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The work of Justice



Trócaire is the Irish Church's development agency that works to support the most vulnerable and marginalized communities around the world, providing humanitarian aid, supporting sustainable development initiatives, and advocating for human rights and social justice. Founded in 1973 by the Irish Episcopal conference, Trócaire works with partners in over 20 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

One of Trócaire's core objectives is to address poverty and inequality by supporting communities in developing countries to build sustainable livelihoods and improve their access to basic services such as healthcare, education, and clean water. This work is grounded in the principle of community-led development, which means that Trócaire works with local partners to identify the needs and priorities of communities and to develop solutions that are tailored to their specific context.

Trócaire's approach to development is also strongly focused on the promotion of human rights and social justice. The organization works to empower communities to defend their rights and to challenge the structures and systems that perpetuate poverty and marginalization. This includes advocating for policy change at the local, national, and international levels, as well as supporting grassroots movements and campaigns for social change.

Trócaire also plays a vital role in responding to humanitarian emergencies around the world, providing life-saving assistance to those affected by conflict, natural disasters, and other crises. This includes providing food, water, shelter, and medical care to people in need, as well as supporting longer-term recovery and rehabilitation efforts. The special collection at all Masses this week-end for the Earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria will be channelled through Trócaire.

In addition to its work on the ground, Trócaire is also committed to raising awareness of the root causes of poverty and inequality, and to advocating for change in Irish and international policy. The organization works to engage the Irish public and to mobilize support for global social justice issues through campaigns, educational programs, and advocacy efforts.

Overall, Trócaire is a highly respected and effective development agency that has made a significant contribution to the fight against poverty and injustice around the world. Through its community-led development approach, its focus on human rights and social justice, and its commitment to advocacy and public engagement, Trócaire is helping to build a more equitable and sustainable world for all. They deserve our support.

*Philip Curran
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
Wednesday: None
Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

Electricity Smart Meters

Since 2019, ESB Networks has been fitting homes and businesses with smart meters. Smart meters are the next generation of electricity meters and it is planned that all homes in Ireland will be fitted with smart meters by the end of 2024.

Smart meters will automatically communicate your electricity usage to your supplier, so there will be no more estimated bills. You will also have more information on your electricity usage than is available from current meters.

It is planned to replace the oldest meters with the new smart meters. You can contact your electricity supplier or ESBN to apply for a prioritised installation. There is no upfront charge to have a smart meter installed.

Read more about the National Smart Metering Programme (NSMP).

How to use less electricity: You can save on your electricity bills by being more energy efficient. The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) helps consumers to improve their energy efficiency. Get tips and advice on how to save energy on everything from heating, lighting, hot water, cooking, appliances and draughts. You can get an energy monitor to tell you how much electricity you are using in real time. Making small changes to be more energy efficient can help reduce your bills.

Energy Efficiency Grants: You may be entitled to a grant to upgrade your home energy system and improve the BER rating of your home. This will lower the amount of electricity that you use. There are also grants available for solar panels. Get more information on how to improve your energy efficiency and on the grants available from the SEAI.

Treatment Abroad Scheme (TAS)

How does the Treatment Abroad Scheme work?

If you are a public healthcare patient and require treatment that is not available to you in Ireland, you may be able to apply for the Treatment Abroad Scheme (TAS). This allows you to get the medical treatment in another country in the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (the EEA also includes Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) or in Switzerland.

Before you travel for your treatment, the HSE must assess and approve your application.

If the treatment is available in Ireland you can access it abroad using the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive.

How to qualify for the Treatment Abroad

Scheme: You must be ordinarily resident in Ireland to qualify for the Treatment Abroad Scheme. This means you live in Ireland and intend to live here for at least one year.

The medical treatment you need must be either:

Not available in Ireland or

Not available within the time normally necessary to get it in Ireland, taking into account your current health and the likely course of your condition or disease

You cannot refer yourself for TAS. Only a public hospital consultant based in Ireland can refer you for treatment abroad. A GP cannot refer you for this scheme.

How to apply for the Treatment Abroad

Scheme: You, and your referring consultant, must complete an E112 application form (pdf).

You must send this to the HSE TAS office with a copy of your referral letter from your consultant when applying.

You should apply early, as you will have to wait for the HSE to approve your treatment abroad before you travel.

In the E112 form, your consultant must confirm that:

They are the consultant that is currently treating you. They assessed you within a 2-week period before making an application to the HSE.

The application is based on their own medical opinion. A consultant cannot fill in a form at the request of another person.

More information is available on our website about the Treatment Abroad Scheme [Treatment Abroad Scheme \(citizensinformation.ie\)](http://citizensinformation.ie)

Mass for Deceased Residents of Dodsboro

The deceased residents of Dodsboro and Dodsboro Cottages will be prayed for at Mass in **St. Patrick's Church, Esker on Saturday evening, 4th March, 2023** at 7.00pm.

