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Join the protest!



I always feel that this time of year marks the beginning of a kind of huge protest. All around our housing estates colourful lights appear, festooning usually sober house fronts, and shops and shopping centres become great beacons of colourful light, in sharp contrast with the dull grey cold drabness of these December days. It's right that we should protest against the creeping darkness that envelops us with inch by inch

stealth until it peaks on December 22nd. There's something about darkness that we humans naturally abhor, and coupled with the plunge in temperature, it tends to drag our mood down too. Colourful lights and Christmas trees always seem to me as a sign of our refusal to give-in, a shout of protest and of hope, while nature does its worst.

For Christian believers of course these weeks are much more than a cry of protest, they are a celebration of joy. These four weeks of December, known as Advent in church terms, offer a time and an opportunity to reflect anew on 'The light that the darkness could not overcome' (John 1:5) The light that Christ's coming brings to the earth is not something that shines for December alone and is packed into boxes in the attic for the rest of the year, no, it is a light that guides us in all the moments of our lives, when we embrace it in true welcome.

These four weeks of Advent challenge us to find time amid the frenzy that the build up to Christmas brings, to reflect quietly on the meaning of it all.

The birth of Christ is something that happened in history a long time ago, and generations before us have faithfully passed on that living light through the millennia to our present age. Each year, Advent invites us to renew our faith in that central mystery, and in turn to become the 'passers-on' to those coming after us.

Winter will pass, the darkness will yield to spring light, colour will return to what seems a dull and drab December landscape, for thus is God's wonderful creation. Darkness to light, new life from death. He spells it out quite clearly.

So join the protest. But keep in the mind the mystery at the heart of it all. An Advent and Christmas without Christ is all too much like 'Hamlet without the Prince.'

Philip Curran

Parish Priest St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Lucan

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

Gift Vouchers

A gift voucher is a voucher, usually given as a present, which you can use instead of money to pay (or pay in part) for goods and services.



Gift vouchers can be paper gift certificates, electronic cards or gift cards. They can be issued by a single business or for a group of shops (such as a shopping centre). 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 if you're unable to spend the remaining balance. It is important you know the conditions and rules that apply before buying a gift voucher.

Irish law introduced extra protections for gift vouchers sold on or after 2 December 2019, under the Consumer Protection (Gift Vouchers) Act 2019 (pdf).

The following rules apply to gift vouchers sold after 2 December 2019:

Gift vouchers must either have no expiry date or be valid for at least 5 years

The seller cannot make you spend the gift voucher in one single transaction

The seller cannot charge a fee to change the name on a gift voucher (if you must register a name on the voucher)

If the balance remaining on a gift voucher is more than €1 after you buy something, the seller must refund the balance to you. They can give you cash, make an electronic transfer or give you another gift voucher

Exceptions to the rules

The rules do not apply to:

Vouchers you can only use to buy goods and services at a discounted price, from a specific seller on a set date, or for 3 months or less. For example, vouchers from deal websites such as Groupon or Pigsback

Vouchers you got as part of a customer loyalty or promotion scheme

Vouchers you got as a refund for goods you returned to a seller

Vouchers and gift cards sold before 2 December 2019. The expiry period and the terms and conditions that applied at the time of purchase still apply to these vouchers

The rules do not apply to electronic money gift cards.

What is an electronic money gift card?

In general, electronic money gift cards (for example, One4all gift cards), are cards that can be used in different shops.

Rules that apply to electronic money gift cards:

Before you buy the card, you must be told about the conditions for using the e-money card, including any fees

Fees must be proportionate and in line with the costs actually incurred by the business who issues the card to you

Electronic money gift cards are regulated under the European Communities (Electronic Money) Regulations 2011. The Central Bank is responsible for enforcing these regulations.

More information is available on our website, e.g Things to check in the small print and the expiry date, are there restrictions on the use of the card?

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

Lucan ICA

Monday 4th December:

Craft morning continuing 10 am to 12-30.

The ladies are finishing up their knitting and crochet garments for Christmas presents.

Tea hostesses for 4th December are Anne Beales and Ann Byrne.

