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Sunday 12th March 2023



Here comes the parade.....

Once again, Lucan is gearing up for another St. Patrick's Day Parade, and welcomes Sorcha Furlong as our 2023 Parade Marshall. Sorcha will be known to many as Orla Molloy of RTE's *Fair City*.

The Lucan Parade is a free day out for families, and is run by a group of a non-profit, volunteer lead, organization, funded by a Community Grant from South Dublin County Council, donations from Lucan Traders, and various fundraising events held during the year.

Assembly & Starting Times

The Parade will assemble and commence at the large green located at Green Park Road / Westbrook Park / Hillcrest Close in Hillcrest (adjacent to Tesco) **from 2pm**, be in place by 2:30pm.

See running order on page 8.

The Parade commences at 3pm sharp and proceeds down Dodsboro Road, under the N4 bridge onto the Leixlip Road, past McDonalds, onwards towards The Ball Alley Pub, and into Lucan Village, turning left at Courtneys, past the review stand located outside the Muintir na Tire hall, and disperses up through the village past the Italian Embassy. The parade takes two hours approximately to complete the route.

Road Closures from 2pm to 6pm

Dodsboro Road / Tandys Lane

Old Celbridge Road

Lucan Road from the Village to St Mary's Church

Adamstown Road from Courtneys to N4

No through road through the village

Chapel Hill Open for north bound traffic crossing the Liffey Bridge

Volunteer Stewards

We need your help to steward the parade on St. Patrick's Day, please contact Caroline Brady 085 2551602 if you would like to volunteer.

Thank You

Thank you to Toner Transport who supply the Review Stand, Joe Keegan for DJ & PA System, and Print & Promotions for the Sound System.

The Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade is grateful to South Dublin County Council who provide a grant for the parade and the Parks Department who help us with barriers and clean up after the parade and to the Lucan Traders who sponsor the parade.

Thank you to Lucan An Garda Síochána for their support and a big thank you to the Little Blue Heroes who are on duty today with their Garda buddies. The Parade is made possible by their continued support since 1991, over 30 years.

Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee



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.

Paying your Electricity Bills

When you sign up to an electricity supplier, you should get regular and accurate bills. Suppliers must give you a range of options for paying your bills. Recent increases in energy costs have had a big impact on the cost of living for households. If you are worried about paying your electricity bills, help is available. You can contact your energy supplier to explore payment options or contact MABS for help and advice.

Public Service Obligation (PSO) Payment: The 'Public Service Obligation (PSO) levy' is paid by all electricity customers to support the costs of renewable energy. Since energy prices have increased in the past year, the levy is not needed to support renewable generators.

As a result, all domestic electricity customers will get a refund of €89.10 on their electricity bills. The refund will be paid in 7 payments of €12.73 from 1 March 2023.

You will get the refund either on your bill or your prepay meter. For prepay meters, the PSO payment will be deducted from the daily electricity standing charge by your electricity supplier.

Help with rising electricity bills: Domestic electricity customers, including pay as you go customers will get €600 to help reduce electricity bills. The credit is paid in 3 instalments of €200. The first payment was made from November 2022. The second electricity credit will be made from January 2023. The third will be made from March 2023.

Get more information about the Electricity Account Credit on our website.

Other measures to reduce electricity costs

Changes to VAT rate

Since 1 May 2022, the rate of VAT on gas and electricity bills reduced from 13.5% to 9%. This reduced rate is in place until 31 October 2023.

If you are struggling to pay your bills: Help is available if you are worried about paying your electricity bills.

You can:

Make an appointment for free confidential advice with the Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS)

The phone number for the local MABS office in Condalkin is 0818 07 2270

Contact your supplier to discuss payment options

Contact your local Citizens Information Service
Your electricity supply could be cut off if you do not pay your bills. MABS has more advice if you have problems paying your bills.

Customers who have problems paying their bills cannot be disconnected during the winter months (for 2022/2023 winter period, this runs from 1 October to 31 March).

Alternative Payments Plans: The supplier can agree to put an alternative payment plan in place for you. Suppliers must help you if you are in genuine financial difficulty. They must make at least 4 attempts to contact you before they disconnect your electricity.

Understanding your Bill: It can sometimes be difficult to understand the bill, particularly how the amount you owe is calculated.

Your supplier must include information about how it has calculated your bill. This includes the meter reading the bill is based on, the tariff category that applies and any levies that are being applied to the bill.

A bill is usually sent by your electricity supplier every 2 months. It must be clearly marked whether the meter read used to calculate your bill amount was:

A – an actual meter read by ESBN

C – a read submitted by you the customer

E – an estimated meter reading

Check your bill to make sure you are not getting too many estimated bills in a row as this could result in a large bill when an actual reading is taken. You can check your meter and submit your own reading at any time to make sure you are getting accurate bills. ESBN has information about how to submit an electricity meter reading. Suppliers must give you a range of options for paying your bills (for example, by direct debit, paying online with your card or pay at shops displaying the Payzone logo). Contact your supplier to find out what option suits you.

CRU has more information about understanding electricity bills.



