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Sunday 4th June 2023

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Peace

Esler and Lucan parishes joined together on Saturday last, 27 May, to journey to Knock Shrine. Our last pilgrimage to Knock was in 2019, thus there seemed to be a heightened fervour among the group as we journeyed to Knock. Many of us had experienced pain and sadness of loss or illness through the intervening years and appreciated the opportunity to visit Our Lady's Shrine in person to kneel at her Grotto.



We were a lively prayerful group, reciting the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Rosary on our journey to Mayo. It was as though Our Lady and the weather were shining their light and welcoming us as we alighted from our coach in Knock car park. Once our photo was taken to mark the occasion, we began our pilgrimage in earnest.

The first call for many of us was to touch and bless ourselves at the stone from the original gable wall of the Apparition. Then just being there, bowing our heads as we gazed around us, feeling the peace and tranquillity of the Grotto cast its spell over us, renewing our faith to face the road ahead as we journey through life.

We then headed to the Basilica for the Mass and ceremonies at 3pm, where we shared with pilgrims from all over Ireland, and no doubt abroad, the solemnity of Mass and Blessing of the Sick. The Mass Celebrant was a member of the SMA Order, while the co-celebrants were many of his fellow priests and our own Fr Samuel.

Once we boarded the bus for our journey home, we recited the Luminous Mysteries as thanksgiving for a wonderful day. We did stop at the Longford Arms to partake of refreshments before continuing our journey home to Lucan and Esler.

Mile Buíochas to Fr Philip for his support, to Fr Samuel for journeying with us, to our Bus Driver for his care and driving ability and to Marie and Marie for organising our Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock.

M.G.M.

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 the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance?

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BSCFA) is a means tested payment that can help with the cost of uniforms and footwear for children going to school.

The BSCFA scheme opens in June 2023. The closing date for applications is 30 September 2023.

The BSCFA is paid automatically to many families. If you are paid automatically, you don't need to apply for the BSCFA. The DSP will let you know if you are paid automatically using your MyWelfare account, or by post, before the end of June 2023.

Who can get the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance?

You may get the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BSCFA), if you have a child that qualifies and you are:

Getting a qualifying social welfare payment or participating in an approved employment, education or training support scheme. You can find a list of qualifying payments and schemes. Your household is within the BSCFA income limit. See 'Income limits' on our website. You and each child you are claiming the BSCFA for is resident in Ireland.

If you are getting a social welfare payment, you must be getting an Increase for a Qualified Child (IQC) with your payment. There are some exceptions to this, for example:

You are getting a qualifying social welfare payment, but you are not getting an increase for your child because the rules of the payment do not provide for a child payment. Maternity Benefit and Adoptive Benefit are examples of this. You can still claim BSCFA if you meet the other BSCFA rules.

You are getting a qualifying social welfare payment, but you are not getting an increase for your child because your spouse or partner's income is over the specified limit for your payment. You can still claim BSCFA if your overall household income is within the BSCFA income limits. See 'Income limits' on our website

Full details are available on our website.

Celbridge Camera Club

Celbridge Camera Club is holding its annual exhibition from June 3 to June 11 in the Hunting Room of Castletown House, Celbridge, 11am - 5pm daily. The exhibition is open to the public and is free of charge.

There will be 95 images on display. The exhibition includes images of all genres and from all photographic levels of its members.

Celbridge Camera Club is made up of hobbyists and enthusiasts and we are very proud to display our work to the public. A lot of work goes into putting on an exhibition and we would love as many people as possible to drop by.

Celbridge Camera Club Present Their Annual Exhibition



IN THE HUNTING ROOM AT

CASTLETOWN HOUSE

FROM 3RD - 11TH JUNE 2023 FROM 11 AM - 5 PM

DAILY

ADMISSION IS FREE

Lucan ICA

Monday 5th June: We will not be open for crafts today as it is the June bank holiday.



We wish all members a lovely long weekend to enjoy the sunshine.

We will be back next Monday 12th June.

Tea hostesses are Fiona and Carmel.

The ladies who did the jewellery class with Eleanor came away with a beautiful necklace some finished on the day.

We would like to congratulate the TY students of St Joseph's College who have finished their crochet project of a cot blanket which we taught them to make in March and October. Well done young ladies you now have a hobby for life-enjoy.



Some of the ICA ladies who judged their work for prize-giving on Thursday.