On Tuesday 5th December we are off to An Grianan for Christmas one day demonstrations in The Cookery school, Card making, Upcycling and Holly wreath-making.

Tea and scones on arrival at 10am, class begins at 10-30am. Lunch at 1pm

Christmas dinner at 5-30 with the Termonfeckin choir to entertain all the ICA ladies.

Bus picks up in Woodies 8-45am on Tuesday.

Pauline



Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 29th November, we had our annual Christmas Floral Demonstration with Margaret Murphy who delighted us with her clever and artistic ideas for decorating our homes, and gift ideas.



Congratulations to all our lucky winners. Thank you to our hardworking committee who helped to make this occasion a great success.

Wed 6th Dec:
Social
Morning and
Christmas
lunch in the
Spa Hotel
10.30 – 2.30.



Lucan Active Retirement Association

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. No charge for your first meeting.

Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Coffee break at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.



Thank You

The Brannigan Family of Airlie Heights and the McMahon Family of Beechpark wish to thank most sincerely their neighbours and friends, and the priests of St. Patrick's and St. Mary's

Parishes for their prayers, support and good wishes which were a wonderful help to Orlaith, her husband James and her children, in coping with her very serious accident and they continue to encourage and motivate Orlaith in her ongoing recovery.

A Mass of thanksgiving will be offered.

Parish Notes



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL



How quick the year has flown, and Christmas is just around the corner again.

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

We, the SVP in Lucan, rely on your generosity to achieve the goal of helping families in Lucan to ensure they will enjoy the festive season and through the forthcoming year.

*We thank you for the support,
St Vincent De Paul, Lucan*

PLEASE NOTE:

The Tap & Go System as each church is **NOT** to be used for special collections e.g. St Vincent de Paul.

This collection will take place in the Church itself.

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.

8th December: Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Masses: 10am and 7.30pm

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.

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.

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

Church Art Calendars For 2024

Now available at the Parish Office and Sacristy. Cost €2.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of *Mary Mills*, Beech Park and to the family and friends of *Claire McCormick*, Oldbridge. *May they rest in peace.*



Medjugorje Mass 2023 St Mary Church, Lucan Monday 4th December Mass at 6.15pm

(Rosary and Prayers at 5.45pm)
Available online at lucanparish.com



Pilgrimage - Medjugorje 2024

Pilgrimage departing 15th May 2024.
7 nights - €750 pps including insurance.
€50 discount if booked and €200 per person deposit paid if booked before 1st February 2024.

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

If you are **thinking** of joining a pilgrimage to Medjugorje in 2024, please contact Pat. No commitment needed and no money required at this stage. Information will be used to plan May and October pilgrimages.

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.

The Annual All Night Vigil to Knock 2023

December 7th Thursday
coming back Friday morning
December 8th

The bus will be stopping in
Lucan on the way to Knock.

*For further information please phone
Nora Griffin on 018404247 or 0863292329*



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.

Our Journey with Mary During Advent

You are invited to join our

Advent Reflection

at Kairos 125 Castlegate Way.

Dates: Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st Dec

Time: 11.00 - 11.30

Come early and enjoy a chat and refreshments!

All Welcome, Sr Angela



**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



St Joseph's Young Priests Society

St Joseph's Young Priests Society Lucan wish to thank Fr Philip Curran for allowing us the opportunity to make a Church gate collection on Saturday and Sunday 25th and 26th November. We

would also like to thank all the parishioners for their very generous contribution which will be a huge support for vocations to the priesthood. 675 euros was raised.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society meet in the Church of Divine Mercy the first Wednesday of each month at 10.40am to pray for vocations to the priesthood and for priests.

All are welcome to join us in this very important work as we are so in need of priests for now and the future.