This is to include those who passed away during the Covid-19 Pandemic and all who passed away in the past couple of years. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

Family members and/or friends may wish to attend this Mass.

Organised by Dodsboro Residents Association (formerly)

Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade COMPETITION TIME

We are running a drawing competition for all children aged 12 and under. We would like to see children's interpretation of St Patrick himself. Any size or colours can be used, just send your beautiful picture to our email address lucanparade@gmail.com



The winner will receive a family pass to come join us on the stand on St. Patrick's Day.

All entries sent to us by **6th March** and the winner will be announced on the 10th March. Include the child's name and age.

Best of luck everyone and we look forward to seeing all your colourful entries

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 to Cork, Spain and 2 cruises this year.

Lucan ICA

Monday 27th Feb: Craft Group meet as usual 10am till 12.30pm. Lovely work being done on a variety of projects ie crochet bags, knitted jumpers, cardigans and hats. Order your Easter Bonnet now!!!

Tea Hostesses are: Miriam Gavin and Marie O'Sullivan.

We had a very enjoyable Group Night with our neighbouring guilds, Blanchardstown and Castleknock last Wednesday. We listened to a very interesting talk on an Irish nun, Sr. Kate McCathy from Drimoleague Co. Cork, who was imprisoned in Ravensburg, Germany, during World War 2.

Afterwards we were treated to a lovely supper.



MARYMOUNT CARE CENTRE

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY IRELAND

DEMENTIA CARE INFORMATION & SUPPORT EVENINGS

Marymount Dementia Team will welcome Alzheimer's Society Ireland for a talk about Dementia.



**THURSDAY
2ND MARCH 2023**

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

BOOK NOW

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Monday 6th March, 7pm
Lucan Library

Natural Wellbeing for Perimenopause and Menopause

Talk by Siobhan Daffy, natural health practitioner

Admission free – Booking Essential via Lucan Library
Eventbrite **from 27th February**

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



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

Weekday Masses during Lent:

Monday to Friday: **10am** and **7.30pm**.
Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com



St. Mary's Readers' Roster March 2023:

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, the 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of March 2023 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Christian Meditation:

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

Scriptural Readings:

We meet from **7.30-8.30pm** every **Monday** evening in the Bungalow opposite the church. The group will read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel to get a deeper understanding of the Word of our Lord. *All are 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.

Shamrock Plants and Shamrock Badges for sale.

In aid of Féileacáin Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Association of Ireland.

Shamrocks will be sold in St Mary's Church grounds after all Masses on the **11th and 12th March.**



Divine Mercy Devotion:

On Wednesdays after 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to participate in the devotion regularly or occasionally.

St Mary's Parish Divine Mercy Group.

Deepest Sympathy to the parents, family and friends of **Gerard (Ger) Carey**, formerly Ballydowd and Beech Park.
May he rest in peace.



St. Vincent de Paul

Churchgate collection at all Masses
NEXT Saturday/ Sunday 4th / 5th March.
Many thanks for your generosity.

Building Hope through Servant Leadership

The Archdiocese of Dublin is hosting a series of 5 sessions on the Mondays in Lent to introduce you to the practice of Servant Leadership. 27th February, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March Each evening will last from 7:30 to 9pm and will take place in St Paul's Centre for Mission and Ministry, Arran Quay.

This is especially for those in parish ministries and Pastoral Councils.

The sessions will be led by Peter Siney and Patricia Carroll from the Office of Mission and Ministry.

To register please email peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie

Special Collection for Earthquake Victims in conjunction with Trócaire Saturday and Sunday 25th and 26th February

There will be a special collection at all Masses in aid of those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

This will replace the Share (second) Collection.

Please do not use the card machines at the doors for this special collection

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,
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



Altar Server Ministry:

We are relaunching the altar server ministry in the parish. We are seeking recruits from 3rd Class to Second Year. Full training will be provided. We promise that anyone who joins the altar servers will have a safe and rewarding experience. It would be a great way of helping your parish community. Future Altar Servers should give their contact details to the Parish Office.

Prayers of the Church: Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.
The Church open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm for private prayers.

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.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church. Their works include visitation of homes, nursing homes, prisons and outreach to the poor. All welcome.

Home Visits Holy Communion: If anyone who cannot come to Mass would like to receive Holy Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900.

Bingo: Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome to play for big prizes. Who will get the Full House?

Wednesdays tea/coffee morning: There is a cup of tea/ and a slice of cake **after 9.15am Mass every Wednesday** in the St. John Paul II Room (room with tables and chairs to the right of the porch at the main Church entrance). All are most welcome.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

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

Tea/Coffee:

Every Wednesday Morning
10.30am in the Parish Centre.

