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ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024



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

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

Our job, in St Vincent De Paul, here in Lucan with your help, is to take the wonder away

from Jane and replace it with the true magical wonder of Christmas. Your help takes the wonder out of Christmas for families in need, it has the power to change the course of a life.

THANK YOU for helping to give Families the Wonder of Christmas

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

For your kindness and compassion, thank you.

This year, the National Christmas Appeal for the St Vincent De Paul takes place at all Masses this weekend 7^h/8th of December.

We thank you for whatever support you can give us and as always donations can also be left at the Sacristy. We wish you and your families God's blessings, peace, and good health this Christmas and always.

*St Vincent De Paul
Lucan*

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

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

Local Property Tax

What is Local Property Tax and who has to pay it?

Local Property Tax (LPT) is an annual tax charged on residential properties in Ireland.

The tax is based on the value of your property on 1 November 2021 – the value of the property on this date is used to calculate your LPT for the years 2022-2025.

If you own a residential property on 1 November 2024, you must pay LPT for 2025. If your property was not liable on 1 November 2023 but is liable on 1 November 2024, you need to submit an LPT return by 2 December 2024.

How do I pay my LPT?

If you already pay LPT by a recurring method such as direct debit, this automatically continues for 2025 unless you change it. Recurring methods include deductions from your salary, pension or social protection payment.

If you pay with a method that does not automatically repeat, you need to confirm your payment method for 2025. You need to do this by:

- 2 December 2024, if you spread the payments over the year
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- 10 January 2025, if you pay in a single payment

If you have changed bank, you may need to update your direct debit.

How much do I have to pay?

The LPT you pay is based on the market value of the property on the valuation date, which is 1 November 2021. This valuation continues to apply for LPT until 2025.

If you are making an LPT return for the property for the first time, you must assess the value of your home. You can do this by:
Using Revenue's online valuation tool.
Using the Residential Property Price Register.
Using information sources about local property values, such as newspapers, local estate agents or property sales websites, such as daft, myhome.ie and geowox.

Having your property professionally valued

When you have worked out the value of your property, you must submit this to Revenue with your LPT return by 2 December 2024.

LPT exemptions and deferrals

Some properties are exempt from LPT. If your property is exempt, you still need to assess its value and submit an LPT return. You may also be able to defer payment of LPT.

In certain circumstances, you can delay paying some or all of your Local Property Tax (LPT) until a later date. This is known as a deferral.

You may qualify for a deferral if:

Your income is below a certain amount.

You are the personal representative of a deceased person who was liable for LPT.

You have a Debt Settlement Arrangement or Personal Insolvency Arrangement.

Paying would cause you too much financial hardship.

If you meet the deferral requirements, you can choose to defer the LPT until your financial circumstances improve or the property is sold. However, this does not mean that you are exempt from the LPT. Interest is charged on the deferred amount and the deferred amount remains a charge on the property.

If you qualify for partial deferral, you can defer 50% of your LPT and pay the other 50%.

More information is on our website.



Lucan ICA

Monday 9th December: We will have crafts from 10am till 12.30pm. then we will go to the Spa Hotel for Christmas dinner at 1pm.

Tea hostesses are: Pauline and Mary C.

Some ICA Ladies went to An Grianan on Wednesday last to a one day Christmas Demonstration in Cookery, Christmas Cards, Christmas Wreaths and Upcycling.



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.



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.

We enjoyed our traditional Christmas dinner and were entertained by Termonfeckin Choir singing Christmas Carols. We departed full and happy homeward bound.

We will now close for Christmas holidays. President Pauline wishes all members a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a joyful New Year 2025.

We also send Christmas wishes to Deirdre in the parish Centre and to the Newsletter Staff. Thank you for looking after us so well. We look forward to seeing all our members back in the Parish Centre on 13th January 2025 with lots of new ideas for I.C.A. activities in the coming year.

