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Ubaldo and Ubaldo!



The Lucan pilgrims returned from Italy on Monday night last, and, top of the photo collection from St. Mary's Camera Soiree was this picture of Fr. Ubaldo standing before a traffic sign to the basilica of St. Ubaldo in Gubbio, Umbria.

Fr. Ubaldo said that he felt very much blessed to reach the basilica of his patron saint, and that a life-long dream had finally come true.

The saint in question was Bishop Ubaldo Baldassini (1084 – 1160) who was canonised as protector of Gubbio in 1192.



His feast day, Saint Ubaldo Day or Festa dei Ceri is coming up shortly, on 15th May, when the eve of his death anniversary, is marked in Gubbio by a procession known as Corsa dei Ceri.

Time was when most of us had never heard the name *Ubaldo* – now we know of two of them!

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 and 2pm to 4 pm

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

The Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland (GRAI)

is a new statutory body that will be responsible for the licensing and regulation of gambling services in Ireland. The GRAI will be independent in the performance of its functions. The GRAI has not been established yet. The new regulator will focus on public safety and wellbeing, will cover gambling online and in person, and will have powers to regulate advertising, gambling, websites, and apps. Licensing and regulation of gambling in Ireland is currently based on several pieces of legislation. The new legislation, which will establish the GRAI, will repeal existing laws and will streamline the approach to licensing and regulation of gambling in Ireland. The National Lottery will not be covered by the new legislation and will remain separately regulated.

Members of the GRAI

The GRAI will comprise seven members, including an appointed Chairperson, with relevant experience in related matters – further information is on our website.

Functions of the GRAI

The GRAI will have a wide variety of functions, including:
Regulating the provision of gambling services and activities, both online and in person

Developing safeguards to protect consumers from problem gambling, particularly to protect children from accessing places or services where gambling activities are offered

Establishing both a National Gambling Exclusion Register and a Social Impact Fund to finance research, training, and education on gambling addiction

Licensing of gambling services and activities, including maintaining a register of all licensed operators and determining license fees

Ensuring compliance by gambling providers with restrictions imposed on advertising and sponsorship, including a statutory watershed prohibiting gambling advertising between the hours of 5.30am and 9.00pm on television, radio or on-demand audio-visual media

Receiving, investigating and addressing complaints about gambling providers

Ensuring compliance by gambling providers with the Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) Act 2010, and addressing money laundering activities in the context of gambling services

Keeping the Minister of Justice informed of developments relating to the regulation and licensing of gambling services and making recommendations on policies

Promoting public awareness and providing information to the public about regulation and licensing of gambling activities

Types of gambling licenses

The GRAI will oversee the introduction of 3 types of licenses for both in-person and online or remote betting:

Business to Consumer Gaming, Betting and Lottery Licenses

Business to Business Licences

Gambling licenses for Charitable/Philanthropic Causes

You can read more about the statutory powers of the GRAI.

When will the GRAI be established?

It is expected that the GRAI will be established and operational in 2024. You can read more about the GRAI on its website.

Help for problem gambling

There are addiction treatment services available with different options depending on your needs. The Department of Justice has also published a list of contact details for external Problem Gambling Support Services (pdf). You can read more about problem gambling on the GRAI's website. Email GRAI@justice.ie



'Dipper Project'

Tidy Town's activities in Lucan Village are visible and well

documented. However, in the wider scope of Tidy Towners' interests in Nature, we also take on other projects as appropriate and feasible. This Spring, the 'Dipper Project' is one of them.

The White Throated Dipper (*Cinclus Cinclus hibernicus*) is a secretive little bird which can be spotted in the Griffeen in Vesey Park, in particular during the Spring season. The goal of this project is to gather more information about Dippers in Vesey Park, e.g. number, location, behaviour.

We would like to hear from walkers and others who do a spot of bird watching, willing to include Vesey Park on their itinerary up to the end of May.

If interested in partaking, please contact Hanneke Foley (086-3749756) for more information.

Lucan Drama - Evening of One Act Plays - Upstairs at Courtney's of Lucan Village

'Mary Mary' written by Brian Adams and directed by Mary Guy is a comedy about mistaken identity, talking furniture and too many Marys.



Starring B Guy Kelly, Marianne Bradley, Amy Dumbleton and Jeff Gibson, it's a play full of laughs and surprises.

Tickets for the One Acts are available at www.gr8events.ie/LUCANDRAMA at €12 and €10 concession. The shows run from Sunday May 12th to Wednesday May 15th, doors open at 7.30pm with curtain up at 8pm.

There is a special dinner/show package of 2 course dinner plus tea or coffee and a ticket for the show for €35. Dinner will be served at 6pm.

Tickets are selling fast so don't delay and book your seat for a great evening's entertainment upstairs at Courtney's.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep



Starts Thurs 9th May, 10am to 1pm, Adamstown. Light lunch provided.

To sign up please WhatsApp/call 083 860 7947 or Email lucan@womenscollective.ie



Are holding a

Cake Sale

after all Masses on Sunday next 5th May in St Patrick's Church.

