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ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL



The Christmas decorations are up. The letters have been sent to Santa. The children are so excited counting the sleeps to the big night.

But their mother, Jane, can't wait for Christmas to pass. She hopes this year would be brighter, but her income has been devastated by the high rents and spiralling cost of living. The heating has been off for two weeks. The Christmas tree lights are only turned on for an hour every evening. Jane wonders how she's going to pay for the children's Christmas presents or how she will afford the shopping for the family's Christmas dinner.

Our job, in St Vincent De Paul, here in Lucan with your help, is to take the wonder away from Jane and replace it with the true magical wonder of Christmas. Your help takes the wonder out of Christmas for families in need, it has the power to change the course of a life.



THANK YOU for helping to give Families the Wonder of Christmas

We would like to thank those who have contributed to our funds throughout the year. With your continued support we will endeavour to offer support to people in Lucan who need a helping hand. Your generous gift will make sure families in need can share some of the wonder of Christmas. For your kindness and compassion, thank you.

This year, the National Christmas Appeal for the St Vincent De Paul takes place at all Masses this weekend 9th/10th of December.

We thank you for whatever support you can give us and as always donations can also be left at the Sacristy.

We wish you and your families God's blessings, peace, and good health this Christmas and always.

*St Vincent De Paul
Lucan*

PLEASE NOTE:

The Tap & Go System at the church is not to be used for special collections, e.g., St Vincent de Paul. This collection will take place in the Church itself or the blue envelope in the porches can be taken and returned.

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

Electricity Account Credit

It was announced in Budget 2024 that domestic electricity customers will get €450 off their electricity bills.

The energy credit will be paid in 3 instalments of €150. The payments will be made in the December 2023, January 2024 and February 2024 billing cycles.

The Commission for the Regulation of Utilities (CRU) is overseeing the scheme.



Text scam warning

A scam alert has been issued to warn people about receiving text messages that tell them to click on a link to claim an energy credit. These texts link to a site that looks like gov.ie.

The Government is not offering any such scheme and people are warned not to click on the link or enter any personal details.

If you are unsure how to avoid scams when online shopping, you can use CheckMyLink to verify the authenticity and safety of the website. This website is managed by Cyber Skills, in partnership with ScamAdviser and An Garda Síochána.

Fire Safety in your Home

Information on fire safety is available on the following website -

[Fire Safety at Christmas | Dublin City Council](#)

The three Golden Rules to follow to make sure that you and your family are safe from fire are:

Prevention: The best way to be "fire safe" is to make sure that fires never happen.

Detection: A fire alarm that works will give you time to get everyone out of the house.

Evacuation: Help very young, old or sick people to leave the house. Get out and stay out.

Domestic Violence Leave

If you are experiencing domestic violence and abuse, you may need to take time off work for urgent and essential matters relating to your situation.

This could be for medical visits, legal proceedings, counselling, looking for alternative accommodation or accessing domestic violence services. It might not be possible to do these things outside your work hours or you may need to keep them hidden from your abuser.

From 27 November 2023, you have a legal right to 5 days' paid domestic violence leave if you need to take time off work because of the abuse. There is no minimum service required to qualify. The leave can be taken if you are directly experiencing domestic violence and abuse, or if you are supporting a 'relevant person'. The domestic violence can be ongoing or have occurred in the past.

You do not have to give your employer notice to take the leave in emergency circumstances. You should give notice if you are able to.

The entitlement to domestic violence leave comes from the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023.

[More information is available on our website.](#)

Winter Craft Fair
Lucan Library
Saturday 16th December
10.00am - 4.00pm

10 - 11.45am Face Painter
12.30pm Captain Ho Ho
2pm Live Festive Music
2.30pm Santa

A day not to be missed at the library
All Welcome!

Dear Local Representatives,

I trust this message finds you well. I am writing to draw your attention to the planning application SD23A/0292, which pertains to the proposed construction of an electric crematorium at Esker Lawns Cemetery.

Having thoroughly reviewed the application and the observations submitted thus far, I earnestly urge you to consider objecting to this development based on several compelling reasons that render it unsuitable for Lucan. These concerns include, but are not limited to:

Inappropriate Location: The proposed construction site is situated in a cul-de-sac residential area, which raises significant questions about its compatibility with the surrounding community.

Air Quality and Health Considerations: Given the nature of the facility, there are valid concerns regarding potential impacts on air quality and public health, which demand careful consideration.

Noise Pollution: The operation of a crematorium introduces the risk of noise pollution, posing a potential disturbance to residents and the serene atmosphere of the neighbourhood.

Environmental Impact: The development could have adverse effects on the local environment, and it is crucial to assess and address these implications thoroughly.