L-R: Pauline, Fiona, Mary and Carmel.



Outreach Officer Job Opportunity

Liffey Sound 96.4FM is seeking applicants for a Part-time Outreach Officer, 17.5 hours per week with a 23 month contract. If interested in this role, please email stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie for a full job description or visit our website <http://liffeysoundfm.ie/careers/>

This position is funded by Coimisiún na Meán through Round 41 Social Benefit Sound & Vision 4 Scheme.

Liffey Sound is Lucan's Community Radio Station

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or check out our Facebook page.

Parent & Toddler Group



Thursdays
in **St. Mary's Parish Centre**
from **9.30am to 11.30am.**

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

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

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

Below: Members of the Lucan Active Retirement Association at their weekly meeting in St

Andrew's Parish Centre with Community Garda Sergeant Paul Moran and Garda Donagh Hanrahan when the gardai gave a talk to the members on online security.

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

Best Wishes to the girls and boys of **Lucan Educate Together** and **St Andrew's N.S.** who will make their First Holy Communion this Saturday 3rd June.

Hope you all have a beautiful day.



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.*

St. Mary's Readers' Roster June 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 June 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.

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.*

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.

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.

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.*

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

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

Baptisms:

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

Coffee Dock Open:

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



Deepest Sympathy to the husband, family and friends of **Bridget (Bridie) Stevenson**, Beech Park. *May she rest in peace.*

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.

Confessions:

Confessions after Saturday 10am and 7pm Masses.

Tea/Coffee:

Every Wednesday Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome.*

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,
(**From July**, Saturday Evening Vigil Mass will be
at 6.00pm. This is to co-ordinate Mass times in
the Lucan Partnership).

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.

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.



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.



Medjugorje Mass 2023 St Mary Church, Lucan

Next Mass

Monday 5th June

Mass at 6.15pm

Rosary and Confessions at
5.45pm

Facebook Medjugorje mass lucan



**Group of pilgrims
that travelled
recently to
Medjugorje with
Pat Colgan on the
steps of Divine
Mercy Hospice in
Lybussy.**

May 2023

Anniversaries

Michael Balfé

3rd Anniversary – 3rd June

Never more than a thought away,
You walk beside us every day
*Always remembered by his loving wife
Catherine and all his family.*



Michael Colclough

2nd Anniversary – 1st June

In memory of a beloved Son, Brother,
Uncle and Friend.
Michael is thought about, spoken about and
missed every day.
Our memories of you are cherished, your humour,
your love and devilment will never be forgotten.
Loved and missed by all of us that love you. Xxx

Teresa (Tess) Curran

1st Anniversary

We lost our Mam with a heart of gold,
How much we miss her can never be told,
She shared our troubles and helped us along,
If we follow in her footsteps,
We will never go wrong.
We miss you from your kitchen chair,
Your loving smile, and gentle air,
Your vacant place, no one can fill,
We miss you Mam, and always will.
She was a Mam, so very rare,
Content in her home, and always there,
On earth she toiled, in heaven she rests,
God bless you Mam, you were the best.
*Sadly Missed by her loving children and their
partners.*



Teresa (Tess) Curran

1st Anniversary

If flowers grow in heaven Lord,
Please pick a bunch for us,
Then place them in our granny's arms,
And tell her they're from us.
Tell her that we love her, and miss her,
And when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek,
And hold her for a while.
Remembering her is easy,
We do it every day,
Missing her is a heartache,
That never goes away.
Tess is sadly missed by all her grandchildren.
**Mass was offered for Tess Sat 27th 7pm St.
Patricks Parish.**



Kathleen Durkin

9th Anniversary – 28th May

*Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by all the
family.*

Birthday Remembrance

Alan Carey

43rd Birthday – 3rd June

2nd Away from home.

Birthday remembrance of our much-loved son,
brother, uncle and granduncle.
Remembering you is easy
We do it every day
Missing you is a heartache
That never goes away
A smiling face,
A heart of gold
One of the best sons
This world could hold.
I hope Ali you are all together having a big party.
A very big Happy 43rd Birthday.
Sending all our love and hugs.
Missing you so much Alan.
Love you forever.
*Your heartbroken Mam, Dad, brothers, sisters,
nephews, nieces, and grandnieces and
grandnephew. xxxxx*

Esker Cemetery Sunday

The Annual Mass
and Blessing of Graves
will take place on
Sunday 3rd September 2023 at 3pm
(Weather permitting)




AnamCara
Supporting Parents after Bereavement

**Anam Cara
South ublin**

The organisation that supports bereaved parents,
is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for
bereaved parents on **Monday 12th June at
7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown
Way, Tallaght.** This event is free and open to all
bereaved parents regardless of the age your child
died, the circumstances of their death, or whether
their death was recent or not.



