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Knock – A place of blessing



The recent visit of President Joe Biden to the shrine of Our Lady of Knock drew a great deal of publicity both nationally and internationally. President Biden is only the second Roman Catholic in history to hold the highest office in the USA.

He has spoken often of the importance of his faith and is 'not behind the door' in acknowledging its importance in his life.

Although the visit to Knock was an entirely private one, it was obvious that it was an intensely important and meaningful moment for him on his 'homecoming' trip to Ireland as President.

A happy reunion

Fr. Frank O'Grady is an Irish born retired US Army Chaplain who is presently resident in Knock assisting with Masses and Confessions. On the day before the visit, he casually mentioned to the rector of the shrine Fr. Richard Gibbons, that he had been the Chaplain at the military hospital when President Biden's son Beau had died some eight years ago, and had ministered the Sacraments to him. On learning this, Fr. Gibbons then arranged for Fr. O'Grady to be present in the apparition chapel when the President visited.

It seems that the encounter proved deeply moving for the President who remembered Fr. Frank well, and he spent some ten minutes in conversation with him together with his sister Valerie and his son Hunter. Fr. O'Grady described the meeting as "like a reunion".

Later that evening, during his speech in Ballina, President Biden made reference to the meeting and spoke of how he took the encounter "as a sign".

Whatever about the importance of a Presidential visit to Knock, it was good to know that a still grieving father had found some solace at a place where so many others have been blessed.

Philip Curran



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

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.

What is the European Health Insurance Card?

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) allows you to access public healthcare in another EU/EEA state for free or at a reduced rate. You can use it when you are travelling abroad or when you are staying temporarily in another EU State.

Essential points about the card:

Each family member needs their own card.

It lasts for up to 4 years.

You will need to apply to renew your card and you can renew online.

When abroad, always carry your EHIC with you.

It will not cover you for healthcare outside of the EU, other than Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein (EEA) and Switzerland.

It does not cover private healthcare.

It used to be called the E111 form.

You can apply:

In person: at any local health office except, Dublin North West, Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow.

By post: Print out an application form and post it to your local health office along with any documents required.

Online: Apply through the HSE website if you have a medical card or drug payment scheme card and you live in Ireland.

Can I get a European Health Insurance Card?

You can only apply for a European Health Insurance Card: If you live in Ireland

If you live in another European Union (EU), European Economic Area (EEA) member state, or Switzerland

If you live in Ireland but you are linked to another EU/EEA State's Social Security System, contact the health authorities in that country for more information.

If you live in Northern Ireland but are employed in Ireland, you can get an Irish-issued EHIC.

Frontier workers (or cross-border workers) can get an Irish-issued EHIC because they make social security contributions in Ireland. They must return home at least once a week to qualify.

Student dependants of frontier workers can get an Irish-issued EHIC. They must be aged 18 to 23 years, studying in the EU/EEA or Switzerland and have a completed School or College Details form. If you live in another EU/EEA member state or Switzerland

If you live in the EU, EEA or Switzerland, you are entitled to an Irish-issued EHIC if any of the following apply.

You receive a state pension from Ireland and have an Irish-issued E Form/S1 form (certificate of entitlement) registered in your country of residence. You work for an Irish employer and are posted to work in another EU/EEA country or Switzerland. You are a frontier worker (cross-border worker) living in the EU/EEA and working in Ireland. You are a family member of a posted worker of someone working in Ireland, and you are not covered in your own right by the EU/EEA country you live in.

If you are resident in another EU/EEA member state, you will need to complete a different application form online, by email or by post.

If you are not eligible for an Irish-issued EHIC, you should see if you are eligible for an EHIC in the country you are currently living in.

Where can I use it? You can use your European Health Insurance Card in any European Union or European Economic Area (EEA) country and in Switzerland. Currently, the EEA comprises of the 27 member states of the European Union together with Iceland, Norway, and Liechtenstein.

As Andorra and Monaco are not part of the EU or EEA, your EHIC is not accepted there. You should get private health insurance instead.

Find out where you can use your EHIC and how to access healthcare abroad, on the HSE website.

UK: If you are an Irish citizen, you have access to healthcare under the Common Travel Area while visiting the UK. However, other EU citizens should continue to use the EHIC, which is still accepted in the UK.

Outside the EU: If you are travelling outside the EU/EEA, you should get private health insurance instead.

More details at [The European Health Insurance Card \(citizensinformation.ie\)](http://The European Health Insurance Card (citizensinformation.ie))

A Reader writes.....

One of the 2C buses that leave Adamstown every hour, should be coming through Doddsboro and Lucan Village, to replace bus to city that was removed from residents living in Hillcrest estate, Woodview estate, Airlie Heights, Old Doddsboro etc.

This would not cost a penny extra to do this and would make life easier for residents with young children and people with mobility problems who have been treated as if they don't exist on this side of Lucan!

C1 and C2 should not only be serving one side of Lucan!

Mairead Hilliard

WAR

Tickets for **WAR** are now available. Lucan Drama will present Roddy Doyle's WAR from Tues May 23rd to Sat May 27th at the home of drama in Lucan, the Lucan SPA Hotel.

Tickets are 12/10 euro each and can be booked by TEXTING your name, day/date required and no. of tickets to 086-3018982. You can pay for your tickets on the night and both cash and card are accepted.