Impact on Proposed Greenway: The proposed crematorium's proximity to the greenway raises concerns about the potential disruption and degradation of this important community asset.

Traffic Impact: The increased traffic, not only in the vicinity of the cemetery but also in Lucan village, particularly during school times, poses a serious concern that warrants thorough examination.

Impact on Local Foot Traffic: The development may adversely affect local foot traffic, potentially disrupting the natural flow of pedestrians in the area.

I kindly request that you thoroughly investigate these concerns and strongly consider objecting to the proposed development. Your careful consideration and advocacy for the best interests of the Lucan community are vital in ensuring the preservation of our community's quality of life.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust you will give due diligence to the community's concerns.

Sincerely,
Paddy Lyons,
Cherbury Park Resident

Lucan ICA

A group of Lucan ICA ladies attend one day Christmas demonstration in An Grianan on Tuesday.



All the ladies enjoyed the day and came home with lots of prizes they won....

Monday 11th Dec: Our Guild is a hive of activity in the run up to Christmas with card making, Christmas tree baubles making, table runners and place mats being made at a factory rate, and the usual knitting and crochet – all to be ready for Santy!

Tea Hostesses: Nuala Corbett and Kathleen May.

Huge congratulations to the TY Students from St. Joseph's Secondary School on their wonderful production of *Beauty and the Beast* which we all enjoyed – some of us went twice! Well done girls and teachers!



Lucan Harriers Track
Newcastle /
Adamstown Rd
(opp Supervalu)

Christmas Morning 10 – 12 noon
Run – Walk – Jog
to support the most vulnerable!

See Goalmile.ie for virtual product purchase items details.

Open to everyone, just turn up and participate. All the family, dogs on lead welcome.

For info: Goalmile.ie

Lucan Harriers Facebook or 0872132244

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com



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

Christian Meditation: We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.
All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

Divine Mercy Devotion: During exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy with devotions, is prayed every Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral). *Divine Mercy Devotion St Mary's.*

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

St Mary's Scripture Reflection: Every Monday Evening 7.30 – 8.30pm in the Bungalow. **JOIN US** - You are Welcome to come any Monday. We reflect on the Gospel Reading of the following Sunday.

Baptisms: Dates are bookable on line. If you need to cancel email: secretary@lucanparish.com

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

Coffee Dock Open: Every Sunday Morning and Weekdays 10am to 12 noon. *All Welcome.*

Visits to the housebound: If you are housebound you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

Church Art Calendars For 2024: Now available at the Parish Office and Sacristy. Cost €2.



Society of
St. Vincent de Paul
St Mary's Conference, Lucan

For assistance, phone: 01 8550022
or email: info@svp.ie

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Mass Times: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.
The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

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

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

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

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

Our Journey with Mary During Advent



You are invited to join our

Advent Reflection

at Kairos 125 Castlegate Way.

Dates: Thursdays 14th, 21st Dec
Time: 11.00 - 11.30

Come early and enjoy a chat and refreshments!

All Welcome, Sr Angela

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on
www.lucansouthparish.net

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje: Every Thursday, in the Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions

7.30pm: Holy Mass

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

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

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 on the 1st Wednesday of each month for 1 hour.

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

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

Prayers of the Church: Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

Thank you

I would like to thank my neighbours for their kindness to me during my stay in hospital and since I came home. The Mass cards, get well wishes and flowers were much appreciated.

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

Maureen Kelly



Thank you

I wish to thank most sincerely my neighbours and friends from Woodville for the many cards and gifts. Also for the special kindness to the boys during my absence.

Many thanks and my appreciation to all.

May Grant.



**Aontas Youth Choir
Presents**

**An Evening of Christmas
Music & Carols**

Wednesday 13th December 2023
Venue: St. Patrick's Church,
Lucan, Co. Dublin
Time: 7:30pm

Refreshments served after the concert

Free Admission - Donations welcome in aid of
Aontas Youth Choir Equipment/St Patrick's Parish

O Holy Night

A Christmas Story in Carols
with
St Mary's Chorale
Colette and Michael Grant
St Mary's Youth Choir

Sunday 17th December @ 3.30pm
In St Mary's Church, Lucan

Retiring collection for Blanchardstown Hospice

Anniversaries

CARMEL (REDMOND) CLARKE

4th Anniversary - 14th December

A very special Mam, Nanny, friend and sister.
Sadly missed and fondly remembered by all
*But especially your loving sons Stuart and Alan,
daughter Sandy, their spouses Ayn, Gladys, PJ
and her adored grandchildren Hannah, Leah,
Grace, Casey and Sam*
Forever in our hearts.