All are welcome.



Presbyterian Church

Main Street, Lucan, Co. Dublin

Sunday Morning Worship: 11am.

(There's tea and coffee after the service)

Lucan Presbyterian Church is a growing family of Christians who come from a variety of different church backgrounds, traditions and nationalities. Regardless of your age, background, experience or previous church connections you are welcome to come and visit us.

Contact: email: lucanpresbyterian@gmail.com

Study Recruitment

Study looking for adults (70 + years) to take part in our Protein and Online Exercise classes for 12 weeks by PhD student Catherine Fallon from the University College Dublin.

All appointments and classes will be done from your own home.

For more information, please contact 0867240910 or Catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie

Acknowledgement

PADDY MONAGHAN (R.I.P.)

The family of the late Paddy Monaghan would like to thank everyone who reached out to them upon Paddy's sad passing. The hundreds of messages of support have been overwhelming. All of the kindness shown towards the whole family at this time is very much appreciated.

To all the wonderful staff at Marymount Care Centre, we thank you all for the care he received during his time with you.

We would like to thank the members and committee of Lucan Golf Club for the show of respect and appreciation in forming the guard of honour and to all the local business owners who stood out as a mark of respect.

Thank you to the Gardai for their assistance on the day of the Funeral.

Thanks to Cunningham's Funeral Directors, the organist and singer for their help and guidance. To Fr. Ubaldo and the Funeral Team for their support.

As it is impossible to thank everyone who reached out individually, please accept this as a Thank You from all the Monaghans.

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

Paddy's Month's Mind Mass will take place in Saturday 4th March in St. Mary's Church at 6.30pm.

Anniversaries

BRIDGET (CISS) BEHAN

11th Anniversary - 1st March

Late of Dodsboro Cottages.
While you dear Mam rest and sleep
Your loving memory we will always keep
We treasure still with love sincere
Beautiful memories of one so dear.
Loved and missed every day by Ann and Mary and all your family xxx

JOHN COLLINS

9th Anniversary

Loved and missed every day by Joan and family



MICHELLE BRADY

2nd Anniversary - 24th February

We think of you in silence
We always speak your name
Now all we have is memories
And a picture in a frame
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we will never part
God has you in his keeping
We will have you in our hearts.
Deeply missed and lovingly remembered by Mam and Dad

MICHELLE BRADY

If memories keep us closer
Then we are never far apart
You are always on our minds
And forever in our hearts
May the winds of Heaven blow softly
And whisper in your ear
How much we love and miss you
And wish that you were still here
In laughter and in sorrow
In sunshine and in rain
I know you are watching over us
Until we meet again
Today, tomorrow, our whole lives through
We will always love and remember you
Forever in our hearts.
Sadly missed by your brothers and sisters David, Karen, Brian, Susanne and Gary

PATRICK (PADDY) BYRNE

7th Anniversary - 25th February

A loving husband
Each one of us thought the world of you
For us you always did your best
God grant your soul eternal rest
We never fail to think of you
We never cease to care
We only wish we could go home
And find you waiting there.
Loved and missed by Maeve, Damien, Austin and Denis, daughter-in-law and grandchildren
Anniversary Mass on Sunday 26th February at 12 noon in St. Patrick's Church, Esker.

BILL COMERFORD

1st Anniversary - 2nd March

Late of Kew Park, Lucan.
Sadly missed by your loving daughters Lorraine, Sinéad and Fiona and The Comerford/Harrington family of Ballyhale, Co. Kilkenny
Remembrance Mass in St. Mary's Church, Lucan, Saturday 4th March at 6.30pm.



Anniversaries (cont'd.)

IMELDA GILBERT

4th Anniversary - 4th February

EAMON GILBERT

2nd Anniversary - 25th February

In loving memory of wonderful parents,
grandparents and great grandparents.
*Sadly missed and always remembered by family
and friends*

JOHN LALLY

23rd Anniversary - 21st February

No one knows how much I miss you
No one knows the bitter pain
I have suffered since I lost you
Life has never been the same
In my heart your memory lingers
Sweetly tender, fond and true
There is not a day, dear father
That I do not think of you.



*Always remembered and never forgotten, your
loving daughter Joyce, son-in-law Mark,
grandsons Jonathan, Ciaran and Matthew and
great grandson Ollie*

NEILL MULDOWNEY

7th Anniversary - 26th February

Those we love can never be more
Than a thought away
For as long as there's a memory
They live in our hearts to stay.
*Love always from Mam, Dad, Paula, Nicola,
Liam and families xxx*

Ireland Reads at Lucan Library!

The national Ireland Reads Day
takes place on **Saturday 25th
February**. In the lead up to this,
Lucan Library has a Children's
Competition - Get Your Guess
In!



