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Sunday 28th May 2023

Aontas Choir



Those of you who attend Mass in St. Mary's or St. Patrick's in Lucan may have encountered the Aontas Choir. They are a talented group of young people who formed in 2017 and have grown from strength to strength since then. Musically they are versatile and talented and they bring a great enthusiasm, and an obvious sense of enjoyment, to all that they do. Their membership reflects the cultural diversity of modern Ireland and is great to see. The word 'Aontas' itself means unity.

They have three times appeared on the Sunday Mass broadcast from the RTE studios in Donnybrook, firstly in June of 2021 with Fr. Pius as celebrant, and again in September 2022, and most recently on May 7th just past, when I celebrated the Mass with them. The producer of the broadcast was highly complementary of their musical talent and commitment.

They have sung in the Round Room of the Mansion House at the Lord Mayor's Charity ball, and were invited at Christmas to appear on Virgin Media's Ireland AM singing Christmas songs and carols.

In August of 2021 they embarked on a youth development trip to Donegal where they formed a sister group with the junior choir in Fanad. In July of 2022 they headed north again to Fanad, singing again in St Mary's and St. Columba's in Donegal, here they hiked to the Great Arch and to Fanad lighthouse. This year several members will travel to the World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal.

We truly are blessed in our parishes to have such a talented and faith-filled group of young people at the service of the liturgy. Their choice of music is always tasteful and appropriate.

As a group they are always open to new members both singers and musicians.

They practice on Wednesday evenings in St. Patrick's Church from 7.00 – 8.30pm
Anyone interested in joining the group can either approach Adam Hodgkinson after any of their Masses, or contact him by email at:
aontaschoir@gmail.com

At present they sing regularly at 9:00 am Masses in St. Patrick's and occasionally at 10:30 am and at 7:00 pm in St. Mary's (usually on the 2nd Sunday of the month.)



Philip Curran, St. Mary's and 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.

Drugs Payment Scheme

Under the Drugs Payment Scheme, you and your family only have to pay a maximum of €80 each month for approved prescribed drugs and medicines, and certain appliances.

You can apply for the Drugs Payment Scheme online and by post.

Who can apply for the Drugs Payment Scheme?

You must be living in Ireland and intend to live here for a minimum of one year (ordinarily resident).

If you have a medical card you should have reduced prescription charges and so you are not eligible for the Drug Payment Scheme.

The scheme is based on the monthly cost of prescription drugs, medicines and certain appliances for you and:

Your spouse or partner

Your children if they are aged under 18 (or under 23 if in full-time education)

A family member with a physical or intellectual disability or mental illness who cannot maintain themselves fully. You need to include a medical report for the family member who cannot maintain themselves.

How the Drugs Payment Scheme works

After you register for the scheme, you will get a plastic swipe card for each person named on the registration form. You should show this card

whenever you collect your medication or appliances from the pharmacy.

The HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Service provides a list of medicines or aids provided under the Drugs Payment Scheme. Appliances covered include positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine and rental costs for oxygen.

If a reference price has been set for the drugs you are prescribed, the HSE uses this price to calculate your monthly drugs costs.

How to apply for the Drugs Payment Scheme

Apply online

You can apply for the Drugs Payment Scheme online at mydps.ie.

Apply by post

To apply by post, you can get a form in one of the following ways:

Download and print a copy of the Drug Payment Scheme Application Form (pdf)

Get a paper application form sent to you by calling 0818 22 44 78 (LoCall)

Get an application form from your Local Health Office

Finally, post your completed form to the address provided below.

Drugs Payment Scheme Client Registration

Unit, PO Box 12966, Dublin 11

Locall: 0818 224 478

Using the card

You should use the same pharmacy in a month to avoid paying more than the maximum €80. You do not have to register with a pharmacy for the scheme.

More information is available on our website

Lucan Garda Station

is hosting

Afternoon Tea

for



**Lucan Alzheimers
Social Club**

**On Wednesday next 31st May
from 1.30 to 3.30pm.**

In St Marys Parish Centre



Entertainment provided by

The Garda Band

All welcome

LUCAN TOASTMASTERS

Do you want 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 have only 2 meetings left before our Summer break, only 2 meetings to find out what we're all about.

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, June 1st, where a warm welcome awaits you. For further details, check out our Facebook 'Lucan Toastmasters' our website at www.lucantoastmasters.com or email us at vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com



Lucan Active Retirement Association

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

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

Join us in a reserved suite at Fairyhouse Racecourse on June 1st for a great day out.