The Lucan SPA Hotel is offering a dinner/theatre special with a 2 course meal plus tea/coffee and a ticket for the show for €30. To book this special offer please phone the Lucan SPA Hotel directly on 01-6280494.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep



Congratulations

to our grandson **Conor** on making his Confirmation in St Patrick's this Friday.

*Hope you have a great day.
Nanny and Grandad Cummins*



Lucan Active Retirement Association

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.

Come with us to the Bord Gais Energy Theatre on May 20th to see *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. Join us in a reserved suite at Fairyhouse Racecourse on June 1st for a great day out. Partners or friends of members welcome.

FAMILY POINT OF VIEW
AND THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMUNITY
DEMENTIA EVENING
INFORMATION & SUPPORT EVENINGS

Marymount Dementia Team will welcome Connolly Hospital Community Liaison Team, Assistant Director of Nursing Louise Flaherty and Former Family Member Mary McCormack.

THURSDAY
4TH MAY 2023

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

BOOK NOW +353 1 820 4500
 rita@mmcc.ie

Lucan Toastmasters

Is 2023 the year 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 4th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, checkout our Facebook 'Lucan Toastmasters' our website at www.lucantoastmasters.com or email us at vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com



Best wishes to the boys of
St Mary's BNS
and to the boys and girls of
St Andrew's Church of Ireland NS
who will be confirmed this Friday and
Saturday.

Enjoy your special day.



St. Mary's Readers' Roster May

2023: The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, the 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of May 2023 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.

Scriptural Readings: We meet from **7.30-8.30pm** every **Monday** evening in the Bungalow opposite the church. The group will read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel to get a deeper understanding of the Word of our Lord.
All are welcome.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group: We meet **every 2nd Monday at 10.45am and 4th Thursday at 8pm of the month** in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen to or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. *Sr Geraldine.*

Divine Mercy Devotion: On Wednesdays after 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to participate in the devotion regularly or occasionally.
St Mary's Divine Mercy Group.

Legion of Mary: We meet every Thursday evening at 5.30pm in Room 4 in St Mary's Parish Centre for Rosary and Prayers.
All Welcome.



Rosary at the Grotto

The Legion of Mary will say the Rosary every weekday Monday to Friday during the Month of May at 6.30pm at the Statue of Our Lady in the Church Grounds.
You are very welcome to join us.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses: Vigil Saturday 7pm,
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 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



Best Wishes to the girls and boys of
Scoil Aine who will receive the Sacrament
of Confirmation this
Friday 28th April.

Hope you have a very special day.

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 and 7pm Masses.

Sunday 7th May

Mass will be celebrated
from the RTE Studios
by Fr Philip
with the Aontas Youth Choir
RTE 1 at 11am

Date for Your Diary Pilgrimage to Knock 2023

Saturday 27th May

For further details contact:
Marie McBride 087 122 6766 /
Marie Anderson 087 269 1786.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday

Vigil 6:30pm,

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



Catholic Faith Formation for Children

Would you like your children to know more about God and the Catholic Faith? We are thrilled to invite your children to a programme that would help them to understand and appreciate their faith. They will explore their faith through age appropriate, interactive activities, discussions etc.

When: Starting from September 2023

Where: Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan

Age groups: Between 6-12 years and 13-17 years.

If you are interested, please email catechism-lucansouth@gmail.com OR contact the Parish Office at 01 457 2900

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society: The aim is to pray for vocations and also try to help seminarians financially. We also assist seminarians throughout the world spiritually. **We would gladly welcome new members. We meet 1st Wednesday of each month for 1 hour.**

Legion of Mary: Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at **7.30pm** in the Confessional Room in the church. Their works include visitation of homes, nursing homes, prisons and outreach to the poor. 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 4pm for private prayers.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions every Saturday 5.45pm and after Saturday evening Mass.

Divine Mercy Church Parish Pilgrimage to Knock 2023

Our Annual Parish Pilgrimage and St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Pilgrimage to Knock is on **Saturday June 24th 2023.**

The bus will be leaving the car park of our church at 8am. The cost of the bus is €20 per person and is required when booking your seat.

Tea is available in St. Johns Centre Knock but please bring a packed lunch.

Booking can be made through the parish office from 9.45am to 1pm Monday to Friday.



Medjugorje Mass 2023 St Mary Church, Lucan

Next Mass

Monday 8th May

Mass at 6.15pm

Rosary and Confessions at 5.45pm

Facebook Medjugorje mass lucan



Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding

its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 8th May at 7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

The Totus Tuus Women of Faith

Conference 2023 will be LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland this coming **Saturday May 6th from 2pm.**

Speakers include: Siobhán Dunniece, Sr. Benedetta (Sisters of Merciful Jesus), Katie Ascough and Mary Anne Collins.

You can follow the conference by: 1. Going online at www.radiomaria.ie. 2. Download the Radio Maria IRELAND App to your smartphone or tablet. 3. Listen live via Facebook. 4. Call 01 4373277 and listen live. 5. Listen through your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210.

Acknowledgement

MARY (MAY) BYRNE

Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

My Mother, May Byrne, passed away on 1st April 2023 in Griffeen Valley Nursing home.

I would like to thank all Staff present and past in the nursing home. As a family we could not have asked for more from a nursing home.

