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The Value of an Apology!

We have watched and listened to a huge mixed bag of evidence, emotions and expressions of thoughts as the enquiry into the Stardust fire came to an end at last. The relatives of the forty-eight people who died in the tragedy forty-three years ago worked and fought tirelessly for justice and truth for their loved ones. Their parents, siblings and friends have aged much since then and carried the weight of a loss increased in burden by a lack of ownership of wrong by those who had responsibility on that Valentines night. None of us will ever forget waking up on the morning of 15th February 1981 with a pall of mourning which overshadowed the entire country.

There are many lessons to learn from the expressed experience of the families and from the unfolding of their grief over many decades.

- Those who depart from us in this life never leave us through memory, genes, prayer and family. Let us treasure the legacies that have made us who we are!
- Each person has a unique purpose and contribution to make in the lives of loved ones. We each really matter!
- Love and strivings for justice drives people to do more than could ever be imagined. We can be a power for change too!
- Truth does win out in the end if we put in the effort for what is right. Let us never give up on what we believe and hold dear!
- Those who are poor work harder to gain recognition and the ear of the powerful. When we are weak, we still have power; when we have power, we have responsibility!
- The experience of loss changes over time, but may not go away. Let us not use platitudes or assumptions!

The greatest lesson taught to us has been the power of an apology; the value of people owning and admitting wrongs. A great wrong was done to the forty-eight people who died, in the Stardust, and to their families by no admission of wrong or apology or any form of retribution acknowledging the value of each one lost. It took hard labour to gain a state apology after forty-three years of suffering and loss.

Perhaps this might be an inspiration for us all to reach into our hearts and see where it is that we fail to do what is right so that justice may be gained for others. We may not have done great wrongs, but presenting a deaf ear to what is wrong in society today, leaves us as by-standers who fail those in need, fail those against whom prejudice is at large, fail our young when we let the world shrivel in global warming or without values that hold them rooted in good and bad times. We can make a difference as did the brave and faithful relatives of those who died in 1981.

This is a moment to take stock of who we are, what we do and what we value most.

Cathy Burke

Lucan Partnership of Parishes

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

Our office is located in the Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre, Ballyowen, Lucan



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

Tuesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Thursday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS) is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8pm on 0818 07 4000

MABS – the Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over 20 years. MABS phone service is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm on 0818 07 2000

Change to Child Benefit age limit

From 1 May 2024, Child Benefit will be extended to children aged 18 who are in full-time education or who have a disability.

Find out more about changes to the Child Benefit age limit on our website.

Jury Service

Jury service is when you are instructed to attend court with other members of the public, so the court can select people to sit on juries for upcoming court cases. Even though you are called for jury service, you may not actually serve on a jury. If you are selected to serve on a jury, you and the other jurors will hear the evidence in the case, and then decide if the accused person is guilty of an offence. You have an obligation to attend for jury service if you are called to do so. You will be contacted by summons of the County Registrar, and the summons will state that you are obliged to attend for jury service on a particular date. NB – a genuine Jury Summons is issued only through the postal system.

Most criminal offences must be tried in front of trial by a judge and jury. Juries are not needed in most civil cases. However, there are exceptions, for example, some defamation cases. Information on what jurors do is available in our document on the role of a jury.

Who is eligible for jury service

If you are an Irish citizen aged 18 and over, and are on the Register of Electors you are eligible for jury service, unless you:

Are involved in any way with the administration of justice. This includes judges, former judges, the President, the Attorney General, the Director of Public Prosecutions, members of the Gardaí and defence forces, prison officers, practising barristers, solicitors, court officers such as registrars, and personnel in government departments involved in matters of justice or the courts.

Have, or had, a mental illness or mental disability and because of this are staying in a hospital or similar institution, or regularly attend treatment with a medical practitioner

Are unable to read or have a long-term impairment that means it is not practical for you to serve on a jury

The rules about eligibility for jury service in Ireland are set down in the Juries Act 1976 as amended by the Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2008.

Who is disqualified from jury service?

You are disqualified from jury service if you:

Have been convicted of a serious offence in Ireland

Have ever been sentenced to five years or more in prison

Have been sentenced to three months or more in prison in the last ten years

Are living in Ireland but are not an Irish citizen

Certain people have a right to be excused from jury service – check our website

More information is available on www.courts.ie also a “Guide to Jury Service in Ireland” (pdf)

MARYMOUNT CARE CENTRE

DEMENTIA CARE

INFORMATION & SUPPORT EVENINGS
Marymount's Dementia Team warmly welcomes Una Molloy from St. Francis Hospice to discuss Palliative Care and Dementia.

**THURSDAY
2ND MAY 2024**

EDUCATION CENTRE
MARYMOUNT CARE CENTRE
7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

BOOK NOW

+353 1 820 4500
FOH@mmcc.ie



The busy season for Tidy Towns is upon us and this year one of our primary

goals is to involve as many people as possible in our push for glory in the competition!!!

To this end we would ask you to leave a corner of your back garden as a no-mow area plant some bee-friendly flowers or shrubs.

Use peat free compost.

Refrain from using pesticides and herbicides.