Lucan ICA

Monday 29th May: All ladies very busy finishing up their crochet, knitting and embroidery.

Tea hostesses for Monday are Mary and Marie.

We are looking forward to attending the Lucan drama and dinner as we celebrate our 57th birthday in ICA.

We would like to remember those in hospital and in the nursing homes at this present time.

Pauline



Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 24th May, we had our first outing since Covid, to the Arboretum in Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow.

On route we stopped at Toughers of Naas for delicious scones / tea / coffee. On arrival at The Arboretum we were greeted by an amazing display of colourful plants. However the fashion shopping won over the plant shopping. Some serious pension money was spent in the fashion department. We were so busy we forgot to take photos!

Wednesday 31st May: St. Mary's Parish Centre 10.30 – 12.30: **Basket and Container demo** by Tess from Lucan Garden Centre.

All proceeds to the Hospice.

Happy Birthday
Barbara!

Enjoy your special day



**CARE OF ELDER
AND MEDICATION MANAGEMENT
DEMENTIA EVENING**
INFORMATION & SUPPORT EVENINGS

Marymount Dementia Team will welcome
Dr. Tony Feeney and ANP Edel Carey to
discuss the challenges when caring for
someone with Dementia.

**THURSDAY
1ST JUNE**

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

**BOOK
NOW**

+353 1 820 4500
rita@mmcc.ie

Women's Collective Ireland invite you to their first hosting of a **Multicultural Women's Breakfast**

Date : Wednesday 31/05/2023

Time: 10.00am-12.00pm

Where: Adamstown Community Centre
K78X6V9

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times: Saturday

Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Best wishes to the boys of *St Mary's Boys N.S.* who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday 27th May.

Enjoy your special day.



Divine Mercy Devotion:

With the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Jesus, through St Faustina, opened the way for us to communicate directly with the Father, seeking Mercy for ourselves and for the whole world. Although there is an enormous gap between the Creator and the created, this prayer allows us to breach that gap.

Jesus gave us to understand how much this prayer, directed to God the Father, means. Through this wonderful prayer, an individual soul gets extraordinary power to beg the Eternal Father's forgiveness on the world.

We know that the Almighty protects us all and the Chaplet prayed directly to Him is so powerful, it benefits the world greatly, each time we say it. It makes this prayer so special, that it must surely be among the highest form of prayer.

The Chaplet to Divine Mercy is prayed every Wednesday morning in St Mary's Church after 10am Mass (unless there is a funeral)

Would you consider joining us to pray for God's Mercy?

Divine Mercy Lucan devotion St Mary's Parish Lucan.

Christian Meditation: We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.

All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

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

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

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

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.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel: After Saturday 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Coffee Dock Open: Every Sunday Morning and Weekdays 10am to 12 noon. *All 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

Best wishes to the boy and girls Of *St John the Evangelist, Adamstown Educate Together and Esker Educate Together*, who will make their First Holy Communion this Saturday 27th May.

Hope you all have a lovely day.



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

Confessions: Confessions after Saturday 10am and 7pm Masses.

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

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

For the month of May, we will say the Holy Rosary at **11:40am on Sundays** (before the 12pm Mass) to remember Our Lady in a special way.

Weekday Masses: Mon.-Fri. 9:15am. Sat. 10am

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Best Wishes to the pupils of **Lucan Community N.S. and Lucan East Educate Together** who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday 27th May.

Hope you all have a lovely day.



May Saturday Morning Mass – 9.15am

Because of First Holy Communions and Confirmations, the Saturday Morning Mass during the remainder of May will be celebrated at **9.15am**

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

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

Prayers of the Church: Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

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

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

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions every Saturday 5.45pm and after Saturday evening Mass.



Hospice Sunflower Days



Harold's Cross Blackrock Wicklow
Respite Rehabilitation Resurgence

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO FOR HOSPICE SUNFLOWER DAYS?

Sunflower Days is one of Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services most important fundraising events of the year!

- Our volunteers will be returning to shopping centres all over South Dublin on **Friday 9th and Saturday 10th June**.
- We are currently recruiting volunteers for South Dublin – a few hours can make all the difference!
- Please contact Anne Harrington on **087 6764586** or aharrington@olh.ie



Medjugorje Mass 2023 St Mary Church, Lucan

Next Mass

Monday 5th June

Mass at 6.15pm

Rosary and Confessions at
5.45pm

Facebook Medjugorje mass lucan

Acknowledgement



Linda Ruane

The family of Linda Ruane would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who sympathised and sent Mass cards on the death of our dear Linda.