JEMMERS CONDRON

4th Anniversary - 5th December

My beloved husband Jemmers.
You left us on December 5th 2019
And we miss you every day
And I hope you enjoy Christmas with the angels.
*From your loving wife Philomena (Philo), sons
Paul and Jay and extended family*



JOE DAWSON

40th Anniversary - 13th December

NANCY DAWSON

14th Anniversary - 16th December

And sadly, their daughter,

JANET DAWSON-McEVADDY

15th January 2023

The Dawson Family, together again.
Looking back with happy memories
Upon the lives you led
We are grateful for the hours we had with you
But always wish you were still with us instead
*You are missed more and more each passing year
by Lorraine and her husband Owen, and family*

BERNARD FALLON

6th Anniversary - 7th December

As long as our hearts keep beating
As long as our eyes shed tears
We will always love and miss you
No matter how many years.
*Sadly missed and loved by your daughters
Catherine, Liz and Mary and son Gabriel,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren*

ADRIENNE MOLLOY

1st Anniversary - 10th December

You cared for us and touched our hearts
You taught us well, gave us all great starts
You sheltered us from all life's tears
And helped us out throughout the years
We miss you greatly every day
God bless you Adrienne, for you we pray.
*Noel, Paul, Jacqueline, extended family, friends
and neighbours*

MARY O'BRIEN

6th Anniversary - 14th December

My mind knows
You are in a better place
Where there is no pain
You are at peace
I understand that
I just wish I could explain that
To my heart.
*From your loving son Darren, daughter-in-law
Olive, grandchildren Elliot and Isabelle and great
grandson Billy*
Also my grandmother, **Patricia O'Brien**, whose
42nd Anniversary occurs on 17th December

MARY O'BRIEN

6th Anniversary - 14th December

Memory builds a little pathway
That goes winding through my heart
I know I'll always find you
As I wander on without you
I keep this little secret place
To meet with you my friend.
Love and miss you.
Sleep tight kiddo, Phyllis xx

Birthday Remembrance

ALEX O'SULLIVAN

9th December

Birthday remembrance of our dear brother.
Sadly missed by all his family





It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!

Lights, Carol Singing, Xmas Radio, letters and visits to Santa, long queues in shops, people rushing everywhere.....

A sight to behold!

Well done to the Residents Association in Hillcrest, on lighting up the two greens this year.



It surely lifts the spirits on these dark wintry nights!



Lucan Lions Club

Just a reminder that we are now actively engaged in a series of activities in SuperValu Lucan in the run up to Christmas. We reiterate our gratitude to SuperValu manager Ger Joyce and his colleagues for allowing us such a strong presence in the store.



Our activities include:

The Food Trolley for our Annual Christmas Food Appeal which is now in operation. All non-perishable food donations will be greatly appreciated and will be distributed to worthy causes by the Club.

A €2 customer donation option is also now operating at the tills and we would be grateful for your support for this initiative.

Monster Christmas Raffle. Tickets for this raffle will be on sale from Lions Club members in the store from 15 to 17 December with the hamper prizes (4 x €100 and 2x €50) kindly donated by SuperValu. The draw will take place in the store on 17 December.

Once again we look forward to the support from SuperValu customers over this busy period. The proceeds from these SuperValu activities will be distributed to those less well off in the Lucan Community so as to enhance their quality of life over the Christmas period.

Spotted the Lucan Gospel Choir on the news this week as Christmas was launched at the Mansion House. We hear that lots of Lucan school children will have the chance to meet Santa, and take part in Carols in the coming weeks.



Search and rescue location kept very quiet!!!

Birdie has just learned that Weston Airport may become a search and rescue base, and nearby residents are wondering about the noise levels etc, of such an operation.

According to the Minister for Transport, "the Department has been advised that the Weston Airport management team are engaging with local planning authorities with a view to gaining the necessary approvals to operate the base, which includes the noise abatement procedures and, separately, for planning permission to construct the new base."



Lucan Planning Council

Traffic in the village and M50 toll increases:

Lucan village is being suffocated by traffic avoiding the M50 toll, and further increases announced this week will make matters worse. Transport Infrastructure Ireland is responsible for tolls on the M50, and it is now time to move the position of the toll further north, beyond Castleknock. Lucan cannot take any more transit traffic avoiding the toll.

We are calling on all Local Election candidates, and TDs to unite on this issue and to put aside political interests for the sake of the community and the village. Lucan has borne the brunt of traffic avoiding the M50 toll for far too long and it's time to have a united voice calling for fair play and for relief. Moving the toll position northwards makes sense and is a fairer solution than burdening Lucan with transit traffic beyond our capacity.

This issue must be dealt with together with the planning for the village in the light of SDCC acquiring Lucan House and grounds as an amenity and a place of historical interest. We are calling for a united front on this.