This is a fundraiser to replace the group's uniform, as the current one is starting to show signs of wear and tear after 4 1/2 years.



Aontas pictured at the Basilica in Knock, where they were invited to sing during the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage on Saturday last.

March For Life 2024

The March For Life 2024, organised by the Pro Life Campaign takes place on **Monday, 6th May** in Dublin at 2pm (Meeting point: St Stephen's Green).

It is being held to draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and call for support for pregnant women and their babies.

The event will be suitable for families and have excellent speakers. Join us in standing up for mothers and their unborn babies!

For more information see www.marchforlife.ie

Parish Notes



St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times:

Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Saturdays. (funerals permitting) from 10.30am to 11.30am. *All welcome.*

Christian Meditation:

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

All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

Legion of Mary: Meeting every Thursday 5.30pm in the **Parish Bungalow** for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. *If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact Sr. Geraldine.*

Divine Mercy Devotion:

Every Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Parish Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This devotion, revealed to St Faustina by Our Lord, is necessary to defeat evil, for peace in the world and for our journey to eternal life.

Scriptural Reading (Lectio Divina):

Meetings are held in the bungalow every **Monday night (excluding bank holidays) between 7.30 and 8.30pm** when we reflect on the following Sunday's gospel. 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.

Baptisms in St. Mary's:

Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony.

The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. This is a return to the practice we had before Covid restrictions.

Dates are bookable on line.

If you need to cancel email:

secretary@lucanparish.com

Coffee Dock Open:

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

Rosary

The Legion of Mary will say the Rosary for the month of May

At the statue outside St Mary's Church each weekday evening at 6.30pm.

All are Welcome



Medjugorje Mass

In St Mary's Church

13th May at 6.15pm.

(Rosary and Prayers at 5.45pm)

Guest Speaker: Deacon Don Devaney

All welcome



Society of
St. Vincent de Paul
St Mary's Conference, Lucan

For assistance, phone: 01 8550022

or email: info@svp.ie

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Mass Times: 9am, 10.30am, 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



Centering Prayer

A Call to communion with God in Inner Stillness
Do you feel a desire for more depth and meaning
in your daily life?

An introduction to the practice of Centering
Prayer will take place in: KAIROS 125 Castlegate
Way

Date: Wednesday May 8th

Time: 7.30 - 8.00pm

All Welcome

Adoration: Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am. All are welcome.

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

Confessions: Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass and after Thursday 10am Mass.

Aontas - CAKE SALE



THIS Sunday 5th May.

After all Masses in St Patrick's
Please support

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock 2024

On Saturday 25th May 2024

Bus leaves St Joseph's Lay-by
At **8.30 am**

St Patrick's Church Esker
The Statue at Dodsboro
(times to follow)



The cost is €25 and to book your seat please contact one of the following:

Marie T. Anderson 087 269 1786

Marie McBride 087 122 6766.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm.

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje:

Every Thursday, in the Church of Divine Mercy,
Lucan South.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass.

After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Benediction. *All welcome*

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

The Church is open Monday to Friday
from **10am to 1pm** for private prayers.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church. Their works include home visitation and outreach to the poor.

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.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society: St Joseph's Young Priests Society has been set up in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan **for all the Lucan parishes**. We meet up on the first Wednesday of each month for one hour at 10.40am.

Bingo: Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome to play for big prizes.

Wednesday tea/coffee morning: There is a cup of tea/coffee 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).

Anniversaries

DEREK KEATING

1st Anniversary - 6th May

Late Beech Park

"You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on"

David Harkin.

Derek you are remembered and loved always.

Anne and all the family.

**Anniversary Mass - Saturday 18th May at
10 a.m. Church of the Assumption,
Ballyfermot, Dublin 1**



BRIDGET (SHEILA) MAHADY

18th Anniversary - 1st May

Dear are the memories

Precious they stay

No passing of time

Can take them away

Always remembered

Malcolm



JOHN RYAN

5th Anniversary - 6th May

Time cannot steal the treasures

That we carry in our hearts

Nor even dim the shining thoughts

Our cherished past imparts.

For the memories of the ones

We loved still cast a gentle glow

To grace our days and light our paths

Wherever we may go

*Lovingly remembered by Nancy, Róisín, Nóirín,
Siobhan, sons-in-law and grandchildren.*

**Anniversary Mass will be offered at 9am on
the 5th May in St Patrick's Church.**



To have everything & Saw

I saw the posh lady take her flight
to warmer climes and starry nights
A suitcase packed with clothes unworn,
that'll be us I could have sworn

I saw that couple who bought the house, the one I used
to dream about

I saw the man who drove the big car,
of course the price, a stretch too far

I saw their names up in lights
Those celebrity types who fly their kites

I saw and wondered why not me, I'm a decent owl soul
can't you see

A wondrous hope of dreams unfulfilled
journeying back from adult to a kid

I saw but waited for God's reply
He was not angry, I wondered why

For longing has it's drawbacks too
Wishing for trinkets shiny and new

This habit of wanting broken just once for it always
returns tomorrow

Someone else's life on hold, opportunities to borrow

I have my family, my health, my faith
I have much more and yet I wait

I'm thinking now, to have everything and see, is most
probably just the Devil, toying with me.