Also, all of May's neighbours from Hillcrest Walk who, over a span of approximately 40 years, kept an eye on May, making sure she was safe and sound and thanks to all my family and friends
Eddy and Patricia Byrne



Anniversaries

DANIEL (DJ) BRENNAN

25th Anniversary - 26th April 2023

A greatly loved husband, father and grandfather, who worked tirelessly and left us too soon.

Greatly missed by his loving son Eamon and all the family

JOHN RYAN

4th Anniversary - 6th May

Time cannot steal the treasures

That we carry in our hearts

Nor even dim the shining thoughts

Our cherished past imparts

For the memories of the ones we loved

Still cast a gentle glow

To grace our days and light our paths

Wherever we may go.

Lovingly remembered by Nancy, Róisín, Nóirín, Siobhan, sons-in-law and grandchildren

Anniversary Mass will be offered at 12pm on 7th May in St. Patrick's Church.

BRIDGET (SHEILA) MAHADY

17th Anniversary - 1st May

Time cannot take away

The memory of one I loved so dear

Times goes on without you

As days turn into years.

Sadly missed, Malcolm



JIM McCARTHY

3rd Anniversary - 27th April

Remembered and loved always.

Elizabeth and all the family

Mass on Saturday 29th April at 6:30pm.

LUCAN SENIOR CITIZENS

Wednesday 3rd May –

Social morning and lunch in Spa Hotel.

10.30am – 2.30pm.



LUCAN COMMUNITY GAMES TALENT COMPETITION



LUCAN
SARSFIELDS



17:30

SUNDAY 7th MAY

REGISTER NOW



GROUP & INDIVIDUAL

SINGING, MODERN DANCE, RECITATION, COMEDY,
DRAMA, IRISH DANCING, CHOIR, MUSIC

Must be u16 as at 31 July and from Lucan

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Alzheimer Social Club



Every Wednesday

1.30pm - 3.30 pm

JOIN

US!



St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan road, Lucan

Contact - Adrienne Mc Avinue

phone number- 086 838 1215

email address -amcavinue@alzheimer.ie

Our Club is a social gathering where people can access information and support, meet other people as well as to exchange ideas and experiences.

Lucan I.C.A

Monday 1st May: Craft group will **not** meet as it is the May Bank Holiday. We wish everybody a nice relaxing day – hopefully in the sunshine!



We will be back at our Craft Morning on Monday 8th May.

Teas Hostesses are: Patricia Harding and Maura Kennedy.

Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi everyone,

We had forty-one members at our Club meeting this week and we had a lovely time playing bowls, scrabble and whist.

Last week we had a day out in the Capital; we visited the Oireachtas last Tuesday, this was arranged by our local Fine Gael TD Eimear Higgins. We had such a lovely day there; we had an excellent guide called Tony who gave us a tour of the building which is so lovely and very interesting hearing all the history. We were in the Dail while the TD's were sitting and we got to see them at work. Afterwards Eimear took us for refreshments in the Dail bar.

This is my last time writing this column for the Newsletter as I'm stepping down as Club Secretary, the position I've held since the club's inception over seven years ago. One of our members, Collette Stratford has accepted the position and she is taking over the position next week. Collette is a very capable lady and I wish her all the best in her role in the future.



Still plenty of room for newcomers in our great wee club so just drop in any Wednesday after 1.30pm at St Andrew's Church Hall, Main St., Lucan.

So, this is Marian Egan, signing off for the last time and looking forward to joining all the members playing whist and scrabble to keep my brain active going forward in my much awaited retirement.

*Take care everyone and take care of each other.
Marian x*



Here is a list of those buried in the Vesey/ Colthurst family graveyard in the old Church ruins in the grounds of Lucan House and also some history.

Charlotte Sarsfield the last of the Sarsfields to live in the old castle married Agmondisham (Agm) Vesey in or around 1690s. Charlotte died in late 1690s. Charlotte is more than likely buried in the grounds or the old graveyard back of the Lucan Inn.

She had 2 daughters Henrietta (married Caesar Colclough of Tintern Abbey Wexford) and Ann (married Sir John Bingham Castlebar). Ann's granddaughter Lavina Bingham married the 2nd Earl Spencer and thus Agm Snr and Charlotte are the 6th Great Grandparents of Princess Diana. Agm remarried Lady Jane Butler and had 6 children, the eldest named also Agm.

Burials as follows:

Agm Vesey Snr died 23rd March 1738. His wife **Jane** 1746.

Nicholas Colthurst born 29th Sept 1820, died 10th Nov 1820. (born in Lucan House) (first son of Sir Nicholas Colthurst and Elizabeth Vesey married in 1819 in Lucan House)

Col George Vesey (nephew of Agm) died 11th April 1836 and his wife Emily died 12th Jan 1854.

Col. Vesey's mother and father **George** and **Letitia** are also buried in this grave.

William Lumsden died 23rd Mar 1867 and his wife **Celia** died 25th Apr 1877. William was land Steward and worked for over 30 years Colthursts.

Emily Roblastre died 29th Mar 1880 (may have been close friend)

Charles Colthurst Vesey died 11th May 1885 and his wife Annie died 19th Mar 1911.

Charles Colthurst Vesey (son of the above) died 28th Dec 1915. (He was a bachelor)

The last **Colthurst Vesey (Edward)** died 1917 in Manchester and is buried there.

