith's Valuation  
Booking opens Friday 20th November, 10:00am  
via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/introduction-to-family-history-griffiths-valuation-tickets-127321037651>

**Thursday 3rd December: Burial and Cemetery Records.**

Booking opens Friday 27th November,  
**10:00am** via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/introduction-to-family-history-burial-and-cemetery-records-tickets-127321242263>

**Thursday 10th December: Newspapers**

Booking opens Friday 4th December, 10:00am  
via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/introduction-to-family-history-newspapers-tickets-127321701637>

**These sessions will be delivered online via Zoom.**

**Each session will consist of a 45 minute workshop delivered by the facilitator followed by a 45 minute Q and A clinic where the facilitator will answer questions from participants that have been submitted through the chat function on Zoom.**

**Please note:** All Participants must have a valid email address as the link to join the Zoom session will be emailed to attendees on the day of the event.

**Each genealogy session must be booked separately on Eventbrite.**

See <http://lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.com> for an overview of all sessions.



### English Classes for Beginners

Starts Tuesday 3rd November, 7:00pm - 8:00pm  
Continues Tuesday 10th, 17th, 24th November  
and 1st and 8th December

6 week English for Beginners course starting  
Tuesday 3rd November at 7:00pm. This course  
will be delivered online via Zoom.

**Please note:** Only 1 ticket is required to attend all 6 classes and there is a maximum of 1 participant per device.

All Participants must also have a valid email address as the Zoom links to this event will be emailed to the supplied address by the facilitator.

Booking now open,  
via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/english-classes-for-beginners-tickets-126561529943>

## Post Menopause Talk with Catherine O'Keeffe, The Wellness Warrior

Monday 2nd November, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

It's as important to think about your Post Menopause health as it is your health in Menopause.

Join Catherine O'Keeffe

([www.wellnesswarrior.ie](http://www.wellnesswarrior.ie)) who will

talk us through the key aspects of health we need to be aware of in these years and most importantly what we can do to help ourselves thrive.

This is also a valuable webinar to attend if you are in menopause or have attended the first of Catherine's menopause talks - future proofing your health is crucial.

**Please note:** Only 1 ticket is required per device.

All Participants must also have a valid email address as the Zoom links to this event will be emailed to the supplied address by the facilitator.

Booking now open,

via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/post-menopause-talk-with-catherine-okeeffe-the-wellness-warrior-tickets-126953682883>



## Decade of Centenaries Lecture Series

South Dublin Libraries is delighted to present this lecture series as part of our Decade of Centenaries programme, supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

The lectures will take place online via Zoom every Thursday evening at 7:00pm in November.

All events are free of charge and booking is essential at [ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie)

## Lorcan Collins: The IRA's Guerrilla Campaign, 1919-1921

Thursday 5th November, 7:00pm

Lorcan Collins founded the 1916 Rebellion Walking Tour in 1996. He is the author of several books on Irish revolutionary history including a biography of James Connolly and his most recent work Ireland's War of Independence; The IRA's Guerrilla Campaign 1919-21.

He was co-editor on the 16 Lives Series of biographies on the executed leaders of the Easter Rising. Lorcan also presents the Revolutionary Ireland Podcast.

Booking now open,

via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/decade-of-centenaries-lecture-series-the-iras-guerrilla-campaign-1919-21-tickets-126550328439>

## Dr. Sinéad McCool: Women and the Campaign for Independence

Thursday 12th November, 7:00pm

Dr Sinéad McCool, from the Commemorations Unit of the Department of Tourism, Arts, Culture, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media will be presenting on women and the campaign of independence, looking at some well-known women, and some not so well known, with a special focus on the region of South County Dublin.

Booking from Tuesday 3rd November,

via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/decade-of-centenaries-lecture-series-women-the-campaign-for-independence-tickets-126552153899>

## Dr. Myles Dungan: The War in the Shadows - A Talk on Michael Collins, the Squad and the IRA versus British Intelligence

Thursday 19th November, 7:00pm

Dr. Myles Dungan, PhD, is one of Ireland's best-known and most respected broadcasters, hosting current affairs, arts and sports programmes on both radio and television for more than two decades. A Fulbright scholar, educated at UCD and the University of California, Berkeley, he is the author of a multiple books, including Irish Voices From The Great War (1995) and Mr. Parnell's Rottweiler: Censorship & the United Ireland Newspaper (2014), plus works on the Irish in America, the Great War, the Irish Crown jewels and golf. He is the presenter of The History Show on RTÉ Radio 1.

Booking from Tuesday 10th November,

via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/decade-of-centenaries-lecture-series-the-war-in-the-shadows-tickets-126554755681>

## Dr. Ida Milne: The Other Great Pandemic: Spanish Flu in Ireland, 1918-19

Thursday 26th November, 7:00pm

Dr Ida Milne is a historian of disease, specialising in the 1918-19 influenza pandemic in Ireland and in infectious diseases of childhood. She is European History Lecturer at Carlow College. Her book, Stacking the Coffins, influenza war and peace in Ireland 1918-19 was published in 2018 and has come to be viewed as a handbook for understanding different societal impacts of the current COVID-19 pandemic. She is a frequent contributor to national and international media on the historic context for the current crisis.

Booking from 17th November,

via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/decade-of-centenaries-lecture-series-the-war-in-the-shadows-tickets-126554755681>



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Compliments to the editor of the Newsletter who last week produced a beautiful display of a selection of photos from the group's "online" exhibition. The online exhibition was a great success with some 450 viewings to date, which is far more that would have visited the exhibition if it had been in the Parish Centre. Some of the viewings came from far from Lucan parish including the USA.



If you missed the exhibition or want to look at it again you can still find it on [www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com). Go to the home page and scroll down to Parish notices. It may not be on the first page anymore but scroll through the pages of notices and you will find it.

Recently much of the photography of the group has a distinctly end of Autumn look about it, with the spectacular colours of Autumn leaves in abundance and all this beauty on our own doorsteps!



Conor caught a very obliging grey squirrel who posed beautifully for him, although he says that he nearly fell into a flooded river Liffey while trying to get the shot. That's what Nature photography is all about – being patient and getting dirty and wet, if necessary, for that special shot!

*Until the next time stay safe.*