Pauline

Christmas is a baby shower that went totally overboard

Andy Borowitz



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

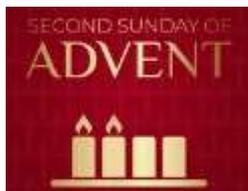
No pre-registration necessary.

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

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

St. Mary's Readers' Roster December 2024

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of December 2024 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

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.

All welcome.

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.

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

Cuppa:

Why not come into the Coffee Dock for a cuppa and a chat after the 10am Weekday Mass and on Sundays after the morning Masses.

Church Art Calendar 2025

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

A blue rectangular advertisement with white and gold text. It features starburst graphics and decorative lines. The text reads: "St Mary's Chorale with St. Mary's Junior Choir Colette & Michael Grant Carol Service St Mary's Church Sunday 15th December at 4pm Retiring collection for The Hospice".

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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*



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.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass. **After Mass:** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. *All welcome*

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

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

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.

Aontas Choir Present

An Evening of Christmas Music and Carols

Featuring Special Guests,
St Joseph's NS Choir, Killock

Wednesday 11th December 2024
Venue: St Patrick's Church,
Lucan, Co.Dublin
Time: 7:30pm

Refreshments will be served following the concert

Raffle on the Night
No Admission fee

Church of Divine Mercy
Welcomes you to our
Christmas Carol Service

Friday 13th December 2024, 7pm

(Doors open from 6.45pm)

Featuring Music from the Divine Mercy Choirs & Raffle
(Donations to the Parish welcome on the night)

Anniversaries

Albert (Nobby) Clark 28th November 2016

Dear Husband in Heaven

I thought of you with love today
But that is nothing new
I thought about you yesterday
And the days before that too
I think of you in silence
I often speak your name
And all I have are memories
And your picture in a frame
Your memory is my keepsake
With which I'll never part
God has you in His keeping
I have you in my heart

Sadly and lovingly missed by his Breda



Albert (Nobby) Clark 28th November 2016

To our Dad, our legend

If I could write a story
It would be the greatest ever told
Of a kind and loving father
Who had a heart of gold
I could write a million pages
But there's one thing I would say
Just how much I love and miss him
Every single day

I know he always loved me
I may be hurt but I won't be sad
I know he'll send down the answers
Because he will always be my Dad
*Forever missed and loved by his adoring children
Karen, Lisa, Dawn, Sandra, Lynsey, Alan and
Robert, his sons in law, daughters in law,
grandchildren and great grandchildren*



Jemmers Condron 5th Anniversary

5 years away from home and we miss
you every day Jemmers

We Miss You

We miss your smile
Your joking ways
We miss the things
You used to say
And when old times
We do recall

It's when we miss you
Most of all

*From your loving wife Philomena (Philo) and
sons Paul and Jay and extended family*



Sandra Corrigan Whelan RIP 4th 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'
*Forever in our hearts,
With love from your family xx*

**Sandra's Anniversary Mass will be held
Sunday 5th January 2025 at 12pm**

Bernard Fallon 7th Anniversary, 7th December

Those special memories of you
Will always bring a smile
If only we could have you back
For just a little while
Then we could sit and talk again
Just like we used to do
You always meant so very much
And always will do too
The fact that you're no longer here
Will always cause us pain
But you're forever in our hearts
Until we meet again
*Sadly missed and loved by your daughters
Catherine, Liz and Mary and son Gabriel,
grandchildren and great grandchildren.*

Robert O'Brion 8th Anniversary

Late of Airlie Heights
Loving you Rob is easy
We do it every day
Missing you is the heartache
It never goes away
Forever our Angel
*Sadly missed by his heartbroken mam Aine,
Barney, Triona, John, Conor, Liam and Joe xxx*

Quote

Stay strong in God...
For after winter, summer comes:
After night, the day returns:
And after a storm, calm is restored.
Thomas A Kempis





Lucan's Christmas Tree!

Great news that we are to have a Christmas Tree in the Village after all – just outside the Muintir na Tire Hall.

At the lighting of another Christmas Tree will be Lucan's **Aontas Choir**, who have been invited to Árus an

Uachtaráin, as guests of President Michael D. Higgins, for the great event. Watch out for them on the TV News over the weekend.