All can be seen on Sat 9th September during the Lucan Festival.

Did you know?

The earliest known May celebrations go all the way back to ancient Rome to honour Flora, the goddess of Flowers.

May Day became a public holiday in Ireland, in 1994.



A Convent old and new.....

Back in 1977, the late Sr. John Bosco penned a little history book on Lucan. Gleaned mainly from pieces in Lucan Newsletter, the title was *Lucan Old and New*. Well, if she were here today, she'd have great material for another book, following the refurbishment which has been carried out at the Presentation Mission House.

Formerly the 32nd Presentation Convent, founded in 1867, the building has been catapulted into the 21st century. It really has been turned inside out and upside down, and gone are the somewhat dark and gloomy corridors and rooms. With all rooms ensuite, and a newly installed lift, residents, many of whom have worked abroad for most of their lives, can look forward to comfortable days in Lucan.

The old kitchen area is now the dining room, and the parlours which many of us would have visited in former years, have been spruced up and are looking splendid.

The former oratory now houses a suite of offices, while a comfortable chapel located upstairs in a more central part of the building, is furnished with some beautiful craftwork.

But something very old caught my eye. Just beside a staircase is a very old bell on a wooden frame. This I believe to be the bell from penal times, when Mass was celebrated in a wooden



building, possibly on the site of the present Garda Station or the School House – maps vary from these times. I've never seen this bell before, but knew it was in the convent building. What a treasure!

While the old archives have been moved to the Nano Nagle Place in Cork for safe keeping, it's nice that a building with such an interesting history, has retained this important piece here in Lucan.

Many parishioners had the pleasure of visiting the new building on Wednesday last, and most were toying with the idea of putting their names down for a place there (*even the menfolk*)!!!

We congratulate the Sisters, and wish them every happiness in their 'new' home!

Mary Mulhall



May at last and another Bank Holiday weekend is upon us. Hope all enjoy the holiday.

New Pedestrian Traffic Lights operating at last at the entrance to Demesne – very welcome by all

walkers trying to cross the road here.

Liffey Descent 2023:

Saturday 6th May will see this year's international race on the River Liffey. The event which usually takes place in September, has been moved forward to a time when there is plenty of water in the river, which will allow for all the thrills and spills over the 30k course with 10 weirs. Lucan Weir is a great vantage point, so bring the kiddies down from around 1pm onwards, for a free afternoon's entertainment. Good luck to all contestants!



Dublin Canvas callout for submissions 2023:

There are 118 boxes available for painting all over county Dublin. Lucan has its fair share of art works from previous years, and they certainly to brighten up the place. Artists and community groups interested should contact www.dublincanvas.com/paint

Castletown House, Celbridge

Join us for fun and frolics this Bank Holiday Weekend...





SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Transition Year Trip to Carlingford: On Monday last, the TY group travelled to Carlingford for an overnight trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre. Students enjoyed a fantastic two days of activities including kayaking, laser tag and sky walking. Many thanks to Ms Higgins for organising a great trip along with Year Head Ms Casey and the teachers who travelled with the students.

Second Year Trip to Barcelona: The Second Year group along with their Year Head Ms McKelvey and their teachers, travelled to Barcelona before the Easter break. Students had a fantastic time exploring Barcelona, Nou Camp, and of course the highlight of the trip – Port Aventura Theme Park. Great memories were made!

Fifth Year Trip to Italy: Our Fifth Year students travelled to Milan and Venice during the Easter break. Students enjoyed touring around Lake Garda, Milan, Venice, and Verona, where they took in the culture and sights of Northern Italy. Many thanks to their Year Head Mr Grimes for organising a trip of a lifetime as well as the teachers who accompanied the students over the Easter break.



Lucan CC Drama Group takes to the stage!

The Lucan CC Drama Group took to the stage on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday night to perform their production of Willy Russell's 'Our Day Out'. The musical drama was directed by Lucan Community College's patron of the Arts, Mr John M O'Connor. Mr O'Connor has been responsible

for various drama productions over the last number of decades in the school, from school musicals like Fiddler on the Roof, to more serious dramas including The Field by John B Keane. Teachers and students both took on roles in Our Day Out – many hidden talents were revealed, much to the surprise and amazement of the audience. The music was produced by the phenomenally talented school band. The sold-out show was a resounding success and a huge testament to the commitment and hard work of the staff and students who took to the stage!



ETB NPA and Barnardos Webinar

The sign up for the next ETB NPA & Barnardos webinar about drug and alcohol use for parents will take place on Tuesday 2nd of May at 7:30pm. Link to register is available on the school website.

Hygiene Bank Heroes

A huge well done to 2nd Year Class Dalkey who coordinated a collection for the hygiene bank to help those in hygiene poverty with the help of their teacher Ms Cormac. Thanks to all staff and students who contributed also.



