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The *Pathways Programme* is geared towards those who wish to explore issues and questions of: faith; ministry; the Church today and the nature of belief, in an environment appropriate to Adult Learning and Adult Faith Development.



About the Course

The programme is run by the Archdiocese of Dublin, over two years, from late September to late May each year. It takes place on **Thursday evenings from 7.00p.m. -9.30 p.m.** in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, (MDCCE), Drumcondra Road Upper, Dublin, 9. **The next starting date for the programme will be on Thursday 28th. September 2023.** See contact details below.

Early application is advisable as places will be limited.

Who is the Course for? This course is suitable for men and women of all ages and from all walks of life who are looking for an opportunity to consider questions about faith, belief and Church today.

Course Aims - The course values the life experience which the participants bring and, accordingly, group sharing is an integral part of the learning process each year. The course also offers the spiritual and theological formation which will enable participants to explore their faith with greater confidence. It also helps assist people to prepare themselves to respond to the needs of the Church and community and to work in partnerships and parish teams. Participants also have an opportunity to take part in various liturgies, and optional retreats and times of Directed Prayer during the year.

Course Entry Requirements - The main requirements are: a desire to explore faith; openness to participation; a willingness to listen and an interest in new ideas and approaches to ministry. No academic qualifications and no previous study in theology or spirituality are necessary. There is no required written work and there are no exams. There is a short application form in the programme brochure.

Course Cost - Fees are €400 each year. Fees may be paid in full at the beginning of each year or in instalments throughout each year. Part or full sponsorship may be available from some parishes.

Course Content

First Year – In the first year the emphasis is on the personal experiences and the faith journeys of the participants. **Subjects include:** How Adult Learn; Stages of Faith; Images of God; What Happened at Vatican II?; Introduction to Scripture; Celebrating the Church's Year; the Person of Christ; Personal Journey; Sacraments; the Moral Life; Spirituality and Prayer, Church and Parish – what it means to believe and to belong; Parish Pastoral Councils.

Second Year – The focus of the second year is on Christian living, the Gospel call and how we respond to it. **Subjects include:** Visions and Models of Church; Teachings of Pope Francis; Approaches to Ministry; Bereavement and Loss; Family; Pastoral Issues Today; Justice and Peace, Ecumenism; World Faiths; Ecology; Caring for Yourself.

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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.

What is unpaid leave for medical care?

Unpaid leave for medical care was introduced on 3 July 2023. It gives you 5 days unpaid leave if you need to take time off work to deal with serious medical care for a child or other relevant person like a family member. The leave is available to both parents and carers – see ‘Who can apply?’ below.

You don't have to give your employer notice to take the leave in emergency circumstances. You should give notice if it's possible to.

The law covering leave for medical care is the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023.

Unpaid leave for medical care is different to force majeure leave*, which is paid leave for an urgent family crisis.

How long is the leave?

You have a right to 5 days leave for medical care in any 12 consecutive months. This is the statutory entitlement (that means the legal minimum). You don't need to take the leave all at once. It can be taken as single or multiple days.

Leave for less than a day

The leave cannot be taken in periods of less than one day. If you take a half day's leave, for example, it is still counted as one day.

Who can apply?

You can apply for the leave to care or support your: Child (including an adopted child), Spouse or civil partner, Cohabitant, Parent or grandparent, Brother

or sister, Housemate (any other person to those listed above who lives in the same house as you) The person must need significant care or support for a serious medical reason. You do not need any minimum service with your employer to take this leave.

What serious medical care is covered?

The sick person must need significant care or support for a serious medical reason. Serious medical reason is not defined in the Act. Your employer can request relevant evidence of the medical need for the leave.

Relevant evidence is either:

A medical certificate signed by a doctor. Other evidence the employer may reasonably require. The medical cert does not need to state the nature of the medical condition. It only needs to be a statement of fact that the person is, or was, in need of significant care or support for a serious medical reason.

Do I need to give notice?

You don't have to give your employer notice to take the leave in emergency circumstances. You should give notice if it's possible to.

*Taking force majeure leave

By law, you are entitled to take up to 3 days force majeure leave in any 12-month period, or 5 days in a 36-month period. Depending on your employer and your contract of employment, you may be able to take more than this.

You are entitled to be paid while you are on statutory force majeure leave. If your employer allows you to take additional force majeure leave, you should check if it is paid for.