If you want to learn more about the national
Ireland Reads celebration, or wish to "squeeze in
a read" during February, you can pledge your
reading time by visiting www.irelandreads.ie.

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 1st March: **Social Morning**
in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30 -
12.30.

New members always welcome.



**Last Sunday in
February already, and
Lucan Newsletter
notches up another
birthday!**

First published on the last
Sunday of February in
1967, now making the
weekly journal 56 years of
age, and it's all thanks to our contributors,
readers, volunteers and distributors.
Well done to all!



Well done to Lucan's Daire Newcombe who
had a great game with the Dubs v Cork on Sunday
last. We see he also made the GAA's *Team of the
Week*. It's looking good for the Dubs!



A Pigeon with leg-warmers! This lad was
spotted in the Hillcrest area this past week. He
appears to have a heavy covering of feathers on
his legs and feet - unusual!



Eighteen months ago, some visitors to the Shed enjoyed their experience and left with promises of returning.

One of the visitors was more detailed in his comments

about the Shed. He was heard to say that he enjoyed the hospitality, the welcome, the craic, not to mention the friendship extended to him.

It was proposed that our Shed should be run on the basis of these 4 ideas and that we could hardly do better in our interaction with members. One of our longstanding members was prompted to add the idea that “the Shed is small, but the welcome is big.”

In every Shed the matter of holding an AGM arises, an experience of mixed feelings for many. Preparations for an AGM are not the responsibility of one person, but are divisible between committee members as a group, together with whatever assistance can be provided by other Shed members, should the committee so decide.

The Shed will be open to both members and visitors on Tuesdays between 11.00 am and 01.00 pm, during February and March, as follows:
February 21st and 28th and
March 14th 21st and 28th.

The AGM 2023 will be held on Tuesday, 7th March at 11.30 am in the Shed. This meeting, as is customary, is confined to Shed members. After 7th March, Shed activities will be a matter for the incoming committee, but it is most likely that Tuesday and Wednesday openings will continue for the time being, with Tuesday mornings in the Shed and organised walks on Wednesdays, where walkers are under the leadership of a committee person, again for members only.

If any of you men are in the vicinity of the I.W.A. building (signposted) on the Newcastle Road, close to the Maxol Filling Station, why not call into the Shed, sit down and enjoy a tea or coffee and some biscuits. You will find that conversation will not be in short supply and you will be welcome to join in. You will not be under any obligation to join the Shed but you can return as often as you wish. For certain, you will want to come back.

This might be the best thing you have ever done.
See you there between 11 and 1, on a Tuesday?



NAGARHOPE

Nagarhope's recent fundraiser in the Spa hotel was a huge success both socially and financially. About 300 people enjoyed a super night out, the first for many since lockdowns. The event raised €13,000 which will go a very long way in Nepal. The immediate use for it is to furnish the new school building and to make walkways and fences in the grounds, making it safer.

On behalf of Fachtna “Doc” Clandillon and Nagarhope, we owe our thanks to so many people.

Our sincerest thanks to Kevin “Elvis” Doyle and to all the members of The Way It Was Orchestra. They are a superb bunch of people, giving up their free time to support Nagarhope, educating kids in Nepal. We have known most of these lads and lassies since primary school, growing up with our own lads here in Lucan, and being introduced to all their instruments by Eithne Donnelly in the Lucan Concert Band. What a buzz they created! The dance floor was full at the end of the night with nobody wanting it to end.

Thanks to the Spa Hotel, its' staff and especially Ulick Colgan for their courtesy and help. What a beautiful venue, it looked amazing.

Thanks to Mick O Byrne, of Dual Print, who has done all our printing since day one.

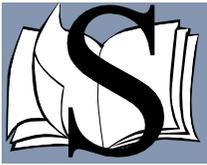
Thanks to Lucan Newsletter for their continuous coverage, to the local papers, to Lucan Community College and Lucan Sarsfields who included us in their notes.

Thanks to Artisan Pantry for their hamper, to Deirdre Lawless for vouchers, to Supervalu for hamper baskets and to so many friends, neighbours and colleagues who donated the contents of our beautiful hampers. We put out feelers for left over Christmas goodies to make up 5/6 hampers. We ended up with 16!! Special thanks to Kathleen Roche who helped to make up the hampers.

Thanks to Ray who did the raffle for us. Thanks to all who bought tickets, both Elvis tickets and raffle tickets but couldn't be there, to many people who made donations, to so many people who sponsor our work by direct debits and have been doing so for many years, to our own NAGARHOPE Committee, nothing could happen without them, and of course to all who attended on the night.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

Niamh & Séamus Clandillon



CHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Concern Debating: Huge congratulations to our Concern Senior Debating students for progressing to the last 16 of this year's Concern debating competition. This is a particularly impressive achievement for our dedicated and talented students. They will be debating again next Monday against Scoil Dara, Kilcock. The motion is 'Nuclear power is essential for a clean energy future.'



