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Sunday 5th March 2023

The silent supporters



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization that helps those in material need. The society was founded in Paris in 1833 by a group of young Catholic students who were concerned about the poverty and suffering they saw around them. Frederick Ozanam was the leading light in their foundation, and they drew their inspiration and spiritual base from St. Vincent DePaul, who was an outstanding champion of the poor. Today, the society operates in over 150 countries and has more than 800,000 members worldwide. It

began in Ireland in 1844 and they have worked quietly in Irish Society since that time.

One of the characteristics of the 'Vincent's' is the confidential, 'behind-the-scenes' nature of their work. Although they are at work throughout the year in all of our communities, it's usually only at Christmas time that their presence become somewhat visible. The society does not advertise or seek recognition for their efforts, but instead quietly go about their work of helping those in need.

The society operates through parish-based groups or "conferences", which are made up of volunteers who provide direct assistance to those in need. This assistance may include providing food, clothing, and shelter, as well as emotional and spiritual support.

The society also operates charity shops, such as the one in Lucan Village, which provide a revenue stream for their work. The proceeds from these shops are used to fund the society's programs and services.

A Voice for the Poor

In addition to their direct assistance to those in need, the society also advocates for social justice and systemic change to address the root causes of poverty and inequality. They work to raise awareness about poverty and social issues, and to encourage individuals and communities to act to create positive change. Each year in Ireland they make a budget submission to government urging the support and protection of those most socially vulnerable.

The quiet work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a testament to the power of compassion and the importance of serving others. Their dedication and commitment to helping those in need is an inspiration to all who seek to make a difference in the world.

The 'Vincent's' show us love in action.

If you are in need, and would like to contact the SVP, you can do so in complete confidence, by contacting the parish Office in your parish, who will put you in touch.

If you are in a position to contribute financially towards their work you can this also via the parish office.

Philip Curran

St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Parishes

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.

Scams Alert

We are aware of texts being sent to people telling them to click on a link to claim an energy credit. These texts link to a site that looks like gov.ie. There is no such scheme being offered by the government and people are warned not to click on the link or enter any personal details. There is more information about scams on www.gov.ie

The Right to Protest

Irish laws that protect the right to protest

People in Ireland have a right to protest peacefully in public places, as long as they do not break the law. A protester can break the law if they commit public order offences, like trespass or threatening and abusive behaviour, or if they are inciting hatred.

The Irish Constitution and other human rights instruments protect your right to:
Express yourself freely
Meet freely with other people
Organise groups with other people

These protections are not absolute and can be limited by law. For example, you have a right to associate (to form groups and to organise) but the Government can pass laws declaring an organisation to be illegal.

Your right to free expression and free speech is restricted by defamation laws, obscenity and censorship laws, and laws against hate speech.

When the legal protections do not apply

Most public protests take place without anyone breaking the law. If a person taking part in a protest breaks the law, by acting in a violent manner for example, it does not mean that the whole protest is unlawful.

The legal protections for the right to protest do not apply if:

Protesters behave in a threatening manner or use violence

The protest is inciting hatred towards a group of people because of their race, colour, nationality, religion, ethnic or national origins, membership of the travelling community or sexual orientation
The protest is on private land

Garda Powers

The Gardaí have certain powers that they might use before or during a protest. Protests can be restricted if there is a breach of the peace, or the protest is causing too much disruption to people or to traffic. The restriction must be necessary and as limited as possible.

Your right to free expression and free speech is restricted by defamation laws, obscenity and censorship laws, and laws against hate speech.

Protest near the Oireachtas

Gardaí can restrict protests within half a mile of the Oireachtas (the Irish parliament) while the Oireachtas is in session.

Control access to an event – Section 21 order
The Gardaí can place barriers on roads up to one mile (1.6 kilometres) from where an event involving a large number of people is taking place. Section 21 of the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 1994 allows the Gardaí to stop you from crossing the barrier if you do not have a ticket for the event. It is an offence to not comply with a direction given by a Garda at a barrier.

Arrest

You can be arrested without a warrant for serious offences and other public order offences. Gardaí can also seize alcohol and direct that you leave the area in an orderly manner.

More information

The Irish Council for Civil Liberties have a booklet on the right to protest.

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Lucan ICA

12 Members had a very enjoyable day on Saturday last at a craft day in the Parish Centre, learning how to do Shadow Embroidery under the watchful eye of our tutor Bronwyn Murray.



When complete it will be made into a cushion, all were happy with their progress, they hope to complete it in the next few weeks.

Monday 6th March: All ladies are busy on different projects from 10am to 12-30. **Tea hostesses** are Noreen Doolan and Kathleen May.

Get well wishes to any members who are not well at the moment.