Congratulations to all of our T.D's for the coming term. After long counts, the following were elected to represent us – Eoin O'Broin and Mark Ward (Sinn Féin), Emer Higgins (Fine Gael), Shane Moynihan (Fianna Fáil), and Paul Gogarty (Independent). We wish them all well!

Works seem to be progressing around the village at a pace! Some of the Car Parking Spaces are ready on the Old Celbridge Road, the wall building is underway with some great big heaps of stone blocks lined up – not easy work in these cold days.

Down in the village, a set of concrete steps have appeared, not going anywhere in particular at the moment, but we'll wait and see.....

Photo Exhibition! We have heard great reports from the Camera Soiree's Exhibition in the Parish Centre, last weekend. If it was a competition, the judge would be hard pressed to pick a winner. Anyone who missed the event last Sunday can access it at: <https://youtu.be/69rL5K-tUnQ>.

Music, Poetry, Drama or Song .
Register or just come along !

THE CONNECT FACTOR

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Kenny's Bar
8pm
to
10 30pm

2nd Tuesday of
every Month

In association with

Find us here

@connectfactoropenmic

On being old.....

Dame Judi Dench:

"One day, a young woman asked me:
"What do you think about being old?"

I thought aging was a gift.

I wouldn't change anything I have for a few less wrinkles and a flat stomach.

Who cares if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 in the morning and then sleep until who knows how much?

Who cares if I dance alone listening to '50s music?

What if I later wanted to cry for a lost love?
And if I walk on the beach in a bathing suit and walk my chubby body and sink between the waves, swinging at them, despite those still wearing bikinis ... they'll be old too if they're lucky.

I'm proud that I lived long enough to have my hair done grey and to keep the smile of my youth, since there were still no such deep marks on my face.

I don't want to complain about what wasn't or worry about what will happen. For the time I have left, I will simply love life as I have done it to this day."

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
Caoilfhionn 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

142nd Esker Investiture



For the first time in their recent history, the 142nd Dublin Esker Scout Group held a full Group Investiture and celebration, recognising their Cub Six that attended and won the National Cub Challenge in June of last year. A fantastic achievement for all involved. There were Campfire Songs, guitars, singing, and pioneering on display, contributed to by all sections. Well done to all!



Golden Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to **Barbara and Johnny Cummins** on the occasion of their 50th wedding Anniversary this Saturday 7th December.



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: Our new Wellness Program has started but anyone interested come along on Thursday 1-3. **The Wellness Program** will focus on movement and visualisation for the mind and body. This will incorporate some visualisation work, Tai Chi and other movement for the body. We will then follow on the workshop with tea, coffee and a catch up.

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 Fair: We had an amazing turn out for our Christmas Fair with lots of little ones coming along to see Santa and post their letters. We would like to thank all the stallholders that were selling on the day we have some very talented people in Lucan. We would also like to thank all the local businesses that donated to us for our Raffle on the day we appreciate you all.



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.

St. Joseph's College

Visit of Taoiseach Simon Harris to St. Joseph's College:

We were delighted to have An Taoiseach, Simon Harris, visit St. Joseph's College on Thursday, 28th November and stay for the afternoon, meeting our Student Council, Politics classes and staff, and all following a flurry of media questions on arrival, from RTÉ, Virgin Media News & many more! In the company of Minister Paschal Donohoe, Emer Higgins TD, Vicki Casserly Cllr, former Tánaiste Frances Fitzgerald, and Caroline Brady Cllr, all were treated to a few words from the



Principal, Ms. Fitzgerald, followed by a much needed musical treat by Ms. Mellett, Ms. Banks, Ms. McStay & the school's Musical Ensemble. Minister Paschal

Donohoe and An Taoiseach Simon Harris spoke with great insight and encouragement to all students – the next generation that could, one day, lead the country!