A sincere thank you to all who attended the funeral.

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

Jonathon Heffernan

37th Anniversary – 29th May

Love and miss you
Jonathon every day
of these long years.
Mam and Chris

Breeda Sullivan

15th Anniversary – 28th May

In loving memory of Breeda.
*Remembered with love and missed every
day by your husband, family and friends.*

Anniversaries



Frank Curtis

14th Anniversary – 25th May

Death leaves a heartache
No one can heal
Love leaves a memory
No one can steal.
Miss you every day.
*Love always, Eileen, Scott, Annie, Aideen, Liam,
and grandchildren Daniel, LJ and Lara.*

Richie Declan Delamere

1st Anniversary away from home – 28th May

Loving you is easy Dad
We do it every day
Missing you is the heartache
That never goes away
*Sadly missed and always remembered by
Ian, Ashley, Lauren and Abbie.*

Bridget Finn

37th Anniversary – 31st May

In loving memory of a beloved wife and
mother *Bridget*.
You left us beautiful memories
Your love is still our guide
And although we cannot see you
You are always by our side
Your life was a blessing
Your memory a treasure
You are loved beyond words
And missed beyond measure
*Forever in our hearts Mam,
From Eddie, Angela, Edward, Les, Ken and
families xx*



Brian Hennessy

45th Anniversary – 31st May

Lovingly remembered by all his family xx



Birthday Remembrance

Sandra Whelan (nee Corrigan)

3rd Birthday away from home – 01st June

‘Those we love don’t go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed
And very dear’

Happy 45th Birthday to our Angel

*Thinking of our beautiful Sandra,
Forever in our hearts,
With love from your Family xx*

Notice: Please note there is **NO** charge for
acknowledgement, anniversary, etc notices.

Esker Cemetery Sunday

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

All Ireland Rosary Rally in

Knock - The All Ireland Rosary Rally will
take place on **Saturday June 3rd from 1pm** in
Knock. It will include Holy Mass, the Rosary, the
Stations of the Cross and a talk by Bishop Oliver
Doeme. The Main Celebrant for the Holy Mass is
Archbishop Eamon Martin. A bus will leave from
Dublin.
Please book your seat early to avoid
disappointment. **Ring Loirín: 087 241 2611**



What beautiful weather

we are having at last, and Lucan is looking splendid with shrubs of various colours dotted all over the place – a particularly spectacular place to view nature at its best is in Lucan Demesne – Wow!



The "beautiful blue Shrub" on Lower Tandy's Lane referred to in last week's Newsletter is **California Lilac** also known as *Ceanothus*. It is a tree/ shrub consisting about 50 species and is nitrogen fixing i.e. puts nitrogen into the soil.

Thanks to Michael B. who sent in the above information, much appreciated. The planters certainly knew what they were doing!



Paul Cleary was enchanted by the Phoenix Park! A stone's throw from Lucan and what a great amenity it is. Chesterfield Avenue links the Parkgate Street gate with the Castleknock Gate. The avenue is lined with the traditional gas lamps which were first erected in 1859 by the Hibernian Gas Company. The lamps were refurbished in 1987. At dusk it's magical to see the lamps coming to life.

Congratulations

to our grandson **Sean**
who will be confirmed this Friday.

Hope you have a lovely day.
Love Nanny and Grandad Cummins.



The Bright Days (21.5.23)

As voluptuous May envelops the land perfumed whitethorn wars the air – a couple of Bumblebees rescued from Spider's web take flight and Birdsong is a hymn to the universe.

Swans long "prenuptial" grooming in reeds at promenade, swims against the river and scrambles up the cascade to quieter waters.

The urban markets tapestry of colour and good food invites us to partake alfresco.

A happy encounter with young "Jack" who studies piano for 5 years – loves Chopin – is at school in Rathcoole.

So good to see Lucan House and grounds being returned to the State after a long sojourn in the care of our gracious Italian Ambassadorial families – an eventual solution to Agmondisham Vesey's sad wall.

Perhaps one day the Lucan parklands will re-join the ancient Sarsfield estate!!

