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## Sacred Images in St. Mary's

St. Mary's Parish Centre recently hosted a small group of locals engaged in the 'writing' of sacred Icons. Although they are in essence paintings, the process of creating an Icon is referred to as 'writing the icon' rather than painting. This is because each Icon conveys a deeply theological message. Icons have been described as 'Theology written in images and colour.' Icons are Sacred images and are much revered in the Orthodox tradition; they are not worshipped in themselves, since the object of veneration is never the image itself, but rather the deeper spiritual reality that they offer us a window into. They have sometimes been described as 'windows into heaven'.

### Master Class

Mihai Cucu is a Romanian man living in Ireland for many years. He is a photographer, video artist and painter and it was under his careful direction that our local Iconographers worked in creating the very beautiful Icons pictured on this page. Mihai has worked on the restoration of the many world-famous Icons of the Orthodox Monasteries of Romania, and was himself the 'writer' of the Icon of the World Meeting of families held in Dublin in 2018.

It is hoped that we will host similar Icon writing occasions in the future.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE

St. Mary's Church will be closed from after Evening Mass on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August until 10:00 am Morning Mass on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>.

This is to facilitate the re-flooring of the Church.

During this closure parishioners are invited to attend Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Esker.

Funeral Masses will also be facilitated at St. Patrick's for this period.

Daily Mass 10:00 am Monday to Saturday

Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon

**Apologies for the inconvenience.**

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

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

Email – [lucan@citinfo.ie](mailto: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 4pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4pm

### 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.

\*Our office will be open as usual during the months of July and August, however, if you require Reception service on Wednesdays\*, please phone in advance.

**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

### How to apply for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BSCFA) scheme opened in June 2023. The closing date for applications is Saturday 30 September 2023.

The BSCFA is paid automatically to many families. If you are paid automatically, you don't need to apply for the BSCFA. The DSP will let you know if you are paid automatically using your MyWelfare account, or by post, before 8 June 2023.

If you are not paid automatically, you can apply for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance online at MyWelfare.ie.

### Fuel Allowance

Fuel Allowance is a payment to help with the cost of heating your home during the winter months. It is paid to only one person in a household.

The Fuel Allowance season normally begins in late September of each year and ends in April. Last year's Fuel Allowance season started on Monday, 26 September 2022. It was paid for 28 weeks (until 10 April 2023).

The current rate of Fuel Allowance is €33 per week. You can choose to get the Fuel Allowance paid every week or paid in 2 instalments (lump sums).

### To get Fuel Allowance you must:

Live alone (or only with certain people listed below)  
Be getting a qualifying payment (unless you are 70 or over)

Satisfy a means test.

These 3 conditions are explained in detail on our website.

You must also live in Ireland. You cannot get Fuel Allowance if your heating costs are provided in full as part of your accommodation.

### You must live alone or with:

A spouse, civil partner or cohabitant who qualifies for an increase on your pension or social welfare payment or is getting a qualifying payment in their own right

Dependent children

A person who is getting Carer's Allowance or Carer's Benefit and is caring for you or for your spouse, partner or cohabitant or qualified child dependant on a full-time basis

A person getting short-term Jobseeker's Allowance or basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance

Other people who are getting a qualifying payment and who would be eligible for a Fuel Allowance in their own right

A person aged 70 or over

Qualifying social welfare payments and pensions are explained on our website

If you are 70 or over, you don't need a qualifying payment to qualify for Fuel Allowance.

### How to apply for Fuel Allowance

If you apply for Fuel Allowance after the start of the Fuel Allowance season, it will not be backdated.

You do not need to reapply for Fuel Allowance each year as long as your circumstances remain the same and you continue to get the same social welfare payment.

You can apply for the Fuel Allowance online. You must have a MyGovID account to apply online.

If you can't apply online, you can use a paper application form

If you are aged under 70, fill in the NFS1 form to apply for fuel allowance (pdf).

If you are aged 70 or over, fill in the NFS2 form to apply for fuel allowance (pdf).

You can also get a form from your local post office or by phoning 0818 200 400. You should ask for the relevant form for your age.

You can get help to fill in your application form at your Intreo Centre, Social Welfare Branch Office or Citizens Information Centre.

Your total means from all sources must be less than the current maximum rate of State Pension (Contributory) including any increases that you might get for living alone and dependants, plus €200. This is called the assessable income limit.