Bus routing: Thank you for ongoing support for LPC bus petition and NTA meeting. There is now overwhelming support for our initiative. More details next week.

Caitríona McClean, Secretary



We have just finished our autumn programme of outdoor activities

and we are taking a break until late January/early February.

Our last two outdoor Saturdays were very busy. You may have noticed a supermarket trolley which was unceremoniously dumped in the Griffeen River right in the middle of the village for all to see, truly a horrible sight. It must have taken some effort for those responsible to get it into the river!! Anyway we couldn't stand the sight of it any longer and we assembled our volunteer "heavies" who ingeniously fixed a rope to the trolley and hauled it out. With the help of Paul F who then donned his waders and entered the river bed we also removed a scooter and other items which had been polluting our river as well as creating an eyesore for some weeks.



On the next Saturday we set about putting up some leaf baskets which were supplied by South Dublin County Council. There are four baskets loaded with leaves which will rot down to create our own leaf mould which should be ready for use next year. The baskets are strategically placed in green spaces around the village. There are already two leaf baskets installed in Hillcrest estate and we hope to install more in suitable locations.



These are not litter bins!

We are asking residents to leave them alone and don't place anything green or otherwise into them.

We were delighted to be invited to join some enthusiastic Green School Programme students from Scoil Mhuire in their litter pick in the church car park and nearby recently. Some great pictures have been posted on the school website. Well done to the students and their teachers Nina and Miss Daly.

During our outdoor downtime over the next weeks we are concentrating our efforts into planning for the coming year. We are looking forward to getting in touch with businesses and community groups to work together to make Lucan even more attractive and sustainable in 2024.

We wish all our volunteers and supporters a very Happy Christmas and New Year

*Kevin O'Loughlin
Chair*



On Saturday 16th December, Adamstown will host an all day celebration of the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year and the return of the light. Through a series of multi-disciplinary workshops, performances and Installations co-created with The Adamstown Community at Adamstown Community Centre from 1.30pm - 10.30pm.

Tickets available here:

www.softproductions.com/the-crossing

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/softt-productions-54478950743>

Programme of events 16th December:

13:30 - 15:00 Inner Light: Art Journaling and Vision board workshop

15:30 - 17:00 Solstice Headdress Crafting Workshop

17:30 - 18:30 Introduction to the night sky with Astronomy Ireland

18:45 - 19:15 A sharing of Local Stories from 'Our sun, our moon' project

19:30 - 20:15 Magical Storytelling Session

20:30 - 22:30 The Crossing: An Evening of Live Art celebrating the Winter Solstice





SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

November in LCC: Well done to our teachers who fundraised for Movember over the past month to raise much needed awareness and funds for men's health. A Row-off took place on Friday between teachers and students for one final push to raise money for the men's health charity. Over €1000 was raised! Pictured are some of the teaching staff who took part in Movember.



Boys GAA: There was a brilliant win for the U16 Boys Gaelic Football team in atrocious weather conditions last week under the management of Mr Callaghan. Stand out performances from Cian Gavin, Sam Curran, Charlie Hughes and JP O Connor. Zach McBride scored 3 goals. Lucan CC 6-06 Scoil Chaitriona 3-10. Well done to all involved!

SVP Secret Bag Collection: This year marks 38 years of fundraising for St Vincent de Paul in Lucan Community College. On Wednesday 6th December we carried on the annual tradition of fundraising for a very worthy charity who help those in need in the local community without 'Secret Bag' collection. Thank you to all of the families in our school community who donated generously to a wonderful charity. Final tally will be released soon!

Christmas Concert in Lucan Community College: Rehearsals for our Christmas Concert are well under way in Lucan Community College!

Please join us on the 14th December at 7pm where our students and teachers will perform some of their favourite festive music! Free admission on the night with donations if desired to St Vincent de Paul.



Adult Education Service

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in January / February 2024. These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours, 1 morning per week. This can lead to QQI qualification.

The following subjects are available this term:

- Spanish for Beginners; Office Procedures; Wellbeing and the Internet; Data Entry;
- Developing your Business English Language Skills; Working with Microsoft Excel;
- Working with Microsoft Word; Work Experience; Medical Terminology; Bookkeeping: Manual & Computerised.



For more details, contact lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie or call (01) 6283557.

NAGARHOPE Christmas Cards for Sale

€5 for Pack of 10
Available from 191 Beech Park
Also available from the Parish Office.
Or contact 087-0666891

St. Joseph's College

Thank you

Many thanks to the parents, friends & visitors to Lucan who attended our wonderful musical of 'Beauty & the Beast Jr.' last week. We were all blown away by the seamless performances of our main cast, choruses, narrators and backstage crew. Once the curtains opened, it was all over to the students and they performed a first class production, the likes could have been found in any theatre in Ireland!