Deceased Residents of Dodsboro

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

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

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

Lucan Library

Craic agus Ceol le Sean and Claire
Saturday 4th March, 2pm

Come along and celebrate Irish culture through music, song and dance. Fun for all the family! All Welcome.

Seachtain na Gaeilge runs from 1st to 16th March, contact Lucan Library for more info about our events.

LUCAN LIONS CLUB

Lucan Lions Club Supported Ukraine

'*Luke the Lion*' and Lucan Lions Club would like to thank the community in Lucan for their generosity in "feeding" the Luke



from March – December 2022.

We asked and once again, you the people of the Lucan area listened.

Lucan Lions Club with your assistance made a difference to the displaced Ukrainian people both here and in Ukraine.

"We Serve" is the motto of all Lions Clubs but we really could not do it without you or the invaluable support by SuperValu, Lucan.

In consultation with An Garda Síochána who were aware of Ukrainian families/people in the locality, Lucan Lions Club provided the following:

Penneys Vouchers and Leap Cards during the Summer. This gave the Ukrainians the opportunity to replenish clothes but equally as important, freedom to travel around the Dublin area.

Liffey Valley vouchers at Christmas time.

Thank you one and all for all the support you have given to us and for the money received through Luke the Lion. You have truly made a difference.

Turkey/Syria Earthquake

Luke the Lions will now be used to collect donations as part of the appeal to help and support the efforts to send life-saving supplies to children and their families in Turkey and Syria.

If you want more information on Lucan Lions Club or wish to donate to our activities, please visit lucanlionsclub.com

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.

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



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

Weekday Masses during Lent:

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

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

St. Mary's Readers' Roster March 2023:

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

Christian Meditation:

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

Scriptural Readings:

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet every **2nd Monday at 10.45am** and **4th Thursday at 8pm** of the month in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen to or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one.
Sr Geraldine.

Shamrock Plants and Shamrock Badges for sale.

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

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

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

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

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.*

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **James (Jimmy) Kane**, Sarsfield Park.
May he rest in peace.



St. Vincent de Paul

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

Medjugorje Mass 2023 St Mary Church, Lucan

Monday 13th March
Mass at 6.15pm

Rosary and Confessions at 5.45pm
Facebook Medjugorje mass lucan

St Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

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

St Mary's, Leixlip:

Sunday: 11.30am.
Tuesday: 10am

Services are available on our parish Facebook pages: [St. Andrew's Church, Lucan](#) or [St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)

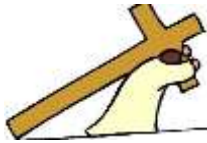
Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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.

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

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

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

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

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

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

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



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

A Contemplative Journey through Lent

Join us for prayer 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.

Tea/Coffee:

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



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.

R.I.P

Fr. Denis Carroll R.I.P.

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Fr. Denis, on Wednesday night last.

A kind, gentle and devout man, he will be fondly remembered by all his parishioners in Esker.

May he rest in peace.



Birthday Remembrances

KATHLEEN DURKIN

4th March 1914 – 28th May 2014

Always remembered by her loving family

TOM WELDON

97th Birthday – 6th March

Dad

Missing you on your 97th Birthday

A Dad's love is special

A gift beyond compare

You only know the meaning

When he is no longer there

A special time, a special face

A special Dad we cannot replace

With an aching heart we whisper low

We love you Dad and miss you so

Happy Heavenly Birthday.

Love Ann, Larry, Geraldine, Jackie, Paul, Breda and Kara and families xx



Anniversaries

WILLIAM ARTHUR MORRIS

10th Anniversary

(Dad)

It's been ten years since you fell asleep

Fond memories left for us to keep

Watch over all your family here

And guide us through another year

Loved and missed every day.

Your loving daughter Jean and son-in-law Dessie



WILLIAM ARTHUR MORRIS

10th Anniversary

(Granda Bill)

You read the Evening Herald

And the dictionary each day

That font of knowledge always meant

You knew just what to say

And while we miss your stories

And spending time with you

We cherish all the memories

And the laughs we all had too

Always in our hearts.

Lisa, Karen, Kevin and families

ROSEMARY (ROSE) GELENS

1st Anniversary – 7th March

In loving memory of Rosemary (Rose) Gelens (Hillcrest).

Remembering a wonderful wife,

mother, grandmother, sister and friend on her first anniversary.

Loving you is easy

We do it every day

Missing you is a heartache

That never goes away

Always in our hearts.

Loved and missed by Wilbert, Vincent, Claire,

Hilda, Audrey, Niall, Sophie, Caoimhe, extended 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.

Knock

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, Monday 27th March 2023. €599.00 per person sharing. Price includes return train, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board.

All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement €100.00.

Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre Walking Group

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre is located at Ballyowen Castle Shopping Centre, Castle Road, Lucan, Co. Dublin. A collaboration between South Dublin's Active Cities project and South Dublin County Council's Community Department led to the commencement of Ballyowen Castle Community Centre's Walking Group.



The group walks from the Community Centre around the Lucan area every Wednesday at 7-8pm, with weekly progression and various routes available to the group. This group also offers a chance to meet new people interested in participating in a fun, social and relaxed atmosphere.

Contact Peter, centre attendant in Ballyowen Castle Community Centre for more details (see poster below). A WhatsApp group is also available to join. If interested in joining, contact Lawrence Boran, Community Officer on 0861363008.

Women's Collective Ireland – Lucan is hosting its International Women's Day Celebration 2023

Join us on the **Monday the 6th March 2023** for a cup of coffee some CAKE and a chat about Fairness and Justice. This year we are raising money for Women's Aid as one of our core values is Women Supporting Women

Monday 06/03/2023, 10am -1pm

Ballyowen Community Centre

For more info, please contact us on
WhatsApp: 089 611 2018 / 083 860 7947
email: lucan@womenscollective.ie

Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi everyone,

We had fifty-five members at our Club meeting this week.

We were joined by Dr Linda Williams, a Forensic Scientist, who gave us a very interesting talk. We learned about DNA and how it's gathered and how it helps in court cases. You could've heard a pin drop as we all listened intently; Linda took questions from the floor and answered them as honestly as she could and in a language we could all understand. We have waited years to have her come and give us this talk. Linda is the daughter of our members, Dave and Phyl Williams and they must be so proud of her and her achievements to date.

Afterwards we had refreshments, card games, scrabble and table tennis and there was a brilliant buzz about the club today, everyone enjoying meeting people and chatting.

Health professionals were on the radio today advising older people to get back out there, re-join your clubs and groups, start meeting up with people and engaging again after lockdown. We need to do this for our own mental and physical health and our wellbeing.

We are in **St Andrew's Church Hall** just down from Stag Cycles which is a blue & yellow building. There's parking in the grounds of the Church and also a bus stop outside the Church gates. **Drop in on Wednesdays at 1.30pm till 4pm.**

Till next time,

Marian Egan (Club Secretary) 0861269043



In like a Lion, and out like a Lamb – is the saying about March. We'll wait and see, but in the meantime we can enjoy the beautiful Cherry Blossoms around Lucan – delightful!

Birdie took a spin on the new link road, from the Celbridge Road to what was the old Tandy's Lane. Hopefully it will ease the traffic congestion in the area.

Lucan's St. Patrick's Day Parade – We will have the running order in next week's issue. Meanwhile if you can give a dig out, they are looking for **volunteers to steward the parade** on the St. Patrick's Day. Please contact Caroline Brady 085 2551602 if you would like to help.





CHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Transition Year Song Writing Workshop: A number of our transition year students took part in a song writing workshop. During the Workshop the students wrote an original song and then shot a video on location to go with it. The students first came up with ideas for lyrics and then put a melody to that. The audio was then recorded and the students used a Storyboard to plan out the video. The scenes were recorded and the audio was aligned with the video. We look forward to seeing "No Man's Land" at TY Graduation.



Junior Hockey Team: Well done to our Junior Hockey team who had a great victory in their second match of the year. The girls played away to Raheny and had a fantastic 4-0 victory. Well done to everyone it was a great team effort.

Mock Orals: Well done to all our students who attended the Irish Mock Oral exam on Saturday and best of luck to all the students who will sit their modern foreign language exam this Saturday. We would also like to thank the teacher of these subject for organising these orals which are a vital part of the leaving certificate preparation.

First Year Parent Teacher Meeting: We held our first-year parent teacher meeting on Tuesday evening via zoom, it was great to connect with the first-year parents to discuss the progression of our first-year students.

Transition Year Subject Options: We ran a very successful Transition year subject options talk last week with each choice subject presenting for a 20-minute slot to give the students a better understanding to what their course entails for the leaving certificate. This is vital for the students in relation to choosing their subjects going into leaving certificate. We also held a subject options webinar for the transition year parents on Tuesday night via zoom.

Concern debating: Well done to our senior concern debating team who took part in their last 16 debate on Monday night against Scoil Dara, Kilcock. Mr. Smyth was very proud of his team and we should know the judge's verdict by the end of this week.

Junior Gaelic: Best of luck to our Junior Gaelic team who are back in action this week against St Wolstans College on Thursday.