**Detailed information** about the Fuel Allowance is available on our website.

# Irish Heart Foundation Blood Pressure Checks

Lucan Library  
Wednesday 30th August  
11am—3pm

Free blood pressure and  
pulse checks with the Irish  
Heart Foundation  
Booking Essential



Booking opens Monday 21st  
August

IRISH HEART  
FOUNDATION  
Fighting Heart Disease & Stroke

Ask at the library desk or  
phone us at 01-6216422

## 100 Years and still going strong!



Belated Birthday Greetings to **May Sargent**, who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday in Perth, Australia, on Tuesday last. May who emigrated in the 1950s, was delighted to be joined by her Lucan nieces, Audrey and Barbara, along with her nephew, Derek who left Lucan for Perth many years ago. *Right:* A message from King Charles and Queen Camilla for May!

## Lucan Planning Council Update

There is a very positive response to our door-to-door petition to restore route 25 and extend the Blanchardstown bus into the hospital grounds. Many are seeking action to be taken to solve Lucan's growing traffic problems before traffic congestion gets out of hands as well as other local issues recently highlighted. We are proposing a number of solutions to SDCC and local representatives mindful of genuine concerns expressed to us.

**Buses:** The 25 route is dearly missed by residents surveyed so far. The survey will be continuing over the following weeks and will get to your area shortly. We are very pleased with the support and encouragement that we are getting at the doors. Thank you.

An opportunity for those that we missed when we called will be provided at Lucan Festival, Sunday 10th September in Village Green.

A very real concern expressed to us by residents is that many buses pass full. The Bus Connects corridor only begins at Woodies, this misses out most of Lucan, It should at least be extended to the roundabout at Weston above the Spa Hotel, then all Lucan is included.

Users with a disability and the elderly are hardest affected by C-Spine changes. These difficulties can easily be solved if the NTA listen to local knowledge. One good thing about the C-spine is the new route 52 from Leixlip via N4 to the city. However, we need new bus stops at the footbridge at the cemetery to facilitate Beechpark and Esker Lawn residents and others left out. We look forward to your support on this issue too.

*Caitriona McClean*  
Secretary

Dear Mrs Mary Sargent

My wife and I are so pleased to know that you are celebrating your one hundredth birthday on 22nd August, 2023. This brings our warmest congratulations and heartfelt good wishes on such a special occasion.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles R".

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Camilla R".

# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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



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

Masses live-streamed on [www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)

### NOTICE

As and from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023 until Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023 the Church will be **CLOSED** for refurbishing.

There will be **NO** Masses taking place, please see Mass times in St Patrick's Esker and Divine Mercy, Lucan South.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

### NOTICE: Back Car Park

The entrance to the back car park from Lucan Heights Road remains closed.

**Parish Centre:** The Parish Centre will be **closed** until Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> September.

For Groups using the Parish Hall, it will **NOT** be available until the Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September.



### St. Mary's Readers' Roster September

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

**Deepest Sympathy** to the wife, family and friends of *Eamonn Thomas*, Ballydowd, to the family and friends of *Des Corway*, Sarsfield Park, to the family and friends of *Joseph (Joe) Keegan*, Beech Park, to the family and friends of *Michael Egan*, Lucan Heights, to the wife, family and friends of *Gerard (Gerry) Fallon*, Lucan Lodge, and to the husband, family and friends of *Vivienne Bolger*, Abbeywood Way.  
*May they rest in peace.*



by Fr Philip Curran P.P.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 2024. €995p.p.s.**

Two nights in Assisi in a 3\* hotel  
Five nights in Montecatini, Tuscany in a 4\* hotel  
7 breakfasts, 6 dinners  
All coaching and tours  
Full time accompaniment  
Flights with Aer Lingus  
10 kg check-in bag included  
Visits to the tombs of St Francis, St Clare and Blessed Carlo Acutis in Assisi  
The Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto  
The major sights of Florence and Pisa  
Visit the beautiful city of Lucca including the tomb of Irish bishop Frediano  
Full religious programme  
All taxes included

Bookings are now taking place and there are a limited number of places still available.

The easiest way to book is by telephone: MYRIAM Tours (057) 93 55050 (Mon to Fri 9am to 3pm).

You will need to have your passport to hand  
Pay the non-refundable deposit of 300 euro per person by Debit Card

Alternatively, phone: (057) 93 55050 and request a booking form

**Please note:** The scheduled departure time of the outbound flight to Rome is 15:40 arriving in Fiumicino Airport, Rome at 19:45 local time.

**Therefore, we will arrive quite late in Assisi.**

## Holy Ghost Missions

We wish to extend our sincere thanks for the warm welcome and kind hospitality to Fr. Augustine Bengalie during his recent visit. Fr. Augustine enjoyed his visit to St Mary's and meeting the warm welcoming people.

The envelope collection amounted to €666.70 for which we are most grateful.

We would like to thank the kind parishioners for their contributions and loyal support.

*May God bless the Parishioners.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Fr. David Conway, C.S.Sp. Promotions Office.*

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

### 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.

### 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.

**Also open to all children of neighbouring parishes and there is no fee.**

If you are interested, please contact the Office 01 457 2900 or E: [catechismucansouth@gmail.com](mailto:catechismucansouth@gmail.com)

### 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.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.45pm and after Saturday evening Mass.