Despite the commitments that Simon Harris had, on the eve of the General Election, he took the time to speak to each and every student who had a concern or issue to raise. An historic day for St. Joseph's, without a doubt!



All Shook Up! What a week of musical activity we had in St. Joseph's as our wonderful TY students took to the stage to perform 'All Shook Up'! We are so proud of all the students who

took on so many new roles, such as main cast, chorus, stage crew, sound operators, props coordinators, rehearsal secretaries, raffle sellers, tea-room coordinators, shop assistants and so many more!

Many thanks to the many hundreds of neighbours, family members, friends and musical enthusiasts who came to our show and left on a high after 'One Night With You', 'Love Me Tender', 'Can't Help Falling in Love' & many more Elvis classics! The 10 weeks of preparation to deliver such a show is a credit to all involved, especially our brilliant TYs, our Director, Mr. Colin Flynn, Musical Director, Ben Cully, Choreographer, Emma Thornton and Producers, Ms Geraldine Butler & Ms. Catherine Bligh. As the stage comes down and the costumes are folded away, we are left with great memories of All Shook Up!

Fundraising Calendar for St. Vincent De Paul:

Our Fundraising Calendar 2025 is now on sale in St. Joseph's and in Centra, Lucan Village! All funds go to **St. Vincent**



De Paul. Our calendars make fantastic planners, wall hangings for kitchens and offices and especially as Christmas presents to send all over the world! Please email stjosephslucan@gmail.com with any queries. We are very grateful to our sponsors Eamon Costello (Kerry) Ltd., MyVet and Lucan District Credit Union for supporting our calendar this year.

Collecting Stamps to Preserve

Irish Bogs: TY class 4A4 are collecting stamps to help fundraise for the Irish Peatland Conservation Council, a National Charity which works to preserve Irish Bogs. 4A4 Environmental Studies class ask people to leave a 1cm border of paper around used stamps and drop them into the school's reception marked for the attention of Ms. Kearney or Ms. Dunne. Your actions also help remove paper from waste streams as Christmas approaches. This activity links with the United

Nations Sustainable Development Goals and raises awareness about the importance of small actions bringing about positive environmental change.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Soccer: Our 1st yr soccer team continued their fine run of form with a comprehensive 3-0 win against Firhouse CS last Thursday in the 1st rnd of the Leinster Cup. Lucan took a deserved lead right on half-time when Jack Palmer poked home from close range after bit of a goalmouth scramble.

In the 2nd half, Firhouse began to play through Lucan's press a little more, but ironically this actually suited our 1st yrs more and they began to launch their trademark lightning fast counterattacks. Finn O' Sullivan in particular came alive as he revelled in the extra space to run in to out wide. It was no surprise when he doubled Lucan's lead mid-way through the half with a low, stinging strike from the angle of the box that swept across the Firhouse goal and into the bottom corner. Ryan Webb added third goal with the final play of the game, as he raced onto a brilliant through ball from the influential Alex Deegan, held off the attentions of the Firhouse centre back, before guiding the ball home with a sweetly struck right-footed strike into the near corner.

The team will now travel to Drogheda later this week to face St. Mary's DS in the 2nd round of the competition.

Our **u15 soccer team** defeated Hartstown CS 3-2 last Thursday in their 3rd group stage match of the Dublin League. Both teams knew beforehand that qualification from the group was no longer possible as the top two spots were out of reach. Nevertheless, it was still a highly competitive game with both teams going all out for a confidence-boosting victory. James Dillon gave Lucan the perfect start with a clinical finish inside the box in the 1st minute of the game. Harstown equalised mid-way through the half before Omar Ibrahim restored Lucan's lead soon after with a fizzing right-footed strike across the keeper into the far corner. Hartstown equalised again in the 2nd half before Finn Garner netted the winner for Lucan with 15mins remaining.