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Follow us on
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[@stjosephscollegelucan](https://www.instagram.com/stjosephscollegelucan)

Follow us on:
www.stjosephslucan.com

Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade COMPETITION TIME

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



The winner will receive a family pass to come join us on the stand on St. Patrick's Day. All entries sent to us by **6th March** and the winner will be announced on the 10th March. Include the child's name and age. Best of luck everyone and we look forward to seeing all your colourful entries

Lucan Community College

Royal College of Surgeons Mini Med Programme

Transition Year students engaged in the RCSI Mini Med Programme over the last three days - a wonderful insight into all aspects of the medical world. From pathology to a real-life Caesarean section with a session on the HPAT 2025. Thanks to TY Coordinator Ms Higgins.

TY Student wins Baking Competition!

Congratulations to Isabel McKillop who won 1st Place in the Association of Teachers of Home Economics food category for the Déanta le Grá competition.

Intercounty Sporting Success for Ella

Congratulations to our 2nd year student Ella McGrath who lined out for the Dublin U14 team in their win away to Cork over the weekend! Ella is a fantastic role model who continues to make an outstanding contribution to sport in Lucan Community College.



ETB Week in Lucan Community College

This week in Lucan Community College we are celebrating ETB Week. Lucan Community College belongs to the Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board. We pride ourselves in sharing the core values of Respect, Excellence in Education, Care, Equality, and Community.

Saoirse represents Ireland!

A huge congratulations to TY student Saoirse Fitzgerald who represented Ireland at the DNA U20 meet in Madrid on Feb 22nd. Saoirse has made a fantastic contribution towards sport and athletics in both her school and local athletics club Lucan Harriers.

5th Year Options for 2023

Our guidance department along with Year Head Ms Casey and Deputy Principal Ms Malone have been busy in recent weeks preparing TY students in advance of their subject choice selection for 5th

Year. Subject teachers presented a subject options morning for students on Friday and an information evening was held for parents on Tuesday. Please see school website for a copy of the presentation. www.lucancc.ie



Gaisce Students take a step towards their Journey Award

Our Silver Gaisce Award students enjoyed activities in Zipit last week on the first day of their Adventure Journey. These students, accompanied by their teachers, also completed a hike along the Spinc in Glendalough in Wicklow.

ADAMSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

5KM & 10KM FUN RUN

SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2023

REGISTRATION FROM 9AM
RUN @ 11:00AM

SIGN UP VIA
WWW.POPUPRACES.IE

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MORE INFORMATION

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If any businesses would like to sponsor us, they can contact us at info.adamstowncc@ddletb.ie

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Hurling: Congratulations to our senior hurlers who claimed the Leinster Post Primary Schools Hurling "D" title on Monday after defeating Gallen CS, Ferbane, Offaly by the narrowest of margins in an unforgettable and dramatic Final. The match was played in The Downs GAA pitch in Mullingar with a very healthy crowd of supporters in attendance. Extra-time was needed to separate the teams and with just seconds remaining and the teams level, Lucan's Daragh Lyons kept his composure to strike a brilliant 65 yrd free between the post to give Lucan the victory on a score-line of 2-18 to 1-20. The team now face an All-Ireland semi-final against the Ulster champions this weekend. It was an excellent team performance with every player stepping up when it mattered most. Well done to the team and to the mentors Mr. Flynn and Mr. Lyons on their outstanding achievement and hopefully this is not the end of the journey for this remarkable group of players.



Basketball: Our 1st and 2nd yr basketball teams completed their group matches in the East Boys League last week. The 1st yrs were defeated 30-15 by Moyle Park despite an impressive 2nd 1-4 display from our lads to end their involvement in the competition.

Our 2nd yrs meanwhile finished top of their group on maximum points after two hugely impressive victories. On Wednesday, they faced Moyle Park, who had won all of their three previous group matches, in a top of the table clash. In a high-quality encounter, our team finished the game really strongly to pull away and win 41-30.

The team were out the next day again (Thursday 23rd Feb) as they faced St. Andrew's College. Lucan won easily 52-15 to secure top spot in the group with 4 straight wins.

As group winners, the team then faced St. Michael's College in the East Leinster region 1-4 finals on Tuesday. A blistering opening 1-4 saw Lucan open up what proved to be an unassailable 24-4 lead with the influential Aaron McCormack

scoring 10 points, Lewis Adjinakou adding a further 6. Noah Dolan and Cian Kelly also scored baskets as Lucan took complete control of the game. St. Michael's reduced the deficit to 9 points (26-17) by the end of the 2nd 1-4 but this was as close as they got as Lucan pulled away to win 58-27. The team will now face Castleknock Community College in the semi-finals.