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

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

### Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday: **No Vigil Mass**

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](http://stpatrickslucan.ie)

### St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

There will be **NO** Meeting until September.

### Confessions:

Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass only.

### Tea/Coffee:

Every Wednesday Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome.*

**arc** In-house and remote phone  
CANCER SUPPORT CENTRES **volunteers needed**

Volunteers are the backbone of ARC Cancer Support Centres. As an ARC volunteer, you will make an important difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.

We are looking for individuals who are empathic with excellent communication skills to be an invaluable source of comfort, care and kindness.

Full Training is provided and roles are based remotely or from one of our centres in either South Circular Road or Eccles Street.

Email us today for an application form:  
[info@arccancersupport.ie](mailto:info@arccancersupport.ie)

CALL US NOW!  
01-215 0250

## Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2023

Direct flights from Dublin  
**18<sup>th</sup> October for 9 nights** was €825 now €775. Single room supplement €180.

**18<sup>th</sup> October for 7 nights** was €775 now €715. Single room supplement €140.

**Phone** Pat Colgan on 087 2238911 or book through Marian Pilgrimages on 01 878 8159 (and say I'm going with Pat Colgan.)

## Acknowledgement

### Colm Church

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our friends, neighbours and the wider community who helped and supported us over the past month after the untimely passing of Colm on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Your kindness and support has helped us greatly through this very difficult time.

*Lorraine, Robert & Ellen Church*



## Bereavement Notice

### Barry John Fitzgerald - R.I.P.

Barry John Fitzgerald, son of the late Joseph Fitzgerald and Eileen, Lucan Heights. Father to twins Katie and Jordan in Lucan, daughters Isobel and Aoife in Florida, USA and his two little grandchildren in England Owen and Maya.

Barry passed away suddenly on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August in Spain after battling a terminal illness very bravely.

He was a member of Lucan Dramatic Society and to those who loved and cared for Barry, thank you.

And to Barry it is time to rest now – you were loved.

*Elaine, Katie, Jordan, Owen, Maya, Laura, Isobel and Aoife, xxxxx*



## Anniversaries

### Kathleen Fitzgerald

#### 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary this month

Late of Dodsboro, Lucan

She is in the sun, the wind, the rain.

She's in the air we breathe,

With every breath we take.

She sings a song of hope and cheer

There's no more pain, no more fear.

We see her in the clouds above,

Hear her whisper words of love.

We'll be together before long,

Until then we'll listen to her song

*Remembered with love by her daughters*

*Bernie, Marie and son Bo and families*



### Robert (Bobby) McCabe

#### 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary - 24<sup>th</sup> August

Late of Sarsfield Park.

*Sadly missed and loved always by Catherine, Robert, Anne, Eileen and their families.*

"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day."

## Birthday Remembrance

### Michael Farrelly

#### Happy 82<sup>nd</sup> Birthday for my darling husband Michael, 5<sup>th</sup> away from home.

Late of Sarsfield Park and Earlsfort Road, Lucan  
I thought of you with love today

But that is nothing new

I thought about you yesterday

And days before that too

I think of you in silence

I often speak your name

Now all I have is memories

And your picture in a frame

Your memory is a keepsake

With which I'll never part

God has you in His keeping

I have you in my heart

Fly high with Jonathan and the angels my darling

*Your ever loving wife Beryl.*

### Michael Farrelly

#### Happy Birthday to our beloved Dad in Heaven

Your memory will always be a source of comfort and inspiration to us

Thank you for everything you did for us

We will never stop loving you.

*Michael, Wayne, Diane, Yvonne, Darroll, Russell, (Jonathan dec.) and Wendy.*

### Michael Farrelly

#### Happy Birthday to our Granddad in Heaven

We want to wish you a great birthday

And let you know how much we all love

And miss you.

*From all your grandchildren and great grandchildren xxxxx*

### Michael Farrelly

#### Wishing our wonderful brother-in-law Michael a peaceful and happy birthday in Heaven

You are always in our thoughts and prayers

And all the wonderful memories we shared

Will remain with us always

*Your loving sisters-in-law Elaine, Gladys,*

*brothers-in-law John and Billy and all your extended family in England x*

## Esker Cemetery Sunday

The Annual Mass and Blessing of Graves  
will take place on

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 3pm**

(Weather permitting)





### Back after the break.....

We're back bright and bushy-tailed after a nice rejuvenating break, and looking forward to autumn events, especially the Lucan Festival.

We missed the noise of excited schoolchildren making their way each morning; once again they'll be at the starting blocks for a new term and new class. Best wishes to all the 'little people' starting out – they've no idea how these few years will fly!