Anniversaries

ALBERT (NOBBY) CLARK

7th Anniversary – 28th November

My loving Husband,
To My Husband in Heaven
I was supposed to spend
The rest of my life with you
And then I realised ...
You spent the rest of your life with me
I smile because I know you loved me
Till the day you went away
And will keep loving me
Till the day we're together again.
Love your Breda



ALBERT (NOBBY) CLARK

7th Anniversary – 28th November

Dad,
Memories of You Dad.
It's been the hardest thing to lose you
You meant so much to me
But you are in my heart Dad
And that's where you'll always be
I know that Heaven called you
But I wish you could have stayed
At least the memories I have of you
They will never fade
I did not want to lose you
But you did not go alone
Because a part of me went with you
When Heaven called you home
So just remember one thing
We are not apart
You're with me in my memories
And in my broken heart.

*Love Karen, Lisa, Dawn, Sandra, Lynsey, Alan
and Robert*



ELIZABETH (BETTY) McCABE

26th Anniversary – 2nd December

Late of Sarsfield Park.

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

MARTHA O'DOHERTY

2nd Anniversary – 3rd December

*Sadly missed and dearly loved by your loving
family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren*

ROBERT O'BRIEN

7th Anniversary

Late Airlie Heights.

We cry because of lonely years
Which once were full of you
We cry because of empty rooms
Your laughter once rang through
We cry because we miss
The smiles you can no longer give
We cry because we wanted you
So very much to live.
*So sadly missed by his heartbroken Mam Aine,
Barney, Triona, John, Conor, Liam and Joe xxxx*

SANDRA CORRIGAN WHELAN R.I.P.

3rd Christmas Away from Home

Every day without you
Since you had to go
Is like summer without sunshine
And Christmas without snow
We wish that we could talk to you
There's so much we would say
Life has changed so very much
Since you went away
We miss the bond between us
And we miss your kind support
You're in our minds and in our heart
And every Christmas thought.
**Sandra's Anniversary Mass will be held
Saturday 6th January 2024.**
Forever in our hearts,
With love from your family xx



Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 4th December at 7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.** This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.



What a week gone by!

Little could we have guessed the things that would unfold, between the stabbing incident of young children and their carer in the middle of the day, and riots which ensued, endangering the lives of many more, our first responders in particular,

along with transport staff. A Thursday which won't be forgotten for a long time.....

What a star! Our spirits were lifted somewhat on Friday with the *Late Late Toy Show*, which featured Lucan's, 11 year old Freya McLaughlin.



Freya won the hearts of everyone with her cheeriness and lovely singing. With a big interest in horses, she was presented with a trip to the equestrian competitions at the Olympics in Paris next year. Watch out for this star of the future!

Jack Frost put in an appearance early on Saturday morning, and it proved to be the introduction to the real wintry weather....

*Button up your overcoat,
From the winter chill.....*

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Lucan Lions Club



We will be engaged in a series of activities in SuperValu Lucan in the run up to Christmas. We are most grateful to SuperValu manager Ger Joyce and his colleagues for allowing us such a strong presence in the store.

Our activities will include:

The Food Trolley for our Annual Christmas Food Appeal will operate from this weekend. All non-perishable food donations will be greatly appreciated and will be distributed to worthy causes by the Club.

A €2 customer donation option will operate at the tills and will also commence this weekend. 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.

We look forward to the support from SuperValu customers over this busy period. The proceeds from these in store 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.

Mattie McCabe, PRO

LUCAN LIBRARY
THANK YOU THURSDAY!
THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

4.30PM - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WORKSHOP
(BOOKING ESSENTIAL VIA EVENTBRITE)

6.30PM - TRADITIONAL MUSIC & SONG WITH STEPHEN FAGAN & CLAIRE SHERRY (ALL WELCOME)

Enjoy a cuppa & some festive treats!

Use your Library Card or Join the Library & you will enter our Thank You Thursday draw!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED LUCAN LIBRARY THIS YEAR!



Que Sera, Sera! *Whatever will be will be.*



I just listened to Doris Day singing Que Sera, Sera which opens with *'When I was just a little girl, I asked my mother what would I be'*. I'm sure that like all mothers, my mother, Marcella Kenny, would have advised that *the future was not ours to see*. Coming into this Christmas season I am gobsmacked by the role that consumerism has infiltrated the meaning and character of Christmas, spreading its message globally. This message is nuanced with suggestions that glitz and glamour, the latest fashions and must-haves are essential to ensuring a happy Christmas for our families and friends. While the arrival of November's Black Friday, which now extends to Black Friday week, is an opportunity to bag the best bargains early, alleviating the nightmare of last-minute shopping!!!!