By Anita O Kearney



Koins for Kids

In the last week we have
received a new delivery
of coins and notes to
Koins for Kids from the
Lucan area. €421.51
was raised with 25 kgs

of mixed coin and notes from around the world.

Thanks everyone for your continued generosity.

Donations can continue to be dropped into the
Sacristy at St. Mary's or the Parish Centre. You
can also contact the undersigned.

Many thanks.

Damien Douglas.

0879519222.

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 8th May: Social Morning in St
Mary's Parish Centre. 10.30am to 12.30pm.
All welcome.



AnamCara
Supporting Parents after Bereavement

**Anam Cara
South Dublin,**
the organisation
that supports

bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly **Parent
Evening** for bereaved parents on **Monday 13th
May 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.

Lucan ICA

ICA closed on Monday 6th May - it's a bank holiday.

We will return on 13th with a new class in Blackwork with ICA teacher Breda Bohan for 2 weeks, hope all the ladies will enjoy something new to work on.

Tea Hostesses are Mary Skelly and Maura Kennedy.

We would like to congratulate our member Mary Duffy for accepting the position as Treasurer in Dublin Federation. Mary is first class at doing spreadsheets so it should come easy for her. The last time we had a member from Lucan Guild was Lucy Gannon many years ago.

President and members would like to remember Maura Norton on her anniversary on 29th April.

Pauline



Team Elizabeth Mc Nicholas Table Quiz Fundraiser

A successful Table Quiz Fundraiser for Elizabeth Mc Nicholas was held in the Function Room on Friday, 26th April. Between proceeds from the quiz tables, a monster raffle and contributions received from people who could not attend, a total of €1.414 was raised to facilitate Elizabeth's continued attendance at the Neurokinex Neurorehabilitation Centre at Gatwick, London, over the coming months.

Elizabeth attended the quiz and spoke at the interval, thanking everyone who organised a table and attended, those who bought raffle tickets, made contributions or offered the huge variety of prizes and spots for the event. Elizabeth and her family are extremely grateful for the wide support and good wishes shown to Elizabeth.

Thank you to Lucan Newsletter and Lucan Sarsfields PRO for highlighting the fundraiser, and to local papers for covering the event so well. Thanks to Lucan Sarsfields for the use of the Function Room, the bar staff and others who ensured the fundraiser ran smoothly.

If you wish to support Elizabeth's cause, please donate online at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/jut9ph>

We thank you for your welcome support.

Elizabeth and family.



Lucan Lions Club

Spinathon in SuperValu

Keep an eye out for our active cyclists as they carry out a Spinathon in store in SuperValu Lucan on 10 and 11 May. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the local Build for the Boys charity. Both boys Conor and Dean have Duchenne, a muscular dystrophy which is a rare genetic condition. All support is welcome for this worthy cause.

New Members

If you are interested in joining the Lucan Lions Club, a registered Charity for over 35 years in Lucan, we meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 8.00pm in the Lucan Spa Hotel. If interested, potential new members can contact the undersigned.

Mattie McCabe PRO, 087 9006999

www.lucanlionsclub.com



Esker Active Retirement Association

We had a good meeting this week, not so many members attended as 35 of our members are living it up in Carella near Barcelona. We played bowls, scrabble and whist and had lots of chats over a cuppa, it's a lovely way to spend an afternoon with friends. We are hoping to have free Chair Yoga during May, sponsored by the Council, in addition to usual activities.

Do come along and join us any Wednesday 1.30 to 4pm in St Andrews Parish Hall on the village.

Tutor Marysia Harasimowicz with some of the students from Marysia's Adult Art Class – Drawing and Painting (Lucan Community College). Their artwork is on display at Lucan library until 30th May. Come along to see the lovely paintings on the library walls!



Lucan Community College

TY History Trip to Henrietta Street: This week the TY history classes enjoyed an excellent trip to the 14 Henrietta Street museum. Thank you to Sean and Shelia for fascinating & engaging tour and to Ms Kenny & Ms McCarthy for accompanying the students. Students were commended on their excellent participation. Transition Year Performance of 'The Audition' takes to the stage next week!



TY students are busy preparing for their stage performance of 'The Audition' which is hitting the stage on the 8th and 9th of May for what promises to be a sell-out performance! Tickets are on sale now and available directly from the school.

Transition Year Global Citizenship Trip: The TY Global Citizenship class visited the Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun yesterday where they engaged in a sustainable food workshop. Thanks to Ms Flanagan for organising this trip as part of the Lucan Community College partnership with World Wise Schools.



Fundraising: Teachers were delighted to have had the opportunity to get training from BelongTo today, and were delighted to present a cheque to Luke from BelongTo from StandUp Awareness week fundraising.