### Leaving Certs

Our thoughts are with all the students who should have received their exam results by the time most of you read this week's issue.

We hope you are happy with what you got, and if you didn't get what you desired, believe me, it's not the end of the world. There is something for everyone out there.

### Pretty as a picture!

This little bridge over the Griffeen close to St. Finian's, has had a make-over during summer. Very eye-catching indeed!



### Dublin Canvas

During the past few weeks, we've spotted some more Dublin Canvas works in the area. While some are still a work in progress, this very striking painting can be found on the box at the slip road next to Vesey Park – plenty of foxes around Lucan, but none as handsome as this fellow!



Well done to the artist! (We'll watch out for the name)

### Didn't they do well!

Congratulations to some notable Lucanians who were the talk of the town this past couple of weeks.....



**Daire Newcombe** got his hands on Sam, making his mark in Dublin Football this year, and is one to look out for next season.

**Dubs Ladies** gave a stunning performance to take the Brendan Martin Cup, with three Lucan people involved. **Sarsfields Abby Shiels** excelled in goal, while club-mate **Sinead Daly** is also on the panel, and of course **Paul Casey** is on the management team with plenty of sound advice.



Abby Shiels at the Civic Reception in Dublin's Mansion House.

No doubt, the trophies will be doing the rounds of the club and local schools. Happy days!!!



## Ireland - July 2023

My plan for Monday was to have my walk in  
Phoenix Park

But, when I woke I saw the rain and  
thought of Noah's Ark

It's hardly stopped for weeks on end, it  
really isn't funny

To know that, every single day, it just will  
not be sunny

While Greece and Spain and Italy have 40  
plus degrees

Our winds are strong enough to blow the  
branches off our trees

While forest fires are burning just a few  
hours flight away

We all look out our windows and can't tell  
night from day

The clouds that fill the sky above are  
threatening every hour

To fill up till they're bursting and drown us  
with a shower

So, no need to water flowers or grass at the  
end of every day

But, could we have 40 shades of green  
without 50 shades of grey?

*Rita O'Brien*

*Lucan Writers Group*

*And then came August .....*



## St Catherine's Park Trishaw Cycling Without Age



### What is Cycling Without Age?

Cycling Without Age is a movement that started in Denmark in 2012 by Ole Kassow. Ole wanted to help the elders get back on their bicycles, but he had to find a solution to their limited mobility. The answer was a trishaw and he started offering free bike rides to the local nursing home residents.

Fingal County Council have taken on the venture, and the local venue is at St. Catherine's Park.

### St Catherine's Park, Lucan

Starting at the Ranger Station in St Catherine's Park, you will cycle along the outskirts of the park to the Leixlip Gate and back to the Ranger Station Car Park. This 1 hour cycle route brings you through the playing fields along the canal boundary. This route as lovely park views and is a hive of activity.

**To book a slot** and for more information go to the following link:

<https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/cycling-without-age-fingal>

**Happy 14th Birthday**  
to **Killian**  
and  
**Happy 8th Birthday**  
to **Cian**



Hope you both have a fantastic day!  
Love Nanny and Grandad Cummins.

## 2003 - 20 years ago.....

### **The County Draft Development Plan,**

which was on display in Lucan Library, was the topic of interest and concern for many Lucanians. There were numerous letters from individuals on the proposals, and the following groups were the loudest in their quest to “*Deliver it Right*” for Lucan:

*Lucan Planning Council*

*Finnstown Input Group*

*Lucan Together for Quality of Life.*

Some of the main issues were:

- A new bus corridor in Ballydowd, and how it would affect the few businesses and residents along that stretch.
- The proposed Outer Ring Road was another bone of contention.
- Parking in Lucan Village
- Proposed development to the rear of the Foxhunter.
- And of course, Adamstown was the big one!

Other items mentioned in Lucan Newsletter included:

- Work beginning on the Laraghcon estate (*below*)



- The Old Celbridge Road became one-way in August, mainly because of footpath issues along this narrow roadway.
- Planning Permission was applied for Chapel Hill Apartments.
- Bin collection or lack of it was a big problem in many estates. Bin charges were being discussed in December.
- It was lamented in one letter that Lucan with a population of 35,000,

had no swimming pool, and plans were on display for Clondalkin’s second pool.