You cannot be unfairly dismissed for taking force majeure leave, or for asking to take it.

Your rights to force majeure leave are set out in the Parental Leave Acts 1998 and 2019.

How to apply for force majeure leave

Your employer must keep records of all force majeure leave taken by employees.

You must tell your employer as soon as possible that you need to take force majeure leave. Then, immediately on your return to work, you must make your application in writing to your employer.

Your written application should include:

Your name, PPS number, Employer's name and address, Date(s) you took force majeure leave and the reasons why.

Your relationship to the person who was injured or ill

Alternatively, your employer may have a specific 'force majeure form' that they want you to fill in. Your contract of employment may also require you to provide a medical certificate as proof of the sudden illness or injury (you can request this from the doctor).

Further information on www.citizensinformation.ie

Lucan Senior Citizens

June was a time of reflection and celebration for our club as we acknowledged the roles and retirement of some of our committee.



We want to thank Jo Howard (*above with Fr. Philip*), for 22 years of dedicated work. Jo was our Treasurer and always looked after our finances diligently and professionally. We will miss Jo as a valued committee member and friend. We wish her many years of health and happiness in her retirement.



Jo with Pat and Geraldine



Anne Beales stepped down as Chairperson after 7 years at the helm. Fortunately for us, Anne stayed on the committee and we continue to benefit from her skills and experience.

Agnes Kavanagh is our longest serving committee member and we celebrated her 30 years of volunteering.



She is pictured above with her friend Maura McGrath. Maura was a committee member in the 80s, and returned as a 'senior' 15 years ago. Maura has always been a loyal supporter of our club.

Thank you to all our committee for their loyal and dedicated service.

Lucan Newsletter Notice

Sunday 30th July will be our final issue before our 3-week summer break, so be sure to have any Heritage Week events etc with us for that issue.

FOUND

Sum of Money
found in Esker
Lawns, on Sunday
2nd July.
Phone 086 087 5643.

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: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com



NOTICE: Back Car Park

The entrance to the back car park from Lucan Heights Road is closed until further notice.

Access can be made on

Saturday/Sunday ONLY through the Girls Primary School.

Enter front Church Yard, turn right and then left and drive to end and turn right through red gates.

Christian Meditation:

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

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.*

Scriptural Readings:

There will be **NO** meeting until September.

Legion of Mary:

We meet every Thursday evening at 5.30pm in Room 4 in St Mary's Parish Centre for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

Baptisms:

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

Divine Mercy Devotion:

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

Divine Mercy Lucan devotion St Mary's Parish Lucan.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

After Saturday 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Visits to the housebound:

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

Coffee Dock Open:

Every Sunday Morning and Weekdays 10am to 12 noon. *All Welcome.*

St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

THIS Saturday/ Sunday 15th/16th July.

Many thanks for your generosity.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses: No Vigil Mass

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.

Confessions: Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass only.

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

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **THIS Saturday/Sunday 15th /16th July**

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

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

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

The Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm for private prayers.

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.

Legion of Mary:

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.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

The aim is to pray for vocations and also try to help seminarians financially. We also assist seminarians throughout the world spiritually. We would gladly welcome new members. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month for 1 hour.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.45pm and after Saturday evening Mass.

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.**

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.

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

St Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

Sunday: 9am and 10am. **Wednesday:**10am

St Mary's, Leixlip:

Sunday: 11.30am. **Tuesday:** 10am

Services are available on our parish

Facebook pages: [St. Andrew's Church,](#)

[Lucan or St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)



Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the **Youth 2000 Summer Festival**. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from **Thursday 10th August to Sunday 13th August 2023**. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie

Birthday Remembrances

Mary O'Brien

14th July 1949

Late of A.G.P.

