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Sunday 15th December 2024

St. Mary's Car Park – A Word of explanation



The observant among you will have noticed that a Pay-and-display machine has appeared in the car park at St. Mary's Church. Its appearance has caused some consternation, particularly among the many parents who avail of the facility to drop-off and pick-up their children in the local schools.

For the past number of years, we have had a growing problem with people using the car park as a park-n-ride facility. On occasion, up to 30 vehicles have been parked there from early morning till late evening, depriving churchgoers for funerals etc. of a place to park.

The parish property and finance committee have wrestled with this problem for some time, and after much consideration, have reluctantly decided to give over the management of the car park to a management company. The pay-and-display policy will operate **Monday to Saturday from 7.00 am until**

6.00 pm, and those parking during these hours will be required to display a valid ticket, or risk having their vehicle clamped or removed. Overnight parking is not permitted.

RFC Car Park Management

Clamping & Relocation In Operation

RFC CAR PARK MANAGEMENT MANAGE ST MARY'S PARKING. RESTRICTIONS & ENFORCEMENTS IN EFFECT.

- PAID PARKING FOR PATRONS OF LUCAN PARISH ONLY
- €2.00 PER HOUR - FIRST HALF HOUR FREE
- A VALID PAID PARKING TICKET MUST BE CLEARLY DISPLAYED ON YOUR WINDSCREEN OR DASHBOARD
- FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN YOUR VEHICLE BEING CLAMPED
- MAXIMUM STAY 3 HOURS ONLY
- IF YOU ARE PARKED HERE IN EXCESS OF 3 HOURS, YOU ARE LIABLE TO BE CLAMPED
- NO OVERNIGHT PARKING
- NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ALLOWED
- OPERATIONAL TIMES MONDAY - SATURDAY 7.00am - 6.00pm

Unauthorised, illegally parked vehicles and/or failure to comply with the rules above may result in your vehicle being

CLAMPED AND/OR TOWED
De-Clamp Fee €125
Relocation Fee €50 / Towing Fee €150
Storage Fee €50 per day
For a De-Clamp call 01-8971044

WARNING! TAMPERING WITH, DAMAGING AND/OR UNAUTHORISED REMOVAL OF CLAMPS MAY RESULT IN VEHICLE REMOVAL AND/OR PROSECUTION!

Please note that the management company or its agents do not accept any liability for any loss or damage arising from vehicles parking and advise patrons that they park at their own risk. In addition, no liability shall be accepted for any

To facilitate the parents who drop off and collect their children, the machine will issue a free ticket for a 30-minute period.

During Mass times i.e. from 9.40 am to 11.00 am, NO TICKET WILL BE REQUIRED.

If Masses, and weddings etc. are at other times, the management company will be advised in advance and no ticket will be required.

We hope that you will appreciate the need for this policy. It is not a money-making scheme, rather an attempt to regulate a facility that has been much abused.

"To facilitate the parents who drop off and collect their children, the machine will issue a free ticket for a 30-minute period."

Philip Curran
St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Parishes

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Lucan CIC Christmas Hours:

Thursday 19th Dec 10-12 and 2-4

Friday 20th Dec to 1st Jan 2025

CHRISTMAS CLOSING

Thursday 2nd Jan 10-12 and 2-4

Friday 3rd Jan **CLOSED**



CIPS Hours

Monday 23rd Dec 9-5

Reduced hours (Phone lines closed from 5pm)

Tuesday 24th Dec 9-5

Reduced hours (Phone lines closed from 5pm)

Wednesday 25th Dec **CLOSED** Christmas Day

Thursday 26th Dec **CLOSED**, St Stephen's Day

Friday 27th Dec **CLOSED**

Monday 30th Dec 9-8, Normal hours

Tuesday 31st Dec 9-5

Reduced hours (Phone lines closed from 5pm)

Wednesday 1st Jan **CLOSED**, New Years Day

Normal hours resume from Thursday 2nd January 2025 - 9am-8pm



Gift Vouchers

What is a gift voucher?

A gift voucher is a card or voucher you can use instead of money to pay for goods and services.

There are many benefits to gift vouchers but there are also some risks. For example, if you lose the voucher, it expires before you use it, or you are not able to spend the remaining balance. It is important you know the conditions and rules that apply to the gift voucher before you buy.

The Consumer Protection (Gift Vouchers) Act 2019 introduced extra rights for gift vouchers sold after 2 December 2019.

Types of Gift Vouchers

Gift vouchers can be paper certificates, electronic cards or gift cards. They can come from a single business or a group, such as a shopping centre.

Electronic money gift card

Electronic money gift cards (for example, One4all gift cards) can be used in different shops.

Before you buy the card, you must be told about the conditions for using it, including any fees.

Fees must be proportionate and should match the actual costs to the business for issuing the card.

Electronic money gift cards are regulated under the European Communities (Electronic Money) Regulations 2011. The Central Bank enforces rules for electronic money gift cards.