Farmleigh's Alpaca accommodates couple of Jackdaws, tentative trips to their hosts' curly fleece.

Phoenix Park's Ashtown area is being prepared for Bloom Festival, while an excellent exhibition at the visitor centre is devoted to the Life of the Duke of Wellington (family name Wellesley), born near Trim – schooled at Academy in Grafton St. (now Bewleys) – sent to Eton, age 12 years and then to Anvers where he excelled in equestrian events at a young age and so on.

Abbey Theatre's re-incarnation in the newly decorated river-front property with railings restored. And re-gilded – a happy event an upcoming contemporary dance programme – exciting.

So good to see the damaged paths in the Demesne and Vesey Park resurfaced.

Why, Oh Why is barbed wire "permitted" at golf club side of walkway from "Farmers gate" to bridge – So dangerous.

And why is rainwater drain at bus stop near clinic by Ball Alley not cleared out – area floods after rainfall.

"Here on the pulse of a new day may we have the grace to look up and out and say very simply with hope, 'Good morning'"

Maya Angelou

Brida L.C.

Lucan Drama presents **WAR** by Roddy Doyle

Once again Lucan Drama presented an excellent performance at The Spa Hotel this week. A cast of 16 took to the stage mostly all at once. They opened with a Pub scene at The Hikers Rest (*more commonly known at The Gaza Strip*) all getting ready for the weekly Pub Quiz. It focuses on 3 teams: Bertie's Team, George's Team and Yvonne's Team.

It then switches to the Finnegans' kitchen where George (*John Carabini*) takes the quiz very seriously constantly getting his wife Bridget (*Lisa Neville*) to ask him questions in preparation for the weekly quiz. Bridget's facial expressions were priceless.



Kitchen Scene

Throughout the play, scenes switch between the pub and the kitchen. When the Quiz finally starts Quiz Master (*Joe Dignam Brady*) tries to keep control with hilarious results.

The rivalry between Bertie's Team and George's team ends in fisty-cuffs. And when it comes down to a tie breaker George's team triumphs for the first time in years and wins a kettle each.

The language throughout is not for the feint hearted.



*George's and Yvonne's Teams
Bertie's Team*



A lot of hard work went into producing this play and all the cast of 16 put in a stellar performance. It was great to see so many new faces in the cast.

Congrats to all at Lucan Drama on another great production.

A.N.



SCHOOL NEWS



completing block classes before they commence their state exams on the 7th of June. Finally our Transition Year group will remain with us this week and are having an activity week with trips to Blanchardstown and Dundrum planned prior to their Graduation on Thursday 1st of June. School will finish for all students on Friday the 2nd of June.

St. Joseph's College

4A4 Bake Sale: Well done to Lana Brennan, Ailbhe McGillicuddy, Abbie de Lacy, Ciara Sammon and Sive Keogh for raising a total of €1,000 for the Children's Health Foundation. This was made possible through the efforts of the TY's involved and students of all year groups who baked and purchased cakes on the day.



The generosity and kindness of staff and students at St. Joseph's College will help children in various hospitals around the country. Today, Laura Hill from the Children's health Foundation came to present Ms. Fitzgerald, Ms. Dunne, Ms. Day and the group of TY's involved with a cheque to recognize their efforts.

Special Assemblies: Our Special Assemblies will take place this week for all our Year Groups. These awards are Teacher nominated awards for special contributions by students within subject areas. Well done to all who receive an award this week.

6th Year Graduation Mass: On Wednesday our 6th year group will have their graduation Mass, this is a significant moment as it symbolises the end of their school life in St Joseph's College after 6 Years. We are so proud of this group who have adapted to everything thrown at them and have now graduated from St Joseph's College. They celebrated with their parents at a special ceremony in school after the graduation Mass. Well Done to the Class of 2023.

In House Exams: Our Summer exams begin this week for our 1st, 2nd and 5th year students and we wish them well for these exams. Our 3rd and 6th year students will be in school this week

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Art Workshop

**Make Decorations
for the Festival Tent
With Elena Buttner,
for ages 7-11 years**

Lucan Library

Monday 29th May at 3.30pm

**Booking Essential at
Eventbrite from Monday
22nd May at 3.30pm:**

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/ruaille-buaille-art-session-with-elena-for-children-aged-7-11-years-old-tickets-630862646157>



Once again we will have a spectacular FIREWORKS display **on Fri 8 September** starting at approx 9pm. The weir is again the location and spectators will be on the opposite bank of the Liffey ie Weirview.

