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Sunday 10th November 2024

Mammy! Everyone's Says.....!

It was stunning to watch the huge crowd of people that gathered in O'Connell Street on Hallowe'en night in anticipation of a parade which had been announced on social media! This was on a night when the gardai and emergency services were more than overly occupied on the outskirts of the city! How could anyone have considered that there was any sense or sensibility in bringing families, with children, into an environment that would have such potential to be unsafe without proper policing and safeguards! Where was the reliable source!

I belong to a few WhatsApp groups which, thankfully, are for the sole purpose of sharing factual information for working groups. It works to very good effect. However, I am aware of WhatsApp groups that become hijacked by individuals who shout loudly and frequently and may then become the seemingly considered voice of true source and reason! Sometimes such information arrives from third or fourth party rumouring, or from the pit of personal angst, rather than an objective source!

It's not a bad idea to ask if the content is actual fact, or if it could be fiction before jumping on a passing band wagon. Anyone who is a parent or teacher has heard: '*everyone says... or everyone is doing....*' and when we dig down and ask **WHO** is everyone, the everyone is the fabricated crowd that a child might build up to back a wish! (Shh! I did this as a teenager myself!) We need to dig down into the source of our own information with regard to what is important ourselves also.

The growing shape of our families, local communities, nation... depends on each one of us ensuring that we inform ourselves as we build our values and beliefs. Values and beliefs grow from our experience and evolve with deliberate consideration. When we vote, we do so as individuals – the gift of democracy. In the same way, it is important to take time to consider our own values and beliefs in the context of our own lives and as part of wider community, while standing in an objective space considering all information. Sheep and cows are beautiful creatures that live in herds and follow one another for physical protection! We are not sheep or cattle!

We have the most highly educated population in our country than ever before. We know how to do objective research and engage in objective debate with respect for all, including ourselves. Objective research requires the courage to stand apart and follow the correct path of enquiry and respect for those who do so, without the backing of unchecked 'influencers'! We need to check: Is this a reliable source? Is it a source that I trust? Are the underpinning values ones that I embrace?

Cathy Burke

Catechist to the Lucan Partnership of 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 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

Current Scam Warning - 'quishing'

Be careful about a current scam (called 'quishing') involving fake QR codes attached to parking meters. Once you scan the code you are directed towards a website which requests credit card information and other personal data.

The Garda National Cyber Crime Bureau (GNCCB) has these tips:

Avoid using QR codes for payments

Never download apps directly from QR codes

Always check where a QR code leads to before scanning

Use multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts for extra security

Only scan QR code from sources you trust and recognise

Keep your computer and phone software updated regularly to protect against security threats

Current scam warning - Electricity Account Credit scam texts

A scam alert has been issued to warn people about receiving text messages that tell you to click on a link to claim an energy credit. These texts link to a site that looks like gov.ie.

The Government is not offering any such scheme and people are warned not to click on the link or enter any personal details.

More information is on our website.

Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas

The Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas (ICPO) is a charitable organisation that works to provide information and support to Irish people imprisoned overseas and their families.

ICPO services include:

Providing information and support to prisoners and their families on a wide range of issues, including repatriation, deportation, health, legal matters, discrimination and ill-treatment

Representing prisoners' interests to relevant parties (Irish embassies and consulates, welfare agencies, probation and legal officers)

Monitoring repatriation applications with the Department of Justice

Providing help to prisoners in preparation for their release

Visiting prisoners and helping families with travel and accommodation for prison visits

The ICPO holds a Family Information Day each year to provide families with information and support and to give them the opportunity to meet other people who have a relative in prison overseas.

You can find more information in a leaflet about the ICPO ([pdf](#)).

Consular Assistance

Irish embassies and consulates ensure that the rights of Irish citizens who are arrested or imprisoned abroad are fully respected. In many cases the local authorities will only contact the Irish embassy or consulate if requested to do so.

Among other things, a consular officer can:

Help with getting information about prison arrangements

Provide information about local lawyers

Provide families with information about the prison and legal arrangements in the country where their family member is detained

Help prisoners to maintain contact with friends and family and arrange for the safe transfer of funds they provide

Put the detained person in touch with relevant agencies such as ICPO

You can get more information on consular assistance on the Department of Foreign Affairs website.

Contacts

ICPO, Columba Centre, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

Tel: (01) 505 3156. Email: icpo@iecon.ie

Homepage: <http://www.icpo.ie>

ICPO (London), 50-52 Camden Square,

London, NW1 9XB. Tel: +44 207 482 5528

Homepage: <http://www.irishchaplaincy.org.uk/>

Email: prisoners@irishchaplaincy.org.uk

Woodview / Woodview Heights Mass



The deceased residents of Woodview and Woodview Heights will be remembered at the 12 noon Mass in St Patrick's Church on Sunday 10th November.