We commend our fantastic leads of Belle (Isabella Fitzsimons), and the Beast (Manaal Salim) and all on stage, who were so comfortable in their roles in front of great audiences each night! Musical numbers such as 'Belle', 'Be Our Guest' & 'Beauty & the Beast' are still ringing in our ears, even though our fantastic stage has been dismantled, seating has been taken away & the props have gone into storage.



There were many sad faces as TYs returned to the classroom this week, but the TYs have certainly reaped the benefits of their experience, growing in confidence, making new friends and appreciating the talents that all have, yet never seen before! A huge thank you to the directors, producers, staff, sponsors, parents and students

for supporting our TY musical once again. TY must now go on!

Fundraising 2024 Calendar

Joey's Tidy Towns Calendar 2024 is on sale in St. Joseph's College & Centra, Lucan. All proceeds will go directly to the Lucan Conference of the St. Vincent De Paul. This weekend in the St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal. Please support our calendar for this worthy cause. Many thanks to our sponsors Eamon Costello (Kerry) Ltd. and Lucan District Credit Union for sponsoring our calendar this year. Calendars are €10.00 each.



Griffeen CC's
FESTIVE MARKET

On Monday 18th December, parents and students are once again invited to come together for a morning of festive cheer in aid of our community project.

There will be Christmas crafts and treats on sale!

Tea, coffee or hot chocolate, and cakes too!

Parent hours: 9am-10am
Student hours: 10am-12:15pm
Student admission: €3
Parents go FREE

St. Thomas' JNS

Enrolment for Junior Infants
September 2024 Now Open

Details at

<http://stthomasjns.com/Page/School-Admission/3622/Index.html>



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Basketball: Congratulations to our u16 and u19 basketball teams who enjoyed a double success last Friday at the Oblate Centre in Inchicore. Our u16 team defeated Castlknock CC 43-40 to claim the East Boys “A” Plate title while our u19s defeated Coláiste Chiaráin, Leixlip 72-62 in the East Boys “A” Senior Plate Final.

Lewis Ajinakou (18), Aaron McCormack (15) and Noah Dolan (10) scored the points for our u16s in a hard-fought and exciting encounter. Alseny Bah scored a stunning 28 points in the 19s Final while Clarenz Ben Pechoche also had a brilliant game as he added a further 18 points. Paisley Amadasun (12), Aaron McCormack (8), Lewis Ajinakou (4) and Lennox Omoruyi (2) completed the scoring for Lucan to seal a deserved victory for the team and round off a historic day for the school.

Football: Our 2nd yr football team were beaten 5-12 to 3-05 by Lusk CC last week in the Dublin League. Jack McCarthy put in an excellent individual display as he scored an impressive 2-05 while Cian Dolan scored the other Lucan goal. The team were then unfortunately beaten 4-08 to 3-05 on Monday by Colaiste Ghlór Na Mara, Balbriggan in their final group game which meant that they had to settle for a place in the Shield Competition.

Soccer: Our 1st yr team drew 0-0 against Kingswood CC, Tallaght last Wednesday in their 2nd group-stage game of the Dublin League. They face Hartstown CS next Wednesday in their 3rd group-stage match with a victory pretty much essential if they wish to stay in contention for a top-two finish.

Our **u15 team** drew 1-1 with Lucan CC in their final League game on Monday. Alex Kennedy equalised with 5 mins left in what was a typically feisty and competitive local Derby with both teams giving their all. The result leaves them in 2nd place in their group of 4 so they must wait until the group is completed to find out the final positions.

Our **senior team** defeated Holy Family, Rathcoole 6-3 last Thursday to make it two wins from two in the group stages of their League campaign. Will Smith, Tyler Doherty (2) and Troy O’ Dowd (3) scored the goals in an impressive team display.

Chess: Coláiste Phádraig’s Chess tournament began on Monday with 1st round matches taking place in the library. The semi-finals will be held next Monday with the finals to take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Chess Club takes

place four lunchtimes a week in the library and it is very well attended every day by talented and passionate players from all year groups. The club is open to all and it provides students with the opportunity to have some fun, make some friends and develop skills such as problem solving, abstract reasoning, patience, sportsmanship, pattern recognition, strategic thinking and calmness under pressure.

Awards: Well done to 1st yr **Belal Adbelaal** who won the *Mark O’Neill Student of the Month* Award for November in recognition of his excellent manners, behaviour and application in all of his classes.