Liffey Sound will be broadcasting live from one of the gardens of the Weirview houses to add to your enjoyment.

We would request any residents' cars to temporarily park their cars further up their road towards Bleach Green for the duration of the display.

Many thanks to the residents of Weirview for their co-operation since we started the Fireworks.



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Awards Night: The annual Coláiste Phádraig Awards Night was held in the school on Monday 22nd May. The Sports Hall was once again packed with over 500 people in attendance as parents, family, friends, students and staff gathered together to celebrate a whole host of award winners at the biggest event in the school calendar. In total, over 280 awards were given out to 225 students.

The opening awards were for academic excellence, with beautiful glass plaques presented to one student from each year group for each academic subject.

The majority of awards on the night were non-academic, with awards for the BT Young Scientists, the Student Council, Mark O' Neill Student of the Month winners, Gaeilgeoirí na Míosa winners, Class Tutor awards, Young Economists of the Year, Money Smarts, well-being awards, Green Schools, Inclusion Week, sports awards, effort and application, positive attitudes, co-operation and courtesy merits awards, Visual Art Creativity and overcoming adversity to name but a selection of the awards!

Bliss Asayande won the coveted **Ryan McKeown Perpetual Shield** for outstanding contribution to English class throughout the year. Bliss

2nd yr Lewis Adjinakou won the **Sports Star of the Year Award** in recognition of his outstanding displays for the 2nd yr and u16 basketball team, including scoring the winning free throws in the last 7 secs of the 2nd yr All Ireland Final! Players from the various winning teams were also invited up on stage to collect the trophies/shields won by their teams during the year with 3 important basketball titles and 3 hurling titles on display.

Ben Gilson won the **Transition Year Student of the Year Award** in recognition of his all-round contribution to TY.

Edward Phelan, Pádraic O' Brien, Philip Olszanowski, Tyler Doherty and Matthew Barnes all won **From Each, His Best awards** for their year groups in recognition of giving of their best at all times in every aspect of school life while Matthew also won the overall award.

Jacob Graza and Ryan Bayly were joint winners of the overall **Padraic Naughton Award** for their all-round contribution to school life throughout the year.

The main award of the night, **The Tommy Brennan Student of the Year**, was won by 6th yr Eoin Kilduff, who got a sustained standing ovation from all in attendance.

An enjoyable night was had by all and thanks to Ms. Shanahan and Ms. O' Leary who done a great job introducing and presenting the awards throughout the evening, and to Ms. Casey for her fantastic work preparing and distributing the awards.

Many thanks also to Vivienne Ralph from Diamond & Gem Jewellers in Lucan who provided all of the awards for the ceremony and was a constant support right up until the last few frenzied hours of preparation!

Music Club: Some of our musicians gathered together on the news school zebra crossing on Monday to recreate The Beatles' iconic *Abbey Road* album cover photo. David Farrelly was George Harrison, Conor Henson was barefooted Paul McCarthy, a dapper looking Cian Carr was Ringo Starr while Jasper Nolan was John Lennon for the photo shoot. The photo will now be enlarged and put up in the school for all to see and appreciate in the years ahead. The group also got together in the canteen and played some Beatles tunes and some other well-known songs for the TY students before they had their last club get-together of the year with Ms. Cooney.



Athletics: The Leinster Schools Track and Field Championship Finals were held in Santry Demesne over two days last week. 1st yr Conor Abbott ran a fine race to finish in 5th place in the 1.1km Final while 3rd yr Alex Leonard finished 2nd in the senior 200m final, just being pipped by the u18 National Champion in a high class race. Well done to both.

Green Schools: Our Green Schools Committee attended the annual Awards Ceremony in DCU on Tuesday 23th May where they were officially presented with their Green Flag. This flag was for all the hard work done by the committee on the theme of energy throughout the school year. The flag was raised in the school on Wednesday on the flag poles just in front of the main entrance. Well done to all involved.

Castletown Parklands, Celbridge

Harry Potter Inspired Tree Trail

Saturday 27 May at 3pm

Meeting Point: Guides Reception

Calling all little wizards and witches. Join us on our tree trail to discover more about the trees used to make the wands of Harry Potter and his friends.