The Lucan Memorial Campaign

Remembering Lucanians who lost their lives through conflict. The recent acquisition of Lucan House by South Dublin County Council presents a unique opportunity for the creation of a war memorial in the heart of Lucan.

You can support the Lucan Memorial Campaign by informing local Councillors and T.D.s about the project. **Thank You.**

Scan the QR code for information on those recorded, or visit The Society for Old Lucan website: soc4oldlucan.com



Minder & Toddler Group

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

All Welcome!



Lucan ICA

Monday 11th November: Crafts as usual, ladies finishing off their items for our Arts & Crafts & Produce Fair next Saturday evening and Sunday.



We will have Paula Maguire to give us a talk on Fair Deal for Nursing Homes, this should be a very interesting and informative talk.

Tea Hostesses: Fiona Guinan and Carmel Lyons.



Liffey Sound 96.4FM
Community Radio Lucan wish to thank the Parishioners of St Mary's, St Patricks and Divine for their generous donations to our recent bucket collections which amounted to €1089.

Many thanks,
Pat Quinn, Chairperson,
Liffey Sound 96.4FM,
Community Radio Lucan
www.liffeysoundfm.ie
M: +353868252453

Lucan Dementia Café
Saturday 9th November 2024
2pm – 5pm
St Marys Parish Centre
Kindly sponsored by

SuperValu Lucan

Please drop by and join us for a Cuppa

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon, 7pm

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

St. Vincent de Paul Church Collection

at all masses **next Saturday/ Sunday 16th/17th November.**

Many thanks for your generosity.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on

Saturdays from the conclusion of the 10am Mass to 11.30am – funerals permitting.

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

All welcome.



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

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 a prayer of atonement for our own sins and the sins of the whole world. We pray especially for evil to be defeated and for peace in the world.

In November we are able to help the souls in purgatory in a special way. We can visit the graves of relatives and friends, remember them and pray for them. We should remember too to pray for souls who have no one to pray for them. This prayer gains a partial indulgence and can be prayed all year. Passing a cemetery and praying it can help souls in need of prayer.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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.

Baptisms in St. Mary's: Dates are bookable on line. Email: secretary@lucanparish.com

Recent Deaths

Deepest sympathy to the wife, daughter, family and friends of **Miroslav Kameneckij**, St. Edmunds, and to the wife, family and friends of **Brendan Quinn**, Roselawn.

May they rest in peace.



Annual Mass of Remembrance

Our Annual Mass for all our departed relatives and friends will take place on
Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm



At this Mass the names of those from our parish community who died in the past 12 months will be especially remembered.

The names of all those on the November list of the dead will automatically be included.

Lectio Divina: Lectio Divina meet every Monday evening (except Bank Holidays) at 7.30pm in the Bungalow to reflect for an hour on the following Sunday's gospel. *All are 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 the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041)

RETREAT in Daily Life - Advent 2024

Sun 1st December - Fri 6th December

Would you like to give some time to...

- Reflect
- Pray
- Get in touch with God in your life?

If so, perhaps this retreat is for YOU!

The retreat involves committing yourself to: Setting aside 30 minutes each day for reflection with scripture Meeting with a Spiritual Guide each day, at a time that suits you.

For more information please contact:

Sr. Julie 086 8476734, Agnes 087 9720717, Áine 086 0561497

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



Annual Mass of Remembrance
This Friday night Nov 8th, at 7.30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Collection at all Masses, **next Sunday 17th November.**

Thank you for your generosity.

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

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

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting: Every Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St. Patrick's Church) from 7.00pm to 7.45pm.

Communion for the Homebound: If any member of your family is sick and housebound, and would like to receive Holy Communion, do please let us know. You can ring the Parish Office on 01 628 1018 and leave your name and address, or email us at: secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie

Tea/Coffee:

Every Wednesday 10:30am in the Parish Centre.
All are welcome



CASA Church Gate Collection

The Church Gate Collection on November 9th and 10th is in aid of CASA – Caring And Sharing Association. CASA is a volunteer led organisation developing friendships between volunteers and adults and children with physical, intellectual and sensory disabilities through social events, activities and Lourdes Pilgrimages.

Please support our collection.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Anniversaries

Madge Farmer

3rd Anniversary, 11th November.

Remembered with all our love, you were someone very special who left your mark on so many lives. We find comfort in our memories, deep within our hearts.

Deeply missed by your children, granddchildren, great grandchildren, neighbours and friends.

Madge Farmer

3rd Anniversary, 11th November.

To lose you Mam, was such heartbreak but I knew you could not stay.
God saw you needed a rest,
His garden must be beautiful for he only takes the best.