My sister Veronica, recently recounted to me her experience of spending Christmas in Ecuador. She felt that despite the creeping influence of wealthier nations to the north, the message for most was coming together as family sharing food. They also have an astounding mania for dressing their Baby Jesus, there were market stalls devoted to selling clothes for the baby with a general feeling of happiness everywhere. They witnessed the most amazing parade. A group of about thirty extremely elderly people dressed in snow white sheets with homemade angel wings, kept together by holding onto a long rope, reminiscent of the old French school lines. They were so happy and so proud when we asked if we could take their picture, while many family groups pulled carts with live nativity tableaux mounted on them. Veronica reminded me that we need to do better at promoting the good.



Gathering together, storytelling, sharing memories and the Murphy Family Quiz are all hallmarks of our Christmas. Stories as, when our promised turkey hadn't arrived by Christmas morning, a neighbour donated her turkey's legs to ensure we had turkey to accompany the ham, my brother lamenting that he didn't have a proper Christmas dinner in 1972 as my eldest daughter decided to enter the world earlier than expected, the year the chimney went on fire, plus stories from the older generation as, when Grandad

Murphy would cycle from Longford to Erra and back to collect the goose to grace their Christmas table or the goose that escaped from my Grandad Kenny arms as he carried it into their home in Manor Street. Can you imagine the glee of my aunts and uncles as they watched their Dad chasing the goose round the yard before being recaptured and prepared for the oven. These stories are told and retold and never lose their enchantment.



Society today benefits from legal advancements, so many made over our lifetime, to our rights and entitlements as citizens. Yet, I believe, there is a poverty to our thinking. I know that children are often more inquisitive about the box that contains a gift, rather than its contents. Christmas has a clear message to offer all of us, it is a message of



Hope. The custom of placing a lighted candle in the window, as a welcome to our home, reminds us of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter. A clear connection can be made to those tents that are housing our homeless throughout our cities and counties, yet a solution hasn't been found to address this matter. The traditional image of the Crib, the baby laying in the manger with the Ox and Ass keeping watch must surely be confined to the archives of history and storytelling rather than being replicated time and again in the twenty first century.

Having a coffee in Earl Street recently, it was wonderful to witness the buzz of a busy capital city, a city welcoming its citizens and tourists alike. The GPO looked resplendent, in the weak November sunshine, encouraging the shoppers and visitors to come inside and explore their interior, and we accepted that unspoken invitation. The concourse itself echoes the grandeur of a bygone era, while the statue of Cú Chulainn symbolises, as President Eamon de Valera said, the dauntless courage of the Irish people. I would suggest that it is worthwhile to visit the GPO and walk in the footsteps of history, visit the Museum and enjoy their Christmas tableaux. The traditional way we express such a hope is through the lighting of a candle. Symbolically, the candle represents the little goodness in a world of overwhelming evil and darkness. Above all as I recount my Christmas meanderings my wish is that we all take a moment or three to think about the true meaning of Christmas and that we are not shy of spreading that message of hope and goodwill.

mgm
November 2023



SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Team Hope: Transition Year Charity Committee have gathered boxes for Team Hope. These will be delivered to the local representative of the charity. Thank you to all who contributed.



Girls Soccer: A huge congratulations to the Senior Girls team on their win against St. Josephs this week. Well done to Ellen Eakins in goals, her performance helped secure the win!

Under 19 Boys Soccer: Well done to the u19 boys who had a fantastic 4-1 win away to Colaiste Eanna on Monday last. The lads were clinical in front of goal and led 2-0 at HT thanks to goals from Z. Kelly and A. Harrington. Two goals in the 2nd half from A. Akinrintoyo sealed at 4-1 victory.

Minor Ladies Soccer: Well done to our Minor Ladies Soccer team who had a fantastic 3-2 win over St. Mac Dara's in Templeogue last week. Well done to Ella McGrath who scored all three of LCC's goals and was Player of The Match. The girls will play the next round of the cup in the coming weeks!