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Basketball: Congratulations to our 2nd yr basketball team who advanced to the All-Ireland Junior Boys "B" semi-finals after three wins from three at the National play-offs held in Bettystown last Thursday. The team beat Coláiste na hInse, Laytown 31-25 in their opening game with Noah Dolan, Aaron McCormack and Lewis Adjinakou scoring most of the team's points. The team then took on St. Mary's Christian Brother Grammar School, Belfast in their next game. A dominant 1st 1-4 display saw Lucan open up an unassailable 23-5 lead, with Lewis and Aaron scoring 21 of the points between them. The outcome was never in doubt after this blistering start and Lucan cruised to a comfortable victory with Lewis (7), Cian Kelly (6), Ciarán O' Sullivan (4), Aaron (2) and Páidí Murphy (2) adding further scores as the team won 45-26 to claim their 2nd win of the day.

The team had very little time to rest as they were straight back on court just minutes later to take on St. Aidan's from Cork in what was a winner-takes-all encounter. Aidan's edged 11-8 ahead in the 1st 1-4. They extended their lead slightly in the 2nd 1-4 to open a 5 point lead (22-17) with Aaron McCormack scoring all 9 points for Lucan in this period. Aaron continued his phenomenal run of scoring in the 3rd 1-4 as he scored another 4 baskets while Ciarán O' Sullivan also scored as Lucan edged in front for the 1st time 27-26. Two brilliant 3-pointers from Ciarán in the final quarter, along with further baskets from Noah and Aaron, ensured that their slender lead was never in danger and the team managed to pull away in the end to win 37-29. It was the team's 9th successive victory this season. They now play St. Pat's Grammar School, Armagh in All-Ireland semi-final.

Building work: The new additional school building is virtually complete at this stage, with just a new path to be installed along the front of the building and some other minor works. The students were allowed back onto the pitches on Tuesday for the 1st time since the building work commenced and they were thrilled to be able to play football again especially! The two-storey building looks fantastic, with its wide windows overlooking the pitches in every room. The 1st students to use the building will actually be from St. Joseph's College, Lucan! Our Board of Management have approved a request from the school to allow their 3rd yr students to sit their Junior Cycle exams there in June (as there is significant building work currently taking place as well in their school). This will have no impact on

our students who will be sitting their exams in the main building as usual.

Football: Hard luck to our 1st yr football team who were beaten 4-10 to 2-03 by Portmarnock CS in the League Plate Final last week. Alex Clare score 2-01 for Lucan from the full-forward position while Jack McCarthy scored the team's other two points. It was a valiant display from the team against strong opponents who proved to more clinical on the day.

Green Schools: Well done to our Green Schools Committee who were informed last week that their application for the Green Flag award for energy was successful. Three of the members, accompanied by Mr. Keane, will now travel to The Helix in DCU on May 23rd for the National Green Flag awards ceremony. The Committee have done fantastic work throughout the year and they thoroughly earned the Green Flag that An Taisce will present them with on the day.

Exam news: Our 6th yr students are very busy at the moment with projects and exams in various subjects. The Geography Field Study projects, worth 20% of the overall marks, and the History Research projects, worth 20% of the marks, were both completed and submitted last Friday. The Engineering practical exam (25%) took place over two days this week while the Construction Studies practical skills tests take place next Thursday and Friday. The LCVP written exam is on Wednesday 3rd May. Good luck to all!



Business: A number of our Transition Year students participated in Money Smarts Quiz Challenge at the RDS last week. This is an award winning All Ireland secondary school financial literacy quiz, sponsored by Bank of Ireland, on the six pillars of financial well-being. Guest speaker Kel Galavan, aka Mrs. Money Smart, gave a great presentation to the contestants about financial well-being. One of our teams came in 2nd place and they will now compete in the Grand Final on Friday 12th May in Trinity College. The team consisted of Eoin McGarty, Cillian Lawlor, Mario Nunis and Ben Gilson. Eoin also won an Eason's voucher in a catchphrase round.

Lucan Library – May Events

May Bank Holiday Weekend Library Hours -

please note that the library will close on Friday 28th April at 8pm and reopen Tuesday 2nd May at 9.45am

Bealtaine Festival - celebrating creativity in older age. Events at Lucan Library

- Table Quiz Thursday 4th May 2pm
- Free Computer Classes for Adults
- Art and Creativity for Children with Elena Buttner
- Events for Babies and Toddlers – Toddler Time, Musical Tots and regular Story Time
- Cuidiu - Breastfeeding Support Group meeting
- Book Clubs and Film Club
- Scrabble Club for Adults
- Exhibition - Lucan Community College

Adult Art Class / An 1851 Lucan Directory; a pictorial guide based on an article from the Lucan Newsletter

Please note:

1. All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum.
2. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required. If the event is being delivered online, 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 and activities are free of charge.

Bealtaine 2023

May is the month we celebrate creativity in older age in the national Bealtaine Festival.

Exhibition: Lucan Community College Adult Art Group

Table Quiz. Thursday 4th May, 2pm-4pm
Always an enjoyable team event! Contact the library to book your place.

Lucan Library events:

Wednesday 10th, 17th and 24th May, 10am - 12noon. Introduction to Crochet with Scheider Gwei. Booking Essential:
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/introduction-to-crochet-course-for-adults-tickets-619091388007>



Collage Art Workshop with Christine Carey

Tuesday 23rd May at 11am. Booking Essential:
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/collage-art-workshop-for-adults-tickets-619071498517>

Regular Club Meetings:

Knitters Club - Mondays 10am - 12noon

Scrabble Club - Second Tuesday of each month (9th May) 11am.