Booking essential. To reserve a place email: castletown@opw.ie or phone 01 6288252

Guided Sunday Stroll through a historic landscape

Sunday 28 May at 3pm

Meeting Point: Guides Reception

Join us on Sunday 28 May for a walk among the beautiful landscape of Castletown estate taking in the Ice House and fascinating cave spiders. A video of how the Castletown Parklands are managed for wildlife on view every day in our stables at Castletown.

Booking essential. To reserve a place email: castletown@opw.ie or phone 01 6288252

Recovery Meeting Reopened

Do you have?

Anxiety

Panic

Anger

Depression



**Recovery Self -Help Method Ireland
CAN HELP YOU!**

Local Meeting:

St Marys Parish Centre Lucan

Thursday 7.30 p.m.

Tel: 00353 062 60 775 /

www.recoveryireland.ie

0872563193

Parent & Toddler Group

Thursdays

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



ACRE project

A Community
Rethinking Education

Celbridge

Calling All Bakers and Gardeners!!!!

Show us your culinary skills and let us taste your yummy treats at this Baking and Plant sale. Great plants for

sale to spruce up your summer garden.

Come along for outdoor delights!!!!!!

27th and 28th of May.

For more information

Contact: holly@acreproject.com

IRISH SET DANCING

Friday Nights 9-10.30pm

Palmerstown Parish Centre,

Kennelsfort Road Lower, D20

K732

(opposite Palmerstown House)

Drop in. Free tuition. €5 incl. tea & coffee

For more info contact Tom 085-8808868



Contacts:

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Parish Notes / Fund Raising

annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

Anniversaries etc. / Advertising Queries

catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com

Reports and Ads. etc may also

be left at the usual addresses:

St. Mary's Parish Centre

Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

**Remember 10pm, Wednesday
night is the weekly deadline.**



Notice in Health Food Shop:

"CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS"

POLITICAL NOTES

Cllr. Paul Gogarty

“Not just at election time” Tel: 087-2752489.

Email: info@paulgogarty.com

Sarsfield Park housing proposals:

I had a motion on this issue discussed at Tuesday's Area Committee meeting, which I attended online from the Sarsfield Park site. Concerns were reiterated on behalf of residents and further discussions are planned with officials.

Illegal Parking Lucan Road:

The Council received advice that physical barriers like bins, signs and planters are not suitable at this location, so a permanent physical solution still needs to be found. In the meantime, each time a vehicle blocks the footpath, please contact Lucan Garda station. It does not have to be a phone call. You can also email using the online web form, indicating that you have taken a date stamped photo including the reg of vehicle if they need it. The more such dangerous and illegal parking is logged, the better the area will be monitored.

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Assessment of needs backlog:

I was pleased to welcome Disability Minister Anne Rabbitte to Lucan last Saturday where I conveyed the urgency needed to address the significant backlog in providing assessment of needs to children who have special educational needs which affects a number of children in Lucan. She confirmed to me then that she has put regional assessment teams in place to speed up this process, and if that does not work, she will use her budget to procure additional capacity to clear the backlog.

Late night leagues:

I was delighted to visit the Late Night Leagues in full swing in Ballyowen Park last weekend to show my support– a joint initiative between Crosscare Youth Service, An Garda Síochána and SDCC to provide a sporting outlet to both girls and boys. The last series of matches takes place on Saturday 27 May.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Footpath repairs:

Great to see South Dublin County Council working on footpath repairs in Hillcrest this week.

Doddsboro Junction:

The Council have employed an external company to look at how to improve the Doddsboro Junction and surrounding areas to make it work more efficiently for traffic, pedestrians and cyclists and improve the nature and ecology in the area. A public engagement session will take place on Thursday June 1st at 2pm in the carpark at Doddsboro.

Africa Day:

Congratulations to all those that organised and attended this year's Africa Day in Adamstown.

Lucan Library

Art and Creativity with Elena for ages 6-8
Thursday 1st June – 3.30 – 4.30pm

About this event: Enjoy an art and creativity with Elena. This activity is strictly for children between 6-8 years old and no younger.

Please book a ticket for each child attending. Only book if you know you can attend on the day. Please make sure you arrive on time as it may not be possible for late attendees to join the class after the start time.

Booking on Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/art-creativity-with-elena-for-children-ages-6-8-years-old-tickets-619770830237>



Eight Steps to Happiness

Think less – ponder more.

Frown less – smile more.

Know less – wonder more.

Argue less – listen more.

Judge less – accept less.

Observe less – participate more.