LCA Social Education Local History Walking tour of Lucan: Last week our Leaving Cert Applied class enjoyed a walking tour of Lucan for their Social Education course. Ms Redmond organised the outing and gave the students a fantastic historical tour of their local community.

Languages Day in Lucan Community College

The annual Think Languages Day was a 'fantastique' success on Monday 27th November. Our Modern Foreign Languages department organised several events - international bake off, French boules, Irish Saint Brigid Cross making,

Japanese Artwork. Students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the day!



Bingo! On Wednesday 29th November the TY students hosted their grandparents for a game of bingo and fun. Music was provided by our fabulous choir and refreshments and spot prizes provided by our fantastic Parents' Association. Many thanks to Year Head Ms Clarke who organised the event – it was wonderful to open our doors to the community and welcome family to our school.



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: Our u19 basketball team emulated the exploits of their u16 counterparts by qualifying for the Eastern League Plate "A" Final last Wednesday after defeating Coláiste Pobail Setanta 48-29 in their semi-final encounter. Lucan led 14-8 after a competitive 1st 1-4 with the irrepressible Lewis Ajinakou scoring 8 points, including two trademark precise 3-pointers. Lewis scored a further 6 points with Joel Mananga, Alseny Bah and Aaron McCormack also contributing scores as the team stretched their advantage to 27-12 by half-time after a strong 2nd 1-4 display. Lewis added another two 3-pointers in the 3rd 1-4 with Paisley Amadasun adding a further 5 points as Lucan ended the 3rd 1-4 with a commanding 42-19 lead. Scores from Lewis, Paisley and Alseny in the final 1-4 secured a well-deserved 19-point victory for the team. Both the u16s and u19s will now play their Plate "A" Finals at the Obalte Basketball Club in Inchicore this Friday 1st December. The 16s are 1st up at 10:30am against either Castleknock College or Oatlands College while the u19s will play directly after them. Some players play for both teams so these players are going to have to be carefully managed to ensure maximum performance levels on the day! It would be a sensational achievement to win both Finals on the same day so we wish the two teams and Ms. Gough the best of luck and hopefully there will be double celebrations in the school afterwards!

Soccer: Our senior soccer team stage a remarkable comeback last week in their opening Dublin League group stage match against Hartstown CS. Trailing 4-1 5 mins into the 2nd half and facing what seemed to be like an inevitable and demoralising defeat, the team summoned all of their willpower and team spirit to win a very dramatic game 5-4 and claim a memorable and very satisfying victory. Kai Keogh, Tyler Doherty (2) and Will Smith (2) scored the Lucan goals.

Our 1st yr soccer team were beaten 2-1 by Coolmine CS on Monday in their 1st group stage match of the Dublin League campaign. Finn Garner scored the Lucan goal but the team were left to rue a series of missed chances that proved costly in the end.

Our u17 team defeated Coláiste Pobail Setanta 2-1 on Tuesday to claim their 2nd Dublin League group stage victory with Jerome Jothibalan once again excelling for Luca. The victory puts the team top of the group with one game remaining and virtually assures them of a place in the knockout stages of the competition.



Inclusion Week: Our Inclusion Week, which was held in the school from Monday 20th to Friday 24th November, was a great success with a whole host of interesting and enjoyable activities for our extremely diverse student population. The school with beautiful, colourful posters and bunting flags representing the huge number of countries that our students originate from.



The key messages being promoted for the week were respect, tolerance and acceptance of diversity and cultural, religious and personal differences. A collection of Pride balloons was put up in on display in the main Foyer of the school by Ms. Casey. An anti-racism flag, as well as a Pride Flag, were raised on the flag poles outside the main school entrance by members of our Students Council in a ceremony attended by all Transition Year students.

Past pupil Robbie Lawlor, who is currently doing his PhD in DCU and exploring effective HIV treatment activism in Ukraine, spoke to 6th yr students about the topic. Ms. Ryan and Ms. Farrell held a poster competition for students on the theme of pride and inclusion and there were some fantastic pieces of work produced. Well done to Patrick Donohue and Andrew Cyril who were joint winners of the competition.