Well done to 6th yr Eoin Maher, who represented Leinster Schools in the six match series Interprovincial Tournament held at the AUL Complex in Clonshaugh over the weekend. Eoin played at right back for Leinster in their 2-1 defeat to Connacht and right wing as they defeated Ulster 3-1 and drew 1-1 with Munster, to finish in joint 2nd place overall. The tournament is used as the key recruiting process for the u18 Republic of Ireland International squad at schools' level. International head coach, Derek O' Brien, was present at the Interprovincial tournament and he will select an



extended panel to attend the 1st assessment day, which is scheduled for next Saturday in the AUL Complex.

Football: Our 1st yr football team were beaten 6-18 to 2-05 by Maynooth PP team last Wednesday in their 2nd and final group stage match of their Dublin League campaign. Maynooth opened up a commanding lead by half-time but Lucan gave a much improved 2nd half display. Eolann Maher scored two well-taken goals from wing-back while Daniel Kavanagh scored 5 points from midfield.

Our **senior footballers** played their 2nd and final group stage League match against Coláiste Choilm, Swords on Monday. Unfortunately, a poor 1st half left the team with a mountain to climb as they trailed by 15 points at one stage. Lucan rallied towards the end of the half but still were down by 9 points.

Lucan were much improved in the 2nd half and the pulled level with 10mins remaining but two late points sealed a narrow 3-15 to 5-7 victory for Swords. Reece Kelly (2-0), Michael O' Brien (2-03) and Darragh Garrigan (1-0) got the Lucan goals. The team just miss out on the knockout stages of the main competition and instead they will now compete in the Shield, having finished in 2nd place in the group.

Advent: 6th yr student Ben Gilson turned on the 1st purple candle on the Advent Wreath on Monday, and it now shines brightly in the main entrance area in the school. This candle



symbolises hope and the anticipation felt in awaiting the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. With the Nativity crib and the Christmas tree already set up, and the offices having been decorated for the festive season, the main reception area is undoubtedly bringing some holiday cheer to the school community.

School news: The 6th yr Parent-Teacher meeting was held in the school on Tuesday with an excellent turnout on the day. Parents had to pre-book a 5-minute slot with each teacher via the school app, which ensured the smooth and prompt running of the meetings (for the most part!). Many thanks to the prefects, who helped out.



Women's
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WCI Lucan Community Update: 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. Our commitment to supporting and empowering women in our community continues to thrive, and we are grateful for the participation and energy each of you brings to our programs.

'The Red Shoes – Los Zapatos Rojas' Art

Installation: We are thrilled to host the **first-ever Irish installation of *The Red Shoes – Los Zapatos Rojas* on December 8th**. This breathtaking and powerful artwork, created by women from the 17 WCI projects across Ireland, serves as a poignant tribute to lives impacted by violence and a unified call for justice. Don't miss this historic and moving event.

Christmas Celebration: Get ready to jingle all the way to WCI Lucan's **Christmas Celebration on Wednesday, December 11th, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Expect a joyful morning brimming with *Festive Fun*, featuring mince pies, carols, festive treats, and our much-loved *Silly Santa Raffle*. Whether you're here for the treats, the tunes, or the raffle, this promises to be a wonderful way to share the holiday spirit.

Nollaig na mBan Celebration: Time is running out to grab tickets for our **first-ever Nollaig na mBan afternoon celebration!** Happening on **Monday, January 6th, 2025**, at the stunning Lucan Golf Club, this event promises an afternoon of elegance, joy, and community. Tickets are €25 and include a sumptuous three-course meal, entertainment, and a raffle packed with spot prizes. Join us in celebrating Women's Christmas in true WCI Lucan style. Act fast—there are only a few tickets left!

As we wrap up this remarkable term, we want to extend our deepest thanks to everyone who has participated in and supported our programs. You are what makes this community so special.

For more information or to get involved, please email us at lucan@womenscollective.ie or reach out via WhatsApp, call, or text at **083 860 7947**. Here's to a joyful, festive season and a bright year ahead!

Warm regards,

The WCI Lucan Team

Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club monthly competition (creative) was held on Wednesday the 27th of November in the Palmerstown Parish Centre. The temperatures were low, but the quality of images was very high.