Badminton Blitz hosted by Colaiste Chiarain Leixlip: Well done to all the 1st, 2nd, TY & 6th year badminton players who played against Coláiste Chiaráin. Effie & Noah (1st year) and Oisín & Kacper (6th year) were selected by the other school as Players of the Tournament. Thanks to Colaiste Chiarain for hosting!

Law Students awarded by the Law Society: Six of our TY Law students made it to the final of The Law Society of Ireland essay competition 2024. The Grainne O'Neill essay prize is held every year in honour of Judge Grainne O'Neill who was the youngest judge ever appointed and who unfortunately passed away. The competition, which is run by the Law Society and her family encourages TY students to engage in legal thinking to write an essay based on a different title each year. This year's title related to the role of the law in Climate Change. 30 students were selected to attend the final from all over the country, with 6 being from Lucan Community College. We are very proud of them and all of their hard work and achievements.



Memorial held for Teachers of Lucan Community College: On Wednesday 1st May, the staff of Lucan Community College held a memorial for their beloved colleagues David Byrne and Frances Murphy. A ceremony was held in the school where past and present colleagues, students, family, and friends, gathered to remember two teachers who left a long lasting legacy in Lucan Community College. Mr. Byrne was a History, Geography, and Economics teacher, as well as being a Year Head for many years. Ms. Murphy was a History, Geography, and Additional Needs Teachers. She will be most fondly remembered for coordinating the Additional Needs department in the school.

The ceremony reflected on their influence on the school community and afterwards their names were unveiled on a stone in the school's Memorial Garden in loving memory of David Byrne and Frances Murphy, who are fondly remembered by all in Lucan Community College.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Hurling: Well done to our 2nd yr hurling team who defeated Skerries CC 3-04 to 2-06 in their 3rd and final group game of their Dublin League campaign last Wednesday. The victory means that the team won two of their three group games, which was enough to secure 2nd place in the group and a semi-final berth against the winners of Scoil Chaitríona/Portmarnack CS.

It was a very tense, hard-fought game between two evenly matched teams but Lucan held their nerve in the closing stages to win by a point. Jessie Byrne fired home Lucan's opening goal with a venomous strike of the sliotar from the edge of the square while Justin Mariner (1-0), Kian Sullivan (1-0), Jack McCarty (0-2), Dylan O' Byrne (0-1) and Liam Gamble (0-1) got the other scores in an excellent team display.

Art: Congratulations to the Green Schools poster competition winners who were selected on Monday. The 1st and 2nd yr students had to design posters based on the theme of water conservation. There were plenty of impressive entries but after much deliberation, Aaron Jobin and Shaun Thomas won 1st prize in their respective year groups. Well done to both students on their creativity and artistic skill. The winning posters are on display on the Green Schools Noticeboard near the canteen.

Athletics: Coláiste Phádraig entered an impressive team of 17 students this year at the West Leinster Schools Track and Field Championships held over two days last week at the National Athletics Stadium in Santry. TY student Alex Leonard qualified for the Leinster Finals in both the Intermediate 200m and 400m after finishing 2nd in both races. No doubt he will be going for gold in the Leinster Finals which take place over two days on 15th and 18th May in Santry.

Ben Kavanagh, another TY student, finished in 4th place in the 400m Final, with only the top 3 advancing. Ben was also extremely unlucky not to qualify in the 400m hurdles. He ran a superb race in his heat and was out in front when he stumbled and fell at the 2nd last hurdle. He got back up and still managed to finish in 3rd place but unfortunately only the top two qualified for the final.

2nd yr Conor Abbott performed very well in the Junior 1,500m and 800m finishing in 5th place in both races, just outside the qualification berths. Our 4 x 100m relay team, featuring both Ben and Alex, as well as James Dunne (TY) and Dominic Ohiegbomwan (6th yr), ran brilliantly as a team but unfortunately just missed out on qualification

after finishing in 4th place (with only the top 3 advancing). Well done to all of our athletes for representing the school so well.

5th yr Trip: Mr. Cullen's 5th yr Irish class took a well-earned break from their studies on Monday as they travelled to Celbridge Snooker Hall for an afternoon of fun and some very competitive games of snooker!

David Farrelly was the star of the show, with the talented young player quite clearly a class above everyone else on the green baize. David is a gifted young player who practices for many hours every week and he regularly takes part in competitions on the SBI (Snooker and Billiards Ireland) tour as he seeks to follow in the footsteps of his well-known uncle, the recently retired professional snooker player Fergal O' Brien from Lucan. Even though he defeated his Irish teacher with ease in two frames, there were no hard feelings in the classroom the following day! *Cleachtadh a dhéanann máistreacht* (Practice makes perfect!) Some of the students opted for the more beginner-friendly 6 x 3 ft pool tables instead as they could get a lot more games completed in the 90mins slot that was booked for the trip.



Fergal O' Brien, who was at the club coaching, was kind enough to pose for some photos with the students, which they really appreciated.