Brand new programmes on Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Welcome to our new volunteer presenters: Alan, Ava & Raymond!

Mondays- 3pm- Alan Grant with Hits from the movies, all your favourite hits from the movies!
 Tuesdays- 7pm- Ava Vox's Underground sessions with Ava Vox, Indie, Rock, Punk and interviews with emerging artists.
 Wednesdays- 6pm- Raymond Errity with Raymond's Front to Back, an in-depth look at a different artist each week.

If you would like to volunteer with Liffey Sound-Lucan's Community Radio- get in touch, email Mairéad at stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie Full technical training is provided by our new Technical Support Officer, Adriano Puppo- Welcome to the team Adriano!

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook **Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station!**

LUCAN TOASTMASTERS

Is 2023 the year to finally conquer your fear of public speaking?

Do you have a speech or presentation coming up that you need help with?

Do you want to make new friends?

If so, then Lucan Toastmasters is the place for you.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the **Springfield Hotel, Leixlip** at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak!

Come along on Thursday next, March 16th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, checkout our Facebook 'Lucan Toastmasters' our website at www.lucantoastmasters.com or email us at vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com



Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 15th March: **Social Morning** in St. Mary's Parish centre, celebrating St. Patrick.

Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club was opened in 2009. We currently have 65 members ranging in levels from novice to advance.

We operate from September to June meeting every Wednesday in the Palmerstown Community Hall from 8-10pm. There are talks on every aspect of photography, workshops and the monthly hand in of images based on particular themes.

It's a fun way to learn more about photography improve your skills and meet like-minded people.

Feel free to contact us at:

PCC Web Site

<http://www.palmerstowncameraclub.com>

PCC on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Pcameraclub/>

PCC Instagram page

<https://www.instagram.com/palmerstowncameraclub/>

Email: secpcc@mail.com

Recently in Palmerstown Camera Club, we had the judging night for a panel competition, and below we have an image from the night.



Of those with Weapons by Stuart Bould

Palmerstown Camera Club are currently running an exhibition of images from the above competition in Lucan Library until 15 March 2023. So why not come along and view the images for yourself.



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

St Patricks Day Masses:

Thursday 16th March: Vigil 7.30pm

Friday 17th March: 10am and 11.30am

No Evening Mass on St Patrick's Day



Weekday Masses during Lent:

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

Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

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

THIS WEEKEND 11th and 12th March.



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.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

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

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.

Collection in aid of Turkey/Syria Earthquake Victims:

The recent collection in aid of the above in conjunction with Trócaire amounted to €12,620. Thank you all for your generosity.

Divine Mercy Devotion:

On Wednesdays after 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to participate in the devotion regularly or occasionally. *St Mary's Divine Mercy Group.*

Baptisms:

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

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.*

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.*

Medjugorje Mass 2023 St Mary Church, Lucan

Monday 13th March
Mass at 6.15pm

Rosary and Confessions at 5.45pm
Facebook Medjugorje mass lucan

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

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

Stations of the Cross:

For the season of Lent we will have weekly stations of the cross in the Church on **Saturday at 6pm before the Vigil Mass at 6:30pm**. Please join us as we journey with Christ this Lent in preparation for His resurrection.

This will continue every week until Saturday 1st April which is the Saturday before Holy Week.

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

The Church is 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.



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.

St Patricks Day Masses:

Thursday 16th March: Vigil 7pm
Friday 17th March: 9am and 10.30am

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

A Contemplative Journey through Lent

Join us for prayer on Thursday of each week of Lent.

Time: 11am to 11.30am

Venue: Kairos, 125 Castlegate Way,

All Welcome

Kairos Tel: 01 5599240

St Angela Dolan



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.*

Anam Cara

Supporting Parents after Bereavement

Anam Cara South Dublin,
the organisation that supports

bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 13th March 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.

**DIVINE MERCY PARISH
YOUTH AND YOUNG
ADULT GROUP**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY & LENTEN ACTIVITY

Wednesday
5th April
9:45am -
5pm

Refreshments
will be provided

Open to ALL (including non-Christian)
aged between 13 to 30 years old.
Parents are also welcome

**Church of Divine Mercy
Balgaddy, Lucan**

Anniversaries

JIM BYRNE

6th Anniversary

Late of Roselawn.
Along the road of suffering
You found a little lane
That took you up to Heaven
And ended all your pain
You may be out of sight
We may be worlds apart
But you are always in our prayers
And forever in our hearts.

*Forever missed and never forgotten by Jim's wife
Ann, sons Gerry, Frank and Declan, daughters
Suzanne and Catherine, daughters-in-law,
sons-in-law and adoring grandchildren*



WILLIAM McGRATH

1st Anniversary - 13th March

May morning's scent be green and sweet
When you answer ancient call
May your grip be gently firm
And your eyes stay on the ball
May all your drives find fairways
And may they travel far
May irons find a place to land
That helps you make your par
May your wedge float high and softly drop
May your chips caress the slope
May your putts locate that perfect break
To always give you hope
And when you get that final call
To join me at Heaven's door
May you play your round with pride and class
And mourn for me no more.