We are very grateful for the wonderful community support we receive.

Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills. Our next meeting is on Thursday 2nd May at 7:45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip and guests are most welcome to join us. Come along on the night or contact vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com to register your interest.



Thursday 2nd May 2024, 7:45pm Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, W23 W280

- Do you want to **finally** conquer your fear of public speaking?
- Do you have a speech or presentation coming up that you need help with?
 - Do you want to make new friends?

If so, then Lucan Toastmasters is the place for you.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak! Come along on Thursday next, May 2nd, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, check out Lucan Toastmasters on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#) or contact

vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com

Lucan Social Club

Come & join us for Tea & a chat & help support the Alzheimer Society Lucan Social club

Wednesday 1st of May
13:30am - 15:30pm
St. Marys Parish Centre

Look forward to seeing you there!

Lucan Drama

Lucan Drama brings you three one-act plays which take place upstairs at Courtney's of Lucan.



'**Thick as Thieves**', written by David McCall, is a short play about the ebb and flow of an enduring friendship and how it can develop over the course of a lifetime. Directed by Vinny Casey, this play stars two of Lucan Drama's most experienced performers: John Caribini and Joe Dignam Brady.

Tickets are available online at www.gr8events.ie/Lucan Drama.

Tickets cost €12/€10 concession with a dinner/show offer of €35. Dinner is served at 6pm with doors opening at 7.30pm and curtain up at 8pm. The shows run from Sun. May 12th to Wed. May 15th. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep

Lucan Library
ALONE
Friday 3rd May, 11am
Rafa from ALONE will talk about their services & answer questions

All Welcome! Tea/coffee, biscuits

ALONE
YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times:

Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls of *Gaelschoil Naomh Pádraig* who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday 27th April.

Hope you all have a lovely day

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Saturdays. (funerals permitting) from 10.30am to 11.30am. *All welcome.*



St. Mary's Readers' Roster May 2024

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of May 2024 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Christian Meditation:

We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.

All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

Legion of Mary: Meeting every Thursday 5.30pm in the **Parish Bungalow** for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. *If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact Sr. Geraldine.*



Divine Mercy Devotion:

Every Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Parish Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This devotion, revealed to St Faustina by Our Lord, is necessary to defeat evil, for peace in the world and for our journey to eternal life.

Scriptural Reading (Lectio Divina):

Meetings are held in the bungalow every **Monday night (excluding bank holidays) between 7.30 and 8.30pm** when we reflect on the following Sunday's gospel. All are welcome.

Baptisms in St. Mary's:

Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony.

The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. This is a return to the practice we had before Covid restrictions.

Dates are bookable on line.

If you need to cancel email: secretary@lucanparish.com

Visits to the housebound:

If you are housebound 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 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of *Marie Therese Bermingham*, formally of Lucan and to the family and friends of *Noreen O'Connor*, St Finian's.

May they rest in peace.



Rosary

The Legion of Mary will say the Rosary for the month of May

Starting on **Wednesday 1st May** at the statue outside St Mary's Church each weekday evening at 6.30pm.

All are Welcome

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil:
6pm.

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

Weekday Masses: Mon.-Fri.9:15am. Sat.10am

All Masses will be livestreamed on
www.lucansouthparish.net

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls from *Lucan Community N.S., Lucan East Educate Together N.S.* and *Griffeen Valley Educate Together N.S.* who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday 27th April.

Hope you all have a beautiful day.



Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of

Medjugorje: Every Thursday, in the Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass.

After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. *All welcome*

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

Fri: 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

The Church is open Monday to Friday from **10am to 1pm** for private prayers.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church. Their works include home visitation and outreach to the poor.

Home Visits Holy Communion: If anyone who cannot come to Mass would like to receive Holy Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society:

St Joseph's Young Priests Society has been set up in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan **for all the Lucan parishes**. We meet up on the first Wednesday of each month for one hour at 10.40am.

Bingo:

Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome to play for big prizes.

Wednesday tea/coffee morning:

There is a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake after 9.15am Mass every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Mass Times: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.

The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

AONTAS are holding a

CAKE SALE

on **Sunday 5th May 2024**

after all Masses in St Patrick's



Adoration: Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am. All are welcome.

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting: Meeting every Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St Patrick's Church) from 7.30pm to 8.15pm.

Confessions: Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass and after Thursday 10am Mass.

Communion for the Homebound: If any member of your family is sick and housebound, and would like to receive Holy Communion, do please let us know. You can ring the Parish Office on 01 628 1018 and leave you name and address, or email us at: secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie

Tea/Coffee: Every Wednesday Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome.*

Anniversaries

SHEILA BOYLE

25th Anniversary - 30th April

Late of Lucan Heights and Leixlip
Also her husband *John Boyle*, who's 42nd
Anniversary occurred on the 5th January 2024

Time slips by and life goes on,
but from our hearts you're never gone.

We think about you always,
we talk about you too.

We have so many memories
but we wish we still had you.