The students are to be commended on being so co-operative, mature and well-behaved throughout and also for speaking as Gaeilge for the entire afternoon (on the bus, in the restaurants and the snooker hall). *Beatha teanga í a labhairt* (A language lives through being spoken).

Coding: On Saturday 20th April, nine of our students attended the National Bebras Computational Thinking Final in Maynooth University. Computational thinking is a set of problem solving skills that computer scientists use when they do their everyday work. Over 2,000 students from secondary schools around the country entered the competition with 400 making it to the Final after qualifying based on their high results in the Bebras Challenge during Coding Week in October 2023. Well done to Aaron Jobin, Conor Gilmore, Liam Barrett, Nate Crawford, Daniel McDevitt, Elliot Hsiao, Anish Iyer, Shane Clare and Rory O' Connor on making the Final. They all performed exceptionally well on the day even though they missed out on the main prizes.

St. Joseph's College

West Leinster Athletics championships: We had over 30 students out today representing the school at the West Leinster Athletics championships, in everything from relays, to sprinting, jumping, throwing, race walking and middle distance. All represented the school so well. Four students have now qualified for Leinster Championships in May. Isabella Lyons Kennedy (Junior Girls Race Walk), Ana Jones (Junior Girls 1500m), Kayleigh Tobin Reihill (Inter Girls Discuss), Nina O'Connor (Senior Girls 400m). Emma Tobin Reihill also finished fourth in the long jump. Well done to all the athletes.



Challenge to Change: Last Wednesday, transition year students attended Challenge to Change. Challenge to Change is a development education project aimed at young people attending the Presentation Sisters primary and post-primary schools in Ireland. The initiative seeks to raise awareness and understanding of development issues and global inequality through the exploration and engagement in issues surrounding as (in) justice, human rights, fair trade, racism and exploitation.



Minor camogie: The minor camogie team who lost their shield semi-final last Wednesday to Loreto Beaufort. It was a very tight game but our girls came out on the wrong side of the result at

the end. Hard luck girls and thanks for a great year of camogie.

Second year trip: Last Thursday, the second years had a fantastic day out at their school tour at CP adventure centre in Russborough House. The students sampled everything the great outdoors had to offer including archery, absailing, rock climbing, kayaking and fire making.

Agents of change: Students from 2A4 CSPE represented their class at Concern Worldwides 'Agents of Change' annual event on Wednesday. The girls made a wonderful video to raise awareness about gender equality and held a bake sale and second-hand clothes sale last week to raise money for Concern. On the day they presented their check for €450 to David Regan, CEO of Concern worldwide.



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Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

St. Andrew's NS PTA presents

MUSIC



BINGO NIGHT

24 May Doors at 8.30 Carroll's Gastro Pub, Lucan 10€ per person

Please Help us to raise funds for playground equipment for St. Andrew's NS - ALL WELCOME!
Raffle on the night with lots of great prizes to be won

If you cannot attend but would still like to make a voluntary contribution, please scan the QR code - A huge thank you from the PTA for all your continued support.



Lucan Library – May Events

May Bank Holiday

Please note that Lucan Library will close on Friday 3rd May at 4.30pm and reopen on Tuesday 7th May at 9.45am.

May means Bealtaine at the library - celebrating Age and Opportunity.

Events for Adults

Friday 3rd May, 11am. Join Rafa from ALONE who will give a short presentation on their services and answer any questions. Refreshments will be provided.

Tuesday 7th May, 7pm Want to learn how to make a 3D image from Photogrammetry? Paul Butler from the Society for Old Lucan will be giving a talk and demonstration in Lucan Library on the process of how to make a 3D image using Photogrammetry. Photogrammetry is the art and science of extracting 3D information from a series of photographs of an object or site to produce an exact 3D model or a 3D image. This process can be done by using any device with a camera like a phone and free software and is a great way of learning a new skill in the process. This can be done by anyone from beginner to expert and is a fairly easy process to do with just a little practice required. Paul will explain all processes and required free software and how to get started. All welcome.

Thursday 16th May: Creative Writing teacher Maeve Devoy will be on hand to share insight into how to get started on writing and how to improve your writing skills. New members always welcome to the Creative Writers Group so do pop in for Maeve's session.



Friday 10th May, 11am. Scrabble Fun for Adults! Come along solo or with friends to play Scrabble. All Welcome for a fun wordy morning!

Thursday 9th May, 2pm – 4pm

Table Quiz for Adults. Register at library desk for this very popular event.



Thursday 16th May, 6.30pm - 7.30pm



Lucan Concert Band. Enjoy an evening of big band music from this popular local group. All welcome.

Tuesday 21st May, 5.30pm

Classic Film Club. Register at library desk.

Thursday 23rd May, 7pm

Nikki's Lucan Vocals Fun Choir. Come along and enjoy popular tunes from Nikki Hendy's local casual choir. All welcome.

Adult Chess Club

Wednesday, 8th May, 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Come along to practice your chess with friends or new opponents! All welcome. Chess sets provided in the seminar room.