June here already, and all are looking forward to a very pleasant Bank Holiday Weekend. Wherever you are, take care and stay safe!

Typical Exam Weather!

Wouldn't you know it, as soon as exam time comes around, summer arrives. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Leaving and Junior Cert Students as they begin their exams this coming week. It will be over before they know it, and hopefully, there'll still be some sunshine left for them.



Best Wishes and Safe Journey to John and Mary Coyne as they head for Malawi once more. Following their recent appeal for seeds, for the Wells for Zoe project, John wrote:

"The response has been inspiring, with maybe hundreds of thousands of Organic seeds coming from all directions Nationwide and Abroad.

A big thank you to the amazing ladies in Brown Envelope Seeds, in West Cork, for their loads of seeds with advice and support.

As a result we have just acquired lands, in Mzuzu, to begin a seed a production project replacing some of the GM varieties taking over the country. A lot of learning and educating ahead."

Grazing at Lucan House!



What a lovely surprise to read about in *The Irish Times* – a Bronze Buffalo Exhibition on the lawn in front of Lucan House. His Excellency Roggero Corrias explained in a short video that there are 8 Buffalo in total, and he describes the scene as a Sculpture Park rather than an Exhibition. The works are by renowned sculptor Davide Rivalta. We'll all get an opportunity to view the art work during **Lucan Festival**, when the grounds will be open to the public on Saturday 9th September. Mark it in your diary!
(Photo from *The Irish Times*)

Castletown House Celbridge

Irish Wolfhounds

Front Lawn: Sunday, 11 June from 5-6pm



Come meet these gentle giants at Castletown.

In honour of the arrival of the Irish wolfhounds, we are running a house tour with a special focus on our faithful friends at 3pm.

To book your slot email at castletown@opw.ie (normal tour rates apply)

Primrose Hill Garden

is open for

Summer Flowers

and also **Tree Walks**

Some 6 acres in all!



Top of Primrose Lane, Lucan.

Adults €6.00. Children free.

**June 1st – July 7th and Heritage
Week August 12th – 20th**

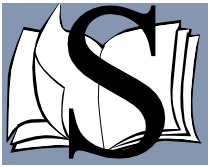
Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 7th June: Social
Morning in St. Mary's Parish
Centre, 10.30 – 12.30.
All Welcome!



Please Note:

Some school reports and photos have been held over for next week's issue.



St. Joseph's College

6th Year Graduation: On Friday evening our 6th years gathered in the Lucan Spa Hotel for their traditional Graduation Dance. After their meal they held the traditional awards giving ceremony. They were joined by a number of their teachers on the night and we would like to thank them for attending on the night. They have now officially graduated and we look forward to welcoming them back in September for their Debs.

In House Exams: Our Summer exams begin this week for our 1st, 2nd and 5th year students and we wish them well for these exams. Our 3rd and 6th year students will be in school this week completing block classes before they commence their state exams on the 8th of June. Finally our Transition Year group will remain with us this week and are having an activity week with trips to the zoo and Dundrum planned prior to their Graduation on Thursday 1st of June. School will finish for all students on Friday the 2nd of June.



Celebrations in Rosie's Garden: Rosie's Garden had some very special visitors on Saturday, 20th May 2023. Following their marriage in St. Mary's Church, we were delighted to have Ms. Neasa Ní Dhoibhilin and Mr. Colm Murphy visit our school garden with their wedding party! Rosie's garden has a special memorial tree to Niamh Ní Dhoibhilin, who was a past-pupil in St. Joseph's up to 2003. We congratulate Neasa, Colm and Emma on their special day and wish them all the best for the future.