The winners in novice were Annie Whitley, John Ó Flaherty, Siobhán Ó Donnell, Linda Ffrench. Intermediate winners were James Greenfield, Kieran Cahill, Liam Ó Dalaigh, Miriam Power, Aidan Lawlor.



Advanced winners were Lorraine Morris, Eddie Kavanagh, Orla Brady, Aoife Tierney, Susan Carney, Ger Phelan, Kevin Nuaughton. And a big congratulations to Kieran Cahill for winning image of the month and the Packy Maguire memorial trophy.

Palmerstown camera club is always open to new members joining. We run every Wednesday night from 8 to 10.



Lucan Library – December Events



Parenting Talk: Big Behaviours: Recognising, Understanding and Managing Big Behaviours and Feelings in the Home. Thursday 28th November, 7pm. Do you want to feel empowered and confident in understanding and managing your child's behaviours at home? Melissa Moore, Accredited Play Therapist and mum of 3 looks at what parents/carers can do at home to recognise, understand and respond to big emotions and behaviours. She will explore brain development (neuroscience) and its role, where these big feelings and behaviours come from, the need to dig deeper and what can parents/carers do to bring back calm into the home. All welcome.



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

YA Book Club: Movie Night! Thursday 12th December, 6pm

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

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

Christmas Events at the Library

Musical Tots: Saturday 14th December, 10.30am. Booking essential from Saturday 7th December at 10.30am:

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



Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Wednesday 4th December, 10am. Play session for pre-school children led by Rebecca. Please book a ticket for each pre-school child attending. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Booking <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sensory-play-sessions-for-pre-school-children-tickets-1084024599759>

Art & Creativity with Elena Buttner. For 9-12 years: Thursday 12th December, 3.30pm. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/christmas-art-and-creativity-with-elena-at-lucan-library-for-9-12-years-tickets-1073448847399>

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>



POLITICAL NOTES

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Thank you!!!

To the voters of Lucan, sincere thanks for your support in last week's general election. Tallies show that I received more No. 1 votes than any other candidate in Lucan and this strong local turnout, combined with high transfers, ultimately got me over the line after a rollercoaster count. Despite a "stability" swing towards Government parties, a rebound in SF support for "change" and a last-minute move towards parties with trendy social media campaigns like the Social Democrats, enough people remembered work done over the years and "not just at election time". I was massively outspent, outcanvassed, outleafleted and outposterred, but you stuck with me. I am grateful. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir"! Thanks for all the kind messages; I will reply ASAP. I also now have a large backlog of correspondence/calls about various issues, so please bear with me.



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Mile buíochas!:

I was honoured to have been elected as a TD for Dublin Mid-West last week. I am incredibly grateful to everyone who voted for me, whether a number one or a later preference, and to everyone who was courteous and engaging with me during the campaign. Thank you to my incredible team of volunteers for travelling this journey with me and believing in me. Congratulations to Deputies Ó Broin, Ward, Higgins and Gogarty who I look forward to working with in the future. Commiserations to former TD, Gino Kenny on missing out at this election, as well as all other candidates who contested the election.

Posters:

At this stage, the last of my posters and cable ties should be down. Thanks to the volunteers who helped me remove them. If you see any errant ones, please let me know!

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

085 2551602.

CBrady@Cllrs.SDublinCoCo.ie

Village Christmas Tree:

It was great to collaborate with the Christmas Lights Committee, Patrice in Muintir na Tíre, the Council, and Bretland to bring a Christmas tree to the village. Thank you all for your hard work! The effort paid off this week when Bretland installed the tree at Muintir na Tíre. It will be fully decorated with lights by Friday, creating a festive focal point for everyone to enjoy.

Dangerous Tree:

Tree damaged on Griffeen way adjacent to Castle Road roundabout reported and the council confirmed they will make safe.

Road Sweeper Leaves:

Most of the leaves are now fallen and the road sweeper has been active for some weeks now. This week, it visited Dodsboro, Hillcrest, and Castle Riada following requests for a final clean-up. If you need a final clean-up of leaves in your area let me know.