Quizzes were held in Junior Cycle classes with many of the questions based around the different world religions, cultures, languages and flags. Well-being classes in 1st, 5th and 6th yr covered themes in relation to inclusion, belonging, respect and kindness.

A number of Transition Year students, Niall Ryan Doyle, Cillian Murphy, Jamie Cassells and Cillian Gamble, taught hockey to 1st yr students as part of Inclusion Week. They also organised a Kahoot quiz for 1st yrs and took them to the hall to show them the Inclusion Week projects and posters. A special word of thanks to the three TY students, Aidan Hamill, Joel Emmanuel and Killian Grant, who acted as Inclusion Week Organisers. They did a fantastic job and they should be very proud of their contribution to a memorable week for all.

St. Joseph's College

Beauty & The Beast (Jr)

Musical Week has arrived in St. Joseph's! We were delighted to hear a lovely request with 'Marty in The Morning' this week wishing us well! Our opening night is on Thursday, 30th November and will run for four consecutive nights at 8.00pm until Sunday, 3rd December. Tickets can be purchased from the school Front Office or directly from our website! (www.stjosephslucan.com). Tickets will be Adults €20.00, Students/Seniors €15.00. Don't be disappointed when tickets sell out! Any queries, please ring 01-6281160.



Fundraising Calendar for St. Vincent De Paul

Joey's Tidy Towns Calendar 2024 will be available and on sale from Friday, 1st December. All proceeds from the calendar sales will go directly to the Lucan Conference of the St. Vincent De Paul. 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 and will be on sale from the school reception & from Centra, Lucan Village from 1st December.



Senior Football V LCC

Hard luck to our Senior Gaelic Footballers who braved the elements on Monday against Lucan Community College in Abbotstown. Our 5th & 6th Years were narrowly beaten but are looking ahead to their next match coming soon!

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

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POLITICAL NOTES

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Airlie Park Opening: Finally! Airlie Park had a soft opening, with an actual official opening day yet to be announced. The park did experience some drainage and seeding problems that caused the delay. Unfortunately, the park was only open less than 24hrs before graffiti emerged. Like others I have publicly condemned this sheer wanton vandalism and I have written to the Gardaí.

Dog Run – Lucan: At the recent local Area Committee meeting, I once again raised the need for Council officials to identify a public open green space to locate a new dog run to meet the increasing numbers. Management stated they are ‘endeavouring’ to find a suitable location.

Adamstown Corner: Council have agreed to a motion I tabled this week calling for a comprehensive clean-up of the undergrowth at the Adamstown ‘Corner’ (ie. area with Adamstown naming wall) and along Station Road.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty, Peace Commissioner

“Not just at election time” Tel: 087-2752489

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Bus Correct User Survey: Thanks to all those who have replied so far. In one week, we’ve received almost 300 individual responses! However, we still need more replies to provide credible feedback. We especially need additional input 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.

Peace Commissioner: I’ve often been contacted about witnessing statutory declarations, as well as passports, which I could already sign as a Councillor. As such I asked a Senator colleague to nominate me for this unpaid, voluntary role and was honoured to have recently been appointed a Peace Commissioner by the Minister for Justice. I am available if you need any assistance.

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Local Election Nomination: Last week, I was honoured to be nominated by my party colleagues to contest the local elections for Fianna

Fáil for Palmerstown-Fonthill LEA. I am looking forward to the campaign ahead and meeting residents in Lucan (east of R136), Balgaddy, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin.

Bollards Replaced at Entrance to Lucan

Heights/Esker Lawns: I am pleased to see that the bollards which were removed from the entrance into Lucan Heights/Esker Lawns have been reinstated following a number of requests I made.

New Bus Routes: I welcome the introduction of new bus routes from Liffey Valley, namely the S4 (connecting Liffey Valley and UCD) and the W2 (connecting Liffey Valley and Tallaght).