Awards Day: On Thursday last, we once again enjoyed our awards day which is one of the highlights of the year in St Josephs. It was great to be able to welcome special guests back into our School for the awards day. Awards are both subject and extracurricular based and with over 100 awards presented it was a very busy day for all involved. The strong student body of over 900 students cheered and clapped for each award for the winners. Kiera Radford in 6th Year deservedly won the overall Student of the Year award, it was also great to see Robyn Higgins from transition year pick up the Nano Nagle Award in recognition of all the work she has done in regard to autism awareness in our school. Head Girl Alena Varghese and Deputy Head Girl Charli Gale gave inspiring and emotional speeches to the student body as they vacated their posts on the student council. The students gave Alena a standing ovation as she concluded her speech. As one Student Council term came to an end another one has begun with the new Student Council being assigned their roles for the year ahead. Róna McKearney is the new Student Council Deputy Leader and Marli Bah is the new Student Council Leader and we wish them and the New Student Council all the best for the Year ahead. Finally we would like to congratulate Ms. McMahon, Ms. Ryan and Ms. Hanlon for

organising and running this event which is a huge undertaking.

Transition Year Graduation: On Thursday last we will hold our Transition Year graduation in the school sports hall. The Transition Year students will be joined by their Parents/Guardians, Tutors and teachers for this special ceremony. This graduation ceremony will celebrate all the achievements of this fantastic group throughout the year. Well done to Ms. Dunne who ran an excellent Transition Year Programme.

State Examinations: On Wednesday the 7th of June our 3rd and 6th year Students will begin their state examinations. We

would like to take this opportunity to wish them well in their exams.

Summer Time: We have reached the end of our school year, we would like to thank all of our Staff, Students and Senior Management Team for all their efforts throughout the year. Please monitor the school app throughout the summer for important communications from the school.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Graduation News: Congratulations to all of our 6th yr students who graduated in St. Mary's Church and the school on Thursday 25th May. The students first attended a mass said by Fr. Ubaldo with the Gospel Choir adding beautiful music and soul to the occasion, before returning to the school where the Sports Hall filled up with close to 350 people as parents, guardians, family, friends and staff gathered together one final time to bid farewell and wish good luck to the class of 2023.



6th yr Matthew Duffy gave a heartfelt and personal address to those in attendance that got to the heart of what it means to be a student at Coláiste Phádraig. He ended with some wise words from a friend of his: "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough".

Rachel Crehan, long-standing member of the Parents Association, then congratulated the students (including her own son Adam) on their graduation and wished them all the best for the future. She also took the opportunity to praise the dedication, commitment and encouragement of outgoing Principal Mr. Brady and wish him a happy retirement.

Ms. O' Leary, the Year Head of 6th yrs, and Mr. Brady then addressed the crowd before the students were called onto the stage in groups of three where they received their graduation certs, 6th yr group photo as well as a set of cufflinks as mementoes of their time in Coláiste Phádraig.

We wish the class of 2023 good luck in their exams and all the best for the future.

Transition Year: The Transition Year Graduation was held in the Sports Hall on Wednesday 24th May. It was a brilliant

evening of nostalgia, laughs, memories and celebration of a hugely successful and enjoyable Transition Year Programme.

The students gathered together for some musical tunes that they had rehearsed with Ms. Ryan in class. With David Farrelly on piano and Sean McDonagh and Ross Melia on guitar, the group produced a rousing rendition of *American Pie* by Don McLean (with the famous chorus really getting the crowd involved!) They also sang *Crazy World* by Aslan.

Two students, Alex D'Alba and Mario Nunis, then addressed the crowd and shared their e-portfolios on the screen for all to see. The e-portfolios detailed the skills the students learned and developed throughout the year. Mario mentioned how his involvement in The Chemistry of Smells project ignited his love of practical work in Engineering and that this experience helped him choose this subject for his Leaving Cert. He also credited the GAA Coaching modules for helping him develop football coaching and leadership skills.

Alex's portfolio detailed all of the trips and activities TY took throughout the yr. It also included a comprehensive work experience review where he outlined the people skills he developed whilst out in the world of work for three weeks during the yr.

A TY end of year presentation video was then played on the screen consisting of some well-made films put together by some of the students (including one as Gaeilge!).

Academic awards were then presented for each subject, with Choice Awards Oscars being presented to his fellow students for various light-hearted categories by Freddie Molloy.