Memories are lovely ways
Of bringing back our yesterdays
Each of us in our own way
Has special thoughts
Of you today
Happy Birthday Mary
*Hugs and kisses
Your loving husband Martin*



Happy Birthday Mam

Lots of love Tracey, Ian, Ben and Laure

Happy Birthday Mam

Lots of love Mark and Regina

Happy Birthday Nanny and Great Nanny

Amie, Sonny, Luca and Billy

Happy Birthday Mam

Birthday Remembrance for my dear mother, Today I remember my beautiful mother. You are with us in spirit and that is enough to celebrate your birthday.
Forever in our hearts, Darren, Olive, Elliot, Isabelle



Happy Heavenly Birthday Mam

Forever in our hearts and minds
Grá agat i gcónaí
Roy and Elaine



To Nanny Mary

Happy Birthday Nanny
Love you and miss you lots
Love Sam, Mya, Layla, Noah and Isaac

Mary O'Brien

14th July

Happy Birthday Mary
No presents to give
No more memories to share
All I can do is send xxx and hugs
On the wings of an angel
Love and miss you so much
Sleep tight Kiddo
Phyllis xx



Anniversaries

Bernard Thomas Brady

10th Anniversary - 19th July

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed very dearly.
Always missed and loved by your loving wife Margaret, son Colm, daughters Helen, Rebecca and Valerie, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law and grandchildren xxx. Your brother Michael, sister Brigid, sister in-law and extended relations and friends xxx.

Úna McLoughlin

1st Anniversary away from home 18th July

She is loved beyond words,
Missed every day
and forever in our hearts.
From Brian and the Fallon Family x



Tom Weldon

30th Anniversary 15th July 1993

Late of Dodsboro
We pray for your soul every day
and find comfort knowing that your
soul is in heaven watching over us.
Rest in Peace Daddy.
Always in our hearts, Ann, Larry, Geraldine, Jackie, Paul, Breda and Kara.

The Annual Cemetery Mass with the Blessing of Graves

at Esker Cemetery will take place on
Sunday September 3rd at 3pm

As parking can be a problem, those living within walking distance are asked to come on foot if at all possible.

As September weather can be unpredictable we advise coming prepared.

The collection taken at this Mass (after the sound hire costs have been paid) will be donated to our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross.



The mixed weather continues.....

We had a very wet start to the week, with many events being cancelled on Monday last. Thankfully things improved somewhat, and the boys and girls got to go to

their various outdoor camps.

Swimming Pool – Our local representatives appear to be getting very excited about the impending opening of Lucan’s first ever swimming pool – at this stage, Birdie is finding it really hard to be chirpy about it – been waiting oh so long.....

Plans for Lucan – **Do read the Political Notes in this issue. There are lots of great plans for Lucan. We hope they all come to pass. Wait til we’re dipping into the archives in years to come!!!**

Power Outage – On Wednesday afternoon, Lucan suffered its first power outage in a very long time. The fault appeared to be in a sub-station near the Liffey the St. Eds area. Thankfully, it lasted just over the hour.

Thank you to the many readers for their kind compliments on our ‘archive memories’, published over the past few weeks.

I suppose what it shows is that the past 56 years of *Lucan Newsletter* is really a social history of the place.

It’s great to have the space for such articles these weeks now that schools and other organisations are closed for summer. We will publish more as space permits.

Best of Luck to our **BOYS IN BLUE** as they take on the boys in blue and white this Saturday at 5.30pm.

Did I read that right?

In an Office

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEPLADDER YESTERDAY, PLEASE BRING IT BACK. OTHERWISE, FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.

In an Office

AFTER TEA-BREAK, STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEA POT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.

A Star in the making!

Congratulations to Westside Performing Arts student Harley Cullen Walsh from Lucan’s Beech Grove who has been cast as Christian in the Gate Theatre’s Irish Premiere of Fun Home running from the 1st of July to the 26th of August! We can’t wait to watch and support Harley and this stellar cast! Be sure to go and see!



Harley with Elizabeth and Gerry Ennis

Adult Education Service

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2023.

These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours, 1 morning per week. The following subjects are available in the autumn term:

Spanish for Beginners

Wellbeing

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Working with Microsoft

Word

Digital Presentation Skills

Reception and Frontline Office Skills

Developing Communication Skills

Payroll: Manual & Computerised

Medical Terminology



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

Palmerstown Camera Club

As Summer has finally reached us at Palmerstown Camera Club we are running photography outings on Wednesday evenings to places like Pollardstown Fen, the Nanny Cottage, Clontarf and Phoenix Park to mention just a few.

Last week we went on a boat trip around the cliffs at Howth and Ireland's Eye. Images below from that outing were taken by Miriam Power.



At Lucan Library there is a scaled-down version of the photography exhibition which we held back in June in Palmerstown. We are also running a win a print competition at the library.