Chat and Play Session for Neuro-Divergent Pre-School Children

with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Wednesday 8th May, 10am
Play session for neuro-divergent pre-school children led by Rebecca. Please book a ticket for each pre-school child attending. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian.

Booking essential from Wednesday 1st May at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/chat-and-play-sessions-for-neuro-divergent-pre-school-children-tickets-880759053037>

Poet's Perch – Monthly Poetry Circle for Adults - Tuesday 14th May 6.30pm. All levels welcome. Feel free to bring along a poem you like or that you have written, to share with the group.

Book Launch and Discussion: Thursday 2nd May, 6pm. Equity in the Workplace: stories of Black Irish Women in Ireland. Dr Eburn Joseph This book, edited by Dr Eburn Joseph, was authored by 13 Black and African Irish women in conjunction with three White Irish allies and scholars. The book features a powerful collection of essays and personal stories that gives voice to Black women's experience of equity in the workplace, their resilience, strength and involvement in nation building. The book talk will feature the viewing of a documentary made by the authors, discussion and readings from the book and an opportunity for interaction with the editor, Dr Eburn Joseph and some of the authors. We look forward to a great evening conversation. Refreshments will be served. Free: Admission is free, but registration is required. Register here: <https://buytickets.at/instituteofantiracismandblackstudies/1238161>

Exhibition:

Lucan Community College Adult Art Group.

Please Note

Due to the upcoming local elections, next Sunday 12th May will be the final issue carrying Political Notes.

This section of Lucan Newsletter will resume following the elections on 7th June.

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Ballyowen Lane Clean-up: Thanks to the many volunteers that attended the Ballyowen Lane clean-up last Saturday. There was a fantastic turnout, and the area looks much cleaner and better. Thanks to all for their support.

Bus Shelters: The Council has received NTA funding for 2024 to upgrade Bus Stops and install covered Bus shelters at agreed existing Bus stop locations in the South Dublin Local Authority area. If you would like to suggest a location in Lucan, please let me know.

‘Children at Play’ signs: The Council intend to install a number of ‘Children at Play’ signs across the area. Please let me know if there are locations which you think should be included.

Tree maintenance in Abbeywood and

Rochfort: Long overdue tree pruning is to take place in Abbeywood and Rochfort Downes estates in the second half of this year as confirmed to me this week.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty P.C.

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

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Public consultation on tackling noise: Over many years I’ve been chasing up complaints about noise from traffic and other sources, including areas such the N4, R136 and the Newcastle Road. I’ve raised this and tabled motions in development plans, SDZs etc, but the issue has been largely ignored by agencies. A year ago, we were told that there would be a Dublin-wide consultation on tackling noise. The process is now underway, and people can have their say until May 24th. Search ‘noise’ on my website for full details and links.

Bus user survey: Another 100 received in the last week. To have your say, please go to www.bit.ly/BusCorrect. For anyone who is not IT literate, send me a text or leave a phone message (ring twice) and I can arrange to do over the phone.

Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

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Postal Services Disruption – Lucan:

‘Redesign’ to An Post operations continues has led to poor postal services in many parts of Lucan. This is particularly affecting parcels and packages. I am continuing to raise this issue and have written to the Minister for Communications and An Post. I also tabled a motion calling on South Dublin County Council to issue formal letters in this regard. This was agreed at the recent April local Area Committee meeting.

Abandoned Cars: I am increasingly being made aware of abandoned vehicles across our community. In certain instances, there are perfectly understandable reasons, however very often cars are in fact abandoned or even stolen. This is not good for the environment, can result in them being set alight and take away from valuable and limited car parking spaces. Inspections by the Council litter warden can be arranged if you feel a vehicle warrants removal.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Lucan House Update: The completion of Lucan House’s sale is anticipated by June 2024. Following this, consultants will be appointed later in the year to develop a comprehensive plan for Lucan House and Demesne that will focus on enhancing the area as a key tourism, community, and County amenity.

Additional funding for special schools: A vital boost in funding has been allocated to support special schools in Dublin Mid West, aimed at improving educational resources for students with significant needs. Stewarts school in Lucan is set to benefit from this allocation, with an increase in allocation of post-primary teaching hours from September 2024.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2024: In the next few weeks, I will be introducing a new bill around the issue of assisted dying. Following the report by the Special Oireachtas Committee on assisted dying this bill will reflect the key recommendations from the committee’s report. I look forward to the debate ahead.

Public Health Nurses Shortage in Lucan:

I questioned the Minister for Health this week on the shortage of public health nurses in Lucan. For parents with infant children this isn’t acceptable given the importance of developmental checks for new-born and infants.

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Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



White Collar Boxing

The remaining tickets for the boxing our now on sale. Tickets are €40 each. They can be purchased from the cafe 7-9pm or revolut Jo Mahon (086 829 3535) with your name and quantity of tickets.