*Love always from all their daughters, sons, sons
in law, daughters in law, grandchildren, great-
grandchildren and great-great child x x*



JAMES (JIM) MCCARTHY

4th Anniversary - 27th April

*Remembered and loved always.
Elizabeth and all the family.*

**Anniversary Mass, Saturday 27th April
6:30pm.**



Pilgrimage - Medjugorje 2024

Pilgrimage departing 15th May 2024.

Spiritual Director: Fr Ray Kelly

7 nights - €750 pps including insurance.

Please contact Pat on 087 2238911 or Marian
Pilgrimages on 01 8788159 and say you are
travelling with Pat.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April - Oct 2024:

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person
sharing. Airport transfer available on request.
Contact us for details and book the dates that suit
you. Tel. 01 4434510 or website

www.med-irishcentre.com

Medjugorje: 00387 36 651 518

Ireland: 00353 1 443 4510

Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Website: www.med-irishcentre.com



Walking the Camino

“Have you ever
dreamed of walking

the Camino. Join the MSC Missions as we walk
the shaded lanes and valleys of the **Camino
Ingles** walking from Ferrol to Santiago in
Northern Spain. The temperature in this part of
northern Spain in July is perfect for walking, like
a balmy summer day in Ireland. For more
details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring
Mary at 021 454 6691 or
email mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie

A delightful little story on how the Pussy Willow got its name

According to an old Polish
legend, many springtime ago,
a mother cat was crying at the
bank of the river where her
kittens were drowning. The
willows at the river's edge
longed to help her, so they
swept their long graceful
branches into the waters to
rescue the tiny kittens who had
fallen into the river while



chasing butterflies. The kittens gripped
on tightly to their branches and were
safely brought to shore.



Each springtime since goes the legend,
the willow branches sprout tiny fur-like
buds at their tips where the tiny kittens once
clung.

LOUGH DERG

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT PILGRIMAGE 2024

DEPART:	RETURN:
Friday 31st May 2024 @ 8.00am	Sunday 2nd June 2024 @ 2.00pm
Friday 5th July 2024 @ 8.00am	Sunday 7th July 2024 @ 2.00pm
Friday 9th August 2024 @ 8.00am	Sunday 11th August 2024 @ 2.00pm

Advance Booking Essential (to secure seat on bus)
Cost €135 includes coach, boat and stay on Island
Direct Coach departs Parnell Square outside Hugh Lane Art
Gallery at 8.00am sharp.

For full information and booking form contact:

St. Oliver Plunkett Pilgrimage Office Tel: 086 385 3027	Ms. Miriam Delaney, 99 Broadford Crescent, Ballyroon, Dublin 6, Tel: 01 494 1171
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LUCAN FESTIVAL

2024 Festival will be from Mon 2nd to Sun 8th September.

There will be 2 illustrated talks during the week as follows:

The long awaited part 4 of Lucan Spas and Hotels ie from 1924 to 2024.



The life of Rev Dr James Alexander Hamilton Irwin, Presbyterian Minister in Lucan from 1934 to 1954. Rev Irwin was involved with the Sinn Fein fund raising campaign in America from 1919 to 1921. You might wonder why a Presbyterian Minister was involved but you will have to wait for the talk in September to find out about this fascinating man.



Summer is teasing us a bit at the moment, but hopefully, we're getting there. It was somewhat promising to see the coatless crowds at all the sports events last Sunday – better days ahead!

Great to see Super Garden back on RTE once again. Birdie and Co are really looking forward to Bloom in the Park once again this year.



Congratulations and Good Luck to AONTAS Choir, who have been invited to sing at the Dublin Pilgrimage in Knock this Saturday. If you haven't heard them sing, you don't know what you're missing!

Our Italy Pilgrims are enjoying the delights of Italy at the moment, and we're hearing great reports along the way.

Looking forward to seeing Lucan Drama in their new venue at Courtneys. The one-act plays run from 12th to the 15th of May – check out their notes in this issue.



Metro for Lucan-The Route




With existing mainline rail into Dublin being upgraded to Dart at present, from Hazel Hatch on the Kildare line and from Maynooth on the Sligo line. This would bring the whole rail network in Dublin to Dart standard. This can be done by building a section of rail from Donabate on the Belfast line to join the Kildare and Sligo line at Glasnevin junction, via Swords and Dublin

Airport, this completes a full rail link for Dublin and all Ireland. The distance of this link up is just over ten miles. This gives direct access to Dublin Airport from all areas of Ireland that has a rail station, and it would link up with any future rail lines. It would also link up most areas of Dublin directly that has rail. A wonderful opportunity for Dublin and Ireland. The cost is just under two billion euro and can be completed relatively quickly.

*Tom Newton Transport Officer
A.C.R.A. 086 31 2 7364*

Want to learn how to make a 3D image from Photogrammetry?

Paul Butler from the Society for Old Lucan will be giving a talk and demonstration in Lucan Library Tuesday 7th of May on the process of how to make a 3D image from using Photogrammetry. This fascinating event is open to anyone who's interested in extracting 3D information from a series of photographs of an object or site to produce an exact 3D model or a 3D image. This can be done by anyone from beginner to expert and is a fairly easy process to do with just a little practice required. Paul will explain all processes and required free software and how to get started. You can book a place through Eventbrite at lucanlibrary.dublin.ie



Lucan ICA

Monday 29th April: Craft group meet in St Mary's Parish centre from 10am to 12-30 pm. Various crafts are being worked on and finished.