Remembered with love by your family and friends



Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2023

Direct flights from Dublin

15th May or 18th October for 9 nights was €825
now €775. Single room supplement €180.

17th May or 18th October for 7 nights was €775
now €715. Single room supplement €140.

Phone Pat Colgan on 087 2238911 or book
through Marian Pilgrimages on 01 878 8159 (and
say I'm going with Pat Colgan.



Dear Editor,

For over 15 years we have sent €500 each month from Lucan to a school in poverty-stricken Haiti.

The money is used to build, furnish and supply educational materials. Each day a hot nutritious meal is served from their newly-built kitchen to 500 students and staff. To date we have sent over \$150,000. Each member of our group has signed a bankers' order for a sum of money which is guaranteed for a number of years. This ensures that the school can rely on a budget planned in advance. Our account is in Bank of Ireland, Lucan, and it is from that account that our money is sent every month. All the money goes directly to the school and in the 15 years not a single penny has been deducted for costs or expenses.

Now my work is done. Due to age and health reasons I can no longer administer the fund. So, I must appeal for some individual or group to take over. Haiti is one of the poorest places on earth. Since we became involved, it has suffered tow enormous earthquakes, storms, political unrest, violence and poverty. Women and children are the main victims. A hungry child cannot learn and in a lot of cases can't even go to school. Our work is small but vitally important. Please help,

Hugh Mulrooney

Lucan Heights

Phone 086 3422984

St. Francis Hospice
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Spring Memorial Walk
Supported by Eileen Dunne
Anytime, Anyplace
in the months of March/April!
Raise funds for Hospice
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Today I walk
to remember
you.
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Charity Number 10528 Registered Charity Number 2002793

Annual Report of St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council 2022

Following the COVID 19 break a new Parish Pastoral Council was established in 2022. The new Council members were; Fr. Philip Curran, Fr. Tom Kennedy (Left September), Yvonne O'Shea, John Gormley, Sr. Geraldine Smith, Sr. Julie Carmody, **Maria O'Mahony, Niall Kelly, Colette Toomey, Christopher Okereke (Left September), Mark Beegan, Bernie Martin, Jimmy Miller and Marie Peelo, Fr Ubaldo Muhindo (Joined September).**

The Commissioning of the new Council took place on 6th February at the 10.30am Mass. Members of the Council spoke at all Masses that day to explain what the Parish Pastoral Council does. The Council met six times during 2022 on:

14th January, 16th February, 16th March, 18th May, 28th September, 7th November.

The first priority of the Council was to re-establish the normal workings of the Parish both in terms of the sacramental life and the caring and outreach responsibilities derived from the Gospel, after the disruption caused by COVID-19. A special thank you was extended by the PPC to Colette & Michael Grant for their musical contributions to the Masses during the Covid lockdowns.

The Novena of Grace was held this year in St. Marys from 4th March to 12th March. The preacher was Fr. John Walsh O.P.

There were two significant projects undertaken by the Council in 2022. The first was the Synodal Pathway and the second was Building Hope.

The Synodal Pathway: This is a universal process inaugurated by Pope Francis. It is a path or journey that the People of God take together in every Parish in the world. **Pope Francis called on us all to participate in discerning how best to make synodality a vibrant force for transformation in the church.**

St. Marys Parish appointed two animators Elizabeth Boland and Mary Toole who facilitated the discussion at Parish level and liaised with and reported back to the Diocese.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament re-commenced on Sunday on 6th February, 2022 from 4pm to 5pm, to pray for the success of the Synod in Rome in 2024.

Elizabeth & Mary spoke at each of the Masses on the weekend of 27th February, 2022 and explain the concept to parishioners. Invitations to participate were extended to parishioners who attend St. Marys and to non-attendees.

Two open meetings of the Parish took place on 21st & 28th March which were led by Elizabeth & Mary. The purpose of the meetings was to get input from the faithful regarding our Church today and how we can journey together in growing our faith and participation more fully. At each evening two questions were posed to the people present. Views were written down and collated by the team.

The St Mary's Parish Synod Report was submitted to the Diocese in June and the overall Irish report was published and sent to the Vatican in September. We pray for and look forward to the results from the Synod in Rome whenever it is scheduled.

Building Hope: The Building Hope initiative from the Archdiocese sought the views of parishioners in Dublin around managing the life of the Church in the context of smaller congregations and fewer admissions to the Priesthood. The report from the 'Building Hope' initiative in St. Marys was submitted to the Archdiocese and forms part of the overall report will can be viewed on the Dublin Diocesan website.

Partly as a result of the outcome of this discussion Mr Philip Curran was made Parish Priest of both St Mary's and St Patrick's. Fr Tom Kennedy left Lucan to take up a role as Parish Priest in Castledermot (Co. Kildare) and we welcomed Fr Ubaldo Muhindo to St Mary's from Divine Mercy (Lucan South). Christopher Okereke our Lay Parish Worker also left to take up a role in Finglas Parish.

Volunteers: The PPC organised a 'Thanks Giving' Mass for past and present Volunteer Groups within the Parish, on Sunday 6th November 2022.