People interested in joining the club or even attending one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting sepcce@mail.com

Last Day Tears

by Anita Ó Kearney

*The last week of school,
a sadness, a joy?*

To hold back time, their getting so tall.

*Long summer days, with rain,
the anticipation, these dispensing days.*

*Another year done,
Another year over,
The worry of costs unnecessary but true,
pull a few bits together in August, it's OK to
make do.*

*How to spend the time from daybreak to
bed, to relax and enjoy life until the
summers end.*

*It's a strange owl time the end of the school
year, looking back but looking forward year
after year.*

*Oh can you just stay small my little dears
so I can dispel and cast away all those
growing up fears.*

*This world is a tough world so take care
take it easy, enjoy your youth fully for
youth it comes easy,
The world is your oyster I heard someone
say, follow your dreams, just another
cliché.*

*Yes it's an odd owl time,
the routine is gone,
the home is in chaos but alas, yes alas, not
for too long. 😊*

*To my Zita and Zara, love from Ma and
Nana Ann xx.*

Celbridge Mill Community Centre

The Mill , MainStreet Celbridge

www.celbridgemillcommunitycentre.ie

celbridgemillcommunitycentre@gmail.com

Facebook "The Mill Community Centre"

Phone 01 6288556

Pickle Ball – The new Indoor Racquet sport.
A hybrid sport that encompasses badminton,
table- tennis, and tennis.

Why not come down and try it out?

Friday Mornings 11am / €5 and now due to
demand **Sats in July 12-1.30pm.**

Mother and Baby Morning Meetings

Thursdays at 10.30am – Contact 0852280692

Indoor Short Mat Bowls returns in August on
Thursdays at 7pm – Contact Des at 087 2769953

1993 – Lucan 30 years ago.....

Looking back in the old issues of Lucan Newsletter over the past few weeks has thrown up some great gems; it's hard to believe how time has elapsed since some events. This week we go back 30 years, and find a few more gems.

Planning and Development

This was top of the agenda throughout 1993. In January, Dublin County Council met to form a Development Plan in relation to Lucan.

Proposed rezoning included tracts of land at Airlie Stud, St. Edmundsbury, Laraghcon, Finnstown and Tobarmaclogg, much to the annoyance of locals.

Later in the year, rezoning of lands at Esker came on the horizon.

Lucan Planning Council and the newly formed **Liffey Valley Committee** did their best trying to have some of the decisions reversed. Protection of the Liffey Valley was very important.

Laraghcon proved a very thorny issue and there were numerous letters and reports on what our Lucan Councillors did or did not do at meetings. It seems that this development was proposed by 4 Councillors from Castleknock – these were the days before Dublin County Council divided Lucan between Fingal and South Dublin County Councils!

There was an amendment to the planning application for **St. Eds** - for 80 acres of St. Eds and Woodville for residential use, and 250 acres of riverbank and parkland but this was still rejected, bringing development on that site to an end.

By June, Dublin County Council's **Draft Development Plan** was on display – rezoning 400 acres in Lucan for residential use.

Letters to the Editor - There were numerous letters for and against the proposed developments all throughout the year – both from locals and politicians.

Planning Applications were also made for: Further development of the **Superquinn site**.

The Rectory, Chapel Hill, for 29, 2 x storey dwellings, and demolition of the existing Rectory.

Construction of the Leixlip Bye-pass was underway.

Dublin County Council agreed to provide a **Skateboard Club** site at Griffeen Valley Park.

A Design and Cost Plan was prepared for **Lucan Library**. We had a Mobile Library at the time.

It was lamented that the **old Chapel Hill** and its community were disappearing with new build and businesses on site.

Politicians reporting in Lucan Newsletter

Cllr. Finbarr Hanrahan (FF)

Cllr. Peter Brady (FG)

Liam Lawlor TD (FF)

Joan Burton TD (Lab)

Austin Currie (FG)

Summer Time

"Summer was short – almost non-existent" was the heading of one of our Editorials!

"Wet, Wet, Wet" said another – referring to the floods of 11/12 June, when the village was destroyed by the floodwaters of the Liffey and Griffeen.



The Liffey was so high it was just about possible to see the top of the higher weir!