Lucan Harriers Athletics Club



Senior & Fit4Life Women & Men

Senior i Fit4Life жінки та чоловіки (18+)
Якщо вам подобається ходити, бігати, стрибати чи метати,
У Lucan Harriers є щось для вас.
У нас є велика група здібностей і рівнів фізичної підготовки,
де кожного чекають.

Відскануйте QR-код, щоб дізнатися час тренувань і контакти.

Enjoy the little things in life, because one day, you will look back and realise they were the big things.



The Purpose of Memory

What's the purpose of memory
to record each day
the childhood adventures
the teenage mistakes
the adulthood struggles to keep up with life's
pace

A mind's long movie
of days gone by
to make us feel happy
or to make us cry

To feel a deep longing for lost loves
as memories fade on the wings of a Dove
To remember a voice or a face once praised
The happy couple all in a haze

What are these moments that play out in our
mind

Moments of sunshine
innocence of a child
running with friendships
oblivious and unwise

Some of us may struggle much later in life
to remember sweet moments
to recall only once or twice

Play back those times gone by
take the good with the bad
forgive and let go
don't forever stay sad

Memories to go through like a file in the mind
to count all God's blessings
that stretch far and wide

The brain is a wonder
a thing of strength and beauty
We need to take care of it
it is our duty

So what is a memory
A film, an act, a play, a picture, a show
a flicker of images
with the feelings we know

Or is it our storage
our story to hold
to remind us we've lived
before we go.

By Anita O Kearney

*This poem is dedicated to all those who suffer in
silence with memory loss, Alzheimers and
Dementia.

Are you over 55 years old with some free time on your hands?

This could be the Volunteering opportunity for
you! Are you passionate about reading and
understand its value?

Want to help
children reach their
potential?

Is Finglas a
commutable location
for you? – WoW is
based in several primary schools located in
Dublin 11.



**Wizard of Words (WOW) is a school based
intergenerational paired reading programme,
focused on improving children's overall
reading achievement. It aims to improve the
children's reading ability, as well as their
enjoyment of reading.**

Would you like more information?

Please contact Lisa: lisa.tobin@barnardos.ie or
volunteers@barnardos.ie for an application form
ASAP.

Interviews are being held in our Head Office in
Christchurch Square ASAP and training is over
the course of 3 days in November, dates to-be-
confirmed – Volunteers must be available to
attend both training & interview.



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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.



Paul Heneghan Cup

Our u13 girls finished the year with an old-fashioned street league playing for a very special cup named after our club's biggest match day supporter, Paul Heneghan. Four teams, Tipp, Cork, Kilkenny and Waterford competed, with first half of each game camogie and second half football. The final paired Cork with Kilkenny with Cork coming out on top. Thank you to Paul and club president Pat Keane for giving up their time and presenting the cup to the winning captain.



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.

Miyawaki Forest

On Friday 13 of December 2024 at 12pm, Lucan Sarsfields, in collaboration with the 100 Million Trees Project, and with the generous support of AIB, will be planting approximately 1.7k native Irish trees on our waste ground area. This will significantly enhance biodiversity in our club and promote environmental sustainability. We have arranged for some of our juvenile teams to come up and help with the planting, but we would like to invite any and all club members who would be interested to come and join us. This will be a great day for community engagement and for the club as we will become stewards of the largest mini forest on any sporting site in Dublin.

Lotto. We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €12,600. The Numbers were **5, 8, 23, 18.** **The lucky dip prizes** go to Kathleen Roche, Joe Lavin, Paul Stapleton, Enya Quinn, Eileen Maguire. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €13,000. The draw is sponsored by Henley Forklift Group

U21 Camogie & Hurling Championship Finals

After two successful campaigns both our U21A Camogie & U21A Hurling teams have made it to their respective county finals.

Firstly, our Camogie team play their final against Ballyboden this Friday evening the 6th of December in Abbottstown. This match is throwing in at 19:30.