Sophie's Cycle
Saturday 22nd July 2023|9:00am
Lucan Village Green
 in aid of
Sophie's Journey – Quadruple
Amputee after Sepsis



Sophie Lanigan is a 12 year old, kind, caring, courageous and beautiful young girl who has suffered a life-altering event that resulted in the loss of all four of her limbs. Sophie's Grandmother is originally from Lucan, born and raised in Sarsfield Park. Sophie has a big family in the Byrnes and Dobbs families living in Lucan. We are very grateful to Kenny's, Stagg Cycles, and Lucan Road Cycle Club for thinking of Sophie and making her the beneficiary of the 2nd charity cycle on Saturday 22nd July 2023.

Since her surgery Sophie is concentrating on recovering. The first big step was to spend a few hours at home, and she is delighted to get away from the Hospital. The next step, when she is recovered sufficiently, is for Sophie to receive rehabilitation. She is currently waiting for a place in Rehab.

We are pleased to let you know that Sophie made her Confirmation in May 2023 and very much enjoyed her day with her friends. Sophie is determined to get back to school fulltime as soon as possible and she is slowly getting back into a

school routine by attending an hour each day. She is very much looking forward to starting Secondary School in September with her friends.

About Sophie's Journey

On the 12th of December 2022 Sophie's mam, Laura, brought her to the doctor with a high temperature that she had since the night before. As soon as she got to the doctors, she began to have trouble breathing and was given oxygen. Sophie was rushed to Temple Street Children's hospital in an ambulance. Sophie's parents, Laura (Byrne) and Keith (Lanigan), were told she had suspected pneumonia and was rapidly deteriorating. She was put on a ventilator in ICU, every parent's worst nightmare.

Later her parents, Laura and Keith, learned that Sophie had sepsis caused by STREP A. Sophie went into septic shock and her organs started failing. She was transported to Crumlin Children's hospital and put on a stronger ventilator.

Sophie spent over 2 weeks fighting for her life with Laura and Keith by her side every minute. They were told to prepare for the worst. Sophie fought so hard and finally on Christmas day she was taken off the ventilator.

Unfortunately, Sophie woke to the devastating news that the damage caused to her hands and feet were irreversible and amputation was necessary.

Sophie spent four more weeks in ICU battling infections, dialysis, and many other complications. Thankfully she started to improve and was strong enough to face her first surgery. Not all of the surgeries went to plan. Sophie had even more setbacks during the 10 additional weeks she spent in hospital. However Sophie is the most amazing, strong, determined girl and she battled through again. She is our hero, and we are all so unbelievably proud.

Sophie and her family face a difficult path ahead adapting to this new way of life. Adaptions will need to be made to their home to meet Sophies needs. Sophie will need prosthetics and other adaptive equipment and ongoing support. The cost of all this can be daunting. We are truly grateful for all the support Sophie is receiving.

For further information and queries please see the Kennys_of_Lucan Instagram page.

Registration link coming soon will be available online via Kennys_of_Lucan.

For all donations <https://bit.ly/41n5He3>

Lucan Library

June Bank Holiday Weekend Library Hours - please note that the library will close on Friday 2nd June at 4.30pm and reopen Tuesday 6th June at 9.45am

Leaving Cert and Junior Cert Students - we wish all the students who have been studying so hard in the library over the past months the very best of luck in their exams. The end is in sight!

Please note:

1. All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum.
2. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required. If the event is being delivered online, South Dublin Libraries will forward the email address you use to register to the event facilitator who will then send an access code to your email address to enable you to attend the workshop. The contact details (name, email address and phone number) you supply to South Dublin Libraries via Eventbrite will be accessible by the event facilitator on the day of the event.

All events and activities are free of charge.

Ruaille Buaille Children's Music Festival 2023 Wednesday 7th to Saturday 10th June

June means Ruaille Buaille musical fun for children in Lucan! Check out the Ruaille Buaille website for information about all the festival events, including their gala day on Saturday 10th June in Griffen Valley Park! So much musical fun for all the family. www.ruaillebuaille.ie

Lucan Library Event: Give the Gamelan a Go!

The Gamelan is a terrific instrument for both learning and performing, and a rewarding musical and social activity. This fascinating instrument from Indonesia consists of a variety of gongs, bells, xylophone-type sections and produces a wonderfully magical sound.

Friday 9th June, Lucan Library. 2.30pm – 3pm - Drop in session, first come first served
3pm - 3.30pm - Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Friday 2nd June at 3pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/give-the-gamelan-a-go-with-ruaille-buaille-tickets-633471509337>

The InvestiGATORS author John Patrick Green visits Lucan Library Saturday 10th June, 11am - 12.30pm. South Dublin Libraries are excited to welcome New York Times best-selling author, John Patrick Green, author of the hugely successful InvestiGATORS graphic novel series! John will be travelling all the way from America to Lucan Library and we're delighted to



offer young readers from across South Dublin the chance to meet him in person. With so many young fans of this fantastic series, we expect this event to be very popular.