Under 14 Gaelic Football: All the best to the under 14 Gaelic Football team who are playing a league match on Thursday against Kishoge Community College.



5th Year Spanish Trip: 27 lucky students and their teachers flew off to the Spanish Capital

Madrid early on Tuesday morning. They look forward to a number of walking tours and fun activities as well as practicing their oral Spanish in the language classes. We wish them well and we hope they have an enjoyable trip.

Transition Year: On Monday and Tuesday a group of 25 Transition year students enjoyed the Transition Year song writing workshop. The group thoroughly enjoyed the two day workshop and found it to be entertaining and very beneficial for our budding young artists.

Our transition year group start their subject options talks this Thursday, they will have their first meeting with the guidance department on Thursday and then will get a brief description of each subject from the subject teachers next week. The talks guide the students through the course structures of various courses at Senior cycle as well as giving key information in relation new subjects. Thank you to all the teachers who presented excellently in relation to their own subject and answered any questions or queries the students had in relation to their subjects.

Well done to all of the students who completed their two-week block of work experience and a huge Thanks again to all of the businesses and organisations for allowing the students to gain this invaluable experience. We received excellent feedback from all of the organisations and we are very proud of you.

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Follow us on Instagram:

@stjosephscollegelucan

Follow us on: www.stjosephslucan.com

CLOTHES WANTED

Confey College Parents and Guardians Council invites you to recycle your unwanted clean wearable clothing, shoes in pairs, jewellery, handbags, hats, etc., to raise much needed funds to make improvements in the school for the benefit of the students.



Clean items in good condition can be dropped to **Confey College Secondary School in Leixlip between 9am and 3pm on Saturday 25th February.**

Please note; no pillows, duvets, bedlinen, socks, underwear or towels can be accepted.

Many thanks for your support

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

School tour: 31 senior students, five teachers (and senior management!) have returned safely after a magical five-day skiing trip to Italy over the mid-term break. The group stayed in the beautiful ski resort of Lavarone and they received 4 hours of lessons every day. The students overcame the initial pain and discomfort of the ski boots and the inevitable falls and knocks to soon get the hang of it. Lavarone has 27km of piste, with slopes that cater for all levels. On the last day the students were gracefully cruising down the more daunting slopes like seasoned Olympic skiers!

The students revelled in the freedom of the mountains and the sheer exhilaration of speeding down the slopes, leaving their troubles and worries behind them for a few hours at least. The regular chairlifts transported them back up the slopes for further downhill runs and most of them had to be dragged away when their time was up each day! They also loved the apres-ski evening activities, especially the snow tubing session, where they whizzed down the steep slopes either whopping for joy or in total terror!

A brilliant school tour was had by all in the stunning surrounds of the Italian mountains. The weather was good, with blue skies every day, the snow was fresh and crisp, the hotel food was delicious and the staff were extremely friendly, helpful and pleasant throughout.

This was a once in a lifetime trip and the students were very grateful to the teachers who travelled with them. The group have created wonderful memories for themselves and some have even been bitten by the skiing bug so it won't be the last time on the slopes for some of them!

The students are also to be commended on their exemplary behaviour throughout. Their maturity, good manners and co-operation made life very easy for the teachers.

Soccer: Our 1st yr soccer team advanced to the 2nd rnd of the Leinster Shield after a comprehensive 5-0 win over Clonkeen College on Wednesday 8th Feb. Hasan Al Mini scored the opening goal after 20mins with powerfully struck, rising right-foot effort. Conor Abbott doubled Lucan's lead early in the 2nd half before Hasan added a third with a stunning solo goal, his 11th of a prolific campaign in just 6 games. Alex Clare added two further goals late on to seal an emphatic win for the team.

Athletics: Two of our athletes competed in the Leinster Cross Country Championships held in

Santry Park on Weds 8th February. 1st yr Conor Abbot finished an agonising 1 second and 1 place outside the qualification places for the National Championships as he came 16th out of 98 strong competitors in the 2km Minor Boys course in a time of 8:09.

2nd yr Brian Whelan completed the tough 3km Junior Boys course in a time of 11:28 to finished 55th out of 109 athletes. Well done to our two brave competitors on their whole-hearted and spirited performances.

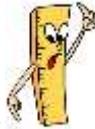
Music Club: 15 students from our Music Club, accompanied by Ms. Cooney and Ms. Whelan, went on a trip to the National Concert Hall on Monday where they took part in a Gamelan workshop. They didn't need to bring anything with them-just their passion and enthusiasm for music! Gamelan originates from Javanese culture in Indonesia and consists of a number of percussion instruments such as Gongs, drums and xylophone-like instruments which are played together to produce a full rhythmic, harmonic sound. Our talented, young musicians were fully engaged throughout and thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on and practical workshop.