Tea Hostesses are Pauline and Mary.

Below, some photos taken at a lovely craft day on Saturday last doing Calico Embroidery, with craft teacher Eleanor Hewitt.



All the ladies enjoyed a new craft and went home with a nice picture framed.



Lucan Senior Citizens

Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre next Wednesday 1st May, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.
All welcome!

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. No charge for your first meeting. Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Coffee break at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.

**We all think differently -
Why fit in when you were born to
stand out!**



WCI Lucan are delighted to announce as we approach local and European elections this June **Your Vote Your Power: A four Week Programme for Women.** In Adamstown Community Centre **Your Vote Your Power: A four Week Programme for Women.** **Your Vote Your Power: A four Week Programme for Women.** In Adamstown Community Centre we will provide an interactive space to explore with other women, active citizenship, learn about government elections and voting in Ireland, build awareness and confidence to participate more fully in your community and have your voice heard' for example did you know?

Every person over 18 years whose name is included in the electoral register is entitled to vote in the local area in which s/he lives. It is not necessary to be an Irish citizen to vote in a Local Election. Therefore, many migrants and people from new communities can vote in local elections.

The logo for Women's Collective Ireland features a stylized map of Ireland in shades of green and blue, with the text 'Women's Collective Ireland' and 'LUCAN' below it.

Women's Community Breakfast

Wednesday 1/05/2024
10.00AM - 12.00PM
Adamstown Community Centre

A square QR code is located on the right side of the poster, intended for scanning to book a spot.

Breakfast

Celebrate sisterhood, empowerment, and the joys of spring! Open to all women seeking friendship, support, & belonging. Please bring a dish to share with your sisters - your favorite homemade treat or store-bought delight adds to our joy!

To book your spot use the QR code or contact WCI Lucan WhatsApp/ call/text 083-860 7947
Email: lucan@womenscollective.ie

The logo of the Irish Government, featuring a harp and the text 'An Buidéal Lúcháil' and 'Department of Children and Youth Affairs'.

We are also hosting a Women's Community Breakfast

Celebrate sisterhood, empowerment, and the joys of spring! Open to all women seeking friendship, support, & belonging. Please bring a dish to share with your sisters - your favourite homemade treat or store-bought delight adds to our joy!



SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Past Pupils launch Art Exhibition: A huge congratulations to Jessica Kearns and Hannah Lynch, Class of 2023, who held a wonderful exhibition of their art college work at Lucan Library, inspiring a whole new generation of future artists here at LCC. We are all incredibly proud of you both.



Silver Medal for Aaron: Congratulations to our 6th year student, Aaron Cronin, who won a silver medal in Taekwondo for 65kg-70kg sparring at the European Championships in Lublin, Poland.



Reka leads Dublin to win the Final: Well done to our 3rd year student Reka Kiss Kallo who captained the Dublin U16's to win the Leinster Ladies Football Final at the weekend.

LCC Athletes enjoy success at the West

Leinsters: This week our athletes took part in the West Leinster Track & Field Championships in Santry. They were kitted out in their newly designed athletics vests courtesy of Mullally Coach Hire.



Athletes Saoirse and Cillian are pictured with the new kit alongside Mr Brett.

Wade siblings enjoy Kickboxing success in

Europe: Congratulations to Amy (5th year), Ryan (3rd year), and Abbie Wade (incoming first year), have qualified to represent Ireland at the kickboxing WAKO World Championships in Budapest, Hungary in August. A great achievement for all three siblings to represent Ireland together.



5th Year Student earns Irish Cap:

Congratulations to Edvinas Jakas who recently earned a cap for representing Ireland.

TY's busy preparing for show! There is an electric atmosphere in our hall this week as TY students prepare for their performance of 'The Audition' which is hitting the stage on the 8th and 9th of May. Tickets on sale soon!

Memorial Service planned for our Beloved

Colleagues: We would like to invite past and present staff, parents, & students, to a memorial service to celebrate the lives of our much beloved staff members, David Byrne & Frances Murphy, next Wednesday 1st May. Please see the attached invitation for more information.

St. Joseph's College

Ceist Trust: Last Wednesday, students from our school Student Council attended the Ceist Student Leadership conference. The conference focused on hearing the student voice on issues our society faces at present and going into the future. Our students discussed and presented possible solutions to these issues, along with students from other schools all while representing the core Ceist values.



Pfizer careers: Last Wednesday, Pfizer Grange Castle were in the school to talk to some of our sixth years about their four Apprenticeship Programmes which are now open for application. The students got a great insight into what a career in Pfizer would be like, the type of work they could be doing and the many training and upskilling opportunities available to individuals on the apprenticeships.

Recycling Returns Scheme: Some of our second years took a trip to Supervalu Lucan last Thursday. The students were investigating the new recycling returns scheme and how it works, the benefits, the drawbacks and public reaction to its introduction. This investigation was being completed as part of their CSPE second year classroom based assessment project.