Soccer: Our 1st yr soccer team were knocked out of the Dublin League after a 1-0 defeat to Holy Family Rathcoole in the Dublin West semi-final on Friday. In a very high standard game, Lucan thought they had gone in front in the 2nd half when David Andrews fired home from close range after a goal mouth scramble but the team's celebrations were cut short when the referee disallowed the goal for a foul on the Rathcoole goalkeeper. In a game of few chances, Rathcoole scored the winning goal from the penalty spot with 4 mins remaining to break Lucan hearts.

Football: Our 1st yr football team played Coláiste Éanna on Friday in their opening group stage

match of their Dublin League campaign. Missing some players due to the unfortunate clash with the 1st yr soccer match on the same day, an inexperienced team were well beaten on the day but there were some fine displays from Jack McCarney, Aaron Wall, Daniel Godson and Rory O'Connor. Coláiste Éanna won the game 8-10 to 2-04 so our

1st yrs know that only a victory will do in the 2nd and final group stage match against Templeogue.

Talks: Our TY and 6th yr students attended a talk on gambling from respected addiction counsellor Tony O'Reilly on Thursday. His own personal story is well-known to many as it was a high profile court case in the media a number of years ago. He was a well-liked and popular postmaster who began to steal money from his employers to fuel a gambling addiction that had taken over his life. By the time his theft was eventually discovered, he had stolen 1.75m euro from the post office. He was sentenced to four years in prison 10 years ago. Now he is fully accredited member of the Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy who travels to schools around the country to give talks to teenagers and share his own remarkable story. He spoke with raw honesty to the students and you could hear a pin drop such was the level of rapt attention in the canteen. We thank Tony for his talk look forward to welcoming him back again in the near future.

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



Seachtain na Gaeilge. In March we celebrate the Irish language, culture and heritage:

Saturday 4th March, 2pm. Ceol agus Craic with Sean and Claire. Come along and celebrate Irish culture through music, song and dance. Fun for all the family! All Welcome.

Monday 13th March, 11am. Irish Connect Cafe - all welcome for cupán tae and the cúpla focal! A great opportunity to have fun re-visiting the Irish language you may have fallen out of practice with.



Tuesday 14th March, 7pm. History of the Irish Language - a talk by Patricia Fogarty. Find out about old Irish, modern Irish and the decline of the language particularly from the late 17th century to its revival in the late 19th century to its position in today's Irish society

Book via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-history-of-the-irish-language-tickets-566525512057>

Thursday 16th March, 3.30pm. Irish History Live with Mike Moylan - the History of St Patrick. In this entertaining and interactive show on the history of the St. Patrick (him who got rid of all the snakes!), Patron Saint of Ireland, Mike Moylan will take the audience through all the customs and worldwide celebrations around St. Patrick's Day. Mike is always popular as he brings history to life with items from the tin

Booking essential via Eventbrite from Thursday 9th March at 3.30pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/irish-history-live-the-story-of-st-patrick-tickets-566803623897>

Visit www.snag.ie to discover all the events taking place in Dublin to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge.



Monday 6th March, 7pm. Natural Well-Being for Perimenopause and Menopause with Siobhan Daffy

Siobhan Daffy is a natural health practitioner and author with 20 years' experience of helping people overcome their health challenges so they can experience dynamic wellbeing. Her 1:1 practice specialises in perimenopause and menopause, and the health issues that arise as part of this. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Monday 27th February at 7pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-transformative-power-of-perimenopause-and-menopause-with-siobhan-daffy-tickets-532269009937>

Wednesday 8th March, 7pm

Build a Book Club Information Session

Are you trying to start a book club in your community or with your friends? The staff at Lucan Library are here to help! Come along to this information session where we will share a toolkit for setting up and running a book club – how to choose titles, conversation prompts and lots more. Did you know that South Dublin Libraries have a collection of books specifically for book clubs, with multiple copies of a title? We can offer lots of support to budding book clubs, so come along to this information session and hear all about it! All welcome.

Tuesday 21st March, 7pm. Night Sky Photography - Getting Started with DSR

Photography with photographer Anthony Lynch Anthony Lynch will share his stunning Night Sky photographs and his many tips and tricks on how to capture such wonderful images. Anthony is a self-taught Photographer with a passion for landscape and night sky photography. He loved astronomy before he ever got a camera and he loves to teach people about the night sky and the stories about the stars and constellations.

Shooting during a meteor shower and capturing one on camera going 90,000 km per hour or getting a shot of the milky way from a dark site or the space station passing over or a comet in the sky is just a great feeling! This talk is part of the inaugural Irish Astronomy Week. Find out more at www.irishastronomyweek.ie. Booking via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Wednesday 1st March at 2pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/getting-started-with-astrophotography-tickets-565161672777>

Events for Babies and Toddlers: Tuesday 7th March at 10.30am. Musical Tots with Karen Donnellan. Booking essential from Wednesday 1st March at 10.30am:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-at-lucan-library-with-karen-tickets-555093257877?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Lucan Library Scrabble Club

Tuesday 14th March 11am - all welcome.