Complain less – appreciate more.

Fear less – encourage more.





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Football

AFL6 St Margaret's v 0-19 Lucan 0-10 Sun 07/05/23, St Margaret's

Oh but this was bitter medicine. It's taken 2 whole weeks to get the taste out of my mouth. In fact it was so debilitating, that I couldn't type for a full fortnight. Beaten by 9 points would suggest that this went to the better team. It did. At least the better team at taking their chances. We don't have a Stats Man, (and lack a statesman, as well), but any list of Missed Opportunities would be lengthy.



LGFA

Congratulations to Siobhan Bernie and Dublin after winning the Leinster Minor B Championship final against Wicklow

Hurling

AHL 9: Ballyboden St. Endas 1-26 Lucan Sarsfields 0-14, Ballycullen 15/05/2023

This was a difficult away fixture against a team that is winning all games by wide margins. The game had an explosive start with a really high standard of hurling. Fifteen minutes in Lucan had four from play from the excellent Ross Campion and three frees converted by Finan Breen. Boden played to a high standard themselves and matched Lucan with 1-4 of their own. The performance levels diverged in the second quarter though - the better Boden got, the more the Lucan heads dropped; the more the heads dropped, the better Boden got! Boden added ten unanswered points before the interval with a combination of some poorly placed puck-outs and a drop off in intensity offering up too many opportunities.

On the restart, Boden rattled off a further quick four points but Lucan regrouped to stem the tide. New blood and positional changes reinvigorated performance levels. Unfortunately, there were seven consecutive wides in the Lucan purple patch whereas the hosts added four more scores. Lucan's accuracy improved and they added six scores to finish stronger but it wasn't enough to alter the result.



U17 Celtic Challenge

Dublin U17 Celtic Challenge hurlers have reached the Corn John Scott final on the 27th May in St. Brendan's Park, Birr at 1:30pm versus East Cork. Lucan lads Robert Kerr No.14 and Freddy Haran No.1 are part of the team. We would like to wish the lads and Dublin the very best of luck.



Summer Camps

We have now set dates for our much anticipated Summer Camps, remember to book early and not be disappointed. You can book Club Camps https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=480&intMF_ID=12372#topp and the Cúl Camp here <https://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/>

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €19,400. The Numbers were **1, 3, 7, 14.**

The 5 lucky dip prizes go to, Catriona Montgomery, Brendan Freeman, Paul Benson, Jo & Alice Whyte and Mark Redmond.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€19,800**. The draw is sponsored by Newcastle Golf Centre and will be led by Séamus Clandillon.

Tá €19,800 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine:

Beidh sé beo ón Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook.

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

The draw will be held on Thursday 25th May, at 9pm and is streamed from Lucan Sarsfield's Clubhouse, on our Facebook page. Make sure your entry is submitted before 6pm on the evening of the draw to be included in that week's draw.

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

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfield's GAA Club.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Buachaillí F15 - Iomáint: Chuir na buachaillí F15 tús spleodrach leis an sraith le bua cuimsitheach in aghaidh Caisléan Cnúcha.



D'imir Sean Anderson an-mhaith sa chúl. Bhí cluichí an-stuama ag Conor Mac Giolla Leith, Oisín Ó Riain & Rioghnáin Ó Briain sna tacaíthe. Bhí an lámh in uachtar ag Shannon Reilly & Tom Ó hEamhaigh i lár na páirce. Coinnigh Dara de Búrca & Matthew Ó Dúinn clár an scór ag imeacht agus chruthaigh diograis agus gluaiseachtaí Darragh Scott go leor dushlán don fhreasúra freisin.

Direoidh na buachaillí anois ar an gcead cluiche eile a bheidh acu an Mhairt seo chugainn.



Camogie F14 agus Fásta

Bhí an chéad traenáil againn idir an foireann fásta camógaíochta agus an foireann faoi 14. Rinneadar go léir jab iontach de agus bhí an chluiche againn sa deireadh. Fuair Aoibhinn imreoir an traenáil, rinne sí jab iontach.

Aoine / Friday
23/6/23



Oíche Rásaíochta
The Pennyhill Lucan

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Oíche Rásaíochta

Hey gach duine! Is feidir leat do chapall, traenalaí, marcach agus úinéir a cheannach anois don oíche Rásaíochta! Is feidir libh seo a dhéanamh sa 'siopa club' ar clubzapp.