They learned about the instrument's origin and learned how to play and interpret the music for each piece. They were full of questions and fascinated to learn about this instrument and its magical sounds, which was a new and exciting experience for them all.

Gaeilge: Our 2nd yr students travelled to the Lighthouse Cinema in Smithfield on Friday 10th Feb to see the Oscar nominated Irish language film "*An Cailín Ciúin*". Although it is very quiet and subdued drama (not the type perhaps to appeal to 14 yr old boys!), the students thoroughly enjoyed this moving and deeply touching film.

Fundraising: The fundraising event, entitled "Split the Bucket", was held in the school on Friday 10th February. In total, 2,000e was raised, which was then split evenly between the school and the students. Those who brought in the required amount were then entered into a draw for Liffey Valley vouchers, which was conducted by my members of our Student Council on Monday.

In the 1st yr draw, Nate Crawford won a 200e voucher while Muhammad Imran and Senan Curley both won 100e vouchers. 2nd yrs Ben Walsh, Callum Finn and Saad Imran won 100e vouchers. 3rd yrs Evan Whelan, Senan Lynch and Jake Andrews each won 50e vouchers while Peter Donohue, Sun Syed and Abinav Sriram won 50e vouchers in the Senior draw.



Back the generations

Granny Ennis, with her grandchildren Carmel and Tommy Ennis on either side, the children's mother, May Ennis behind them, and grand uncle, Clocker Kilduff.

The photo dating from the late 1950s, was probably taken in the Chapel Hill area where the family lived.



Another photo from the same era – published in Lucan Newsletter a couple of years ago, with the name of the boy in the centre not known then.

Just this week, he has been identified as Franjo Reid, formerly of Weirview.

In the Photo:

Fr. James Loughran who was Curate at St. Mary's, along with (L-R): Declan Hughes, Franjo Reid, and Nicholas Ennis.

We send greetings to Franjo, and are delighted to hear he still reads the weekly edition.

Both photos were given to Lucan Newsletter by the late Nicholas Ennis, grandson of Granny Ennis in the top photo.

Political Notes

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Celbridge Link Road:

The €10.2m Celbridge Link Road is now open! This road links Adamstown to Celbridge through a new 2km distributary, with footpaths and cycle tracks in both directions providing improved accessibility and connectivity to Adamstown. This new road should help relieve traffic congestion in and around Lucan by providing an alternative route to the N4.

Further Help with Cost of Living:

This week several additional measures were introduced to help families, pensioners and businesses to manage increases in the Cost of Living. These include a €200 lump sum payment in April to all pensioners, carers, people with a disability, extending the 4.5% VAT cut on electricity and gas bills to the end of October and extending the reduced excise duty on petrol, diesel and marked gas oil to June.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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New Celbridge Link Road:

Delighted to announce the opening of the Celbridge Link Road in Adamstown. The Celbridge Link Road will deliver significantly improved accessibility and connectivity – on the western side of Adamstown - to not only the existing and future residents of Adamstown but also the residents within the adjoining communities of Celbridge and Leixlip. This north/south connection from the R403 provides a direct link from the R403 to the Adamstown Rail Station, which will provide for shorter commuter times and more sustainable and environmentally friendly commuting patterns within the area.

Lucan Leisure Centre:

Many groups/sports clubs have contacted me regarding expressing an interest in the new facilities. I can confirm that the new management are going to start their key recruitment shortly, once dedicated facility manager and staff in place they will be in a position to reach out locally.



Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Ireland for All Solidarity March:

Last Saturday nearly fifty thousand people attended a solidarity rally to show solidarity with refugees who are seeking sanctuary in this country. Many groups and ordinary citizens from all over Ireland came together to show their solidarity and disgust at those that spread misinformation and use incendiary rhetoric. This is extremely dangerous and has to be challenged.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Public Transport: Ministerial Meeting:

It was great to have the opportunity to catch up with Minister of State for Transport Jack Chambers when he visited the superb new bus interchange (now operational) at Liffey Valley recently. I took the opportunity to raise ongoing concerns concerning the need for consistent capacity and delivery of bus services in our area with him.

Dangerous Footpaths:

Thanks to South Dublin County Council for repairing a number of hazardous and dangerous footpaths in Earlsfort which I highlighted following my walkabout in the area. I'm also pleased that the Roads Department will reinstate faded double yellow lines on Earlsfort Avenue and Earlsfort Road, following my request. Peace Commissioner: If you require the services of a Peace Commissioner for the witnessing or signing of certain documents, please contact me.

Take time to play –

it is the secret to perpetual youth.

Take time to work –

it is the foundation of success.

Take time to laugh –

it is music for the soul.

Take time to read –

it is access to wisdom.