Volunteers past and present gathered in the Coffee Dock following the Mass.

An Open Day for Volunteer Groups was held on 27th November 2022 after all Masses. This event allowed parish groups to explain their work and also look for new members. One of the groups which requires new members is the Justice & Peace Group.

Faith Development and Youth Ministry: There were several discussions and suggestions for involving teenagers and young adults to be more involved in the Parish.

There was discussion regarding the complexities of organising Religion Classes for the Non-Catholic Schools in the parishes and how best to prepare Children for the sacraments.

The need to increase the level of Adult Faith Formation in the context of reduced numbers of clergy and increased involvement of the laity in the parish was considered.

Conclusion: Overall given that this was the first year back after the lock-down and disruption of COVID-19 much was achieved, through the Grace of God. By the end of the year it was calculated that congregation in Church were back to 70% of the pre-Covid level compared to roughly 50% at the start of the year. With the initiative that were put in place in 2022 we can look forward to further strengthening of the Parish in the coming years. A special note of gratitude and best wishes for the future is expended to Fr Tom Kennedy and Christopher Okereke for their years of service to the Parish. The PPC would also like to thank the Parish Team under the Leadership of Fr. Curran and all volunteers involved in the life of the Parish.



Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade

Friday 17th March 2023

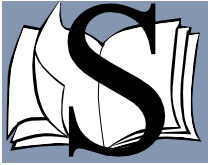


Parade Marshal 2023 Sorcha Furlong

1	St. Patrick (Peter Brady Jnr)	23	Dew Drop Indian Drum Band
2	Flag Bearers – Combined Scouts	24	Lucan United Football Club
3	Little Blue Heroes	25	Lee Byrne Academy
4	23 rd Lucan Scouts	26	Club Pro Garda Westmanstown Gaels GAA Club
5	48 th Lucan Scouts	27	Once Upon a Time Parties
6	142 nd Esker Lucan South Scouts	28	Ahmadiyya Muslim Association of Ireland
7	180 th Lucan South Scouts	29	Vikings Dublinia Ostman
8	Finglas Concert Marching Band	30	Leixlip Community Youth Band & Leixlip Twirlers
9	Andri Kryzhanivskiyi	31	Beech Park FC
10	Jimmy Stagg & Lucan Cycle Club	32	Zumba Lucan Esker
11	Serena Brady Academy of Dance	33	Adamstown Cricket Club
12	RTH Property Management	34	Lucan BMX Club
13	Goldwing Owners Club	35	Lucan Boxing Club
14	Arthur Griffith Park FC	36	Star Dance Academy
15	Entwine Preforming Arts	37	Lucan Library
16	V Styles Lucan	38	Lucan Sarsfields GAA
17	Na Gaeil Óga CLG	39	Esker Boxing Club
18	Lucan Gospel Choir	40	EFAST
19	5 Star Attics	41	Lucan Red Cross
20	Zara Curtis Academy of Irish Dance		Lucan Concert Band performing at Spar Dodsboro from 2pm to 3pm St. James Brass & Reed Band performing at the Ball Alley from 2pm
21	Lucan Chinese Community		
22	Papa Painting		



Free Face Painters, Clowns, Balloon Artists at Muintir na Tíre in village & Tesco Dodsboro from 2pm
Go Kart Competition with Adamstown Community, College Coláiste Phádraig, & Griffeen Community College.



SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

TY Students Organise World Cup

Well done to TY students including Darren Smyth, Calum McCabe and Zac O'Sullivan who are organising the World Cup soccer tournament for our First Year students. This is part of their TY Enterprise module. This is a great initiative and a fantastic way to contribute to their school community. Matches will take place on Tuesday and Friday this week.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Tús maith curtha le Seachtain na Gaeilge don 6ú Bliain le ceardlann ó Caith Amach É agus Geandáil Gasta. Cleachtadh bhreá don Scrúdú Cainte.



History Trips

This week Ms Redmond and Ms Shannon brought their 2nd Year History classes on a walking tour of Lucan. Students gained an insight into the history of their local village which will help them as they undertake their CBA: The Past in My Place.

TY History students are looking forward to their visit to Kilmainham Jail next week. Thanks to Mr Branagan for organising the trip!

5th Year Careers trip to Maynooth University

Last week the 5th Year group enjoyed a trip to Maynooth University where they explored potential career options as they begin to think about their options after school. Many thanks to our Careers teachers Ms McManus and Ms O'Gara for organising this trip.



Past Pupil returns with Motivational Talk

Last week, we had the honour of welcoming back past pupil Lisa Fallon. Lisa is an elite level football coach/manager, football pundit, a high-performance Strategy Specialist and UEFA Pro License holder. Lisa spoke to our 3rd Year students about the challenges of working as a woman in a male dominated environment. The talk was motivational, as well as inspirational. Pictured with TY student Aoibhe Fleming who is involved in the FAI U17 squad and a current player with Shamrock Rovers.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Hurling: Congratulations to our senior hurlers who reached the All Ireland "D" Final on Monday evening after a thrilling 3-15 to 1-17 victory over Gaelcholáiste Dhoire (Derry). The match was held in Strabannan Parnells' GAA Club in Castlebellingham, County Louth with a ko time of 5:30pm and it attracted a large crowd of supporters from both schools, with parents, family, friends, students and teachers all in attendance to cheer on their team.