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Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan
Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Young Social Innovators: TY students visited Dublin City University last week to partake in a workshop facilitated by Young Social Innovators. The students were working on design and thinking skills empowering young people to solve social issues. Attention was given by students to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which are designed to better our future. Students designed a storyboard to share a message using the software Scratch. The students thoroughly enjoyed working with the two facilitators and collaborating in the social innovation hub.

A Pilgrim Path: On Tuesday, some students went on a retreat called 'A Pilgrim Path'. Tour guides provided the students with a walking tour that involved visiting four significant churches in Dublin city centre, including the Newman University Church and St Andrews Church. Throughout the retreat, students were encouraged to reflect on the ways they can eliminate distractions from their daily lives in order to seek out peace and connect with themselves through meditation and immersing themselves in the historical relevance of each church they visited.

Minor Camogie: Best of luck to our minor camogie team who play against Loreto Beaufort in their Shield semi final this coming Wednesday.

St Catherine Park, Lucan

A yellow postcard for an event. At the top, it says 'pieta Darkness into light' with a sunburst graphic. Below that, it says 'powered by electric ireland'. The main text reads 'SIGN UP NOW' in large, bold letters, followed by the website 'darknessintolight.ie'. At the bottom, it says '4:15am • May 11th 2024'. A QR code is in the bottom right corner, and a small text box at the bottom left says 'Join us and give hope to people impacted by suicide and self harm'.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Soccer: Hard luck to our senior soccer team who were beaten on penalties by Castleknock CC in the Leinster Shield Final held in Leixlip on Thursday 18th April. It was an action-packed game, full of twists and turns, with both teams committed to attack straight from the kick-off. Lucan took the lead after 10mins when Tyler Doherty scored with a sweet, low left-foot strike from outside the box. Tyler grabbed his 2nd of the game soon after with another fine left foot effort from just inside the box.

Castleknock drew level before half-time with two excellent finishes. They now had the momentum and they took the lead 15mins into the 2nd half with another clinical finish to complete a remarkable turn-around.

With time running out, Lucan equalised right at the end of the 90mins with a right-foot strike from Eoin Maher to force extra time. Tyler completed his hat-trick in the 1st period of extra-time when he headed home at the back post after a well-worked corner routine. Castleknock equalised once more to level the match at 4-4 soon after.

Castleknock then won the shoot-out 5-4 to claim the title and break Lucan hearts. The team had a very good campaign, winning 8 matches in total, so they should take pride in reaching the final and going so close to claiming the Leinster title.

Table Quiz: It was fantastic to see so many parents at the Parents Association's pub quiz fundraiser in Kenny's last Wednesday. Thank you so much to all those who came along on the night and donated towards the event. We are delighted to confirm that the event has raised €2000 which really is amazing and testament to your generosity and support!

The Parents Association would like to give a special thanks to the following: Mr Geraghty, Fiona, Susan and Patricia from the school office for their fantastic support. Damien and all the staff from Kenny's who facilitated and sponsored the event. Terry our quiz master who put our general knowledge to the test on the night. All the parents who dropped down spot prizes to the school

Last but not least, a huge thanks to all the business who were so generous with their donations including Lucan Credit Union, Permanent TSB, ABC Gym, Sabatini Steak House and Ristorante, The Anglers Rest, Artisan Bakery, Collins Butchers, Kenny's of Lucan, Rapeedos, Crispy Crust Lucan, Fresh n Fruity, Grafton Barbers, Paddy's Barber, Halfpenny Golf, Hermitage Golf Club, My Golfgroup, Lucan Village Pharmacy, Starbucks, Checkers

Coffee, Superior Makeup, Superior salon, Nails by Megan, Hair by Deirdre Lawless, Jewel Hair & Design, Elle No.5 Hairdressers, Romina Daniel Hair and Beauty, SuperValu, EcoModular Buildings, Councillor Shane Moynihan, All Seasons Florist, Centra (Griffeen).

Congratulations to all the lucky winners on the night. We hope you all enjoyed the night & many thanks once again for your support!

Coláiste Phádraig Parents Association.

Basketball: Our four basketball panels gathered together in the Sports Hall last Friday afternoon for a fun and semi-competitive blitz to celebrate the school's success in the sport during the year. Our 2nd yrs beat our 1st yr team by two points after a double over-time! The u19s then defeated our u16 team by 15 points. It was a wonderful afternoon of basketball culminating in some well-earned pizza and drink for all.



Fundraising: The TY Edmund class held a fundraising Teacher car-wash day last Friday in aid of Dog's Trust and it was a great success. In total, they washed 50 cars and raised 500e for a very worthwhile cause. Well done to the students involved on their hard-work throughout the day cleaning so many cars. It certainly was a very tiring day for them, with lots of aching muscles by the end. A special word of thanks to Niall Ryan Doyle and Ben Kavanagh who organised and co-ordinated the carwash event.

Hurling: Our 2nd yr hurling team were beaten 1-13 to 0-5 by Coláiste Cois Life in their 2nd group game of their Dublin League campaign last Friday. They play their final group match this week with a victory essential if they wish to make the knockout stages of the competition.