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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Public Health Nurses in Lucan: This week I raised the issue of the lack of public health nurses in the Lucan area with the government. This has been an ongoing issue for the past two years. The response from the HSE and the government is that they are trying to actively recruit new PHN’s into the locality. Infant Developmental check-ups are extremely important. On average a new parent should receive at least four health assessments with their child up to the age of four. At present this is very arbitrary in several locations including Lucan. I will continue to raise this issue and determine a definite timeframe when PHN’s will be recruited in this vital area.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Airlie Park Open: Following a Government investment of €7million, Airlie Park is now open and is a wonderful resource and facility for our community. The park comprises over 10 hectare with a host of facilities including an LED Floodlit Artificial Grass Pitch: Perfect for GAA and soccer; Tennis Courts, Cricket Pitch, Children’s Playgrounds, and a Muti-Use Games Area (MUGA) with Recreational Facilities: suitable for various sports and activities. There is Bicycle Parking, Free car parking, changing rooms, and toilets on site. The park is wheelchair accessible.

Aspen Counselling Services Dress Swap Event:

Congratulations to Kelley, Carmel and Natalie from Lucan’s Aspen Counselling Services who organised a very successful and sustainable dress swap event focused on raising funds for their child and adolescent service. Thanks to the local Lucan businesses who supported the occasion.





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin

A proud moment for all in the club this week as we celebrate with Abby Sheils, who has finished the year in style with an All Star adding it to an All-Ireland and a Golden Glove.



The Club would like to thank all the efforts and dedication of the outgoing executive, some officers leaving after five years' service with a tear in their eye showing how much they love the club. We are also proud to have our first female Chairperson, Mary Flannery a quietly dedicated lady of the club, we wish Mary and the new Exec all the best for 2024.

Finally, as I step down as PRO, I have had a wonderful time celebrating all the successes at all levels, it's great to be involved in such a vibrant friendly place. I hand over the reins to our new PRO Ella Dawson, I hope you can support her as she grows the profile of the club.

Hurling

In addition to the All Star another highlight of this weekend for the Club was in O'Toole Park on Sunday morning as Lucan captured the Dublin Minor A Hurling Championship for only the second time in a dramatic one-point win over Kilmacud Crokes. Congratulations to the players, mentors, parents and all involved. See match report below. Meanwhile the Minor C's qualified for the final with a three-point win over Whitehall. Next weekend will be another big weekend as our U21s face Kilmacud Crokes in the 'A' Championship final in O'Toole Park on Saturday, throw-in at 11.30am. The Minor C's final could be next weekend also - watch out for fixture details. The Club is pleased to confirm that this year's Senior Hurling management team will continue for next year headed by Charlie Carter as

Manager, with Kieran Murphy (coach), Gerry Bellew and Peter Kelly as selectors. Dermot English is joining the team as coach/selector also. Mark Smith (logistics), Ciaran O'Donoghue (S&C), Oisín McCabe (physio) and Phil Lanigan (match day observations) are all on board again. We wish them the very best for the season ahead.

Minor A Championship Final:

Lucan Sarsfields 1-19 Kilmacud Crokes 1-18.
O'Toole Park, 26/11/2023.

Minor D Championship Semi Final 26/11/2023.
Whitehall Colmcille 0-6 Lucan Sarsfields 1-6

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). 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.



Juvenile/Coiste na nÓg. Well done to U15B who won the Div 6 Ladies Football Sheild Final against Sylvesters. Lucan 3.6 vs Sylvesters 2.7.

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €7,800.
The Numbers were **14, 16, 17, 21.**



The lucky dip prizes go to, Ron Smith, Ronny Anderson, Paul Henahan, Darren & Isabel and Tony Rigney. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €8,200. The draw is sponsored by Diamond and Gem Jewellers and will be led by Séamus Clandillon. Tickets can be purchased online at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



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.

Cailíní F14 - Peil

Bhuaigh na cailíní F14 cluiche ceannais na craoibhe inniu freisin nuair a bhuaigh siad ar Naomh Maighréad le cúlín amháin i gcluiche fíor-iomaíoch.