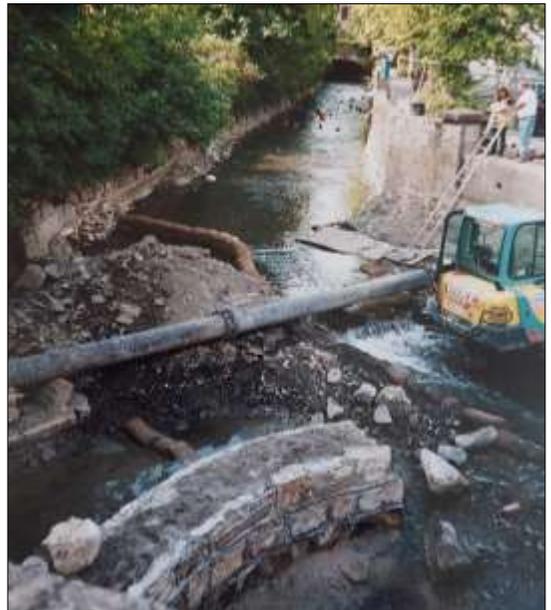
- It was agreed that Lucan should have a Skateboard Park.
- There was a school crisis in Lucan with a great shortage of places.

### **Traffic Chaos**

To say there was traffic chaos in the village for the entire year is an understatement, with road works just about everywhere.

The place was full of pot-holes for a start.

Then work began on flood alleviation works on the Griffeen River – machinery everywhere.



The Liffey Bridge / Weir View area saw its share with drainage being prepared for the new Laraghcon estate.

Further roadworks were carried out on Chapel Hill.

*Fr. Philip Bradley* remarked in an editorial: ““**ROAD WORKS**” these great signs which seem to come to Lucan to stay, (they go on holidays now and then, but they do come back). These signs always mean that the **Road** at the sign **doesn’t work at all!**”

*Kevin Myers* remarked in his satirical piece on traffic mayhem in the Irish Times in September, that “*in Lucan there’s been no traffic progress of any kind since February*” Heads were nodding in agreement!

### **Political Notes Contributors in 2003 were:**

Cllr. Derek Keating, Independent  
Cllr. Fintan McCarthy, Green Party  
Paul Gogarty, TD, Green Party  
Mary Harney TD, Progressive Democrats  
Cllr. & Senator Joanna Tuffy, Labour  
Cllr. Deirdre Doherty Ryan Fianna Fail  
Cllr. John Curran, TD, Fianna Fail  
Peter Brady, Fine Gael Rep.  
Des Kelly, Fianna Fail Rep.  
Colette Tighe, Fine Gael Rep.

### **Griffeen Flood Alleviation Works**

Much work was carried out along the Griffeen in the village, where the river bed was deepened, and further upstream in Esker, and on the Lock/Newcastle Road, where new culverts were put in place under the roadway at two points. Thankfully, this work seems to have paid off.



King John's Bridge in Esker had substantial work carried out on it, at the same time as new culverts were put in place.

**On the Liffey**, drainage facilities from Laraghcon were fed into the old millrace.



**Lucan Demesne Weir** - Work commenced on repairing the weir in Lucan Demesne in August, and after a few weeks the job was

abandoned. To this day, the work looks unfinished.

### **Groups reporting .....**

No Name Club, ICA, Gardening Club, Gospel Singers, Toastmasters, Esker Summer Project and Lucan Youth Fun. Lucan Concert Band and the Canticle of St. Mary, Red Cross, Tidy Towns, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Liffey Sound 96.4fm.

### **In Sport.....**

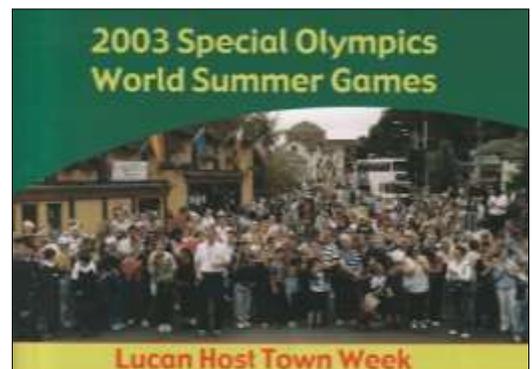
Sarsfields GAA, Pitch & Putt, Weston Hockey, Lucan Harriers, Esker Celtic, Hillcrest A.F.C, Lucan Utd and Beech Park F.C. as well as Lucan and St. Mary's Bridge Clubs.

### **Chernobyl Children Holiday in Lucan**

Reports were carried for a local Chernobyl Group who set up a fund-raising appeal to enable children from Chernobyl to come to Lucan for a holiday. Local families took the many children in for the duration and several other groups were involved in organising events for these children.

### **Special Olympics Ireland**

By 19<sup>th</sup> January 2003, the Lucan Special Olympics Committee had raised the target of €70,000 needed to fund the Irish Delegation. Come June Lucan hosted the athletes for a week, and what a memorable time that was!



Local Olympians were: *Maeve Phillips* and *Tony McManus* in Swimming, and *Gerard Regan* in Pitch & Putt. 1 gold and 2 silver medals came to Lucan.