Lucan produced an outstanding display to see off their talented opponents in an extraordinarily high standard game characterised by high levels of skill, fitness and desire. Lucan led 2:08 to 1:07 at the end of an absorbing 1st half with Eoin Kilduff and Conor Dillon scoring the goals. Joseph Dunne also scored some vital points which broke their opponent's momentum at vital stages.

Gaelcholáiste Dhoire made a blistering start to the 2nd half as they knocked over a series of unanswered points to draw level. There was a noticeable momentum shift at this stage and for the 1st time in the match Lucan were struggling to win the ball in midfield. However, a well-timed tactical change from the Lucan mentors saw Killian Costello come on in midfield at the expense of a defender.

Suddenly, Lucan began to regain the ascendancy in this area as Killian repeatedly won his aerial challenges and set up some absolutely vital scores for the forwards. A brilliant goal from Darragh Lyons gave Lucan some breathing space and they held on for a hard-fought but thoroughly deserved victory. They will now face Limerick school Coláiste na Trócaire, Rathkeale in the All-Ireland Final, with the match to take place within the next two weeks.

Awards: Well done to 1st yr **Modasir Ahadmanish** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month* Award for February in recognition of his excellent manners, strong work-ethic and co-operation in all of his classes.

Congratulations to 2nd yr **Cian Kelly** who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award* in recognition of his impressive displays for the school's 2nd yr basketball and football teams.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **Seán Teehan** ón gcúigiú bliain a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí Feabhra mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge. The three winners each received a 20euro voucher as well as a framed certificate to recognise their achievements.

Well done also to the class tutor student of the month winners who each received a 5euro voucher for the school canteen.

Football: Hard luck to our 2nd yr football team who were beaten 7-07 to 6-05 by Lusk CS in their Dublin League semi-final encounter on Monday. Ciarán O' Sullivan impressed for Lucan with two well taken goals while Cian Kelly, Jack Horan, James Duffy and Henry Greene getting the other goals. Brian Whelan and Derry Ware scored some nice points but it wasn't enough on the day as Lucan just came up short in a high scoring and entertaining game of football.



Basketball: Congratulations to our 2nd yr basketball team who advanced to the East Boys Leinster Final on Tuesday after defeating Castleknock College 47-28 in the semi-final to make it 6 wins from 6 so far this campaign. It was another hugely impressive win from this exceptional group of players and once again they pretty much had the game wrapped up by the end of the 1st 1-4 as they opened up a commanding 18-2 lead. Aaron McCormack scored 4 baskets, Lewis Adjinakou added a further 4 points and Cian Kelly scored a fine basket from a rebound. Despite a new 5 in the next quarter, Lucan managed to maintain this lead until half-time with Noah Dolan scoring two excellent baskets and McKenzie Knowles also scoring to bring the score to 24-8. Aaron was the star of the show in the 3rd 1-4 with 12 points, including a stunning three pointer and numerous precise free throws as Lucan opened up an unassailable 37-14 lead. Lewis was similarly unstoppable in the final 1-4 with 9 points to seal an emphatic and well-deserved victory.

The team are also thrilled to be invited to play in the All Ireland one-day blitz in April as one of the top 4 teams in the East Region so far. They are determined to go there as East Boys winners so that they can legitimately claim to be the best team in their region at this age level.

St. Joseph's College

Junior Concern Debating: Congratulations also to our Junior Concern Debating team who won their debate on Wednesday evening.



Junior Camogie: Hard luck to our Junior camogie team who lost out in their match on Monday. Well done to all the players and coaches involved.

Transition Years: Our transition years had a busy week this week when they went orienteering to Donadea forest on Tuesday. In what was cold conditions the group used their survival skills to seek out the clues and all return safely. This is one of the highlights of the transition year programme every year. Well done to the PE department for organising this event. A group of transition years took part in a number of workshops this week also. On Thursday a group took part in a Crocheting workshop and on Friday yet another group took part in the School of life workshop.

Emmanuel Choir: Well done to our students who took part in the Emmanuel choir concert in the Helix on Thursday night. You were fantastic.



St. Joseph's receive Irish Flag from Taoiseach Leo Varadkar: On Monday, 6th March, 16 students from St. Joseph's Flag Day Committee travelled by train to Waterford along with Ms. Bligh and Ms. Butler to be presented with the Irish Tricolour from Taoiseach Leo Varadkar. It

was a very special occasion on the 175th Anniversary since the first flying of the Irish Flag by Thomas F. Meagher in 1848. The Irish Flag's message of Peace, Respect, Pride and Inclusion is as important today as it was in 1848. We look forward to celebrating with many events on Flag Day, 16th March. Our recent survey in the school has shown that 74 different nationalities are represented in St. Joseph's! The day is also an expression of active citizenship and the students will be fundraising for UNICEF and the Earthquake appeal for Turkey & Syria, the charity voted for by students in the school. Well done to all involved!