Thosnaigh an freasúra an-láidir agus le lámh in uachtar timpeall an láir bhí siad 4-5 go 2-2 chun tosaigh ag leath-ama. Choinnigh roinnt sabháil iontach ó Chaoimhe de Búrca na cailíní sa chluiche.



Sa dara leath thosnaigh Éabha de Búrca agus Muireann Nic Giolla Pádraig ag fáil an lámh in uachtar timpeall an láir. Chruthaigh seo ardán do Sally Champion, Sadhbh Harris agus Caoimhe Ní Raghallaigh na scóranna a fháil a tharraing na cailíní ar ais isteach sa chluiche. Is í Caitlín Ní Fhearghail a fuair an scór cinniúnach ó chic saor. Bhí ceiliúradh iontach ann ag an deireadh. Moladh mór do Annamarie Ní Fhairceallaigh a bhfuil eachtanna bainte amach aici lena cailíní le cúpla bliain anuas agus Máire de Staic a thug an-chabhair le cúpla mí anuas.

Buachaillí F15 - Peil

Chuir na buachaillí F15 bua na sraithe peile lena sraith iomána inniu nuair a fuair siad an lámh in uachtar ar Bhaile Baodáin Naomh Einde. Liam Mac Domhnaill, Rory Ó hEathairn, Daniel Talbot agus Tadhg Ó Tuathaláin is mó a chuir clár an scór ag dul sa treo ceart le 3-6 ón imirt idir an ceathrar acu.

Is ábhar bróid é don uile dhuine sa chumann go bhfuil an oiread sin feabhais bainte amach ag na buachaillí i mbliana. Táimid ag súil go mór le go leor laethantha móra uathu sna blianta le teacht.



Gradam Club Iomána & Camogaíochta Faoi-aois!

An club iomána & camogaíochta faoi-aois is fearr i mBÁC! Ní sin díreach ár dtuairim féin ach tuairim na saineolaithe. Bhí oíche iontach againn nuair a bhronnadh an duais orainn mar chlub iomána & camogaíochta faoi aois na bliana ag ócáid san Óstán Bonnington. Is léiriú é an aitheantas seo ar an obair iontach atá ag tarlú sa chlub ar an bpáirc agus as an bpáirc. Tá moladh ar leith ag dul don 70+ cóitseálaí atá ag spreagadh na páistí gach seachtain. Maith do Caoimhe de Búrca, Daniel Talbóid, Sean Anderson & Sophie Bennett a bhí ann chun glacadh leis an ngradam thar cheann na himreoirí faoi-aois ar fad. Céim ar chéim.



SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Lucan Harrier ladies receive their medals and a plaque this week for their amazing achievements.



Lucan Harriers Anne Whelan, Mary Browne and Lorraine Heffernan won Bronze in W50 Team at the National 10 mile Irish runner series on 23rd July. (Team 1st Mayo AC, Team 2nd Mullingar AC). They received their medals this week.



Mary Browne received a plaque for W60 1st in the Longwood 3/4 marathon on October 8th in 2:43:10.

Chess Class for Seniors

Have you always wanted to learn chess but never got round to it? Me too! I am trying to get a beginners chess class up and running aimed at older people, including myself, and I need to ascertain if there is enough interest. It will be more social and fun than competitive - no pressure to compete at the next World Senior Chess Championships. The prospective teacher is a Candidate Chess Master and qualified teacher. *If you feel you meet the age criteria and want to learn chess, text me or phone me at 087 392 0931. Joanna.*



Lucan Golf Club 2024



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St. Mary's Camera Soirée

As my late father always said immediately after he had swallowed the last mouthful of his Christmas dinner – *“well it's all over until next year”*. The exhibition was a great success and the huge support of all who came to see it in the parish centre over last weekend was much appreciated. Thanks to Fr. Philip, Fr. Ubaldo and Fr. Samuel for promoting it and to our friends in St. Andrews for supplying the frames.



The number of viewers to our YouTube channel <https://youtu.be/zQLravbFBKc> to date has been very satisfactory with hits from as far away as Australia. This week the editor of the newsletter is publishing a random selection of photos from the exhibition.