Our 1st yr hurlers were well beaten by a superb St. Benildus College team in their opening Dublin "A" League group game. Calum Murray and Jack O' Connor scored good goals for the team while Arron Farrell scored a good point.

Cllr. Joanna Tuffy, Labour Party

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Good News for Lucan: During the final Local Area Committee meeting of the Council's five-year term, we received updates on the Council's purchase of Lucan House and its grounds. It is expected to complete in June. The Council will assess the property as a first step followed by substantial community consultation. Preserving the architectural and natural heritage will be a key objective. Huge shout out to everyone involved, especially the Italian Ambassador, Mr. Ruggero Corrias, for making this happen! Additionally, with completion getting closer of Lucan's Leisure Complex a joint motion from myself and Councillor Vicki Casserly that urged review of the fees for use of the pool and gym was agreed. Similarly other councillors have raised their concerns at meetings of the Council about the affordability of the fees.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Ballyowen Lane Clean-up: I'm organising a community clean-up of the Ballyowen Lane area on Saturday 27 April, meeting at the entrance to Cluain Rí Park at 11.00am. Volunteers welcome!

Lucan House acquisition: I welcome the update that the sale of Lucan House to SDCC will close by June, and I am excited about the potential this represents.

Foxborough trip hazards: I have reported the trip hazards at the junction of Foxborough Road and Griffeen Road for urgent repair. I have been assured that emergency repairs to these locations will take place shortly.

Signs in parks: I have raised the condition of the signage in our local parks and have requested the Council to remove the graffiti and replace the Perspex in them as soon as possible. I have also (once again) requested the replacement of the rear park sign in Hermitage Park.

Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

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Lucan Bridge – Pedestrian Safety: At the April Area Committee that took place earlier this week, I asked Council officials to review the low bridge parapet at particular points, to address safety concerns over the very low wall. Of course, any introduction of a safety rail or such like, will need input from the conservation department.

Proposed New Primary Care Centre – Car Parking:

Whilst progress between the HSE and the developer regarding developing the disused building at No.1 Adamstown Boulevard as a new primary care centre is very welcome, I have raised concerns over inadequate car parking / set down space for both future staff and patients. As this building wasn't purpose built for this use, car parking was not 'factored in' in this regard. The Adamstown District Centre opposite is being explored; however, it remains to be seen how practical this could be. Alternatives are being examined.

Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

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Good News with Lucan House with the following update! Closing of sale of Lucan Houser expected June 2024. Handover event to be arranged. €10.95 million 2024 provision for acquisition, assessment & management. Post handover: assessment of property and grounds facilitate managed public access to grounds. Appointment of consultants Q3 2024 to develop masterplan. Objectives: Develop plan for Lucan House & Demesne as tourism, community & County amenity. Conservation of natural and built heritage. Examine optimal economic, recreational and environmental uses to benefit Lucan and wider County. **Voter Registration:** Last opportunity to register to vote for upcoming local and European Elections is 20th May. You can do so through www.voter.ie

Cllr Paul Gogarty, PC

“Not just at election time”

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Lucan Pool pricing: Had motion on agenda again at Area Committee. See website. While happy to also support other Councillors' calls for a letter to be written to pool management company Aura Leisure, the fundamental issue is that the tender process did not include a subvention to keep prices lower as a municipal facility. That is on SDCC Management.

Lucan House Ambassador residence sale: Hand-over expected in June. Delighted to have helped sow the seeds. There will be a consultation process in due course. More details on website.

Lucan Road soil slippage from wood behind Esker Lawns: Having raised this in February following a query from the Tidy Towns, SDCC has referred to Area Engineer for investigation. Cllr Joanna Tuffy has been chasing this matter up also.

Bus user survey: Add your voice at www.bit.ly/BusCorrect.

Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

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Cooldrinagh Lane / Flooding at Pedestrian Overpass: Following reports and inspection by SDCC Area Roads Engineer this is now resolved. **Dodsboro Cottages:** Main Drain Blockage. A number of residents were reporting this issue and following representations to Uisce Eireann this is now resolved by their engineers and blockage caused by a build-up of stones / debris in the drains removed.

Lucan Business: I met with many of our local business owners in the past few days with an update and reminder that supports are available for Rates due in 2024. Deadline to apply is 1st May 2024. Qualifying businesses with a Rate bill of less than 10,000 the ICOB grant will be paid at a rate of 50% and those with a Commercial Rate bill of between €10,000 and €30,000 will receive a grant of €5,000.

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Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



June Bank Holiday Draw

We will be holding a special draw for the June Bank Holiday weekend. This will take place directly after the lotto on Thursday 31st May.

1st Prize €1,000 cash

2nd Prize €500 cash

To Enter this draw please renew or sign up for a Lucan Sarsfields Recurrent Lotto Subscription via ClubZap.

Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €3,400. The Numbers were **1, 4, 8, 13.**

The lucky dip prizes go to Douglas Miller, Orlaith McKelvey, M. McGillicuddy, O' Lanagain Family and Erris Smith.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €3,800. The draw is sponsored by REA McDonald and will be led by Frank Fleming.