Joey's Tidy Towns 2023 Calendar: As our calendar sales come to a close for 2023, we were delighted to present €600 to St. Vincent De Paul this week. In total, Joey's Tidy Towns Calendar raised €1,500 For St. Vincent De Paul and we are very grateful to all those who supported our fundraiser by purchasing a calendar since November 2022. Many thanks again to My Vet & Lucan District Credit Union for their support and sponsorship.

Relove Fashion Competition Finalist: We are delighted to receive the news that Ellen Kenny (1A2) has made it to the Relove Fashion Grand Final which will take place in the Rediscovery Centre on Thursday, 23rd March! Ellen has put great work into her creation and was recently shortlisted to appear on a zoom interview, which no doubt impressed the judges! Well done, Ellen, we are looking forward to seeing your creation on the main stage!

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Political Notes

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Lucan Locations - Cycle Lane

Markings/Resurfacing:

In response to recent request I submitted regarding cycle lane markings on the R136 (between Grange Castle and Kishogue roundabout), road maintenance section will do a line marking scheme in 2023. This will include resurfacing contracts for Castle Road, Liffey Avenue and St Loman's Road.

Hayden's Lane - New Pedestrian Lights:

Again, I have requested that the council urge ESB Networks to reduce the long-time delays between new crossing installations by the council and being 'switched on' by the ESB. The two new crossings at Hayden's Lane / L101 have been added to the priority list and ESBN have now promised that these will be connected within weeks.

Griffen Boulevard – Litter:

Contact with management company responsible for litter removal has occurred, issue of enforcement raised with council and the entrance area at Griffen ETNS was cleaned up recently.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Dart+ South West:

Progress has been made on delivering the DART+ South West Project which will provide a sustainable, electrified, reliable and high-capacity rail service to passengers between Adamstown station and Dublin City Centre or Celbridge. The 20km line will see a capacity increase from the current peak of 1,900 passengers each way per hour up to approximately 13,200 passengers.

Construction of the DART+ SW Project is anticipated for 2025.

Holi - Festival of Colour:

Congratulations to the organisers of the Holi Festival Of Colours taking part in Adamstown Youth and Community Centre at the weekend.

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Citizen's Assembly on Drugs Use:

We welcome the new Citizen's Assembly on Drug Use which will be discussing the possibility of policy changes in relation to drug use. I hope

that the recommendations will reflect the fact that current policy has failed. Not only has current policy failed to reduce the harms and the availability of drugs it has also failed to make communities safer. I believe public opinion has shifted towards forms of drug decriminalisation for personal use and even beyond that into a regulatory system. This was borne out in a recent poll in the Sunday Business Post.

Ending the Moratorium of the Eviction Ban:

The government have announced that the moratorium on no-fault evictions will cease in the next few weeks. This will only increase families and individuals facing the prospect of homelessness. Ending the ban will only compound the ongoing housing emergency.

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Traffic Light Faults:

I am happy to report that the traffic lights which were faulty at the Fonthill Road/Balgaddy Road junction last week were repaired following my request. Thanks to those who raise it with me. Thanks also to local residents who drew my attention to the faulty traffic light signals at the Newcastle Road/Hillcrest junction. Crews were onsite recently – they are now operational again.

2022 Public Realm Improvement Programme:

Holding the Council Executive to account is an important role for Councillors which is why I tabled a question at our recent Area Committee asking for an update on completion of the 2022 Public Realm Improvement programme.

Of the 22 projects committed to in January 2022, six are outstanding and most should be completed in March.

Email newsletter:

My latest monthly update is available at <https://www.shanemoynihan.ie/your-february-2023-community-update/>.

*We cannot share this sorrow
If we haven't grieved a while.
Nor can we feel another's joy
Until we've learned to smile.
St. Patrick.*



Lucan Library

All events and activities are free of charge.



St Patrick's Weekend Library

Hours - please note that the library will close on Thursday 16th March at 8pm and reopen Monday 20th March at 9.45am

Children's Events:

Children's Art and Creativity Sessions with Elena Buttner. For 6-8 years: Thursday 16th March at 3.30pm, booking essential at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/art-creativity-for-children-suitable-for-ages-6-8-years-old-tickets-555095945917>

Thursday 30th March at 10am
Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles
Booking Essential

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-with-sarah-sparkles-march-2023-at-lucan-library-tickets-556681187417>

Storytime

Our regular Story-Time continues on Wednesdays at 3pm. All welcome!



BabyGroove, presented by Anna Newell Theatre Adventures in Lucan Library, in conjunction with Civic Theatre Tallaght. Wednesday March 29th, 11.30am / 12.30pm / 2.30pm
Admission free but booking essential via Civic Theatre Tallaght.

A chilled out '70s inspired adventure for babies under 12 months, full of gorgeous harmony singing and immersive video created by Anna Newell Theatre Adventures.