Crinniu na nÓg 2023 - Ireland's national day of free creativity for children

Saturday 10th June 2.30pm - 4.30pm

BrickFlicks Workshop. Create Stop Motion Animation with LEGO. Using a combination of readily available digital mobile technology, handmade sets and LEGO mini figures we encourage children to create stop motion movies. This workshop takes place at Lucan Library (in-person event). Suitable for ages 8yrs+ Booking via Eventbrite from Saturday 3rd June at 2.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/brickflicks-stop-motion-animation-workshop-tickets-638799074227>

Lego Competition for Children. Love Lego? Want to win a prize for your creation? The theme is Summer! Closing Date: Saturday 10th June 4.30pm. 3 Age Categories: 4-7 yrs/ 8-10 yrs / 11 - 15 yrs. Please contact the library for more details. Entry form available to collect at library desk from Monday 29th May. This competition is part of South Dublin Libraries Crinniu na nOg National Day of Creativity for Children.

Celebrating Pride 2023: Wednesday 21st June, 6pm. Pride on Screen: **Handsome Devil (film showing, suitable for over 15yrs)**

Handsome Devil is a 2016 Irish comedy-drama film written and directed by John Butler. It centres around Ned (Fionn O'Shea), an ostracised teenager at an elite, rugby-obsessed, all-boys boarding school in Ireland. Ned's unlikely friendship with his new roommate Conor (Nicholas Galitzine), the school's star rugby player, is tested by those around them. The film features themes of homosexuality, while examining hypocrisy and snobbery in the Irish private school system. All Welcome.

Saturday 24th June, 3pm. Young Adult Book Club Meeting. This month, the YA members have chosen two books **The Art of Being Normal by Lisa Williamson and Solitaire by Alice Oseman**. Any young adults (12-17 year olds) are welcome to come along and join the book discussion.

Pin Your Pride. Our popular Pride badges return! Running for the month of June, this initiative celebrates the principles of diversity, inclusion and representation at the heart of the public library service. Issued each Thursday from June 1 – 22, these specially-designed Library Pride Pins are bound to become collector's items of the future! Badges can be collected at the library desk.

POLITICAL NOTES

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Age Friendly Housing: A proposed plan to build 6 new units at Sarsfields Park as part of the council's age friendly policy was brought before councillors at last month's meeting and following this the council management then contacted residents in Sarsfield's Park to consult with them. I have since received a number of emails in relation to the proposed plan where a number of concerns were raised. I highlighted these concerns at Tuesday's area committee meeting. As advised at the meeting local councillors do not have a vote on part 8's given the change in legislation recently, however I will endeavour to work closely with the residents on this issue. Thanks to all the residents for bringing their concerns to my attention.

Obscene Graffiti: I have requested council management to remove the graffiti that's appeared in several places in the Lucan area.

Cllr. Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

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Train Station Latest – Kishogue: More queries regarding the opening of the Kishogue station led me to ask for a further update from the National Transport Authority (NTA). The response received earlier this week offering the most up to date stated; "It is currently anticipated that Kishogue Train Station will be brought into passenger service by the end of the year."

Africa Day: Last week I attended the well organised event in Adamstown Community College. This was a fantastic and inclusive celebration, filled with colour, vibrancy and welcome. Well done to the organisers and all involved.

Resident Courtesy Calls: The Sinn Féin team and I have continued to conduct our weekly Lucan courtesy door knock with residents, completing Westbury, Castle View and Hansted over the course of the past 3 Saturday's. We expect to be in Moy Glas shortly.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Weston: I was pleased to see South Dublin County Council have reinstated the missing

yellow box at Weston. I know this was a priority for many residents who raised it with me when I was in Weston recently. Glad to have been able to help get it delivered. The council have also confirmed that they will be marking out the tennis and basketball courts that were reoriented last year.

Kishogue Railway: The NTA again confirmed it is currently anticipated that Kishogue Train Station will be brought into passenger service by the end of this year. I've heard the NTA say this Station will be open next year for more years than I care to remember, so I hope this timeframe is delivered to.