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, from 2nd-16th March.



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Doddsboro / Gandon – Road Markings: A number of residents raised the issue of incorrectly ‘positioned’ road arrow markings painted at the junction of Doddsboro Road and Woodview Heights. I have submitted a report to the council in this regard ahead of the next local area traffic management meeting. Separately, I have requested examination of the possible requirement for a ‘yellow box’ at the junction of Gandon Crescent and Doddsboro Road on behalf of residents. This will include the need for double yellow lines on the corner.

Airlie Park – Opening: Whilst no definitive date has yet been provided, the likelihood for the opening of the new Airlie Park in Lucan will be early summer. There are still some completion works in progress and some further ‘seeding’ time is required.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Science Blast: It was great to meet the children from Lucan who participated in the ESB Science Blast event in the RDS this week. This is the largest primary STEM programme in Europe. It is a free, non-competitive education programme for primary schools (3rd to 6th Class), that involves the whole class investigating the science behind a simple question. Well done to Lucan CNS, Scoil Mhuire, Scoil Aine Naofa and Gaescoil Naomh Pádraig who were among those who exhibited.

Credit Unions: I welcome new legislation that will see credit unions grow as a key provider of community banking. The legislation, currently before the Dáil, will enable a wider availability of products across credit unions and enable members to access the widest possible range of financial services through their local branch.

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Minister Darragh O’Brien in Adamstown

& Clonburris: I was delighted to welcome Minister for Housing Darragh O’Brien TD to Lucan this week on his visit to Adamstown and Clonburris.

Alongside the Mayor Cllr. Emma Murphy, the Minister opened the new Celbridge Link Road,

viewed the ongoing work at the new Airlie Park which will open in the coming months and the Crossings in Adamstown and saw firsthand the work that is underway at the new Clonburris SDZ.

Griffeen River: Thanks to South Dublin County Council who have responded to my request to remove the dumping and debris from the Griffeen. Aside from being a blight on one of our most beautiful natural features, dumping in the river can affect drainage as well. I have been told that vegetation will be addressed when the nesting season ends in September.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty - Independent

“Not just at election time”

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Right turn arrow boxes at entrance to Woodview

Heights: Several people have got in touch with me about these boxes which do not appear to be standard design and are causing a lot of confusion. I have this down as an item for the next available meeting, but this will not be for several weeks and the hope is that the Council will inspect in the interim.

Parked vehicles blocking pedestrians and buggies/wheelchairs on Lucan Road near car dealership:

I have raised this issue and it is on the agenda for the next Traffic Management meeting. It should be possible for the Gardai to deal with this matter, but if it persists then physical barriers such as flexible cones may be required.

Noise review along Outer Ring Road and elsewhere:

A survey is underway with public consultation to follow.

Liona O’Toole – Independent. P.C.

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The Old School House: I am repeatedly asked for the updates in regards to the Old School House, the reply I received is as before: As previously advised, terms and conditions have been agreed on the purchase of this property but progress has stalled due to unforeseen circumstances. The Councils efforts and legal engagement on the matter are ongoing.

Griffeen Park Pavilion: This is the latest update received from council management: The Single-operator Framework for the construction of pavilions came to its specified completion date and, due to market volatility, construction inflation and the need to de-risk the project, the Framework was not extended and is now closed. Following discussion with the design team, it was agreed to retender the construction of Griffeen Valley Pavilion. The tender is completed, and tender assessment is currently underway for the construction of the pavilion.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Don't forget you can send all your news to the PRO to help promote our club, your team, highlight any special performances and generally show everyone what a great and fun place Lucan Sars is for our members. Email: pro.lucansarsfields.dublin@gaa.ie

Reminder that Adult Awards night on the 3rd March, throw in is 20:30 in the club, look forward to seeing you all there and celebrating your achievements in 2022.

Football

Congratulations to Abby Shiels who played for Dublin in their 2-11 to 2-07 league victory over Mayo last Saturday. Great to see Daire Newcombe starting again for Dublin in their win over Clare in a double header that featured Chris O'Leary for the Dublin Senior Hurling in Croke Park.

Lucan Sarsfields Minor B LF welcomed St Bronagh's GAA club Rostrevor from County Down on Saturday the 18th of February for a challenge match to kick off the season. Rostrevor turned up in their own very impressively labelled GAA minibus. Lucan sportingly supplied two players Emma Kavanagh and Kamile Bertonas to Rostrevor who had a few players unavailable on the day. Lucan's two players then scored 5 points and 1 point against the home side! Niamh White Captained the team for Lucan. Goals from the Keller sisters from Lucan made a very exciting game with plenty of scores on all sides. Dylan from Rostrevor refereed ensuring no injuries and a game that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks to the parents for the sandwiches and cakes which were appreciated by our guests.