Over

It began raining at about 3pm on Friday 11th June, just as we were delivering the Newsletters to the local shops, and on Saturday morning, Lucanians woke up to a water-logged village – we hadn't heard the term '*Climate Change*' back then!

The Griffeen broke its banks at The Hollow, and came roaring down the Lock/Adamstown Road at a fierce rate.



Samantha and Marie Cummins were exploring the flood waters on the Lock/Adamstown Road.



The ferocity of the flood waters was evident in Courtney's Car Park, where the river having come down the roadway, re-joined the main stream.

The new **Adventure Centre** up Tinkers Hill was ready for the summer season. We all became familiar with Fort Lucan.

Nexus Reconciliation Centre in Primrose Lane was opened by President Mary Robinson. The centre was run by the Presbyterian Church and catered for young people from both sides of the divide in Northern Ireland.

It was noted that the **Bird Boxes**, which mysteriously appeared around the village the previous year, now housed Blue Tits, Starling and House Sparrows.

Lucan Community Council 1993

88 people attended the A.G.M. and Lilian Harris was re-elected as Chairperson.

Much of their focus was on the planning and development of Lucan, but through their Tidy Towns group, they kept Lucan spick and span, and planted hundreds of daffodils that year. They also painted the balustrades of the Liffey Bridge.

A Rose Festival was organised and the Lucan Rose was Beverley Doyle.

It was the year that Lucan Community Council Chairperson – Lilian Harris visited **Lucan Ontario**, and invited their representatives to make a visit to our Lucan the following year.

Entertainment

The West County Musical Society produced *Gyps and Dolls* in the Rupert Guinness Theatre.

If music was your thing, there were two groups in the area - **Lucan Concert Band** and the **Liffey Valley Orchestra**.

Lucan Goldstar Twirlers were the local Majorettes.

Lucan Drama produced *Play On* in the Spa Hotel, and also in pantomime – *The Magic Mountain of Lucan*, in Lucan Community College.

Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade

The annual parade was now well established proving a great hit with locals.

Continued over

Lucan BNS took part in R.T.E's *The School Around the Corner* in November – hosted by the late Gerry Ryan.



Pictured on the programme with the late Gerry Ryan are Simon Jordan and Leonard Skelly

The Canticle of St. Mary performed *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*.



Some members of the Canticle of St. Mary, on The School Around the Corner.

Red Cross

The Lucan Branch was busy organising the **Bosnian Appeal** in this area. Remember the hundreds of refugees arriving in Ireland from the war-torn Yugoslavia!

The Foxhunter Junction

There were forever accidents at the Foxhunter junction. We carried a letter on the dangers of this site, and between printing and the Newsletter going on sale, there had been a very serious accident.

1993 was the Year of the Older Person

Mary Mulhall

Frank Murray R.I.P.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Lucan man, Frank Murray, this past week. Frank contributed many old historical photos, to Lucan Newsletter over the years.



A talented artist, his drawing from a press photograph featured on the cover of “*Lucanians – a revised history of Lucan*”, back in 1997.

To his wife, and family, and the extended Murray family, we extend our sincere sympathy.
May he rest in peace.

First 5

Go leor scéalta agus spraoi le h-aghaidh gach aon leanbh atá chun tosú ar scoil in 2023!

Pioc suas Mála Leabhar **SAOR IN AISCE**
'Leabharlann na nÓg' dóibh sa leabharlann i do cheantar féin

Bags of stories and fun for every child starting school in 2023!

Pick up their **FREE** Little Library Book Bag at your local library



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



The club will get an allocation of All Ireland Hurling Final tickets, a form will be provided in paper form in the bar and online to allow club members to enter the draw for tickets. Further details will be available in the coming week.



Club News

Competition was tough for the team of the week, but this week it has to go to our U16As who are division 1 league winners 2023.

Lucan U16A footballers secured the 2023 division 1 league title after coming out on top in a battling performance against BBSE in Agp0 on Thursday last. Lucan had to deal with the setbacks of red & black cards which reduced them to 13 players in the second half and with BBSE throwing everything at them to level the game with 5 mins remaining, Lucan showed great resilience and composure to finish strong with a late goal & point to secure the victory they needed to win the league.

What a fantastic achievement for this Lucan team, with the full squad of 23 players all playing their part across the 7 league games.

We now look forward to the U16A championship in September, in what promises to be a very keenly contested competition, with several very good teams in strong contention.