Classic Film Club - Tuesday 23rd May 5.30pm

Free Computer Classes for Adults

Tuesdays: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Fridays: 10am - 12noon

Contact the library for details of these classes and how to book your place.

Children's Art and Creativity Sessions with Elena Buttner

For 6-8 years: Thursday 11th May at 3.30pm, booking from Thursday 4th May at 3.30pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/art-creativity-with-elena-for-children-ages-6-8-years-old-tickets-610971661687>

For 9 - 11 years: Thursday 18th May at 3.30pm, booking from Thursday 11th May at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/art-creativity-with-elena-for-children-ages-9-12-years-old-tickets-610981872227>

Events for Babies and Toddlers:

Thursday 25th May at 10am. Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles. Booking Essential from Thursday 18th May at 10am:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-with-sarah-sparkles-tickets-619086944717>

Saturday 27th May at 10.30am. Musical Tots
Booking Essential from Saturday 20th May at 10.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-at-lucan-library-with-karen-tickets-608370170557>

Storytime. Our regular Story-Time continues on Wednesdays at 3pm. All welcome!

Cuidiu Breastfeeding Support Group, new members welcome. Tuesday 16th May 10am - 12noon

Lucan Library Classic Film Club

Tuesday 23rd May at 5.30pm. All welcome, enquire at library desk.

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Wednesday 31st May, 7pm, reading *Small Things like These* by Clare Keegan

Monday 29th May, 12 noon, reading *The Long Gaze Back* by Sinead Gleeson

Junior Book Club, Wednesday 31st May, 3.30pm, reading *The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien

YA Book Club, Saturday 20th May, 3pm, reading *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins & *The Art of Being Normal* by Lisa Williamson.

MALAWI

Way back at Easter 2005, we headed off to this strange land, which I had only heard of on BBC radio in my young days. It was then called Nyasaland.

West Roscommon was poor back then, but we at least had a lovely clean, protected, spring well, looked after by my grandfather. So what impacted me most on that visit to Malawi was the lack of access to clean drinking water.

And so began Wells for Zoe.

Looking at the world of development – the money spent, the strategic planning, the missions and visions that are written about – we had to consider how we might approach this. We knew our limitations and knew that we needed keep it simple and pay all the expenses ourselves.

Mary was doing a thesis for Trinity and somehow I spotted and remembered the development ideals of a Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu (600 BC-531 BC, founder of Taoism: *Go to the people. Live with them. Learn from them. Love them. Start with what they know. Build with what they have. But when the work is done, enable the people to say we have done this ourselves.*

Having come from two small farms in the West of Ireland, we fully appreciated the value of hard work and education and, in reality, had no difficulty slotting into the poor rural environment that this mad adventure has placed us, with the poorest of the poor, subsistence farmers; God's own people like the people who made us what *we* are.

After a long search I eventually located, what I considered a suitable pump, designed by an amazing man called Richard Cansdale outside Newcastle in the UK. He helped to get us going and manufacturing it in Mzuzu, Northern Malawi. After many modifications and changes, over the years, it's still going strong and manufactured by Malawians who learned on the job. It's main valve now being manufactured from recycled plastic potting tubes, by Chrissie, who came to us as a cook and has learned to do this computerized manufacturing magic. They learn from us and each other.

Our faith and belief in the women (and men too) of Malawi continues to inspire and propel us into more and more remarkable expeditions. Pumps and clean water continues to be our big focus where the, ever increasing, population is now over 21 million.

Reforestation and soil restoration is a big part of our overall project now. The World needs trees so the funding from big corporations, helping with climate change, enabled us to plant about 7 million trees this year, employing about 1,700 workers, 80% of whom are women (who never got paid before), but also

assists with many necessary community development projects

Preschools is one of our earliest projects but last year we decided to pay the carers and ask the community to donate a hectare of land to grow food for the kids and also use these as demonstration plots showing how to grow crops without chemical fertilizer or chemical pesticides.

Rural Clinics: With the enormous success of Kadakechi Clinic, we are discussing the possibility of five more remote rural clinics with the Ministry. Again they will provide all the meds and we will provide the transport and pay the nurses and later hopefully add a counselling service

Self Help Groups: We are at the very early stage of setting up women's self help groups, where maybe up to 20 women form a cooperative like set up where they save and pool their little money, coming together weekly, lend to each other, do little businesses and improve their lives. In the first areas it looks like the chiefs will allocate whatever land is needed where they can grow food for sale. The idea came from India originally, has rules and structures and has great potential

Sewing: Our girl-child project is one where we pay school fees for the poorest girls who qualify to attend secondary school and later if the qualify for third level. This year we have 282 in secondary and 36 in third level. We also have courses on horticulture, forestry and our runaway success is in the training of girls to use four singer sewing machines.

Look this up on our website: Wellsforzoe.org
<https://wellsforzoe.org/2023/03/28/girl-child-students-get-wfz-tailor-made-sanitary-pads/>

Most of our funding comes as a result of the positive impact we have on the Global environment, but just now I have an ask.

Many are now starving in Malawi, mostly because they can't afford fertilizer and chemical pesticides, but we have a system requiring neither.

BUT we are looking for seeds that are not genetically modified to demonstrate, grow and multiply. We have been promised some from Seedsavers in Scarrif and more from Fruit Hill Farms in Cork.