Rules covering Gift Vouchers

Gift vouchers sold after 2 December 2019 must have no expiry date or be valid for at least 5 years.

The seller cannot:

Force you to use the entire gift voucher in one go

Charge a fee for changing the name on a gift voucher (if name registration is required)

If there is more than €1 left on your gift voucher after a purchase, the seller must refund you the balance. They can do this with cash, transfer it electronically to your bank or by giving you another gift voucher.

Exceptions to the rules

The rules do not cover vouchers that:

Can only be used to buy goods and services at a discounted price, from a specific seller on a set date, or for 3 months or less (such as deal websites like Groupon or Pigsback)

Are part of a customer loyalty or promotion scheme

You got as a refund for returned goods

Were sold before 2 December 2019 - the original expiry date and terms still apply to these vouchers

Know the terms before you buy and check the small print - more information is on our website.



**Lucan
Dementia
Café**

Saturday 14th December
from 2pm - 5pm

in St. Mary's Parish Centre

<https://www.understandtogether.ie/>

Please drop by and join us for a Cuppa!

Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 27th November, we had our Christmas Floral Demonstration with Margaret Murphy. It was a very festive and enjoyable morning. All Margaret's beautiful arrangements were raffled.



On 4th December, we had our social morning and delicious Christmas lunch in the Spa Hotel. We also celebrated all the December birthdays – Nodlaig, Dolores, Norma, Joy, Liz and Miriam. It was a wonderful end to a very busy and enjoyable year. We packed in a lot of events. A special thank you to all the Spa Hotel Staff who look after us so well.



We wish all our members a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Lucan Newsletter Christmas Issue!

Next Sunday, 22nd December, will be our final issue of the year. We will be back for Sunday 12th January 2025

Lucan ICA

Congratulations and well done to Pauline and Mary on graduating from Dublin Adult Education Centre in Lucan, awarded a certificate In Level 4 Spreadsheet Methods.



The members would like to send sympathy to Antoinette Healy, a past President and member of Lucan Guild on the death of her husband Tom.



Many thanks to all who have contributed in any way to Koins for Kids over the last number of months.

Most of these donations are anonymous but we are extremely grateful for all donations. We accept coins and notes of all and any currencies and can use them to generate funds for Koins for Kids.

Our ambitious target is €1,000,000 to help fund very specific equipment for the New Children's Hospital.

Thanks to the generosity of all our donors, we have reached the milestone of €600,000. A magnificent achievement.

Further donations can be left in St. Mary's Parish Centre or the Sacristy, or by contacting myself.

*Many thanks and Happy Christmas to one and all.
Damien Douglas.
0879519222.*

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On Saturdays from the conclusion of the 10am Mass to 11.30am – funerals permitting.

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

Lectio Divina: Lectio Divina meet every Monday evening (except Bank Holidays) at 7.30pm in the Bungalow to reflect for an hour on the following Sunday's gospel. *All are welcome.*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group: We meet on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041)

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:
Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday morning in St Mary's Parish Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This devotion, revealed to St Faustina by Our Lord is a prayer of atonement for our own sins and the sins of the whole world. We pray especially for evil to be defeated and for peace in the world.

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.



Deepest Sympathy to the husband, children, parents, family and friends of **Susan Cahill**, Johnsbridge and to the family and friends of **James (Jim) Doyle**, Lucan Heights.

May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in St. Mary's:

Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony. The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date.

Dates are bookable on line.

Email: secretary@lucanparish.com

Church Art Calendar 2025

On sale - €2. St. Mary's Parish Centre



Confessions for Christmas:

Monday 23rd December: 10.30am to 11am

Tuesday 24th December: 10.30am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm

Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve: Tuesday 24th December:

10am: Morning Mass

6pm: Children's Vigil Mass with Blessing of Crib.

8pm: Vigil Mass

(Please note there is **NO** Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve)

Christmas Day: Wednesday 25th December:
9am, 10.30am and 12 noon

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.

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting: Every Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St. Patrick's Church) from 7.00pm to 7.45pm.

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

Tea/Coffee: Every Wednesday 10:30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome*

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Monday 23rd December: 10.30am to 11am

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Christmas Eve: Tuesday 24th December:
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6.30pm: Children's Mass with Blessing of Crib.

8.30pm: Vigil Mass

(Please note there is **NO** Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve)

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9am, 10.30am and 12 noon



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

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

Prayers of the Church: Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.
The Church is open Monday to Friday from **10am to 1pm** for private prayers.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church.

Emmanuel Masses:

Our Advent Novena of Masses preparing for the coming of the Lord Jesus will be celebrated as follows:

Monday 16th to Friday 20th December: 7pm

Saturday 21st December: 6pm

Sunday 22nd and Monday 23rd December: 7pm

The Masses will be offered for various intentions including Young People and Young Adults, Families, Prisoners and People suffering with addictions and more.

Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve: Tuesday 24th December:
5.00pm (Family Mass) and 8.00pm

Christmas Day: Wednesday 25th December:
10.30am, 12 Noon



Ecumenical Reading of the Nativity

Lucan Village at the Christmas Tree

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December 1pm

Ecumenical Reading of the Nativity including Christmas Carols with members of the Presbyterian Church, Church of Ireland, Methodist and Catholic Churches.

Come and join us in celebrating our common faith

St. Patrick's Parish Lotto Magical news! Christmas Giveaway Competition

Thank you so much to everyone who is supporting our fundraiser lotto. You are making a real difference, and we really appreciate your support.

Some magical news, every line in our fundraiser lotto on Thursday 19th December 2024, has a chance to win our Jackpot and has a FREE chance to win one of five magical Christmas Giveaway Competition prizes. This nationwide competition is open to all people who have a ticket in a lotto run by our service provider 'Our Fundraiser' and the prizes are **€2,500 Cash Prize, 2 x Oasis Platinum Tickets, Meta Quest 3 VR Bundle, The Ultimate Christmas Hamper and a €500 Dunnes Stores Gift Card.**

If you already have a ticket for our fundraiser lotto on 19th December 2024, you will be entered into this Christmas Giveaway Competition. If you do not have a ticket, please visit our fundraiser website to join:

<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stpatrickslucan>

If you previously registered on our fundraiser website, then log in using the mobile number and password you used before and click on the 'Play' button.

If you have not previously registered on our fundraiser website, then click on the 'Join' button and follow the steps, it just takes a minute!

If you need any assistance, please email to support@ourfundraiser.ie

To Win - at 7pm on Thursday 19th December 2024 a participant will be chosen at random by 'Our Fundraiser' for each prize. They must answer a phone call within 5 rings and answer the below quiz question correctly to win a prize. This competition is subject to the terms and conditions which can be found at <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/terms-and-conditions>

What is the name of Santa's red-nosed reindeer? (a) Dancer (b) Comet (c) Rudolph

Please spread the word with family and friends. Thank you so much, your support makes a big difference.



Christmas GIVEAWAY COMPETITION
THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER

THIS NATIONWIDE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE A TICKET IN A LOTTO RUN BY OUR SERVICE PROVIDER 'OUR FUNDRAISER'

HOW TO ENTER

1 EVERY LINE IN OUR LOTTO DRAW ON 19TH DECEMBER 2024 HAS A **FREE** CHANCE TO WIN* 1 OF 5 MAGICAL PRIZES. TO ENTER PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stpatrickslucan>

2 STAY BY THE PHONE AFTER 7PM AND ANSWER THE QUESTION BELOW CORRECTLY...

What is the name of Santa's red-nosed reindeer?
a) Dancer
b) Comet
c) Rudolph

Good Luck!

* TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY
<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/terms-and-conditions>

BUY 3 LINES TO TRIPLE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING!

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

€2,500 CASH PRIZE

2 X OASIS PLATINUM TICKETS

META QUEST 3 VR BUNDLE

THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS HAMPER

€500 DUNNES STORES GIFT CARD

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 2025. 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, Introduction to Computers Internet and Email, Introduction to Office Skills, Personal Effectiveness, IT Skills, Work Experience, Customer Service, Medical Terminology for Medical Secretary, Introduction to Psychology, Bookkeeping Using Sage Software.

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

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. There is a charge of €4 each week to cover costs but there is 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 be having our Christmas party next Thursday 19th December.

Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills. Our next meeting is on Thursday 19th December at 7:45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip and guests are most welcome to join us. Come along on the night or contact vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com to register your interest.



Thursday 19th December 2024

7:45pm

Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, W23 W280

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

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

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak! Come along on Thursday next, December 19th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, follow Lucan Toastmasters on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#) or contact vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com



Women's
Collective
Ireland
LUCCAN

As we approach the close of another incredible term, it's hard to believe how quickly the weeks have flown by! This has been a busy and rewarding time for WCI Lucan, with nine vibrant programs running alongside a series of inspiring community events.

Here's a roundup of our recent highlights:

The Red Shoes Art Installation: Last week, we proudly hosted a powerful temporary art installation, *The Red Shoes – Los Zapatos Rojos*, outside City Hall in Tallaght. Featuring 270 pairs of red shoes, each painted by women from our nationwide projects, the installation serves as a moving tribute to lives stolen through femicide in Ireland.

Christmas Celebration: On Wednesday, 11th December, we held our Annual Christmas Celebration, and it was a fantastic success! From festive treats to carols and our much-loved Silly Santa Raffle, the morning was filled with holiday cheer and community spirit.

Nollaig na mBan – Fully Booked!

We are thrilled to announce that our first-ever *Nollaig na mBan* celebration at Lucan Golf Club on January 6th, 2025, is now fully booked! Thank you for your incredible support.

A Year of Gratitude: As we wrap up this remarkable term, we want to take a moment to thank all our supporters, participants, and champions for your unwavering commitment and energy. Your involvement makes our community stronger and more vibrant every day.

Season's Greetings: We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a New Year filled with joy, health, and new adventures.