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

DODSBORO GOLFERS ANNUAL OUTING



Venue : Lucan Golf Club
Date : Friday 25th August
Tee Time : 14:00 - 15:00
Entry Fee €40 Per Person (Golf & food)
Members & Visitors Welcome
Contact Joe Curtis (089-425-4684)

SPORTS

LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

18 Stableford (Nett)

19-21 May 2023

Gents Class 1 Winner - Lennon Blake - 48 Pts

Gents Class 2 Winner - Aaron Brazil - 45 Pts

Gents Class 3 Winner - Kevin Ward - 52 Pts

Gents Class 3 Runner Up - Pat Byrne - 45 Pts [B9]

Ladies Class 1 Winner - Dora Keane - 45 Pts

Ladies Class 2 Winner - Martina Tierney - 44 Pts

Congratulations

This week's congratulations must go to the Ladies A team and the Gents Inter team who have qualified for the finals of the Dublin Leagues.

The Lucan ladies A team captained by Barbara Furlong played the Lucan ladies C team captained by Fiona Lanagan in a very sporting semifinal on our own course. The Inter Gents played in Old County Pitch and Putt Club against Loughlinstown. The finals are on the 10th June in Glenville.



60th Diamond Jubilee – of Lucan Pitch & Putt Club

We will be hosting our Club's 60th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary on Saturday 1st July 2023.

This is a great honour for our club, and we are inviting all past and present members to participate in the events during the day and evening.

Lucan Pitch and Putt Club was founded in 1963 and from very small beginnings, the Club situated at the 12th Lock along the banks of the Grand Canal, has developed into a prosperous and successful sporting facility. Catering for all ages, it welcomes one and all from the Lucan area and its environs. It is a great tribute that we can celebrate our Diamond Jubilee in such strength of numbers and in ownership of our own course and clubhouse.

The history of Pitch and Putt in Lucan is indeed a very proud and successful one and has produced some of the most skilful exponents of the sport at the highest level. The promotion of Pitch and Putt has always been and continues to be the number one purpose of our Club's very existence. The Lucan Club has in no small way also contributed to the admi John Smith end of Pitch and Putt with members of our Club serving as

Officers on the Dublin Board, Leinster Council and we are very proud that Peg Smith served for many years as Secretary of the P.P.I and John Smith served as a very successful President of Pitch & Putt Ireland. Our own Anthony (Skinner) Malone is the current Chairperson of the Dublin Board.

Throughout the years the Club has achieved National, Provincial and County titles which include several All-

Ireland Championship triumphs.

Club competitions are organised for members throughout the year. Our weekly and major competitions are each year all played between St. Patrick's weekend and end of September. We are very thankful to local business houses who sponsor many of the major competitions during the year. We are then into the Turkey competitions from October until Christmas and for January and February we have our Winter Leagues. With such a packed fixture list it's safe to say you'll never be short of a competition to play in. And if that is not enough you will have County and National competitions.



Ladies Semi-Final Lucan A team playing Lucan C team.

New Members Welcome – Adults and Juveniles

Our Club is now open for membership. If you would like to join our Club please download an application form from the website and fill in the relevant details and return same – or email the secretary at info@lucanpitchandputt.com. Indeed, you are more than welcome to call into the Club House and ask for any committee member who will be only too willing to discuss your enquiry – best time to call is at the weekend.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last Friday at our soiree Joe produced for our enjoyment some very imaginative photographs on our theme for May **“On The Edge”** and Josie showed us many spectacular photographs taken on her recent holiday to Lake Maggiore in Italy some of which will appear in the Newsletter in due course.

Apart from one of Joe's “On The Edge” photos this week Frances submitted some images of the wild flowers in bloom around Lucan at the moment.

Readers will remember that a few weeks ago when our monthly theme was “Machinery” Rose tracked down the remains of the pumping machinery used to pump the spa water up to the Spa Hotel.



Well, she has found some more industrial heritage. This week she has produced a photograph of machinery used to raise and lower the sluice gates at the weir in Lucan, where the water flow was regulated for Hills Mills.



A very special photograph taken by yours truly to end this week. You will recall the birthday party a couple of weeks ago. Kay brought along a wonderful gift which displayed her talent as an artist. She used a photograph of swans on the lake in UCD Belfield taken by the birthday person as the subject of a beautiful painting. So this week we have a photo of a painting of a photo if you follow me!

Stay safe until next week!