Football

AFL11S - Junior C men's football took runners up position in the division 11 south league on Sunday. Winning 11/13 games and with the best defensive record in the division. This young team have now a strong foundation and are targeting a championship trophy. Their manager now has them on a strict hydration and nutrition diet coupled with a tough training regime until championship is over.



Hurling - Pride of place this week goes to our

Junior A hurlers who secured promotion to Division 6 of the league with a play-off victory over St Brendans. This is another significant milestone on the significant progress of this team over a number of years, interrupted only by Covid. Meanwhile our Seniors concluded a satisfactory league campaign with a win over Kilmacud Crokes. Both sides were missing some of their more established names and it is sure to be a very

different encounter when they meet in the opening round of the championship next Friday night, 7.30pm in O'Toole Park. The Junior Bs were beaten by Erin's Isle in their Division 9 encounter while our Junior Cs lost out by 3 points to Geraldine Moran's in Division 10. In the Minor leagues, our Minor C's lost out narrowly to Na Fianna while the Minor Bs received a walkover.

AHL7 Promotion Play-off: Lucan Sarsfields 3-22 St Brendans 1-17. 12th Lock, 4/7/23

Lucan Junior As secured promotion in the league with this comprehensive win over St Brendan's. An experienced Lucan side established dominance early on and built up a commanding lead with some excellent hurling. Two goals from Evan Lombard and a third from Paddy Brennan, along with accurate free taking by Ciaran Keane and some nice scores from Aidan Roche among others, helped them to a decisive advantage at half time, 3-12 to 0-9. The game was somewhat more even in the second half as Lucan dropped the intensity but they were never seriously threatened and ran out comfortable winners. Jack Doyle, Brendan McGarry and Mikey Young were most prominent in defence while Cathal O'Maolmhána and Mark Gormley had a good hour in midfield and Dylan Kelly, Keane and Roche showed well upfront. Lucan used the bench to good effect also demonstrating the strength in depth of this panel which will be important for tougher championship tests ahead.

Lotto. No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €20,000. The Numbers were **4, 5, 9, 12**. The lucky dip prizes go to, Adrienne Doherty, Cathy O'Neill, John McKiernan, Mary Flannery and Frank Sherwin.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €20,000. The draw is sponsored by Lucan Village Pharmacy led by Edel Mooney

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



SPORTS

LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

18 Strokeplay (Gross) - 7-9 July 2023

Gents Class 1 Winner - Damian Creevey – 44

Gents Class 2 Winner - Norman Cassidy – 47

Gents Class 2 Runner up - Jack Cassidy - 50
(Back 3)

Gents Class 3 Winner - Eamon Kenny – 51

Ladies Class 1 Winner - Glenda Hoey – 50

Ladies Class 2 Winner - Martina Tierney – 60.

Congratulations. This week's congratulations must go to Anthony (Skinner) Malone who won the National Gents Seniors Strokeplay last Sunday in Glenville. This is Skinner's 5th All Ireland win – his first win was in 1989 some 34 years ago. Congratulations Skinner you played some pitch and putt last Sunday and with the weather conditions on the day – you were a class apart. We also had Damien Creevey coming in 5th place with Michael Ahern taking 6th and John McDermott taking 9th place – a great day all round for Lucan Pitch and Putt Club.

On Saturday we had Dermot Heffernan taking 3rd place in the Inter Section – well done to you Dermot.



From left to right – Lady Captain Tracy Needham, Anthony Malone, Captain Brendan Keane, President Michael Purcell

New Members Welcome – Adults and

Juveniles. Our Club is now open for membership. If you would like to join our Club please download an application form from the website and fill in the relevant details and return same – or email the secretary at

info@lucanpitchandputt.com. Indeed, you are more than welcome to call into the Club House and ask for any committee member who will be only too willing to discuss your enquiry – best time to call is at the weekend.

Full Zip Tops / Jackets / T-Shirts. Members, please note that Dora Keane has plenty of stock of our club zip tops / jackets and t-shirts. No excuse for not sporting your club colours – well done Dora.

Captains' Dinner - 22nd July. Our Captains' Dinner and presentation will be on Saturday 22nd of July. Closing date for tickets is Monday 17th July and tickets must be paid in full on that date.