Warmest regards,

Rita, Joanne, Jackie & Marie

The WCI Lucan Team



Older people need your support!

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people. ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

Lucan Goal Mile



Christmas Morning 10 – 12 noon

Lucan Harriers A.C. Track

Open to Everyone – Mammies, Dads, Grandparents, and of course especially Children.

Full info and various donation options on www.goal.ie

No pre-registration necessary.

Just arrive and Run, Jog or Walk a Mile to support those less fortunate.

A Great Way to start your Christmas!



Storm Darragh certainly kept us on our toes last weekend. There were a few trees down in the area, and the river was very high, but thankfully, we didn't suffer like the western seaboard! Let's count our blessings!

Ahead of the storm, **Lucan's Christmas Tree** was in place, adding a real touch of festivity to the village. Thankfully, it was still in situ the following morning.



The President's Tree

– On Saturday last, Aontas Choir were invited to sing at the turning on of the Christmas Lights at the Árus, and we heard great reports of their performance, while they looked spectacular in their new uniforms.



What a beautiful sound they make, and once again we enjoyed seeing them at their Carol Service in St. Patrick's Church on Wednesday night. Well done to all involved.

(We robbed the photos from their Facebook page)

Elections! Still a few posters around, but well done to the majority of candidates who removed theirs in good time.



Here's a thought! While in Celbridge last week, Birdie came on the bronze statue of Arthur Guinness, and wondered, has nobody in Lucan ever considered that we might have a statue of Patrick Sarsfield on the new Village 'Green'!!!

Left: The statue in Limerick.

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105

or 085 867 1245

Find us on Facebook and Instagram to see what's going on in the centre!



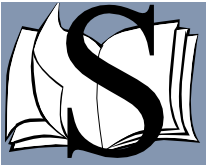
Active over 55's: On Thursday we finished up for Christmas having a celebration day with a movie and treats for everyone. We look forward to a new term in January. Keep an eye out for new activities in the new year.

Baby & Toddler Group: Baby and toddler group will continue on Mondays. If you would like to come along, please don't be shy its **Monday morning from 11-12.30.**

Christmas Closure: The centre will be closed Monday 23rd December until Monday 6th January.

Room booking: Would you like to book a room in the centre for a meeting or a group activity? We have some availability and offer competitive rates. Email us to make a booking.





SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

School Fundraiser: LCC held a fundraiser in honour of the late LCC student Saoirse O'Driscoll who passed away in April of congenital heart disease. Her father John and four of his friends Conor, Daragh, Enda and Roger are taking on the World's toughest Row across the Atlantic Ocean between San Sebastian de La Gomera, Spain to the paradise of Nelson's Dockyard, Antigua which is 4800km. The funds raised will be shared between Heart Children Ireland and the Children's Heart Centre at CHI Crumlin, both of which played a vital role in Saoirse's life. Visit the LCC website for a link to the donation page.



Under 19 Boys Soccer: Lucan CC 2-0 Colaiste Phadraig, Lucan. A great win for our u19 boys against our local rivals CBS. Goals were scored by Jamie Harrington and Kevin Madu. The lads are now through to the Dublin West Semi-final. Well done.

LCC International Baking Competition:

As part of #thinklangauges LCC held an international baking competition. Students got to show off their fabulous baking and creative skills and the judges got to taste some culinary delights. Congratulations to the winners who were Oisín Argaud - First Year, Mia Cooke - Third Year, Ciara Glynn and Skaiste Marinskaite fifth year.

Rosegrove United, who as well as having an awful name are useless in David's opinion. David has two other problems. Firstly, his embarrassing Dad, who thinks he is a soccer expert because he watches Match of the Day. Secondly, Whacker Whelan, the soccer playing bully. Can David overcome these challenges and win the Player of the Year trophy.



Illustrations by Caoilfionn Walsh & Ciarán O'Brien.

A must for any Xmas Stocking available at buythebook.ie

Suitable for ages 6 to 60!
Local author and set in Lucan.

www.buythebook.ie



Liffey Sound 96.4fm - Interview

Listen to **Donal Walsh** being interviewed about his book *Rosegrove United Time to Shine*, this coming Sunday on **Bookline** at 11am.

The programme will also be broadcast to 11 other community radio stations around Ireland the following week.



St. Joseph's College

Junior Achievement Ireland: Second year science students took part in the Junior Achievement Ireland Program with Pfizer. Students discussed the importance of engineering and the role engineers play in our everyday lives. Students also explored the 3D printing and made models of desk lamps and water bottles. The Junior Achievement Ireland program is a structured, hands on and activity based, focusing on enterprise, communication and interview skills. The program is designed to help negotiate the path from school to a career that suits each students individual strengths.

Special assemblies: Well done to all students who received awards at the recent special assemblies. These students were rewarded for their positive and helpful behaviours and living out the ethos of the Presentation Sisters and St Joseph's College.