We will take local, out of date and in fact anything with possibilities, in brown envelopes, plastic bags or left overs, to try and grow model gardens everywhere, to be copied

John and Mary Coyne
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POLITICAL NOTES

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Newcastle Road & Adamstown – New Bins:

At this week's Area Committee meeting, I was pleased with the response to a motion I tabled calling for more new public litter bins. The request identifying 4 specific locations was highlighted by a community activist in Castlegate. 1 bin will be installed at the bus stop at Finnstown House, whilst the remaining 3 will be requested directly with the developer in Adamstown, as these locations are not yet taken-in-charge by the Council.

Cooldrinagh Lane – Weston – Leixlip Village –

Primrose Lane: The local Sinn Féin team and I have been out in the above areas over the past fortnight with a local news-leaflet - including issues that I have worked on locally, whilst relaying some council proposed projects and developments in Lucan. If I can be of any assistance on issues important to you, please call me.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Minister for Education Visits Lucan School:

A huge well done to Teresa Moynihan and all the team in St. Thomas JNS Lucan who welcomed the Minister for Education to their school this week. Students greeted the Minister waving Irish and Kerry flags and performed for her in classrooms right throughout the school.

Additional funding has been sanctioned to provide new primary school buildings for Scoil Áine Naofa and St. Thomas's NS. These building projects are now under the Department of Education's accelerated building programme and a design team will shortly be appointed. During her visit, the Minister announced the payment of grants to provide free schoolbooks for all primary schools and special schools.

Pedestrian Safety at Our Parks: The ESB has finally connected the new pedestrian lights at the entrances to Griffeen Valley Park and Lucan Demesne which will improve pedestrian safety.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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Joint Committee on Assisted Dying:

The Joint Committee on Assisted Dying will hold its first public meeting on the 13th June. It will run for nine months and then issue its report and recommendations to the government.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty

"Not just at election time" Tel: 087-2752489.

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Plans for walkway/cycleway between Moy Glas and Castle Riada:

This week I presented the results of a detailed survey of residents to Council officials so that SDCC is fully aware of the views of those living closest to proposed "Esker Permeability Plan" before proceeding to any more detailed drawings. Thanks to the 150+ people who took part in the survey.

Sarsfield Park "Age Friendly" housing: We got to see initial drawings of an infill housing proposal on the site of a derelict house in the estate. The designs look good in themselves, but a number of issues have been raised by residents in adjacent houses and these will be brought to SDCC's attention. This proposal will not be put to a vote of Councillors as it is exempt.

Damaged ramp Elmwood: Raised at Area Committee this week.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Minister for Education visits Lucan: I was thrilled to welcome Minister for Education, Norma Foley TD, to Lucan where she visited St Thomas' JNS to announce the payment of grants to primary and special schools to fund the provision of free schoolbooks – a welcome measure for families.

Public lighting at Foxborough: I am pleased to see the new extensions on the public light columns on Balgaddy

Road/Griffeen Way installed: This follows my request to improve the lighting in this area.

Blue Flag: I was delighted to welcome Barry Andrews MEP to our area this week as part of the Blue Star Programme. He met students in Divine Mercy SNS to speak about his work in the European Parliament. If your school would like to learn more about the Blue Star Programme, please get in touch.

*What lies behind us and
what lies before us are tiny
matters compared to what
lies within us.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson.





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lucan Sarsfields White Collar Fight Night Important Notice to all members.

Please note that due to the 2023 Club Fundraiser taking place on Saturday 29th, access to the club grounds and to the clubhouse is restricted to event staff and ticket holders only. Access to the separate private event in the function room is restricted to invited guests only.

At the time of writing, tickets for the event are almost all gone with a week to go!!

Condolences

All on the fundraising subcommittee wish to express our condolences to fellow subcommittee member, Roisin Farrell and all her family on the sad passing of her mother, Nora Sweeney, last week, ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

Football. A very busy week for Adult Football with some mixed results but the highlight being Daire Newcombe getting picked to start for the Dublin Senior team in their opening round of the Leinster Championship in Portlaoise. Daire started most of the games in the league and his consistent form was rewarded with his first start in the championship in what turned out to be a very straightforward win for Dublin. Well done Daire and looking forward to seeing you back in Croke Park.

In the Dublin league our Inter, Junior A & Junior B teams all had tough looking away assignments and none of them were able to register a win. Our Junior C team had a big home win on Wed night and followed that up with another comprehensive home win on Sunday against Ballinteer St. Johns. Performance of the week is again with the Senior footballers who remain unbeaten in AFL 1 following a hard-fought win at home on Saturday night against a strong Ballyboden St. Enda's team. They now sit on top of AFL1 with 9 points secured from the opening 5 games of the season.

AFL1 Lucan Sarsfields 2.13 Ballyboden St. Enda's 1.11, 12th Lock, 22/04/2023

Our Senior football team faced a very strong and experienced Ballyboden team in the 12th Lock on Saturday evening. With 7 points already in the bag in Div 1, Lucan again put their unbeaten record on the line in a game that had the feel more of a championship game than a league game. Next up for Lucan is an away game against Clontarf on Wed 3rd May followed 3 days later with a game against high flying St. Sylvesters on Sat 6th May in the 12th Lock. Hopefully we can



get another big home crowd to help maintain our position on top of Div 1.