Take time to be friendly –

it is the road to happiness.

Take time to love –

it is the privilege of life.





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Great to see a return to play following the winter break. Don't forget you can send all your news to the PRO to help promote our club, your team, highlight any special performances and generally show everyone what a great and fun place Lucan Sars is for our members.

Email: pro.lucansarsfields.dublin@gaa.ie

Football

A Good start to the league campaign for our Senior Football team, Lucan Sarsfields 1-16 vs 2 8 Ballinteer St Johns, great to see Daire Newcombe named in the GAAs Football team of the week after a great performance for the dubs the week-end.



AFL6, 12th Lock, Lucan 0-13 (0-4) v 0-9 (0-7) K Crokes.

Team: D Davis, T Mulqueen, E Farrelly, C Kelly, C Sheary, S Keher, C Buchanan (0-1), T Bradley (0-1), J Finn, D Brosnan, P Carroll, L Butler, A Dunne (0-1), J Delmar (0-8), M Sharkey (0-1).

Subs: D Mescall (0-1), R Lamphiere, C Gaire, P Fitzgerald, C Downes, D Walsh.

Hurling

Medal Presentation Night

2022 was a very successful year for our adult hurlers with successes in leagues and championships across various grades. The medals for these will be presented on the evening of Saturday March 4th in the Clubhouse. We also have some outstanding medals to present for 2021 successes and indeed for the U21A championship success as far back as 2019, which were not presented at the time due to Covid.

The following will be presented on the 4th:

2022: Senior - League Div 1

Junior A - League Div 5 and Championship Runners Up U21A - U21 B Championship U19A - U19 A Championship U17A - League Div 1 and Championship Runners Up

2021: Junior A - League Div 5 - U21B - U21 D Championship.

2019: U21A - U21 A Championship.

All players and mentors involved in any of those teams are asked to come along on the night. All parents, supporters, and club members welcome also for what promises to be a great celebration of Lucan hurling.



Senior & Intermediate Teams - Mentor vacancies.

Following the appointment of Charlie Carter (Manager) and Kieran Murphy (Coach) with our senior hurlers this year, we have two vacancies to fill to complete the Management and backroom team. We are looking for an additional selector/mentor and for a Team Administrator. We are also looking for a Coach to work with our Intermediate team. If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact Paul Stapleton (087 2058572) or Vincent O'Connor (087 2075835).

Membership

Membership for 2023 is now open.

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €14,200. The Numbers were **1, 9, 18, 22.**

The 5 lucky dip prizes go to, Carmur Veya, Dardis Family x 2, Paul Stapleton and Bridie



Bourke.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€14,600**. The draw is sponsored by O'Grady Hearing Care Services and will be led by

Mary Flannery.

Tá €14,600 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine: Beidh sé beo ón Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook.

Déan cinnte go bhfuil d'iontráil curtha isteach agaibh roimh 6 i.n. oíche an chrannchuir, chun í a chur san áireamh sa chrannchur na seachtaine sin.

The draw will be held on Thursday at 9pm and is streamed from Lucan Sarsfield's Clubhouse, on our Facebook page.

Make sure your entry is submitted before 6pm on the evening of the draw to be included in that week's draw.

Is féidir libh ticéadaí a cheannacht ar líne leis an nasc seo:

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfield's GAA Club.



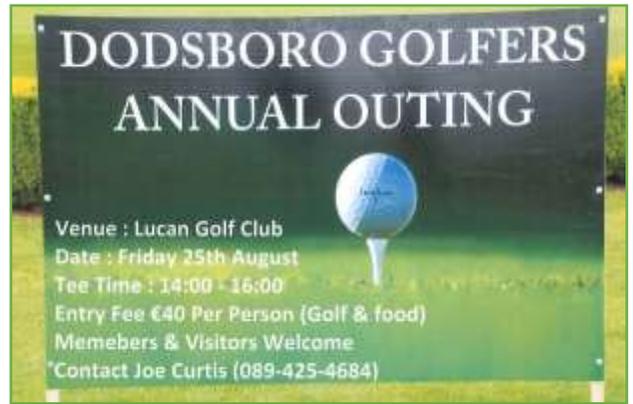
Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Buachaillí 2005 - Iomáint

Lá mór ag na buachaillí
2015 nuair a thug siad
aghaidh ar Ballyboden

St Endas ina gcead cluiche iomána.

Bhí diograis & fuinneamh le feiceail ona
himreoiri ar fad. Taimid ag suil go mor leis an
mbóthar fada, taitneamhach atá os comhar na
lads amach anseo. Go raibh míle as ucht an
tacaíocht iontach agus é fuar agus fliuch.