The following day, Saturday 7th of December, our Hurlers face Faughs in O'Toole Park at 2pm. This is a great achievement for the club to have two adult teams competing in 'A' Championship Finals in the one weekend and we would like to wish both teams and management the best of luck. We encourage all of our members to wear their club colours and get out to support both teams!

Football. Many thanks to Ger McGarrell and his business partner Florin Harfas from McGarrell & Florin H Construction for sponsoring a new set of jerseys for our Junior Footballers. The charity chosen to promote on the jerseys is

@heartchildrenireland This is one of the charities the @teampowerof1 are raising funds for in their 5,000km row across the Atlantic in memory of Saoirse O'Driscoll, please support if you can at this link

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/teampowerof1>

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



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Reports and Ads. etc may also be left at the usual addresses:
St. Mary's Parish Centre
Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.



A Christmas Carol Service for St James's Hospital

Join Us for a Magical Evening of Music & Community Spirit!

Date: Thursday 12th December
Time: 7pm (with doors open from 6.30pm)
Price: €25
Venue: St. James's Church, Dublin

This year's carol service promises to be an unforgettable evening, featuring:

- T**he Irish Doctors Orchestra
- M**usicians and singers in residence from the Royal Irish Academy and St. James's Hospital
- C**ara Coyle, renowned folk singer
- T**he Ukrainian Choir, sharing their beautiful harmonies and Christmas classics

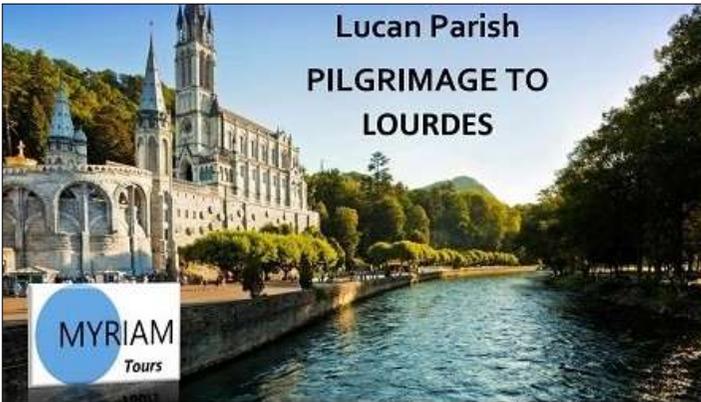


All proceeds from this event will go directly toward enhancing patient services and support at St. James's Hospital.

Tickets are selling fast for this intimate and uplifting event. Don't miss your chance to join us.

Visit supportstjames.ie to buy tickets

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Experience a 10-night/11-day pilgrimage covering all major sites associated with St. Paul, including an overnight stay on the island of Patmos where St. John wrote the Book of Revelation. Hotels are 4-star hotels & half board, entrance fees to sites, a fully licensed guide, air-conditioned bus, ferry tickets with cabin from Patmos Island and more.

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This is a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage.
Cost: €2040 (Land-ONLY).
Please contact Angela at +353-89-2107277 or stpaul2024@proton.me for more information and to receive the full schedule.



Bayside Alpha

are hosting on Zoom a two part series: **St Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction** with Bishop Barron and Franciscan Friar Fr Dave Pivonka on **Sunday the 15th and 22nd of December at 7:30pm.**

To join this free series email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The 12th Exhibition of St. Mary's Camera Soiree, held in the Parish Centre last weekend was a great success. All the members should be very proud of their efforts which were highly praised by the large numbers who came to view their work.

Some "thank yous" are in order - to the priests of the parish who generously promoted the exhibition at the weekend masses; to Jenny and St. Andrew's Church of Ireland parish for the loan of the stands on which the exhibition was mounted, the Newsletter which each week carries a selection of the group's photos and to you our loyal supporters who make the group's efforts each year worthwhile.

Just to show that the exhibition does not happen of its own accord this week there are photos showing the progress from the empty room through work in progress and stringing of frames to the finished product and the happy members of the group at the conclusion of the exhibition.