This year there will be an official **Darkness into Light Walk in Lucan**. This year's walk will be on the **11th of May** at 4:15am at St Catherine's Park. Our healthy club are involved in the organisation of this great cause. Groups can be registered through the following link; <https://www.darknessintolight.ie/about/venues>



Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €3,800. The Numbers were **2, 9, 17, 28**.

The lucky dip prizes go to Paul Rigney, Paul O'Farrell, Tony Rigney, Barry Moran, Siobhan Casey.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €4,200. The draw is sponsored by Clandillon Motors and will be led by Cormac Gordon.



Summer Camps

Our summer camps are now open for registration. These camps are open to both members and non-members who are in primary school (either starting in September or just finishing). All camps will be multisport. The Cúl Camp is already fully booked. Make sure to register soon for the club camps as places are limited. Places can be booked via ClubZap, links on social media or the following link:

<https://lucansarsfields.clubzap.com/categories/camp/products>

Juvenile

There were lots of Féile action over the weekend in both camogie and football. Hard luck to our U15 A and C Camogie teams who battled hard in their group stages but unfortunately did not make it to the semi-finals. Hard luck to the U15B Camogie team who reached the Féile semi-final but lost narrowly to miss out on the final.



Our U15C footballers had a big weekend as they won the Féile Division 8 Shield Final. This was played at home to Fingallians. The lads battled hard in what was a very

physical game and came back after halftime to win it. Well done to all involved.

Our U15A footballers also competed in a Féile Shield Final over the weekend in which they came out victorious, securing the Division 1 Shield title. Well done lads!

County

Congratulations to Niamh O'Brien, Ciara Hylands and the Dublin U16C team on winning their Leinster final!

Commiserations to Cara, Eva, Juliette, Réka and Sadhbh who lost out in their respective finals with the Dublin U16A & B teams.

The Dublin Minor Camogie team drew their All Ireland Shield final over the weekend. Best of luck to Mia Farrell and the team in their replay this weekend. The game will be played this Sunday 5th of May in Newatch Cullen Park Carlow @2pm. It would be great to get some club support out for the team.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

St Catherine Park, Lucan

SIGN UP NOW

darknessintolight.ie

4:15am • May 11th 2024

Join us and give hope to people impacted by suicide and self harm



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Fáilte chuig Nuachtlitir Na Gaeil Óga, áit a bhfaighidh tú an t-eolas is déanaí faoi gach rud atá ag tarlú inár bpobal bríomhar.

Cailíní F15 – Féile: An chéad Fhéile ag cailíní Na Gaeil Óga. Ag tabhairt le chéile cailíní ónár bhfoirne faoi 13 & faoi 15 bhí squad lán aclaíochta agus scileanna againn.

Rinneamar cuimhní agus spraoi iontach thar an dá dheireadh seachtaine. Throid an fhoireann go dian agus thug siad 100% do gach cluiche

Táimid chomh bródúil céanna as ár n-imreoirí faoi 13 a d'imir aníos agus as ár gcailíní faoi 15 Maith sibh!



Trialacha Peile F15 BÁC: Bhí deis ag Tadhg Ó Breacáin agus Rory Ó hEathrín ionadaíocht a dhéanamh ar an gelub ag trialacha peile F15 BÁC aréir. Maith sibh lads!



Tús Maith: An bhfuil suim agat i nGael scoil do do pháiste beag? Nó an bhfuil tú ag iarraidh a fheiceáil conas is féidir leis an nGaeilge bheith mar chuid d'fhorbairt do pháiste?

Seo Tús Maith ó Na Gaeil Óga CLG – meascan spleodrach idir cluichí Gaelacha agus an Ghaeilge, cruthaithe go speisialta do pháistí idir 2.5 - 4.5 bliana d'aois agus a dtuismitheoirí.

- Seisiúin 45 nóiméad a bhfuil tuismitheoirí agus páistí páirteach iontu agus iad ag foghlaim Gaeilge le chéile trí chluichí.

- Gach seisiún faoi stiúir oiliúnaí saineolaí. Íoc mar a dhéanann tú, €2 sa tseachtain.

Ag tosú ar an 27 Aibreán ag 9:15AM in Ghaelscoil Naomh Pádraig. Glac pirt sa ghrúpa WhatsApp Tús Maith nó seol teachtaireacht chuig Daithí ar 0833058326 chun do spás a chur in áirithe.

Buachaillí F16 – Peil: Maith dona buachaillí F16 a bhí bua acu le cúlín ar Na Fianna inné sa pheil. Moladh ar leith don Tadhg Ó Tuathaláin, Tadhg Ó Breacáin & Tadhg Ó Laighin a d'imir ar fheabhas.



Buachaillí F12 – Iomáint: Cluiche iontach iomána inné chun deireadh a chur lenár gcluichí grádaithe do na BF12. Thug Naomh Olaf foireann láidir go hIarthar Átha Cliath agus imríodh ar luas tapa díreach ón gcaitheamh isteach. Bhí na lads ag obair ar a gcuid tosaithe tapaidh agus d'oibrigh sé sin arís inniu le cúl ag teacht ón gcéad ionsaí.