St Vincent de Paul fundraising Calendar: The St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal is taking place this weekend, raising much needed funds for families in the run up to Christmas. We are selling our 2025 Calendars in St. Joseph's all this week in school & in Centra, Lucan Village. All money goes to St. Vincent De Paul. The Calendars have been created by our students in TY, showing beautiful images of Lucan and surrounding areas! Students can buy a calendar from Ms. Bligh in cash or by Revolut / Card from Tuesday, 10th Dec 2024. The Calendars make great planners for 2025, and can be used in any office, kitchen, bedroom or classroom! They also make great Christmas gifts to family and friends abroad.



College Awareness Week: Thank you to Dillon from TU Dublin and Dr. Laura from Maynooth University for coming to the school last week as part of College Awareness Week 2024. They

spoke to our students about the various courses offered by their respective institutions, the facilities on campus and the possibilities for our students if they chose a course at either TU Dublin or Maynooth University.



Berlin Tour: Last week fifth and sixth year German students went on their European tour to Berlin. They visited the Olympic Stadium, Berlin Wall, Reichstag (German Parliament Building), Brandenburg Gate, Holocaust Memorial, Checkpoint Charlie, WW2 Bunker, East German Museum and of course Berlins famous Christmas markets. Thanks to Mr. Kirwan and Ms. Garvey for accompanying students on the trip.

St. Joseph's College - Sustainability-SVP

The Transition Year Students recently held a successful second-hand pop-up shop in the school. Instead of discarding leftover textiles, they creatively upcycled them into unique and festive Christmas decorations. On the 19th December, these handmade ornaments will adorn the Christmas tree at the local St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) charity shop in Lucan Village, spreading holiday cheer while showcasing the students' ingenuity and environmental awareness. This project demonstrates the students' commitment to sustainability and community engagement.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan
Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan
Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Awards: Well done to 1st yr **Jude Fatogun** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month* Award for November in recognition of his excellent behaviour, good manners and pleasant demeanour in class and around the school. Congratulations to TY student **Lewis Ajinakou** who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award* in recognition of his exceptional displays for the school's u16 basketball team.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **Finn Crawford** ón rang 1 Oat a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí na Samhna mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge.

Food collection: Food items have been collected over the past number of weeks for Lucan Lions Club and the response has been heart-warming. The collection as a great success and there was enough food brought in probably for at least twenty-two large hampers. Ms. Casey also collected 305euro from plastic bottles she has collected in the school over the past few months (which numbered close to 2,000!). She returned the bottles to the re-cycle machines in the supermarket and spent the funds on food and groceries for the collection.



The food boxes were collected Tom Kelleher, a volunteer with Lucan Lions Club, on Monday morning and they already have families lined up to receive the hampers in time for Christmas. We would like to thank all those that contributed, both students, parents and staff, so generously to the appeal while we would like to thank Ms. Casey for organising, promoting and co-ordinating this annual collection.

Soccer: Our 1st yr soccer team crashed out of the Leinster Cup last Thursday after being well beaten by an excellent St. Mary's Drogheda team in their 2nd rnd encounter.

Our **u15 soccer team** were beaten 3-1 by Kishoge CC last Friday in their 4th and final group stage match of the Dublin League. Omar Ibrahim got Lucan's only goal of the game. Our 15s finished

in 4th spot in the group so they will now fully focus on the Leinster Shield in January, when they will face Templeogue College in the 1st rnd. Our **u17 soccer team** defeated Boyne CS, Trim 3-2 last Wednesday in the 2nd round of the Leinster Junior Cup. Boyne lead 2-0 at one stage but Lucan fought back to claim a hard-earned win, with Chris Harold, Patrick Rance and James Dwyer scoring the all-important goals. The team were then beaten 4-2 by Adamstown CS on Tuesday in their final group game of the League. The team are guaranteed a top 2 finish anyway, having won their opening two matches, so it was an opportunity to give the squad some game time. Emmet Kelleher and Ben Lawless got the Lucan goals.

Our **senior soccer team** were defeated 2-0 by Lucan CC on Thursday in the Dublin League. It was a typically feisty local derby with both teams fighting for every ball with energy, controlled aggression and tenacity. It was a goalless first half with both defences on top of their game but LCC grabbed two 2nd half goals to claim bragging rights as well as top spot in the group, with our team also qualifying in 2nd place.

Hurling: Our senior hurlers advanced to Dublin Senior Hurling "C" League 1-4 finals after defeating St. McDara's, Templeogue 3-12 to 2-12 last Friday. The victory secured top spot in the group and a home match against St. Declan's Cabra in the 1-4 final. Páidí Murphy (1-01), Michael O' Brien (1-0), Patrick Cosgrove (1-01) and Conor Dillon (0-10) got the scores for the team.

Basketball: Hard luck to our u16 basketball team, who suffered an agonising 56-54 overtime defeat to Moyle Park in the East Boys "A" Shield Final, which was held at the Oblate Centre in Inchicore last Wednesday. Lewis Ajinakou scored a remarkable 42 of the team's points with Hasan Al Maini (10), Daniel Godson (2) getting the remaining scores. It was a great effort by the team who just missed out on retaining the u16 Shield.