*Over.....*



### **The Garda Mounted Unit**

The Unit was new, and Lir and Dílís paid a courtesy visit to Lucan with Gardaí John Stafford and Tom Grace.

### **A Hat-trick of Parish Celebrations**

**St. Mary's Parish** celebrated their Golden Jubilee in November, with special Masses, and a weeklong photo exhibition in the church.



The late Laddie Birnie received the Papal Medal, Bene Merenti during the celebrations. Photo shows Colette Garvey presenting Laddie with the medal, while members of his family look on.

**St. Patrick's Parish** was celebrating its Silver Jubilee, having been instituted in 1976.

**St. Andrew's Church** was 180 years old, dating back to 1823, meaning they are celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, 2023!

### **Lucan Newsletter 1 year online in June 2003!**

*All that was only 20 years ago – how time flies!*  
*Mary Mulhall*

## **Lucan Active Retirement Association**

We will be resuming our weekly meetings starting on Thursday 7th September 2023 at 11.30am following the summer break. 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 and old friends. There is a €4 weekly charge to cover expenses, no charge for your first meeting. Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama, choir, gentle keep fit exercises or just to have a chat. Coffee break at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.

## **Who Takes Care Of You**

When you're the leader of an army and  
a chef to a kitchen,  
The king of the jungle or the one  
Who keeps the rhythm.

Who takes care of you when you're the  
one who has to fight.  
The one who has to play  
The villain to keep the peace in sight.

Who takes care of you when you're the  
Structure to the sentence, the glue that  
Stops the cracks, the one who pays the  
penance.

The one who holds the pressure and  
keeps it all inside,  
The one who takes the shots and  
takes it in their stride.

Who takes care of you, when you're the  
one they lean on,  
You're the one they need,  
You're the one they steal from.

So ask yourself the question, who takes  
Care of you, when all the burdens,  
All the worries split your heart in two.

*By Ella Mae Mulhern (15).*

# Lucan Festival

The Linen and Iron Mills of Lucan

FREE

FREE

Illustrated talk by Joe Byrne

Presbyterian Church Lucan

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 8pm

## LINEN

**STOLEN** from Mr. JONATHAN SISSON, out of his Bleach-Yard in Lucan in the County of Dublin, in the Night the 12<sup>th</sup> of this Instant August 1746, two Pieces  $\frac{3}{4}$  wide of superfine Cotton almost white, each 24 Yards, with two Threads of red Silk down the Selvages marked J. Also three Pieces of grey Cotton marked T, which were wet and on the Grate a few Days. Whoever brings said Cottons to Mr. Ignatius Terry in High-street, Linen-Draper, or to the said Sisson, shall receive the Sum of three Pounds Reward, and no Questions asked. And if any Persons concerned in said Robbery will make a Discovery of his or their Accessories or Accomplices, so as to be convicted for the same, shall receive the Sum of Twenty Pounds, Sterling, to be paid by the said Sisson, and Application to be made to the Lord Justice for a Pardon, by Agnesdham Vetry, Esq; of Lucan, &c. &c.

Dublin Journal 12<sup>th</sup> August 1746



**SCYTHES.**  
**DEMSTON BLAIR** and **DEMSTON** beg Leave to inform the Public, particularly the Dealers in this Article, that they are now erecting and have in great Forwardness (adjoining their Works at Lucan) a Scythe Mill and Forge, and request those who wish to encourage the Undertaking, will omit their usual Orders to England as the Company are now steeling and plating Scythes by Water (the first ever attempted or done in this Kingdom) and will shortly be enabled to send to Market a large Quantity weekly. Patterns to be seen in a few Days, and Orders taken at the Company's Iron and Tin-plate Warehouse, near Queen's-bridge, Dublin.

Freemans Journal  
 11<sup>th</sup> November 1783



Typical Water Wheel  
 Lucan Iron Mills had 8 wheels.

Left: Typical Bleach Yard in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

MARYMOUNT CARE CENTRE

## FALLS PREVENTION AND FRAILTY DEMENTIA EVENING

INFORMATION & SUPPORT EVENINGS

Marymount Dementia Team will welcome RCSI Falls Prevention Project Manager Aileen Hetherington to explain Mobility, Falls prevention and Frailty syndrome.

**THURSDAY**  
**7TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

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

**BOOK NOW**

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 St Mary's Conference, Lucan

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 or email: [info@svp.ie](mailto:info@svp.ie)

Learn, Laugh and Live!



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Lucan U3A is reopening after the holidays on Monday the 11th September. We are a small group of people with up

to 40 members and have room at this time to have a few more members.

We meet in the Community Centre, Ballyowen Castle on the 2nd Monday of each month. There is usually a Speaker or Demonstration on a topic of interest organised by the members.