Scór iontach le feiceáil don chuid eile den chéad leath, le cúnámh ó ngaoth láidir.

Tháinig leath ama agus bhí na lads chun tosaigh 1-5 in aghaidh 0-1.

Ar ais don dara leath agus Olafs ag lorg scóir. Bhí cabhair na gaoithe acu anois agus tosaigh siad ag cur brú ar chúl NGÓ. Choinnigh cosaint láidir agus cúl báireacht iontach Olafs go cúlín agus pointe sa tréimhse seo, agus lean na leids ar aghaidh ag baint scóranna.

Scór deiridh: NGÓ 2-7 Naomh Olaf 1-2



SPORTS

LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

18 Strokeplay (Gross) 18 Strokeplay (Gross)

26-28 April 2024

Gents Class 1 Winner Gents Class 1 Winner -
Junior Smith - 44 [B9]

Gents Class 2 Winner - Conor Gorey - 51 [B9]

Gents Class 2 Runner Up - David Lee – 51

Gents Class 3 Winner - John Murphy – 52

Gents Class 3 Runner Up - Jack King – 55

Ladies Class 1 Winner - Glenda Hoey – 52

Ladies Class 2 Winner - Rita Dillon – 65



New Members Welcome – Adults and Under 16

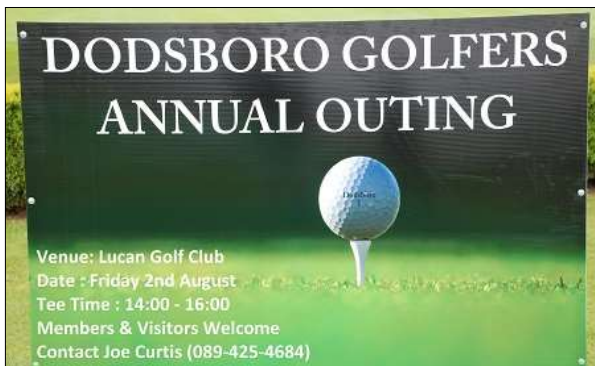
Our Club is now open for membership. If you would like to join our Club please download an application form from the website and fill in the relevant details and return same – or email the secretary at info@lucanpitchandputt.com. Indeed you are more than welcome to call into the Club House and ask for any committee member who will be only too willing to discuss your enquiry – best time to call is on a Sunday from 10am

Full Zip Tops / Jackets / T-Shirts

Members please note that Dora Keane is the contact for the stock of our club zip tops / jackets and t-shirts.

Function Room for Hire

Please note that we have a function room for hire in the evenings from circa 5pm. Contact the secretary or email info@lucanpitchandputt.com for details of same – T&C apply.



Political Notes *Cont'd,*

Caroline Brady - Fine Gael – P.C.

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Some updates below on issues raised with me in the past few weeks.

Gandon Park: Abandoned trailer blocking footpath at and of road was reported to the council and I'm pleased to advise the trailer has been removed.

Hillcrest: Footpath left uncompleted following recent work is reported to the council.

Chalet Gardens: Water ponding at Chalet Gardens was reported to the council and is now forwarded to the Area Roads Engineer for investigation and report

Thank you for contacting me with these issues, I'll keep you updated, and if I may help with these or any other issue please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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New Seating: Exciting News! New seating has been installed at the Boules court in Griffeen Valley Park. Collaborating closely with Owen, founder of Griffeen Valley Petanque Club, we've enhanced the park's amenities. Stay tuned for more updates!

Red Bridge/Stays Red: Did you know Lucan's iconic bridge at Finians Estate underwent a redesign by one of the council's employees, preserving its signature 'Red Bridge' identity? My successful motion ensured its iconic colour remained unchanged, despite opposition. This achievement is a great result for our community, thanks to those who raised this matter with me. Check out the bridge on your travels!

As a participant in Lucan Sarsfields' white-collar boxing fundraiser last April, I wish everyone the best of luck in Saturday's event!

Deadline to register to vote- May 20th. The registration process is now digitised, and you can find details on voter.ie

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.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

We have a very international flavour to our photographs these days! As well as images from Italy, Anna has been to Istanbul and submitted many photographs.

I've chosen those of Turkish coffee which she describes as sweet and thick with a good kick to it, a mosque window and the Grand Bazaar (one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world, construction of which began around 1455AD).



She also went ballooning in a hot air balloon, with a 4am start which she describes as surreal.

Istanbul was founded as Byzantium in the 7th century BC by Greek settlers. In 330 AD, the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, who was the first Roman Emperor to convert to Christianity around 313AD, made the city his imperial capital, renaming it first as New Rome and then finally as Constantinople after himself. In 1930, the city's name was officially changed to Istanbul. It has to be said that despite his conversion to Christianity Emperor Constantine did have his eldest son and his wife put to death, the latter by being locked in a bath which was over heated.

On that gory note stay safe until next week!