Christmas Service: St. Mary's Church, Lucan hosted a heart-warming Christmas service for our 2nd and 3rd yr students last Friday morning. The ceremony marked the beginning of the Advent Season as well as the Christmas festive period. The occasion brought together students of diverse faiths and beliefs and, under the guidance of Fr. Ubaldo, the multi-faith service not only celebrated the spirit of Christmas but also helped foster a sense of community and belonging. It was a lovely occasion filled with reflection, celebration and joy, and we commend the students on being so attentive, respectful.

Recent Death



Sr. Irene R.I.P.

Sr. Irene Keane, La Sainte Union Sisters, passed away on 7th December, in Banagher, Co. Offaly. She will be remembered in St. Patrick's Parish as a teacher in Scoil Áine for many years and also for being involved in many ministries, including the Children's Choir.

To her community and extended family, we extend our deepest condolences.

May she rest in peace.

Acknowledgement



Dara McLaughlin

The McLaughlin family would like to express our deepest gratitude for your kind words, support and condolence messages at his difficult time.

In particular, the staff at Tallaght Hospital. Your thoughtfulness and compassion have brought comfort to our family as we navigate this loss.

Thank you for your love, support and for keeping us in your thoughts.

With heartfelt appreciation Ken, Frances and family, Dodsborough Cottages.

Birthday Remembrances

Stewart Dowling

45th Birthday, 19th December

Sadly missed, always in our hearts

Mam, Dad, brothers, children, niece and nephews



Jennie Morris

102nd Birthday, 6th away from home

We called you Nanny bus

Always a wise word that meant so much

A sing song, a smoke, a laugh, a joke

A lifetime of memories, our hearts are broke

Happy Birthday Nanny Bus

Loved and missed every day by your son in law

Dessie, beloved late daughter Jean, son Joe,

grandchildren, Karen, Lisa and Kevin, sons and

daughters in law Andy, Rachel, Jerry and Breeda

great grandchildren. Laurajane, Daniel, Craig,

Nikki and Kelsie.



Anniversaries

Shamie Bolger

3rd Anniversary, 16th December

In loving memory of our dear beloved husband, dad, and grandad. Also remembering at this time our beloved **daughter, sister and aunt Georgina Bolger** whose 3rd Anniversary occurred 30th August 2024.

Separated in life, united in Heaven. Rest in Peace.

When we remember happy times,

The thoughts we hold most dear,

Are the times we shared together,

The days when you were here,

If only we could see you Dad,

For just a little while,

To hold you close and hug you,

And see your great big smile,

But God would never grant this wish,

As he would surely know,

That if we ever had you back,

We would never let you go.

Not a day goes by we don't think of you both.

Always in our thoughts and prayers, no one could

fill the void you both left, very sadly missed and

always remembered by Mam (Philly), sons James,

John, and families.

Carmel (Redmond) Clarke

3rd Anniversary, 14th December

A very special Mam, Nanny, friend and sister.

Forever in our hearts.

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.

Christy Dignam

1st Anniversary away from home

Memories are something,

That no one can steal,

Death is a heartache,

That no one can heal,

Some may forget that you are gone,

But we will remember, no matter how long.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Nuala and his

family

Christy Dignam

Remembering my brother **Christy** also my mam

Kitty whose birthday remembrance is at this time

Still loved, still missed

Still so constantly remembered.

Joe

Mary O'Brien

7th Anniversary, 14th December

Late of AGP

What she suffered, she told but few
She did not deserve, what she went through
Tired and weary, she made no fuss
But tried so hard, to stay with us

Two tired eyes are sleeping
Two willing hands are still
The one who worked so hard for us
Is resting at God's will

We often sit and think of you
And think of how you died
To think you not say goodbye
Before you closed your eyes
Our lips cannot speak
How we loved her
Our hearts cannot tell what to say
But God only knows how we miss you
In our home what is lonely today

All the pain and grief is over
Every restless tossing passed
Safely home in Heaven at last

Days of sadness will often come
Secret tears will flow
But treasured memories will keep
You near because we love and miss you so
From your loving husband Martin xx

Mary O'Brien

A beautiful memory, dearer than gold
Of a mother whose value, could never be told.
There's a place in my heart that no-one can fill.
*From your loving son Darren, daughter in law
Olive, grandchildren Elliot and Isabelle and great
grandson's Billy and Arthur.*

Also my grandmother, **Patricia O'Brien**
43rd Anniversary, 17th December

Mary O'Brien

Mam the silent grief that's in our hearts
No human eye can trace
Many a broken heart is hidden
Behind a smiling face
Always in our hearts
Love Tracey, Ian, Lauren and Ben

Mary O'Brien

Seven years since we saw your smile
And heard your laugh but these are kept safe
In our hearts and minds with a million memories
To be unlocked when in need of cheering up
Love always, Roy and Elaine