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Respite Care in Ireland: This week I raised the issue of the arbitrary nature of respite care for people with disabilities and their families. Nearly two thirds of those entitled to respite care are not receiving respite intervention. Respite care is intrinsically important for overall well-being.

The Passing of Ava Barry: Ava Barry the little girl from Cork passed away over the weekend. Her mother Vera launched a national campaign to gain access to medicinal cannabis for her daughter who had a form a refractory epilepsy. Getting access to medicinal cannabis greatly benefitted Ava's life and made it easier for other families to obtain the treatment. The family have passed on their appreciation and acknowledge of the enormous good will and condolences at this most difficult time.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty

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Ducks killed by careless motorist in Village:

There have been reports of several incidences in recent weeks, including a situation where a motorist killed one of a pair of ducks and continued driving. There's no excuse for careless and selfish driving and I can't believe that recent situations weren't noticed. I don't know whether "ducks crossing" signage will assist or not, but there is a precedent elsewhere and as such I have this down as an item for the next Area Committee meeting.

Pedestrian Crossing: In terms of pedestrians, the Council has already agreed to put in an additional crossing in the village in advance of the works on the village green (which include this measure). Hopefully it will make things safer. I also called some time ago for yellow boxes to be repainted opposite the Garda station.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Club News

Due to unprecedented demand The Lucan Sarsfields Golf Classic is now **SOLD OUT**. The countdown is on, and we look forward to welcoming all 60 teams on the day, all our Sponsors and of course our Main Golf Classic Sponsor, Finance Solutions. This promises to be another enjoyable day of golf and an evening of great craic and wonderful prizes. We are overwhelmed by the interest in this event year on year and wish there were more hours in the day to accommodate all the other teams wishing to participate... There's always next year.



Coiste na nÓg/ Juvenile

Five Lucan Sarsfields players from the U14's were playing for Dublin this weekend against Kilkenny in Thomastown. Aoife McKenna, Holly Armstrong, Ruby Walsh, Erin Hynes and Kate O'Brien who were all magnificent on the day and did their club proud. Three teams with three 20min games on a scorching day in Thomastown.



Summer Camps

We have now set dates for our much-anticipated Summer Camps, remember to book early and not be disappointed.

July 3rd – 7th. Cul (Football and Ladies Football) Club

July 10th – 14th. Club Hurling and Camogie Camp
Campa Samhraid 17th – 21st July

August 7th – 11th. Club Football and Ladies Football Camp

August 14th – 18th. Hurling and Camogie Camp
Monday – Friday, 10 am – 2pm.

Open to those in their last year of playschool and to all primary school children, including those just finishing 6th class. (approx. 4-12 years).

To book, go to bit.ly/2023SarsCamp

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €19,800.

The Numbers were **8, 12, 24, 27**.

The lucky dip prizes go to, Mary Flannery, Louise O'Neill, Josephine & Tony

O'Donohue, Ciarán O'Neill and Ruth O'Leary.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €20,000. The draw is sponsored by O'Grady's hearing Care Services and will be led by Gerry McAndrew.

The draw will be held on Thursday 1st June, at 9pm and is streamed from Lucan Sarsfields 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.

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link:

<http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>

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



The fine weather continued in Dublin as the U10s Go games against Kilmacud saw some scorching skills and scores followed by an ice-cream to cul down the boots.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Oíche Rásaíochta

Hey gach duine! Is feidir leat do chapall, traenalaí, marcach agus úinéir a cheannach anois don oíche

Rasaíochta! Is feidir libh seo a dhéanamh sa 'siopa club' ar clubzapp

<https://clubzap.page.link/ZsPfmk1ERk7T68QC9>



Hey everyone! You can now buy your horse, trainer, owner and jockey for our Race Night! These can be found in the 'club shop' on clubzapp!!



Sorcas lán Gaeilge

Éist le seo Tá Sorcas lán Gaeilge ag teacht chuig Leamhcáin an Domhnach seo chugainn!!! Tá praghas níos saoire eagraithe againn (€12) agus is feidir leat ticeidi a fháil ar an nasc seo

<https://circusgerbola.ie/lucan/>

Circus

Exciting times, there is now an all Irish speaking circus coming this Sunday. Be sure to get your tickets for what is sure to be an absolute barrel of laughs.