60th Diamond Jubilee – of Lucan Pitch & Putt Club. We hosted our day/evening last Saturday celebrating our Club's 60th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary. The weather was very kind to us indeed and the three scramble competitions were most enjoyable – with a lot of banter on the course from past and present members and friends alike. Thank you to all who helped out on the day and to our sponsors – thank you very much.

Frank Murray R.I.P

Lucan Pitch and Putt Club acknowledge the passing of Frank Murray last Friday 7th July, a person whose association with the Club goes back to its very beginning. Frank was one of the handful of people who set up the first meeting in

Lucan that brought our Club into existence.

He was a person who never looked for the focus of attention but was ever willing to be of assistance in whatever way he could. He worked for many years on committees of our Club, and got involved in whatever capacity he could to bring the Club forward. In the early years when commitment and personal time was demanded at weekends or evening times, Frank always made himself available. The costly work in those days of doing posters for advertising our Club, our competitions and doing signage for our Club fundraising was undertaken by Frank on a voluntary basis. Frank did find time to make a fervent and consistent contribution to the Club competitions. He loved the casual Sunday

evening four-ball with the lads and the enjoyment it brought. Frank did advance to Lucan Golf Club in the 1980's but never lost his interest in the Pitch and Putt Club and the many friendships he made at the 12th Lock.

The members of Lucan Pitch and Putt Club would like to extend their deepest sympathy to Frank's wife Catherine and his sons Eamon and Colm and his extended family. *Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam*

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Lucan Capital Projects:

Councillors received an update from the Chief Executive on projects in Lucan as follows:

The construction of the Lucan Pool has been beset by delays to the frustration of the public, councillors and Council management.

The new projected completion date is 26 October.

The proposed works for Lucan Village are due to start in November 2023.

The Council has a provisional agreement in place to acquire Lucan House, and this is currently in train.

Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway works to start in October 2023.

Consultant architects are being appointed for the 12th Lock Masterplan.

Airlie Park in Adamstown is due to open in August 2023.

Construction of Adamstown Library will commence in 2024.

The Grand Canal Greenway requires **retendering** due to revised design following review by Waterways Ireland and ESB and works are due by end 2023.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Ballydowd School Visit: Last week I visited Ballydowd Special Care School with Minister for Special Education, Josepha Madigan for the opening of their brand-new school facilities including new home economics & barista rooms. A brilliant addition to the school's facilities.

Aspen Counselling: A huge thank you to Linda, Pat & all the team at Aspen Counselling in Lucan for welcoming me to their service recently and for sharing their story, their ideas and feedback. Aspen is a not-for-profit counselling service based in Lucan that does life changing work in our community.

Community Grants Awarded: Congratulations to Lucan United FC, Clondalkin Rugby Club and Lucan ICA who have all been awarded grants towards community infrastructure and development from South Dublin County Council.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty

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Lucan Swimming Pool: The current estimated completion date for the new pool and refurbished leisure centre is late October. SDCC maintains it could possibly open within a few weeks of that date because the appointed management company, Aura Leisure, is doing a lot of the preparatory work in advance. More details on my website.

New litter picking network for estates

surrounding Griffeen Park: To help, email Elaine at cleangriffeen@gmail.com.

Overgrowth on footpaths: Have raised for a number of locations but certain areas won't be looked at until September to protect nesting hedgerows.

Lucan House (Ambassador residence) and Old Schoolmaster's House: The purchase agreement on Lucan House continues to progress but it will be some time before it is finalised. There is currently no agreement in place regarding the Old Schoolmaster's House.

Airlie Park: Currently scheduled to open August.

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Important Updates

Lucan Pool - Confirmed completion date for the end of Oct. Of course, this is subject to any further supply chain issues or specialist/contractor delays.

Airlie Park – to be fully finished and open for August. Final soil remediation works being completed.

Village Enhancement Works - approved last June and will begin on-site in November 2022.

Grand Canal Cycle Loop - Work on the first phase of the Part 8 approved Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway will start in October 2023 following contractor appointment.

12th Lock Masterplan - Consultant architects being appointed to develop a 12th Lock Masterplan with a recent conceptual plan envisaging tourism office, enterprise centre, creche, kayaking club, café and much more..

Lucan House – Provisional agreement is in place for the acquisition of the Italian Ambassador's Residence with further updates to follow!