Mary O'Brien

Dear Nanny
Thank you so, so much for being the best nanny
In the world
You are dearly missed and loved by us all
Life is just not the same without you
We know that Christmas will be great with you
watching over us
Merry Christmas Nanny
Love you forever.
Lots of love Sam, Mya, Layla, Noah and Isaac

Mary O'Brien

December comes with sad regret
It brings back a day we could never forget
Today is a day with memories so sad
Of a mother we wish we still had
From your loving son Mark and Regina

Mary O'Brien

In loving memory of Nanny O'Brien
The gates of Heaven open wide
The angels lined up side by side
A beautiful guest was on her way
The day God took our loved Nanny away
*Granddaughter Amie and great grandchildren
Sonny and Luca.*

Mary O'Brien

No more memories to make
So I will keep the ones I have
Locked up safely in my heart
Happy Heavenly Christmas Mary
Love and miss you
Sleep tight Kiddo
*Love always xx
Phyllis*

Christmas at Farmleigh

Christmas Food and Craft Markets –
Saturday 14th December
Sunday 15th December
All above Markets and Crafts from
10.00 am – 5.00 pm.

14th & 15th December
Music with Joe Monks.
Farmyard 10.00 – 5.00pm.



POLITICAL NOTES



Cllr Francis Timmons – Labour Party

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I want to thank all who voted for me in the recent General Election! Every vote is very much appreciated! I also want to wish everyone that was elected well and hope they can impact the many issues raised during the campaign! Also want to commend those not elected for putting their name forward well done! I am still available for any issues!

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A Heartfelt Thank You: I am deeply grateful to everyone who supported me during the recent General Election. It is an incredible honour to be re-elected as your local TD, and I remain fully committed to working hard for the entire Lucan community over the next five years.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all the candidates who participated in this election. Congratulations to those who were re-elected, and well done to all candidates who gave their time and effort to stand for public office, including my Fine Gael colleague Cllr. Vicki Casserly. As always, if you have any issues or concerns you would like to raise, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie or 01 618 3013.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael – P.C.

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Beech Park Footpath: A footpath in need of repair in Beech Park is included for consideration in the 2025 Road Works Programme. I will keep you updated.

Christmas Tree: Congratulations to the Lucan Festival Christmas Lights committee, Gospel Choir with singing Santa, Little Blue Heroes, SDCC and Bretland, despite Storm Darragh, the lights on our Christmas Tree were switched on, spreading Christmas cheer.

Be Winter Ready: Salt bins are stocked—find locations at tinyurl.com/yjay3u4w. Road gritting is scheduled for 7 PM and 5 AM, depending on weather. Visit winterready.ie for tips.

Warmer Homes: With 1,000 homes becoming warmer every week, the record €469 million budget for energy upgrades in next year's budget,

together with additional funding from the European Regional Development Fund, will further build momentum in retrofitting. For grant forms or assistance with grants, contact me.

Paul Gogarty - TD

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Correspondence backlog: I am continuing to get through a large backlog of correspondence as quickly as possible, but this has been hampered by being ill during the week with a chest infection. On a positive note, I made the first of my staff appointments this week so will be able to start making serious inroads soon.

Dáil resumption: The Dáil resumes formally on Wednesday 18th December with the election of the Ceann Comhairle. It's unlikely that Government formation discussions will be completed until well into the New Year, but this depends on a number of factors.

Lay-by near St Joseph's/Scoil Mhuire;

Works are underway to reorientate this area as a set-down with vehicular direction reversed and a wider footpath provided. This ties in with school extension works but forms part of the wider canal route cycle plan (see my website for more details).



Lucan Harriers Athletics Club

Senior și Fit4Life Femei și Bărbați (18+)

Dacă îți place să mergi, să alergi, să sari sau să arunci,
Lucan Harriers are ceva pentru tine.
Avem un grup mare de abilități și niveluri de fitness,
unde toată lumea este făcută să se simtă binevenită.

Scanați codul QR pentru timpii de antrenament și contacte.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Donate a Dress

Our Donate a Dress Fundraiser is back and will be hosted on the 31st of January in the club at 8pm. Please donate dresses, jackets, coats, tops & bags in good condition. This is a great way to declutter your wardrobe and promote sustainable shopping while also raising money for the club. Donations can be dropped off to the bar on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7:30pm to 9pm. Tickets for the event will go on sale on January 1st and will cost €5. Contact Tracey Walsh 087 973 5655 or Colette Condon 086 379 9270 for more information.



St Stephen's Day - 'Puck it for Marsy'

Save the date! - On St Stephen's Day (Thursday 26th December) there will be a Long Puck competition in the Club in memory of our former great, Derek Maher ('Marsy'), who passed away earlier this year. The competition will include categories for adult players, U18 players, and retired/non player in both men's and women's. The pucking will start at 1pm with refreshments in the bar afterwards. We are asking all adult and minor Hurling and Camogie teams to support this very special event and aim to have two or three entries from every team. Entry is €10 for adults, €5 for under 18s. Entry details will be advised in coming weeks.