Buachaillí - Iomáint

Dhá chluiche mhaithe ar na páirceanna i Naomh
Sailbheastair... bua amháin agus ceann cailte. Bhí
sé iontach gach duine a fheiceáil ar ais. Tá súil
agam go bhfuil an aclaíocht agus na scileanna á
fhorbairt againn go léir agus ar ais ag traenáil
oíche Mháirt.

Míle buíochas arís do na
tuismitheoirí go léir as a
dtacaíocht leanúnach

*Two good games on the
pitches in Saint
Sylvesters one a win and
one a loss....it was great
to see everyone back.
I hope everybody is
recovering well and
back to training on
Tuesday night.
Once again thanks to
all the parents for their
constant support.*



SPORTS

Cross Country was the name of the game this weekend. With the ladies at their 3rd meet and train Cross Country race, hosted by Crusaders AC in the scenic Poolbeg Park. The wonderful setting with Dublin port in the background with ferries and ships sailing in and out of port. The course from the start line looked pretty straight forward, but what those standing on the side line didn't know was that there was an extremely steep and challenging incline with about a K to go. Nothing that the girls couldn't deal with.

Orla McWeeney was first home for Harriers in 8th Position running very strongly. Great finishes by Bernie who gained places in the finishing straight and fought off a fight back. Sile similarly finished very strongly. Well done to all who turned out and made their way across city for the earlier than usual time of 10am

As usual there was Cake after at the Crusaders club house.

Orla McWeeney, Anne Whelan, Bernie Stapelton Hilary McGee, Sile Mc Intyre, Olivia Meyler

Aileen Coughlan, Eileen O'Brien, Lhyné Ganadin.

Again, great to see Lucan and West Dublin represented so well, with a great turn out from our neighbours and friends in Esker RC and Waterstown.

A great turn out by the lads at the Central Bank BHAA 4 mile cross country in Wesley College on Saturday. Derek Taylor 23.27, Patrick Holden 24.08, Barry Aherne 24.12, Brian Carroll 25.24, Emmet Quinn 26.30, Rob Brannigan 26.44 Colin O Gara 28.09.

Rob coming home first in his new age category. Superb run by Emmet Quinn he is really coming into his own and is one to watch this year. Four laps of the sports grounds in Wesley College. Conditions under foot were perfect. There was a strong wind on certain parts of the course which made things a bit difficult in places. 135 took to the start line in this mixed race. Thanks, as usual to the organisers, there are still two more BHAA cross country to come so good opportunity to try it out if you haven't already. They are in ALSAA at the Airport and Maynooth College.

Operation Transformation. Lucan Harriers were out in force in the Phoenix Park on Saturday stewarding at the annual Operation

Transformation. Their contribution to the day was greatly appreciated by the organisers. This has become an annual stewarding event for the club and probably one of the most high profile event in front of the TV cameras. Thanks everyone who got out of their bed early on Saturday morning to help our club out. Well done to everyone from the club and our wider community who took part in this high profile event.

Scottish Masters. Last weekend Sunday 12th Feb Carol Kearney and Breda Smyth travelled to the Scottish indoor masters in Glasgow, neither came home empty handed with Carol winning her 200m race and Breda with bronze in the 1500m. Well done ladies super achievement.

Munster Masters Indoors. Also on the weekend 12th Feb, Double Gold for Katriona Power at the Munster Masters Indoors just to add to her fantastic achievement Katriona set a new national record for her category (O50) in the Weight for Distance throw. Shot 9.46m (Gold medal). Weight for Distance 20lb 7.02m (Gold medal & National Record).

Well done Katriona all your Lucan Harriers team mates are very proud of you and your achievements

National Masters Cross Country. On Sunday 12th Feb Mary Browne was Harriers sole representative at the national masters cross country in Gowran Demesne Co. Kilkenny, finishing 2nd in a time of 18.21 for her category. Well done young lady, brilliant running and wishing you continued success.



Katriona Power national record holder.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last Friday the group held a workshop on portrait photography under the direction of Donal. By all accounts it was very successful. Maybe we will see some of the results from the workshop included in the next exhibition. Members of the group are heading off to the very interesting exhibition of the work of the photographer Mick Bunn in Farmleigh this Friday.

This week we have more atmospheric photos of the Liffey taken by Paddy. Conor somehow managed to get a photograph of that most difficult of birds to photograph - the Kingfisher.



Joe gave us a grey squirrel and also got up to the Hellfire Club.



The building known today as the Hellfire Club is located on Montpellier Hill overlooking the city. It was originally built as a hunting lodge in 1725 but was taken over by a men's club known as the Hellfire Club in 1735. In fact Hellfire Club was a name for several exclusive clubs for high society rakes established in Britain and Ireland in the 18th century.



The club motto was "do as you wilt". The most notorious club associated with the name was established in England by Francis Dashwood and met irregularly from around 1749 to around 1766.

Until next week stay safe!