AHL6: OPER 2-14 Lucan Sarsfields 3-7, M Savage Park, 23/04/2023. Our run of 'injury bad luck' continued today. Already missing a couple of important heads, we lost Tommy & later Davy. We missed their ability, but maybe even more, we missed their experience. 13 months ago, Lucan were runaway victors over Plunketts. Such has been the turnover of players that only 5 lads retained a jersey, and none retained the same number!

DLGFA Division 2 Lucan Sarsfields 7-19, 3-3 Skerries Harps, Wednesday 19 April 2023.

This was the Lucan Senior Ladies Football team second home game of the 2023 League campaign, with Skerries Harps providing the opposition. All in all, Lucan dominated the game from start to finish, all their scores were from play and with just ten wides, it was clear that the forwards had their shooting boots well and truly on. While Skerries did score 3 goals, all three were from preventable mistakes. It's off to Rush and St Maurs for the next game on Wednesday, let's hope they can keep up the good work.

Coiste na nÓg/ Juvenile

The Dublin Camogie féile tournament is an annual competition held for U15 girls and taking part in the féile tournament is a significant achievement for any Camogie team. Lucan had high hopes entering two strong teams. The Division 1 Group B féile was hosted in the 12th Lock with four teams

Lucan Sarsfields, Kilmacud Crokes, Ballinteer St. Johns, and Naomh Brid. The U15B camogie team started their day in St Marks and faced St. Marks and Na Fianna. The final score was Lucan 1-15 to Na Fianna 0-1.

U11 Hurling & Football The U11 hurling and football squad held a penalty kick fundraiser, and raised €350, to support Karl Fitzgerald and Peter Keenan who are competing in the white-collar boxing event this weekend. 12 teams battled it out to be crowned penalty kings with the team of Eoin McKenna, Eoin Ryan, Jamie McCarthy, Matthew Barrett, Matthew Carroll & Cormac O'Gara coming out on top in the end.

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €17,400. The Numbers were **11, 12, 14, 16.**

The 5 lucky dip prizes go to, Ciaran O'Neill, Brendan Wright, Paul McCann, Martin Kelly and Declan Murphy.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€17,800.** The draw is sponsored by Red Island Interiors and will be led by Frank Fleming.



SPORTS

LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

18 Strokeplay (Nett) - 21-23 April 2023

Gents Class 1 Winner - Lennon Blake - 46 [B9]
Gents Class 1 Runner Up - Damian Creevey – 46
Gents Class 2 Winner - Noel Ryan – 48
Gents Class 2 Runner Up - Norman Cassidy - 49 [B9]
Gents Class 3 Winner - Seamus Harpur - 44 [B9]
Ladies Class 1 Winner - Adrienne Kelly – 45
Ladies Class 2 Winner - Rita Dillon – 46.

*Lady Captain Tracy
Needham, Dublin Junior
Ladies' Champion Martina
Tierney, Dublin Junior
Gents' Champion Alan
Doyle and Gents' Captain
Brendan Keane.*

Congratulations

The Dublin Matchplay was held last weekend in Shandon and Ierne with Ierne hosting the semifinals and finals on the Sunday. We had seven representatives across all three ladies' and gents' grades. We now have two Dublin champions and congratulations to them. Martina Tierney won the Junior Ladies' and Alan Doyle won the Junior Gents'. Barbara Furlong, Chris Gallagher, Paul County and Alan Gilmartin were beaten finalists and Glenda Hoey was a beaten semi finalist. Well done to all who participated and again congratulations to our Dublin Champions Martina and Alan.

Lucan Kayak Club

18 members of the Lucan Kayak Club (LKC) spent over 3 hours on the river from Lucan Demesne to the promenade in Lucan doing a spring clean on the river.



Dublin Leagues

Good luck to all the teams playing in the Dublin Leagues this weekend.

New Members Welcome – Adults and Juveniles

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 at the weekend.



Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 6th May -Race Night and presentation of our Remembrance Competition Prizes
- 1st July -60th Diamond Jubilee Celebration
- 22nd July - Captains' Day/Night.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée



Spring has definitely arrived and some of our members are on the move. Apart from photos of Shackleton Garden we have some from Connemara, particularly around Leenane, Lake Maggiore in Italy and of old fashioned domestic pressing mangle from Eindhoven in the Netherlands. This one falls within the term “machinery” which is the theme for April.



Perhaps the most interesting photograph on the subject of machinery is the one submitted by Rose of the remains of the Pumping machinery of the Lucan Spa Hotel.

The website of the Lucan Spa Hotel (www.lucanspahotel.ie/hotel-history) gives a fascinating history of the origins of the hotel and of the spa. In summary, according to that site, a natural iron spa was founded in 1758 and in 1795 the original hotel, now the County Bar, was built. The present hotel was built in 1891 and by the late 1910s/early 1920s, the hotel added a spa/baths room, where the water from the natural iron spa was pumped at high pressure to a room known as the Pump Room in the hotel allowing guests to enjoy a number of spa treatments. The Pump Room is now the location of the hotel's Boyne Suite. Rose's photo is of part of the machinery used to pump the water to the hotel.



Incidentally, the term Spa is derived from the name of the town of Spa, Belgium whose name is known from Roman times, and which is still famous today for its mineral springs.

Next month's theme is “*On the edge*”!

Stay safe until next week!