Cailíní F10 - Peil
Comhghairdeas le na cailíní faoi 10 agus iad ag imirt ag leath ama ag an gcluiche ceannais cúige Laighean. Táimid an bhródúil as aibh go léir agus an imirt iontach.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Busy weekend for Lucan Harriers, from Lucan to Tallaght to Carlow

Well done to all our Juvenile athletes in action at Tallaght Stadium on Saturday and Sunday, with the Juvenile teams in action on Saturday and Dublin Championships day 1 on Sunday. More action due to take place on 10/11 June.

A fantastic few days in Carlow with blue skies and temperatures in the high teens and low 20s. A great number of medals won across a spectrum of events. Running, jumping, throwing and relays and across all the age categories.

A few things as always stand out, I personally love to see that the club is competitive at some of the jumping and throwing events. Katriona and Pearse showing the way here. Double gold for Pearse in Javelin and Long Jump, winning the Javelin by 13 m with a throw of 31m. At last count there was three gold for Katriona and I think there was more. So we'll sit down and figure that out later.

A nice story too, Katriona set a National weight for distance record recently, on Saturday someone else outdid that throw, so not to be left without her record and the competitor Katriona is, she only goes and throws 7.12m to reclaim her National Record, so if that is not inspirational I don't know what is.

As two of our active youth coaches Katriona and Pearse are I know an inspiration to the kids in that group, they are also an inspiration to all others in



the club. It's great to have them.

The 2nd stand out for me is how in an individual sport you can come together and compete as a team in the relays.

The Ladies senior team, including a couple of young-looking ladies no longer seniors (trying a bit of diplomacy) taking silver in the 4*400 and

the ladies crowned Leinster Champions in the senior 4*100m.



Silver was also won by the Mens seniors including John Healy who had competed in four events over the weekend before pulling the vest on one last time and Colin O Gara too.

Great to see young and old competing together and from different training groups in the club. There was so many individual club members competing and medalling across so many running events from 100m to 5000m.

Congratulations to everyone who travelled to the fantastic scenic setting of The South East Technological University in Carlow. The facilities are truly state of the art and well worth a visit. Thanks to the diehard support team also, great to have you there. Hope to see even more Lucan Harriers there next time. You may notice the lack of medals in the picture; that is because they are stuck on a truck somewhere across Europe. They have been promised in the next few weeks, probably at the Juveniles event in two weeks' time

The Griffeen Park Run was a take-over by Lucan Harriers, all volunteering posts were filled by members of the club, congratulations to everyone who turned up and offered so much encouragement.

We had another very successful Track and Field Graded Meeting at Lucan track last Wednesday 24th May, on a warm calm evening which was conducive to fast times. We had the Dublin Championships over 800m, with the medals presented by John Cronin, President Athletics Ireland. We also had great runs over 400m and some great throws in the shot. Many thanks to Lucan Harriers for organising the meeting and to John Cronin for taking time to come to our meeting. Big congrats to Maggie Jez, of Lucan Harriers on winning Dublin Senior 800m bronze and in a new PB!

To end a message from the graded team.

"Well done to all the Lucan Harriers involved in the organising. We had an excellent graded league in Lucan tonight thanks in no small way to the efforts of your club and your own personal involvement. Please pass on our thanks to your committee and members, we could not have asked for better cooperation. Again with thanks, Dermot. – Graded League Team"

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

For the month of June, the group has chosen as their theme – “Bridges and Waterfalls”. However, to make things a little more challenging photographs of Lucan Weir and of the bridge over the Liffey will not qualify. Joe started the ball rolling with his photograph of a bridge and waterfall in Marley Park.

Last week I referred to the photographs that Josie took on her recent holiday to the Lake Maggiore region in Italy and promised that we would see some of them in due course. A selection is included this week.



The shoreline of Lake Maggiore is divided between the Italian regions of Piedmont and Lombardy and the Swiss canton of Ticino. The lake is the second largest lake in Italy and the largest in southern Switzerland. The Borromean Islands, a group of three small islands and two islets can be found in the Italian part. Their name derives from the Borromeo family, which started acquiring them in the early 16th century and still owns three of them.

Of Josie's photos my favourite is that of the old railcar that saw service on the Domodossola (Italy) – Locarno (Switzerland) railway line which negotiates a dramatic mountainous terrain between the two towns and which opened in 1923. The line is 52 km long, has 30 stations and it takes approximately 2 hours to negotiate its whole length.



Stay safe until next week!