New Adamstown Library – Commencement works expected to be late 2024.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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Lucan Swimming Pool: It was revealed at the July County council meeting that the opening of the Lucan swimming pool is now delayed until at least October. The update came as part of the Capital Projects Report introduced by the South Dublin County Council Chief Executive.

This is the first swimming pool to be built in Lucan and it has been marred by delays since construction started during the pandemic.

Dáil Recess: From this week onwards, the Dail will go into recess till the third week of September. Several priorities in the new term will be the budget in October to address the ongoing cost of living costs, work and life balance, the ongoing Citizens Assembly on Drug Use, and the continuation of the assisted dying committee.

Lucan Election Candidate Selected: People Before Profit is happy to announce that Mark Kerins will our candidate in next year's local election for the Lucan LEA.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole - Independent

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Lucan: Pool update - Chief Executive official response "Following detailed assessment by the County Architect and his team of the contractor work programme and associated dependencies, including supply chains, sub-contractor engagements and utilities, the current projected completion date for Lucan Swimming Pool is 26th October 2023." Detailed report available on my various social media platforms and as always, I will publish further updates, and hopefully announcement of an official opening!

Adamstown: Ongoing discussion about the design, pricing and construction schedule for Adamstown Library which will have to be followed by a planning application, with commencement of works anticipated to be in late 2024 (rather than the end of 2023 as incorrectly stated in the most recent capital update to Council last April).

Airlie Park: will be fully finished and opened in August 2023 once final soil remediation works / minor remaining works are finalised.

Cllr. Vicki Casserly – Fine Gael

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Lucan Village Upgrade Scheme: It was confirmed at this week's council meeting that the village improvement works will begin on-site in November 2023.

Lucan Swimming Pool: I hear the frustrations of many (including myself) about the long-awaited swimming pool, the chief executive this week gave a detailed assessment by the County Architect and his team of the contractor work programme and associated dependencies, including supply chains, sub-contractor engagements and utilities, the current projected completion date for Lucan Swimming Pool is 26th October 2023. The delays are obviously far beyond what could reasonably have been envisaged at the outset of the project. While the well-documented significant and unprecedented challenges in construction in recent years due to various local and global factors outside of the control of the contractor and the Council account for considerable delays, project management and performance have also contributed to the timeframe.

Caroline Brady – Fine Gael

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Community Safety Innovation Fund: Proceeds of crime is directed to this fund for community projects to tackle disadvantage and crime, increased from €2m to €3m in 2023.

Youth Justice Strategy: The existing network of 105 Garda Youth diversion projects to be strengthened to provide greater early intervention, family support, engagement with younger children, and support to schools. Funding for youth justice and initiatives has increased from €18m to more than €30m p.a. this year.

Advice Clinic: Every Saturday 2pm Online Zoom Meeting ID: 821 7850 1056 Passcode: 613506 or join by phone (01) 6533895.

Farmleigh July Events



Irish Defence Forces Open Day

Farmleigh House on Saturday 29th July – 11 am – 5pm.

Food & Craft Market

6th August – 10 am – 5pm

The market offers its visitors a wide variety of products. Award winning cheeses, organic vegetable and so much more.

There will also be a great selection of hand-crafted products.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

As mentioned last week the Camera Soirée group is taking a break until September. However, some members of the group are still putting their photographs up on the Soiree WhatsApp. Not surprisingly, given the time of year, some are from abroad.

Joe is the north of Italy on holidays and has submitted photographs from Lake Garda and Verona. Lake Garda is the largest lake in Italy and derives its name from a town on its shores.

Because of the value and importance of its many historical buildings, Verona has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Joe submitted a photograph of Verona's Roman amphitheatre, the Arena. Completed around 30 AD, it is the third-largest in Italy after Rome's Colosseum and the arena at Capua. It is still in use today and is internationally famous for the large-scale opera performances given there since 1913 during the summer.



The photograph I particularly like is the one captioned "Lake Garda – Retired people".



Donal found his way to the Victory Garden in Balbriggan. He submitted some macro-photos of plants in the gardens which extend to half an acre. The planting scheme is constructed around 250 metres of wandering pathways.

If you do take a trip to Balbriggan you can kill two birds with the one stone by visiting Ardgillan Castle and Gardens as well, one of Ireland's hidden gems which is in the care of Fingal County Council.

Stay safe until next week!