Congratulations to 5th yr **Alseny Bah** who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award* in recognition of his excellent displays for the senior basketball team as they won the Shield in great style and also for helping coach the u16 team to victory in their Shield Final.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **Daniel McDevitt** ón gcead bhliain a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí na Samhna mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt ach go háirithe agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge.

Each student received a framed certificate and a 20e voucher in recognition of their fine achievements.



Advent: Conor Brennan from 1 Achill lit the 2nd purple candle on the Advent Wreath this week and it now shines brightly in the main entrance area in the school. This candle represents faith and it is known as the “Bethlehem Candle” as a reminder of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem. Some other 1st yr students also helped to install the Nativity crib while the Christmas tree now shines brightly in the main reception

area as Coláiste Phádraig gets into the festive spirit.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty – Peace

Commissioner. “Not just at election time”

Tel: 087-2752489. Web: www.paulgogarty.com



Bus Correct User Survey Update: We are now at over 400 individual responses. We still need additional input, especially from people aged 60 and over and also those aged 18 to 25. Please do the survey at www.bit.ly/BusCorrect. It takes 5-10 minutes. Anyone who prefers to do this over the phone instead, text me for a callback.

Schools Issues: Am chasing this up through several channels but I had a motion passed at the last Area Committee writing to the Minister for Education urging immediate action on a number of schools issues. More on my website under ‘school’.

Crematorium Application Deadline: This Monday 11th December 5pm is the final date for making a submission on the crematorium application for “Esker Lawn Cemetery” which is causing concern. Ref: SD23A/0292. Details and link on my website under ‘crematorium’.

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Paths Condition – Castlegate Adamstown:

The condition of certain sections of cobble block pavements in Castlegate are causing concern. In many places they are uneven and loose, creating hazardous conditions. Whilst the Council refused to conduct a full survey, I have highlighted many specific locations that they have agreed to address.

Environment / Nature – Lucan: It was with very welcome news at the recent Area Committee meeting when Council management delivered their tree planting programme for the next 6 months. This will include identifying 3 potential locations for ‘Stepping Stones’ forests within our parks. Separately, Lucan will have approximately 300 new trees planted at various locations.

Courtesy Canvas – Mount Bellew &

Willsbrook Road: The Sinn Féin team and I completed a door engagement last week, speaking to residents in Mount Bellew and along the Willsbrook Road.

Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

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Access City Awards: I was delighted to attend the Access City Awards in Brussels where our county was awarded special mention from the European Commission for our work on accessible, inclusive playspaces. Access for all is

the heart of my work and it was a true honour to attend and see South Dublin Leading the way in Europe for Accessibility.

Dodsboro Hill: A number of people raised the overgrowth on the footpaths, obstructing passage. I have made requests for these to be pruned and managed. I’ve requested South Dublin County Council explore the possibility of implementing a trishaw project in Griffeen Park, similar to the success of Dodder Valley Acknowledging the following would need to be considered 1. A volunteer team 2. A team leader for administration, bookings, storage, maintenance, volunteer training 3. Storage, Lucan leisure centre might be an option.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Hot School Meals Programme 2024: This week 900 additional primary schools have been approved for the Hot School Meals Programme; these include six schools in Lucan. Fine Gael has grown the Programme significantly recent years and now, in addition to DEIS Primary Schools, all remaining primary schools have been invited to submit an expression of interest to be included in the programme. Adamstown Castle Educate Together NS, Griffeen Valley Educate Together Ns, Scoil Mhuire G N S, Lucan B N S, Lucan Community National School and St Thomas Junior National School have been approved.

Winter Markets at Courtneys took place last weekend, I thoroughly enjoyed visiting this brilliant local event created by Creative Lucan.

St Joseph’s College Lucan: Massive Congratulations to the amazingly talented students who brought the classic tale of “Beauty and the Beast” to life over the weekend!

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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Update Regarding Lucan Bus Services: Last week I met with the NTA to discuss ongoing problems with the bus services, particularly in the Lucan area. We raised the issues of the C1 and C2 being full at peak times and leaving people behind. - The NTA said that they are waiting for a proposal from Dublin Bus to solve this. We raised the need for an additional P29 bus in the early morning. -They said they would investigate this. We raised putting on extra train services in the morning from Adamstown - They said they didn't get the funding in the budget to increase train services. We raised the continued problem of cancelled buses or 'ghost buses' - They said that the driver shortage issue is improving and that they hope that this will fix the problem.

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Be Winter Ready: Leaf Clearing Following requests from residents in Esker Lane / Woodville I contacted SDCC who are scheduling a leaf clearing service for these areas.

Lighting: Following requests from residents in Airlie Heights, there are about five streetlights out. I contacted SDCC who are investigating.