Very limited places, admission free but booking essential via Civic Theatre Tallaght. Phone 01-4627477 or online via www.civictheatre.ie

Cuidiu Breastfeeding Support Group, new members welcome. Tuesday 21st March 10am - 12noon

Lucan Library Classic Film Club

Tuesday 28th March at 5.30pm. All welcome, enquire at library desk.

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Wednesday 29th March, 7pm, reading *Trashlands* by Alison Stine



Monday 27th March, 12 noon, reading *Warlight* by Michael Ondaatje

Junior Book Club, Wednesday 22 March, 3.30pm, reading *Frankenstein* (John Grant edition).

TTRS (Touch, Type, Read, Spell)

Places are available for our Touch-type, Read and Spell (TTRS) classes starting in March. The 6-week block of classes take place on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm and act as an introduction to the programme. These classes are for children aged from 8-12 who have literacy difficulties or have difficulties in typing, writing or spelling. Please contact us to express an interest in enrolling or for more information.

Tuesday 21st March. World Poetry Day

Lucan Library will be marking World Poetry Day with a special online event celebrating poetry in translation. Keep an eye on our Facebook page or Digital Screen at the library for more information!



**STEAM
Saturday -
Saturday
25th March**

Our next STEAM Saturday for 8-12 year olds takes place on Saturday 25th March at 12.30pm. Booking essential from Saturday 18th March at 12.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/steam-saturday-tickets-565391881337>

Lucan Library Knitters Club

Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new member's welcome



Exhibitions:

The Esker Rood - an exhibition by the Society for Old Lucan, 1st-31st March.



Palmerstown Camera Club - exhibition of photographs, until 16th March.





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



This was the second week back for many players for both club and county and a busy time in the club with both the Awards night and the Hurling medal presentation taking place this week-end. (more details on the website and Facebook)



Well done to Daire Newcombe who travelled to Derry with the Dubs and put in a solid performance.

Dublin U16 Ladies Football saw Chloe O'Shea and Anya Dunne compete in the first round of the Leinster U16 Championship in a 4-09 to 5-05 victory for Dublin.

Congratulations to our three Lucan Minors Mia Farrell, Aoibhinn Scott and Milly Hughes lining out for Dublin in the Leinster Final in Abbotstown on Saturday.

Football. AFL Div 1: St Vincent's 0-12 - Lucan Sarsfields 3-09. Our Senior team made it two wins from two games in AFL1 thanks to a hard fought win away to St. Vincent's. Jack Lawlor put in a 5-star performance scoring 3-2 from play and was the difference between the teams in this intense battle. Next up for Lucan is a home game against Skerries Harps on 19th March where they will hope to maintain the 100% record.

AFL Div 4: Lucan Sarsfields 1.09 - St Vincent's 1.07. This game was in the balance until the last kick and it was a great relief that Lucan came out on top. Having missed several good opportunities at the start of the game, Lucan were hit with a goal by an experienced looking Vincent's team. That score was enough to give St. Vincent's a one point lead at half time as both sets of backs seemed to be on top.



AFL Div 6: Lucan Sarsfields 2-12 vs St Pats Donabate 1-12 Sun 05/03/2023. This might be less a match report, and more like annual review at work. We won a game that in all honesty we had no right to expect to win. Pats came to the Lock last year and put 0-21 on the board. Later they did the dog on us in Championship. I spoke to their manager before, and after. I would describe his pre match demeanour, as quietly confident. Afterwards? Well afterwards, he wouldn't speak to me. The ear to ear cheesy grin may not have helped. **Squad:** Dean Davis, Conor Sheary, Davy Mescall, Colm Kelly, Callum Buchanan, Seamus Keher, Tony Mulqueen, Oscar Nolan (0-2), James Finn, Louis Butler, Tim Bradley, Sam Noctor (0-2), Marc Sharkey (1-2), Jordan Delmar (1-6), Brian



Tracey, David Brosnan, Adam Dunne, Niall Murray, Peter Carroll, Jack O'Toole, Shane Murray, Niall Moran, Michael Young, Dean Walsh, Declan Lawlor, Conor Downes, Jack McCarthy, Paddy Fitzgerald, Gareth Lenehan.

Juvenile/Coiste na nÓg. U8 Camogie

Our Girls had their first Camogie match this morning, as a "proper" team, against Commercial in Rathcoole. They all put in a great effort and all mentors were delighted to see them show off the skills we have been working on over the past month in training. There was some great ground striking, passing and excellent goals. It is also great to see them make new friends, which will be playing with them for years to come.

U12 LGF. The U12 ladies football group had their first official football match on Saturday. We had 4 team, in total over 50 girls played. 2 teams stayed at home on AGP and played against St. Brigid's. All teams here played very well and were excited to be back at matches. Our 2 Lucan referees, Roisin and Cora were fantastic, taking time to explain to the girls why they blew the whistle so the girls learned a lot as well as enjoying their first game. The other 2 teams went down the road to St. Catherine's Park to play against Na Gaeil Óga. The girls were very excited about this one as many were class mates and this made it more competitive but also more fun. The referees here spoke to the girls in Irish, some of our non Irish speakers were a bit confused to start with but very quickly picked up all the Irish phrases. So lots of learning done here too. There was a great atmosphere at this match and the scores were very tight at the end. I'm sure there will be great conversations had in our two Irish schools this week, maith siabh.