We had a number of day trips during the Summer, Kilkenny Castle, Cobh, Waterford, Bunratty Castle, with a planned trip to Hillsborough Castle. We had a visit to Aras an Uachtaráin in July.

There is a coffee morning and celebratory dinners while many members meet informally for Lunch, Concert Hall, Theatre.

You are welcome to come and find out more about us at our meetings between 2–4 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month.

**The next meeting is Monday the 11th September.**

## Celbridge Mill Community Centre

The Mill, MainStreet Celbridge

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

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

Facebook “The Mill Community Centre”

Phone 01 6288556

**Christmas Craft Fair** – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November – stand/ stall holders welcome to apply for the return of our Craft and small business fair. Stands are only €40. Food vendors required also.

**Indoor Short Mat Bowls** Thursdays at 7pm – Contact Des at 087 2769953

**Mother and Baby morning meetings** Thursdays at 10.30am – Contact 0852280692

**Come and join us at The Haven Celbridge.**

Kate Walsh House at The Mill. Tuesdays / Thursdays. New members welcome. Home cooked meals, snacks. Bingo, quizzes, sing-songs, dancing, day trips.

Live your life,

Take chances, be crazy.

Don't wait. Because right now is the oldest you have ever been and the youngest you'll ever be again.

*Susanne Collins*

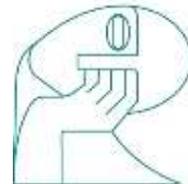
## Lucan Library

**The Migraine Association of Ireland Presents “Migraine is not ‘Just a Headache’.**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 7.00 – 8.00pm. Booking on Eventbrite from September 1<sup>st</sup> 10 am. <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/migraine-its-not-just-a-headache-tickets-660529640937>

An informative Migraine Presentation by The Migraine Association of Ireland with a Migraine Nurse in attendance.

**About this event:** Did you know that Migraine is a complex neurological condition? Over 600,000 people in Ireland have Migraine. Many people who don't understand migraine believe it is ‘Just a headache’, but in truth it is so much more.



On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm the team from Migraine Ireland will give a presentation called ‘Migraine, it's not just a headache’. During the talk they will endeavour to explain why migraine is way more than a simple headache but rather a complex neurological disorder with many different facets for the individual especially in their place of work. The presentation will cover a lot of detail including an explainer on what migraine is, symptoms and phases of migraine, migraine triggers and medications. The Migraine Association will also share recent research on the impact of migraine on the workplace. The presentation will be presented by Migraine Ireland CEO Pascal Derrien and co-presented by Naomi Thornton Migraine Nurse. Migraine Ireland is Ireland's only patient charity who provide support, education, awareness and reassurance to migraineurs nationwide.

### Events for Children:

**Wednesday 30th August, 7pm**

**Author Visit: Andrew Hughes, writer of the 2023 One Dublin One Book "The Coroner's Daughter".** At the invitation of the Lucan

Library Book Club, author Andrew Hughes will visit Lucan Library and talk about his book, The Coroner's Daughter. This book was chosen for the 2023 One Dublin One Book Initiative in April. All welcome.

### Storytime for Young Children

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

### Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Wednesday Book Club, 30th August 6.30pm

# SPORTS

## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

**On August 19** Lucan Harriers did a Parkrun take over to promote our club and our 5 mile race  
On Saturday Aug 4th Katriona Power came third overall in the Templemore Throws Pentathlon today. On the way to winning bronze Katriona was awarded: Gold in the Weight for Distance Silver (and achieved a new National Record in her age category) in the Heavy Hammer discipline 12.02m. Silver and a Pb in Hammer (30.99m). Silver in Discus. Bronze in Shot Put.

**On Saturday 13th August** the National Masters track and field championships took place in Tullamore with plenty of our athletes medalling in various events. Carol Kearney. Leanne Wellings. Breda Smyth. Katriona Power Pearse Carberry. 4\*100 ladies Breda Smyth, Carol Kearney, Leanne Wellings and Sorcha Dineen, all earned medals on the day. Congratulations everyone.

We had Kate O Connell, Eve Noctor and Saoirse Fitzgerald wearing the green vest with pride over to last month also Daragh Donoghue earned his place in the national 800m final with a fantastic PB in the Santry recently also, congratulations on a fantastic achievement.



While many others are in full marathon training for the Dublin Marathon at the end of October, best of luck to everyone who are taking on this challenge.

We also had people in Triathlons, 10 mile races, 5k races, trail runs too many to mention individually, well done to everyone in all these events.



## Don't forget our annual 5 mile Road Race takes place on Sunday September 3rd at 11am.

We are looking forward to the event and welcoming you all to our track on the day, the route takes in the Newcastle Road onto the canal and back along the Adamstown Road and back to our track. See our social media channels for ways to enter, entries will be open up to the morning of the race.