Hurling Lucan fielded 5 adult hurling teams for the first time this Sunday as the new season commenced with the opening rounds of the Leagues. Our seniors obtained a draw away to St Brigid's, the Junior As had a good win in Donabate against St Pats while there were narrow losses for the Intermediates, Junior Bs and Junior Cs.

AHL Div 1: St Brigids 0-19 Lucan Sarsfields 0-19. Russell Park, 26/2/2023. Lucan

Team/Scorers: S McClelland, P Smith, P Rigney, M McCaffrey, C Walsh, J McCaffrey, L Walsh, D Flannery (0-4), R Stapleton, E Dowling (0-1), C McHugh (0-3), H Cuffe, S Harkness, C Dowling (0-9, 0-5f), C Keher (0-1). **Subs** introduced: E O'Connor (0-1), R Smith, S Coffey.



AHL Div 9: Na Gaeil Óga 3-7 Lucan Sarsfields 0-14, St Catherine's Park 26/2/2023

Team & Scorers: J Myler; E Power, P Farrell, C O'Neill; C Hannon, T Swords, D Lawlor; J McCarthy (0-2), C Ryan; J Brant, F Breen (0-10f), R Brant (0-1); G Kennedy, J Cavanagh, R Campion; J Mooney (0-1).

Juvenile/Coiste na nÓg

Congratulations also to Ella McGrath who played for the Dublin U14 team in their victory away to Cork and Chloe Doyle and Kate O'Brien who played for the Dublin U14s in their victory away to Westmeath last Saturday.

U15A Camogie

Lucan Sarsfields survived to secure a win with the final score line of 3-10 to 4-2
Next game in the league is away to Na Fianna.

U8 Football

The under 8 girls football had their first challenge match of the year with St Jude's in Tymon park. On a cold February morning we had 35 girls, 11 mentors and countless parents, guardians, aunts, uncles and grandparents travelled with us for what was a very enjoyable morning.



Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €14,600. The Numbers were **1, 11, 18, 22.**

The 5 lucky dip prizes go to, Patty Moore, Jack

Christal, Mags McCabe, Pdraig O'Driscoll and Patty Moore.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€15,000.** The draw is sponsored by Lucan Village Pharmacy and will be led by Diarmuid Dawson.

Tá €15,000 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine: 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





Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Buachaillí Faoi 8 - Peil

Trí chluiche iontach
peile in aghaidh
Geraldine P Moran do
na buachaillí faoi 8. Bhí

sárscileanna á taispeáint acu. Rinne gach imreoir éacht.



Buachaillí Faoi 11 - Peil

Dhá chluiche chrua do na buachaillí...Is foireann
peile an-láidir iad Naomh Peadar. Bhí a bhfoirne
inniu ró-láidir dúinn....agus níor chabhraigh an
ghaoth sa chéad leath!

Bhí sé go hiontach na lads a fheiceáil ag imirt go
deireadh an dá chluiche agus foghlaimoidh siad
ón méid a tharla.

Bhíomar ag obair go dian le coicís anuas, mar sin
tá a fhios agam go mbeidh díomá ar na buachaillí
anocht, ach ar aghaidh linn go dtí an chéad
chluiche eile.

Cailíní F10 - Peil

Ar an Satharn bhí tús iontach ag na cailíní F 10
leis an séasúr. Míle buíochas Garda
Westmanstown Gaels.

Cailíní F14 - Camogie

Tugadh cuireadh dúinn anonn go bóthar Mhullach
Íde chun cluiche dúshláin camógaíochta a
thabhairt do Naomh Uinseann.

Léirigh na cailíní faoi 14 an-mhuinín agus spiorad
foirne ar an bpáirc agus tástáladh na leibhéil
aclaíochta. Níor ghéill na cailíní riamh!

Bhí Ruby Ní Fhoghlú mar chaptaen ar an
bhfoireann agus léirigh sí aibíocht iontach.

Léirigh Eve Ní Fhairceallagh muinín mhór as a
cuid scileanna a úsáid ar an bpáirc. D'oibrigh
Irina Ó Chonchbhaír & Sophie Bennett go dian ag
cosaint. D'oibrigh Alva McGuinness is Aoibhinn
ní Ailpín go maith le chéile ar dtús. Rinne Aoibhe
ní Léanacháin is Noreen Ignais go hiontach sna
cúilíní. Maith sibh gach duine ♡♡

Na Gaeil Óga 5-6, Naomh Uinseann 2-3

We were invited over to Malahide road to play St.
Vincent's in a Camogie challenge match, The u14
girls showed great confidence and team spirit on
the pitch and fitness levels were tested but the
girls never gave up.