Stronger, Safer Communities: Garda Clinic in Adamstown with my colleague Emer Higgins TD we called for the establishment of a Garda Clinic in Adamstown. Inspired by the successful implementation of a similar clinic in City West. The proposed Garda Clinic aims to serve the Adamstown community by offering convenient services such as document stamping, form witnessing, and assistance with passport applications. It could also serve as a welcoming environment for residents to report incidents and interact with community Gardaí. We are continuing our local focus and meeting people in and around Lucan.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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In my ongoing efforts to keep you well-informed, I've reached out to the Chief Executive for insights into the progress of completed homes and buildings in Adamstown, totalling 4,010 units presently occupied. This reflects our commitment to meeting the housing needs of our growing community.

Regarding Part V homes, each development in the Adamstown SDZ carries a liability ranging from 10% to 15%, mainly acquired by approved housing bodies under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility.

In response to inquiries about extended opening hours at Lucan Library, the council is actively exploring opportunities to make it available for community events outside regular hours. This initiative aligns with our goal to better serve the community and utilize facilities for various cultural activities. For more updates, visit www.lotoole.com.

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

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

We will have our Christmas party on the 21st of December and we then have a break over Christmas returning on the 11th January 2024.



Our AGM will be held on the 18th of January.

New Book Released by Lucan Author

Though now approaching his 95th year, Lucan resident author Rory O'Connor, retired solicitor and public notary, has produced what he describes as his last ever book. It is a memoir titled ("A Man of Many Places" covering the author's life and times as a child in Donegal, his growing up and education in Ennis (Co. Clare) and his professional life as a solicitor in Ennis (Co. Clare) and his professional life as a solicitor in Ennis, Waterford and Dublin.

The book is written in a humorous style devoid of legalese and almost each of its 35 chapters is replete with legal anecdotes that are guaranteed to provoke laughter aloud by even the most serious minded reader.

We congratulate Rory (writing as Roderick) on his great enterprise and wish him well on his 95th birthday which falls on 31st December.

A signed copy/copies of

A Man of Many Places by Roderick O'Connor

may be purchased direct from the author at 4
Lucan Lodge Leixlip Road, Luca, Co Dublin,
K78 WIR or by post.

Price €18. If ordered by post add €4 for postage.





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Hurling

A dramatic weekend of action with two Championship finals brought the 2023 adult hurling season to a close. Unfortunately, we didn't collect silverware this weekend but we had two great performances from Lucan teams. First up on Saturday morning, our U21s drew with Kilmacud Crokes in the 'A' Championship final after extra-time. Unfortunately, they lost the penalty shoot-out and Crokes claimed the Cup. Then on Sunday morning, our Minor C's lost out by just a single point, also after extra-time, to St Sylvesters in the Minor 'D' Championship final. These were two great games that provided the very best of winter hurling. Both match reports below.

The season overall was a relatively successful one for the Adult Hurling section. We fielded 10 teams in total (5 adult, 3 minor and 2 Under 21). We won one Championship (Minor A) and were runners-up in three (Junior B, U21A and Minor C) while all our teams were very competitive in their Championships, with the Seniors and Minor B's both reaching semi-finals. Our Minor As and Minor Bs both won their leagues and our Junior As secured runners-up and promotion in the league also. Thanks to all our players and mentors for their commitment to Lucan hurling this year and to everyone who helped out in any way through the year. Plans are already being made for 2024 and competitive action will resume again at the end of February.



Juvenile/Coiste na nÓg

Well done to our U16B Hurlers who won the Hurling D Sheild against St. Patricks (P) on Saturday.

U21 A Hurling Championship Final: Kilmacud Crokes 0-27 Lucan Sarsfields 0-27 (AET). (Kilmacud Crokes won on penalties). O'Toole Park, 2/12/2023.

Minor D Championship Final: Lucan Sarsfields 2-11 St Sylvesters 2-12 - After Extra Time. 12th Lock 3/12/2023.

Social

The Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club 25 Card Drive in the Clubhouse Bar. Fridays 8.00pm Sharp 1st Prize: €50 (if 12 or more players, 2nd Prize if 3 or more tables). Entry: €5 per person Everyone is welcome - from beginners to those who played years ago and would like to resume playing so please spread the word! Members are also welcome to bring friends. Call Bill Ryan at 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery at 087-7469143 for further information.



Healthy Club

safeTALK (suicide alertness for everyone) is a half day training programme that prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources using the steps of TALK (Tell, Ask, Listen and KeepSafe). These specific skills are called suicide alertness and are taught with the expectation that the person learning them will use them to help reduce suicide risk in their communities. Participants learn how to provide practical help to persons with thoughts of suicide in only a few hours. Following a safeTALK workshop you will be more capable to support people with thoughts of suicide by signposting them to suicide first aid resources in their local area. Lucan Sarsfields GAA are running a private safeTALK workshop on Saturday, January 20th from 9.30am to 1pm for mentors, club members and parents. To book your slot on the workshop email lucanhealthyclub@gmail.com for more information.