Lotto.

We had a winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €13,000. Congratulations to Eimear O'Leary. The Numbers were **5, 8, 23, 18.**



The lucky dip prizes go to Declan Lee, Shane Biggs, Maaiké Quinn, Eddie Keogh & Ken Kearney. Turkey Vouchers go to Susan O'Reilly, James Graham, Margaret Byrne, Mary Flannery, Jackie Foley & Yvonne McCaurney. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €13,000. The draw is sponsored by Henley Forklift Group

U21 Dublin 'A' Hurling Champions

The final competitive action of the adult hurling season saw our Under 21 hurlers win the Dublin 'A' Championship for the fourth time in the Club's history (following previous wins in 2008, 2014 and 2019). The title was secured in a hard-fought victory over Faughs played in difficult conditions - see match report below. Great credit is due to the full panel of players and to the management team of Niall Gleeson, Johnny McCaffrey, Aidan



Roche and Peter Kelly. This management team have done great work with the Under 21s over the past three years, winning the 'B' Championship in 2022, losing the 'A' final on penalties last year, and then securing the ultimate prize this year. More importantly, they have contributed hugely to the development of the next generation of adult hurlers for the club which will hopefully provide a platform for ultimate senior success. As the season draws to a close, we would like to thank all the hurlers who toggged out for the Club this year, all the mentors who worked with our teams and all our volunteers and supporters. Looking forward to lots more in 2025!



U21 Camogie

After a hard-fought final, unfortunately it wasn't to be for our U21A camogie team as they lost their championship final to Ballyboden. Hard luck to the team and management.



Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

Lucan Library – December Events



Festive Music
At Lucan Library
This December

Nikki Hendy's Singing Studio
Saturday 14th December,
2pm

Niamh Keane
(vocals, guitar & violin)
with pianist Enid Conaghan
Monday 16th December,
6.30pm

Merry Christmas!
All Welcome!
Refreshments served

My Open Library - introducing self-service, unstaffed extended hours for Lucan Library

Lucan Library will introduce extended opening hours very soon. With the My Open Library system, the library will be open from 8am to 10pm, 365 days a year, with some hours unstaffed and self-service. If you would like to be able to use the library during unstaffed hours, you will need to attend a mandatory induction session at the library and have access added to your library card. Please ask at desk for details.

Musical Tots: Saturday 14th December, 10.30am. Booking essential

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-wj-karen-at-lucan-library-tickets-950857298777>



STEAM Saturday with Helen - Making Snow!

Saturday 21st December, 2pm. For 9-12 year Olds. Booking essential from Saturday 14th December at 2pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/steam-saturday-with-helen-making-snow-tickets-1093458877939>

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: Monday 16th December, 12noon. Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday 18th December, 7pm
Junior Book Club: Wednesday 18th December 3pm

Lucan Library Classic Film Club: Tuesday 17th December, 5.30pm. Register at Library Desk.

Events for Younger Children:

Storytime - Tuesdays at 3pm. All welcome!

Lucan Library Classic Film Club: Tuesday 17th December, 5.30pm. Register at Library Desk.

Lucan Library Knitters Club - Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new members welcome

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group – 19th December, 10am – 12noon.

Information Stands: South Dublin Volunteer Centre - Thursday 19th December, 2pm - 4pm

Exhibitions: Poetry Exhibition by Kishogue Community College Students
12 Days of Christmas



Litter at the Bus Stop!

I wanted to bring to your attention the unpleasant state of the bus stop on the N4 slip at Vesey Park.



I use this stop every morning for work, and it's in a truly appalling condition. There's no bin in the area, and as a result, people are dumping their trash on the ground or behind the stop. It's really unacceptable.

*Kind regards,
Karl*

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last Friday the Soiree met in the Parish Centre to review the exhibition and to discuss what the plans for 2025 might be. Meetings in the Parish Centre have now finished until January. The first event of 2025 will be a display of a selection of photographs that were in the Parish Centre exhibition in Lucan Library for the month of January 2025. The last time I looked the number of viewings of the on-line exhibition was in excess of 110 which is better than last year. I know that people have looked from around the world including as far away as the USA and Australia. You can still access exhibition on our YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/69rL5K-tUnQ>



Kay and Frances submitted photographs with a strong Christmas flavour. I don't know where Kay managed to find decorations so big. Frances was capturing the Christmas lights in Hillcrest. Joe got a beautiful shot of some withering leaves fringed by frost.



In the meantime, Donal, Paddy and Brendan have been getting up at the crack of dawn, which in winter is not really that early, to photograph the sunrise on Dublin Bay. According to my weather app sunrise in Dublin at the moment is at about 8.30am! Getting up at the crack of dawn in mid-summer is something else!

A particularly attractive photo for me from this field trip is that of the reflections of the Poolbeg Stacks and a heron at low tide.



Until next week stay safe and don't overdo the Christmas shopping!