Ruby Ní Fhoghlú captained the team well and
showed great maturity. Eve Ní Fhairceallagh
showed increased confidence in using her skills
on the pitch. Irina Ó Chonchbhaír & Sophie
Bennett worked hard in defence. Alva
McGuinness & Aoibhinn ní Ailpín worked well
together up front. Aoibhe Ní Léanacháin &
Noreen Ignais did great in goals
Well done everyone

Na Gaeil Óga 5-6, St. Vincent's 2-3



SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Kate and Saoirse fly the Flag

It was truly a memorable week for two of Lucan Harriers young athletes, an opportunity to wear the green vest.



Saoirse Fitzgerald and Kate O'Connell travelled to Madrid to compete in the inaugural U20 DNA Indoor Athletics Meeting on the 22nd of February where Ireland took on Great Britain, France, Spain, Portugal and the Czech Republic.

The DNA is a new team- based format with teams earning points based on finishing positions in a number of track events. The event then culminates with the Hunt relay where teams are set off in time intervals based on the points they have won in the other events. It is an unusual and novel event that captured the imagination of many in the athletics community

Saoirse took part in an extremely competitive 800m and had a great run to finish 4th in a very fast 2:10.89, with only 2 seconds separating the top 4, earning 6 points for Team Ireland.

Kate then ran superbly in the 400m leg of the Hunt gaining on the French team and helping Ireland to a 5th place finish.

It is great for Lucan Harriers to have 2 athletes selected to represent their club and country on the European stage with hopefully many more selected to do so in the future. We also had a third athlete Eve Noctor picked on the squad, who unfortunately didn't get to run but a very significant achievement nonetheless. We have no doubt that all three girls will be making a habit of

representing their country in the future as they have done in the past.

Everyone at the club is so very proud of you and your achievements. It really was a very proud moment for the girls, their families the club and the whole community. Well done ladies and wishing you further success in the future.

Saoirse Fitzgerald, just before her trip to Madrid also ran the 400m heat and got through to semi-final.

Out and about in Limerick

Eileen O'Brien travelled to Limerick to the Adare 10K and didn't come back empty handed, she came home 1st in her category O70, well done young lady always an inspiration.



Throwing Meeting

Our neighbours in Dunboyne AC held their annual throws meeting at their track, it's a preseason warm up for those competing in the throwing events. Pearse Carberry is concentrating solely on the Javelin this year. His training is going well and shows in his throws this weekend when he threw 32.40 m a Personal Best and a two- meter improvement on this time last year. Our own throwing Wonder Woman Katriona Power 1st in the Discus and 2nd in the shot, great to have non running athletes competing so well.

National Duathlon Series Gerry and Will Byrne were back in Naas for another round of the National Duathlon Series on Sunday! The race is held over 3km run/ 20km bike/ 3km run. Both raced well, Gerry finishing 114th and Will 13th from a big field and both scored well in the National Series in their respective categories!

Indoor meeting On Friday night at the last of the NIA indoor meetings in Abbottstown Pbs all round for Lisa Ward and Claire Rigney in the 800m and for John Healy and Luis Alegre Batalla in the 400m. These are non-championship indoor races to give athletes a taste of indoor running as well as experienced racers who use them as part of their training plans.

The following Morning Lisa was out in Malahide at the parkrun, running a PB of 18.45 in the process.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Members of the group headed off to the very interesting photographic retrospective of the work of the Yorkshire born photographer Mick Bunn, entitled "The Man Who Sees Through Shadows" in Farmleigh last Friday. The photographer began his love affair with Ireland in the late 1960s and this country later became his adopted home. There are over 130 prints in the exhibition and everybody was very impressed with what they saw. The exhibition runs until 19th March.

This week our photographers have submitted photographs from Lanzarote, believed to have been the first of the Canary Islands to be settled, Lisbon and Wicklow.



Paddy and Donal were in Wicklow and Donal submitted photos of what he calls Wicklow's hidden waterfall – Coolalingo Waterfall located in Glenmalure.



While in Wicklow they took in Glendalough renowned for an Early Medieval monastic



settlement founded in the 6th century by St. Kevin.

You learn something every day and apparently today Glendalough is a titular see (*i.e. a diocese that no longer exists*) within the Catholic Church, and is used for bishops who hold no ordinary power of their own, and thus are titular bishops.



Diarmuid Martin, former archbishop of Dublin was consecrated titular Archbishop of Glendalough from 2001 to 2004 when he was appointed the Holy See's Permanent Observer at the United Nations Office at Geneva and other Specialised Agencies there, including the World Trade Organization.

Until next week stay safe!