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €8,200. The Numbers were **12, 20, 21, 26.** **The lucky dip prizes go to,** Meave Joyce, Brian Kearney, Laura Moran, Joe Rooney and Michael Quinn. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €8,600. The draw is sponsored by Henley Forklift Group and will be led by Gerry McAndrew.

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>. **Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.**

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

It's been a very busy week for Lucan Harriers. Kicking off the week we had Ailbhe Breen, Claire Rigney and John Healy competing at the NIA Live in the National Indoor Arena in Abbotstown on November 29th. John Healy 800 metres in 2:26.00. Claire Rigney 400 metres in 1:00.89. Ailbhe Breen 400 metres in 1:33.00.

On December 2nd Lucan Harriers were well represented at the Jingle Bells 5k. A crisp December morning in The Phoenix Park, a typical Jingle bells morning for the annual running of the Donore Harriers festive 5K. This was the 32nd year and encourages families to take part. Recognised as one of Ireland's fastest 5k. Santas, elves and all sorts of festive fancy dress display on the morning. The obligatory Christmas mug awaited all finishers at the finish line.

A fantastic 34 Lucan Harriers registered for the race with super running by one and all. The race started on the Acres Road close to the Cross, turns onto the Chesterfield, left at the Mountjoy junction, down past the Ordnance Survey meandering down the S bends to the finishing line near the back of St Mary's hospital. Thank you to our neighbours in Donore for their big welcome.

First male across the line was Ciaran Hughes in a time of 16.32 and Breda Smyth first lady in a time of 20.17. Congratulations to Fiona Hegarty 26.21, Teresa O'Rourke 23.58, and Dan Collins 19.48, Anne Marie Lavin 28.48 and Mary Lynch 24.53 on their PBs. Loretta Geissel not only completed her first race but achieved a PB of 38.33.



Apologies if any significant times were missed. Unfortunately, there are too many names to list everyone individually. Well done to everyone who turned out in the cold wearing the red and black with pride.

A big thanks also to everyone who stood on the sidelines to cheer on their clubmates also it is very much appreciated by all runners.

Over in Valencia we had Jer O' Sullivan who ran the Valencia marathon on December 3rd in 3:20:48. Jer has completed an impressive 9 marathons and 3 ultras this year!



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

Buachaillí F11 - Peil

Maidin iontach i Naomh Peregrines ar maidin le cluiche comórtasach peile le críochnú F11. Bhí scileanna agus scóir iontacha ar taispeáint, le bua iontach ag na lads.

An rud is tábhachtaí ar maidin áfach ná an obair foirne, d'imir na buachaillí dá chéile, agus feiceann tú foireann ag tosú ag teacht le chéile. Cabhróidh sé seo go mór leo an bhliain seo chugainn agus iad ag dul isteach i gcluichí iomaíocha sraithe.

Mar sin slán F11 agus Dia duit F12!!!!

Beidh na sonraí faoi an seachtain deireadh ag teacht amach go luath.



Peil na bhFear

Cruinniú den scoth anocht ag peileadóirí fásta an chumainn. Go leor pleananna déanta agus spreagadh mór faighte chun tabhairt faoi 2024 le chéile go fonnmhar. Má tá suim agat féin nó má tá aithne agat ar éinne a mbeadh suim acu abair linn é!

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Basking in the success of our recent photographic exhibition in the Parish Centre the members of the Soiree took themselves off to the Springfield Hotel last Friday for their Christmas lunch. I'm delighted to report that once again our YouTube channel has had a satisfactory number of hits. When last checked there had been 107 viewings!

This week Donal has been in the city centre and has submitted some lovely night-time photographs. One is of the Aviva Stadium which was officially opened on 14th May 2010. The stadium won a British Construction Engineering Award in 2011.



These awards seek to recognise outstanding achievement in the construction of buildings. Donal also submitted a night-time photo of the apartments that were built within the curved framework of the former Gasometer off Barrow Street. It's hard to believe that these apartments have been there for 16 years! The architects retained the original frame of the gasometer which dates from 1885 and created a nine-story block of apartments using the

circular shape to give all of the apartments a two-sided view. There were also some photographs that recorded the first serious frost of the year. Surprise, surprise, mushrooms featured!



Paddy took himself off to Dublin Zoo and submitted more night-time photos, this time of Dublin Zoo "Wild Lights" which this year is on the theme of "The Enchanted Zoo". The display, which opened on 16th November runs through to January 2024.