U14 Div D Group B: Lucan Sarsfields 4-16 Na Fianna 3-10. Lucan Sarsfield U14 B team continued their good start to the season with their 3rd straight win. A super team performance against a tough Na Fianna team saw the Lucan side come away with a hard fought win.

U13 Football Grading Div 4: Lucan Sarsfields 5-07 St. Peters 5-09.

U16 Football league, Div 1: St. Oliver Plunkett's Eoghan Ruadh 1-8 - Lucan Sarsfields 1-13.

Lotto. No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €15,000. The Numbers were **3, 11, 12, 18.**

The 5 lucky dip prizes go to, Stagg, Peter Fagan, Seaghan O'Lanigain, Sinead Smith, and the Dardis Family. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€15,400.** The draw is sponsored by REA McDonald Auctioneers and will be led by Edel Mooney.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL LUCAN HARRIERS LADIES!



It's time to celebrate all the ladies of our club for International Women's Week 6th-12th of March 2023. International Women's Day (IWD) is marked annually on March 8th.

We want to celebrate every woman and girl who throws, run or jump, coaches, officiates, volunteers in our club. We have over 150 senior lady members, across the different sections, this does not include all our wonderful underage female athletes who we hope stick with the club.



We have a World Champion, European Champions, National Champions, Leinster Champions, Dublin Champions, teams and individuals in our club, Irish Internationals. These are all incredible achievements. This is about the ladies in our club that turn up every week to training, out doing their runs at the weekend, doing their various cross training. They all have their own individual goals and that is their personal target. For some it's time goals for some it's distance goals. You are all to be admired for striving to achieve these personal goals. Running is about finding your niche and the club accommodates this, we have sprinters, middle distance and long distances, some start at one discipline and in due course find they are more suited to other disciplines.

We also have throwers and jumpers in our club, which we like to make others aware

of, remember Lucan Harriers is more than just a running club. These like the runners have their own goals and I know they are more than willing to share their knowledge with other club members who may wish to try this aspect of athletics. Some of your friends or neighbours may have used these skills when younger and may have hidden talents. Please encourage them to try recapture their former skills.

Two of our last three Club chairs have been female, ladies are well represented within the committees and coaching volunteers in the club.

With so much emphasis these days on mental health and inclusion in life and sport, it is great that we have so many inspirational female role models in our great club. The theme for International Women's Day 2022 is #EmbraceEquity.

Marked annually on March 8th, International Women's Day (IWD) is one of the most important days of the year to:

- Celebrate women's achievements within the club
- Raise awareness of female experiences in athletics
- Challenge change as a collective
- Combat stereotypes
- Launch a new initiative, network, or programme
- Influence positive behaviour.
- Highlight Role models, Visibility & Speakers

If anyone is interested in our club please feel free to contact us through all the usual channels. We also have various training sessions every evening Monday to Friday and Saturday morning. If group there at the time is not for you whoever is there will point you in the right direction and correct group.



Lucan ICA

Monday 13th March: Craft Group working away on finishing their Shadow Embroidery Cushion, as well as Crochet and Knitting.

Tea Hostesses are: Fiona Guinan and Carmel Lyons.



Monday 20th March: One of the charities we support each year is Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross. This is a very worthy cause as there isn't a household in Ireland that hasn't been affected by cane and have been helped by the Hospice.

We will have a collection that day and ask our members, to please donate generously.

We wish all our members and the Parish Centre staff a very happy St. Patrick's Day. Enjoy the local parade.



Brrrrrrrrr....

As we go to press, we're awaiting the snow that was forecast, but hoping it won't appear!

Hopefully, we'll warm up a bit

before the big day on Friday 17th, when our annual Lucan Parade gets under way.



The Demesne Wall - that old chestnut! Studied the old wall from Lucan to the bridge in Leixlip while out walking, and couldn't but notice all the different patch-up jobs along the way. And some still awaiting a 'patch-up'. Can only imagine what the Rt. Hon. Agmondisham Vesey would make of his old boundary wall dating back to the late 1700s.

Looks like a big job with big money warranted for the entire stretch.



Ballyowen Castle
Walking Group
Ballyowen Castle Community
Centre
Wednesdays @7pm
Get our Community Moving!
Contact Peter 085 2574841

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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.

Proposed Pilgrimage to Italy 2023/24 St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Parishes



We are considering the possibility of organising a pilgrimage (7 nights, half board) under the spiritual direction of Fr. Philip Curran, P.P. in October 2023 or the spring of 2024 to shrines of Italy located in Tuscany and Umbria including **Assisi, Orvieto, Siena** and **Florence** and are currently in discussion with Travel Agents regarding costs and dates.

If you are interested in taking part in this pilgrimage, please leave your contact details (without any obligation at this stage) with **Deirdre** in **St. Mary's Parish Office** telephone **01 6281487** or email secretary@lucanparish.com and you will be contacted when more detailed information is available.