Deeply missed by your daughter Helen, son-in-law Declan, and grand daughter Hazel.

Philip Galligan

10th Anniversary, 14th November

(Late of Woodview Estate)

Memories are something,

That no one can steal,

Death is a heartache,

That no one can heal,

Some may forget that you are gone,

But we will remember no matter how long.

Missed every day,

Love you forever,

Dolores, Karen, Vanessa, Natasha, Amanda,

Lynn, Grandchildren and Sons in Law.

Philips 10th anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday 10th November in St Patrick's Church Esker at 12 midday.

Joanie Kelly

28th Anniversary

November 11th, 1996.

Late of Sarsfield Park

'What we'd give to be back in Sarsfield Park enjoying one of your roast chicken dinners.'

Sadly missed by all the family.

Also remembering her beautiful daughter

Margaret who died on November 13th, 2004.

Joan O'Flynn

Remembering our friend and colleague, Joan, whose 15th Anniversary occurs on 12th November.

Lucan Newsletter Team



Michael Kinsella

3rd Anniversary, 8th November.

In loving memory of our beloved son Michael. Think of you every day and the lovely memories of you.

Loved, missed and remembered always.

Mum, and Dad, Lil and Joe.

Tommy Thompson

5th Anniversary, 12th November

A Dad's love is special, a gift beyond compare

You only know the meaning

When he is no longer there

A special time, a special face

A special Dad we can't replace

With an aching heart I whisper low

I miss you Dad and love you so.

Missed and loved so much, your loving daughter

Sharon & son-in-law David

Grandad Tommy

Memories are something that no one can steal

Death is a heartache that no one can heal

Some may forget you now that you are gone

But we will remember no matter how long

Missed & loved so much by your grandchildren

Jake, Luke & Faye



Celbridge Mill

Christmas Craft Fair

Sunday 24th Nov. 11am - 6pm

Our annual Christmas Craft Fair returns on **Sunday 24th Nov.** We are expecting up 30 indoor and outdoor stands comprising of Arts, Crafts, Festive Food, and array of small businesses selling and promoting their products.

The 1 day fair will take place on Sunday 24th

Nov 11am - 6pm in our Function hall.

Santa will take some time from his busy schedule to drop in and chat with the children and attendees and stand holders.

Magic Martha Magic shows, Funny Faces Face Painting, Music with Pat and Matt will be entertaining us on the day.

Among the exhibitors will be Artists, Handbags, Florists, candles, Wood turning gifts, decorations, foods and educational toys etc.





Irish General Election!

Friday 29th November is the big day, when we will dutifully go to vote for those who wish to govern our country. Good luck to all candidates.

As is our policy, **Lucan Newsletter will not be carrying any Political Notes after this week.** They will resume after the election.

The Donald is back! We live in interesting times is about all we can say at this stage.

Congratulations to our Tidy Towns People on achieving another Bronze Medal this year – a great reward for all their efforts....

Congratulations also to Lucan Festival Committee who have been nominated in the **Local Authority Management Agency (LAMA) Awards** in the **Best Irish Festival** category. Well deserved! Fingers crossed!

Welcome November

November comes
And November goes,
With the last red berries,
And the first white snows.

With night coming early,
And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket,
And frost on the gate.

The fires burn,
And the kettles sing,
And the earth sinks to rest,
Until next Spring.

By Elizabeth Coatsworth



Happy 8th Birthday
To Róisín, in Melbourne
Who celebrates her big day on 7th
November.
From all your friends in Lucan.



**Wednesday 13th and
Thursday 14th
November**
Springfield Hotel,

Leixlip, 15.50 – 20.10.

All Clinics are now appointment only!
Please call 1800 731 137

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105

or 085 867 1245

Find us on Facebook and Instagram to see what's going on in the centre!



Tai Chi: We are reaching the final week of our BeActive Tai Chi classes. They have been a huge success. Keep an eye out to see what we have planned next for over 55's

Baby & Toddler Group: We had our first week of our Baby & Toddler Group and it was amazing to see so many attend. If you would like to come along please don't be shy its Monday morning from 11-12.30.

Christmas Fair: With Halloween over we can now get excited for Christmas. We are having our annual Christmas Fair on **Sunday 1st of December**. Along with Santa's grotto we will have an array of stall for you to start your Christmas gift shopping or to treat yourself. If you would like to have a stall on the day please get in touch.

Room booking: Would you like to book a room in the centre for a meeting or a group activity? We have some availability and offer competitive rates. Email us to make a booking.

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. There is a charge of €4 each week to cover costs but there is 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.



Some of the members enjoying a trip to Donegal this week.