We will have some road closures on the day, they have been published on our Social Media channels, we sincerely apologise for the inconvenience this causes, diversion signs will be in place along with Lucan Harriers stewards to help you on your way.

**FIAT LUCAN HARRIERS A.C. 5 MILE RACE**

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**FIAT**

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C. 5 MILE

*Sunday 3rd September 11am*

**Early Bird Offer**  
€20 before August 1st  
€23 full online price  
€25 on the day

**Virtual Option**  
€20 before August 1st  
€23 full online price

T-shirts for the first 500 entries

**Register**  
[MyRunResults.com](http://MyRunResults.com)

**Cash Prizes**  
1st AAI Registered Club M/F  
1st, 2nd and 3rd M/F  
1st Non-Running Club M/F

**Affected housing estates:** Westbury, Finnstown, Castlevue, Hanstead, Finnstown House, Somerton, Finnstown Fairways, Adamstown, Old Forge, Grange Manor, Johnstownbridge, Arthur Griffith Park, St Finians.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### U12's Trip to Croker

After meeting Abby Shiels and Sinead Daly at club football camp our U12 girls were very excited to see them in action in Croke Park. We arrived at the club on Sunday afternoon to be greeted by our lovely bus driver Tony from Beechfield coaches and set off for Croke Park.



And what a day we had, the sun shone, the atmosphere was fantastic, and the match result was just what we wanted. After the match, as the crowds started to disperse, we made our way down to the side-line, well as near as we could get and eagerly waited, in the hope that some of the Dublin ladies would come our way.



Sinead was the first to spot us, and our girls were so delighted when she came over, talked to each one of them, took loads of photos and then went to get Abby. Likewise, Abby also gives us loads of time. The Brendan Martin cup then made its way to us and once again the cameras were out. Thank you Sinead and Abby you helped make our day that extra bit special. A day full of great memories for our U12 girls.



### Na Gaeil Óga CLG

#### Campa Scileanna Peil

Ba mhaith le fhoireann cailíní Na Gaeil Óga F14 comhghairdeachas a dhéanamh le Abby Sheils agus foireann peile na mban Átha Cliath as a mbua mór Dé Domhnaigh seo caite.

Ghlac cúpla cailín dár gcuid páirt sa champa scileanna an tseachtain seo caite.

Congratulations to Abby Sheils and the ladies Dublin football team on their big win last Sunday from the Ná Gaeil Óga u14 girls' team.

A few of our girls also took part in the skills camp this week, maith sibh



### LUCAN BRIDGE CLUB

Lucan Bridge Club will reopen on **Wednesday the 6th September at 7.30 pm**

In the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip.

We would love to welcome new members. Please come along and enjoy a game of Bridge during the winter months

### POLITICAL NOTES

#### Cllr Shane Moynihan - Fianna Fáil

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**Footpath closure on Griffeen Road:** I have been following up on the closure of the footpath opposite Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada. This closure was required to allow the ESB and Uisce Éireann undertake works as part of the swimming pool construction and will be in place for 4-6 weeks. The Council has assured me that a traffic management and crossing plan will be in place before schools return and I will share details of that. I am awaiting a response from the NTA regarding the bus stop.

**Ministerial visit to Coláiste Cois Life:** I was delighted to meet the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Simon Harris TD during his visit to Cois Life College this week to launch the Mobile NZEB Training Unit. Is ball de Bhord Bainistíochta na Scoile mé agu b'ábhar bród dom an cur chuige a léirigh foireann, daltaí agus pobal na scoile don Aire.

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Well! What a summer we have had. I suppose we should be thankful that Ireland has been spared the horrible wild fires that have afflicted many parts of the world. The Camera Soiree is still on holidays and will resume in the Parish Centre on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Talking about summer did you know that there is the Astronomical summer and the Meteorological summer. The first one runs from the 21<sup>st</sup> June to 22<sup>nd</sup> September this year and the second one always runs from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> August. So, if we go by the Astronomical dates there is still hope!



Joe and Josie submitted photographs of harvesting corn in St. Edmundsbury and hay making in Westmanstown in August. Josie point out that hay making usually happens in June – that says it all!

Anna has been in Vancouver Island, part of the Canadian province of British Columbia. The Island has been the homeland of many indigenous peoples for thousands of years. Anna sent us some photos of totem poles and of a starfish. According to the Canadian Encyclopaedia a totem pole or monumental pole is a tall structure carved of large, straight red cedar and painted vibrant colours. They have been created by Northwest Coast Indigenous peoples that showcases a nation's, family's or individual's history and displays their rights to certain territories, songs, dances and other aspects of their culture. Totem poles can also be used as memorials and to tell stories.