Summer Camps

Our summer camps will be open for registration this Friday the 16th April. These camps are open to both members and non-members who are in primary school (either starting in September or just finishing). All five camps will be multisport. Make sure to register soon as places are limited. Places can be booked via ClubZap, links on our social media pages or on our club website.

Hurling

Four wins from five games played was the return for our adult hurlers this weekend. There were good wins for the Seniors (v Craobh Chiarain), Intermediates (v Cuala), Junior As (v St Sylvester's) and Junior B's (v Thomas Davis). Our Junior C South team lost away to Ranelagh Gaels while the Junior C North team received a walk over.

Juvenile

Our U15 ladies' footballers had a big weekend as they competed in Féile 2024. We had three teams competing in three divisions across Dublin. The U15A team competed in their division 2 group games at Castleknock GAA Club, reaching the final after a strong showing. Despite a tough battle, they lost to St Sylvesters with a final score of Lucan 1:01 – 0:07 St Sylvesters. Meanwhile, the U15B team played their division 8 group games at Beann Eadair, Howth, enjoying the picturesque venue. Despite closely matched



games, they fell short in two matches, displaying great spirit and camaraderie throughout. Despite the results, it was a positive experience for the girls. Lastly, the U15C team hosted their division 11 Féile group games at home. Although they performed well in the group stages, they were narrowly defeated by Fingallians in the semi-final. The team gave their all on the pitch, and despite the outcome, they can be proud of their efforts. Hard luck to all the teams and management.

Well done to our U15B hurlers who had a hard-fought win away to St Kevin Killian's in the Division 5 Féile semi-final. Final score Lucan 4:09 – 2:09 St Kevin Killian's. Best of luck to the lads in their preparations for the final.

Our U13 girls had a great weekend styling their new team jerseys. A huge thank you to John Smith of The Cartridge Expert on Main Street Lucan who sponsoring. Hopefully plenty of successful years ahead in these jerseys!

County

Congratulations to Réka Kiss Kalo and Cara Coffey who helped the Dublin U16 Ladies Footballers secure the Leinster title on Sunday. A hugely proud day for the girls, their families and the club as Réka captained the side and Cara was named player of the match. Well done girls!!



Well done to Mia Farrell and the Dublin Minor Camogie team who won their All-Ireland Shield semi-final over the weekend. Mia played a stormer in the nets and earned herself player of the match. They now progress onto the final this Saturday 27th April. The game will be played in UPMC Nowlan Park @2:30. It would be great to get some club support out for the team.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Generali Berlin Half Marathon April 7th

There was a record number of entries in the Generali Berlin Half Marathon, this year of 38,712, which made it one of the world's biggest races over this distance. The streets were lined with supporters and there was lots of music to keep us going. It was very hot so not a day for pbs. We made use of all the water stations along the way. The atmosphere in the city was great. We started the race in the Tiergarten, the main park in Berlin. We ran past the famous Victory Column out of the park and around the city. We finished back in the park after we ran under the famous Brandenburg gate.

Results

Ryan Rafter 1:30:17.

Anne Whelan

1:46:43

Tricia Gough 1:54:53.

This was Tricia's 2nd race in Superhalves series. Tricia ran Lisbon half marathon on 17th March this year.



Mary's Hospital on to Acres Road. This was an open, windy stretch which slowed many of the runners down as they passed the 15 Acres on the right and the Papal Cross on the left. The race then turned left on to Chesterfield Avenue again for a long stretch with a gradual incline. It then turned left on to the Ordnance Survey Road again before finishing on the Furze Road.

The first male home for Lucan Harriers was Gavin Nolan at 42.31 followed by Roger Griffin (42.51) and David Jones (50.38). The first female home was Fit 4 Life's Mary Lynch at 53.30, recording a PB. She was followed by Kim Jones (59.48) and Avril Feeney (60.06). Kate Cooney and Laura McManus crossed the finish line together marking their first 10km race followed closely by Marta Cieniuch recording a PB, Niamh Crosbie and Rosemary Gaine (Rosemary recording a PB). Loretta Geissel sprinted the last 500 metres and crossed the line in style celebrating her first 10km. She was followed by Daragh Doyle who completed the Lucan Harriers representation at the Great Ireland Run, 2024. Congratulations to all Lucan Harrier runners especially those who completed their first of many 10km. There was a rumour that champagne was opened to mark the occasion!

Dublin 2 Belfast Ultra

Eleanor O Neil ran from Dublin to Belfast for the Irish Cancer Society. 173km, 29.55, 21st overall and 3rd lady home. 2.5k raised so far for the Irish cancer society.



The Great Ireland Run in the Phoenix Park April 14th.

The Great Ireland Run in the Phoenix Park was hosted by Dublin City Harriers with a new sponsor this year - Bio Freeze. It was a sold-out event with 2,500 entrants and 2003 finishers. There was a lovely atmosphere at the start with a colourful live band and singers entertaining all. On a dry day with a nip in the air and a strong breeze, the race started on the Furze Road, turning right down onto the Ordnance Survey Road and then right again on to Chesterfield Avenue. The runners then turned back onto the Furze Road and at the end of which they turned left this time heading downhill along the Upper Glen Road. There was a welcome water station along this route hydrating the runners before turning left and tackling the short, sharp hill at St.



LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

The Remembrance (36 Stableford Nett)

Sponsored by: Carroll's Gastro pub

20 April 2024

Gents Overall Winner - Dave Hayden II - 93 Pts

Ladies Overall Winner - Kathleen Grainger - 83

Pts. **Gents Class 1 Nett Winner** - Dermot

Heffernan - 90 Pts.

Gents Class 1 Gross Winner - Darren Kane - 89

Pts. **Gents Class 2 Nett Winner** - Noel Ryan - 85

Pts. **Gents Class 2 Gross Winner** - Tony Dunne

- 72 Pts [B18].

Gents Class 3 Nett Winner - Sean Dillon - 89

Pts. **Gents Class 3 Gross Winner** - Ronnie

Guinan - 67 Pts [B18]

Ladies Class 1 Nett Winner - Catherine Leonard

- 80 Pts [B6 of B18].

Ladies Class 1 Gross Winner - Glenda Hoey -

69 Pts. **Ladies Class 2 Nett Winner** - Trish Tully

- 73 Pts. **Ladies Class 2 Gross Winner** - Evelyn

O'Gorman - 50 Pts.

Ladies Class 3 Nett Winner - Maria Rooney - 80

Pts. **Ladies Class 3 Gross Winner** - Tess

Donovan - 39 Pts.

Overall 18 Nett Winner - Fergal Power - 45 Pts

[B6].

Presentation of our Remembrance

Competition – Saturday 27th April 2024

Congratulations to all the prize winners in our Remembrance Competition our first major competition of the year. The presentation for the competition will be Saturday 27th April at 9.30pm. We will have music on the night so come along and join in the fun.

Thank you to our sponsor Carroll's Gastro Pub for your kind sponsorship which is very much appreciated.



New Members Welcome – Adults and Under

16. Our Club is now open for membership. If you would like to join our Club please download an application form from the website and fill in the relevant details and return same – or email the secretary at info@lucanpitchandputt.com.

Indeed you are more than welcome to call into the Club House and ask for any committee member who will be only too willing to discuss your enquiry – best time to call is on a Sunday from 10am

Full Zip Tops / Jackets / T-Shirts

Members please note that Dora Keane is the contact for the stock of our club zip tops / jackets and t-shirts.

Function Room for Hire

Please note that we have a function room for hire in the evenings from circa 5pm. Contact the secretary or email info@lucanpitchandputt.com for details of same

– T&C apply.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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



Cailíní F9 - Peil

Bhí cluichí den chéad scoth ag ár gcaoilíní F9 ar an Domhnach agus iad ag imirt in aghaidh Eiméid Bhré. Bhí an-spraoi acu faoi sholas na gréine le taispeántas scileanna iontach agus feabhas mór ag teacht orthu seachtain i ndiaidh seachtaine.

Buachaillí F9 - Peil

Bhí ár gcéad chluiche againn faoin ngrian inné Agus sárcluiche a bhí ann le scóranna iontacha faighte agus cosaint den scoth déanta agaibh! Maith sibh go léir! Ar aghaidh linn!!

Buachaillí F13 - Iomáint

Cluiche dochreidte ag na buachaillí F13 i gcoinne Chlanna Gael inné! D'ainneoin tús láidir, tar éis cúpla cúl tapaidh ó Chlanna Gael bhíomar thíos 8 bpointe ag leath ama. Buíochas le sáriarracht ó gach uile imreoir tháingamar ar ais chun an cluiche a bhuachaint le cúl agus 8 bpointe. Cluiche den scoth a bhí ann, maith sibh leads!

Super performance from our under 13 boys yesterday against Clanna Gael. Despite a strong NGÓ start, a few quick goals from the opposition meant we were 8 points down at half time.

A huge effort from the whole team in the second half saw us bounce back to win the match by a goal and 8 points. An incredible performance and a great comeback. Well done lads!

Cailíní F12 - Peil

Ní dheachaigh an cluiche deireanach ar ár mbealach. Táimid an-bhródúil as na cailíní F12 a d'imir san Fhéile inniu. Lá iontach faoi sholas na gréine agus cloch mhíle eile don chlub!



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Donal and Joe were out and about around Lucan during the week and found the grounds of St. Edmundsbury looking green and fresh. Plenty of wild garlic and bluebells are in bloom at the moment.



Michael G was in Cambridge and submitted a photo of the inside of King's College Chapel. The dark oak screen which houses the organ was a gift of Henry VIII and bears his initials and those of Anne Bolyne, his queen. This dates between 1533 when Henry married Anne and 1536 when he had her executed! The fan vault, completed between 1512 and 1515, is 24 meters high and the undoubted glory of the building. There are 26 sets of stained-glass windows which took 30 years to install, many commissioned by Henry VIII.

Josie is on the Parish Pilgrimage to Italy and she sent us a photo from Assisi. After Assisi the pilgrimage moved on to take in Florence, Luca, Pisa and Orvieto.



Until next week stay safe!