Fundraiser for DRCC



I am completing a fundraising walk on 16 November for the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre to raise money and give back for the support I received after being followed and sexually assaulted while out walking in Lucan 2 years ago. I would be grateful for any donations which can be made here:

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/Karenswalk>

I also want to publicly thank the Gardai in Lucan who were involved in my case for their assistance both in the immediate aftermath of the assault and throughout the criminal justice process.

I am so very grateful to my family, friends, neighbours, colleagues and everyone who has supported me throughout this traumatic period of my life.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank the man that stopped that fateful night. If you see this, I would be grateful if you get in touch.

Sexual assault is happening in every town and city across this country, and Lucan is no exception. I just went for a walk but that walk has changed the course of my life. To those reading this, maybe you might think twice about your personal safety when out walking or perhaps consider how you would respond if it was you or your loved one that was assaulted?



Hazaradous Footpath

Dear Newsletter,

I had a nasty fall on the footpath on my walk to the village last Monday afternoon. It was daylight about 3pm. I was walking from St. Joseph's college down to the village on the right hand side of the road, the Sarsfield Park side. I accidentally stepped into a pothole that was hidden in the autumn leaves. I twisted my ankle and but for the fact that I was linking my husband my injury could have been a lot worse.

The potholes on that particular section of footpath have been there for years but the leaves and the pine needles are recent arrivals, deposited after storm Ashley on 21 /22 October.

Why, I ask myself have the council made no attempt to clear the footpath and the drain channels of these leaves. It can't be because they don't have the money.

It must be a great source of annoyance to the teams of volunteer workers who do sterling work, cleaning, planting, and tidying throughout our village when they see what can only be construed as the councils disregard for their effort.

As for the potholes in the footpath, what can I say, only that their repair is long overdue.

Councillors please take note. The next accident might be a lot more serious than mine.
(Contact details with Lucan Newsletter)



Upcoming Online Workshop on Thursday, November 21st for

anyone in your organisation that is interfacing with family members who are bereaved in traumatic circumstances.

This workshop is relevant to:

Garda Siochana and PSNI Family Liaison Officers, Emergency First Responders, Funeral Directors, Hospital and Hospice Staff, Emergency Departments Medical staff, Social Workers, Chaplains/Clergy, Therapists/Counsellors
Anyone working in Community Organisations/NGO's in contact or supporting bereaved families

If you would like to join us for this online workshop, please get in touch with us on info@anamcara.ie or call 085 2888 888

As we have to limit the number of places, we would encourage you to register as soon as possible for this event. There will be certificate for 5 CPD hours issued to all participants.



SCHOOL NEWS



A great day playing Badminton for our 3rd year, under16s in Adamstown CC today. Well done to Lauren Gaynor and Sophie Kennedy who won in their category and Sam Liu and Sophie who won medals for Spirit of the Competition as selected by players on the day. Back to training on Friday at lunchtime!

Lucan Community College

The senior girls Gaelic won their first match of the year against St. Joseph's. Well done to Ellen Eakins who did a fantastic job in goals and thanks to Ms. Sexton for volunteering to help the team.

As part of Stand Up Awareness Week, our DP Ms Malone and our two school captains, Vlad Grosu and Róisín Duddy, were proud to raise the rainbow flag!

Thomas Barr, the famous Irish Athletics Athlete came to LCC this week to deliver 'Develop Me' workshops to TY students. Some of our own school athletes also took the opportunity to get a picture with Thomas.



Pictured are Saoirse Fitzgerald, Isabel Cuffe, Maggie Jez, Aoibhe Fleming and Rachel Jez



Congratulations to 1st year student Abbie Wade who won gold in Limerick in the National Tae Kwon Do tournament over the weekend.

Scoil Mhuire
Woodview Hts/ Airlie Hts

Enrolment for
Junior Infants September 2025
open from
November 4th to 22nd

All details are available on our website
www.scoilmhuire.ie

St Thomas JNS, Esker, Lucan

We are now open for applications for **Junior Infants September 2025**

Please visit our website at
www.stthomasjns.com

To complete an application form.
Closing Date is 12 December 2024

St. Mary's BNS, Lucan

We are now receiving applications for **Junior Infants for September 2025**

Application forms can be downloaded from our school website which is: www.stmarysbnslucan.com and the **closing date for applications is Friday 15th November.**

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

School tour: 22 students and three teachers, Ms. Winters, Mr. Moran and Mr. Rafter, travelled to Iceland over the mid-term for a memorable four-day educational school tour. The group flew out to Reykjavik on Monday 28th Oct and arrived at the Cabin Hotel, which was to be their base for the tour, after a short transfer.

On Tuesday, the group began their tour with a visit to the Secret Lagoon, the oldest swimming pool in Iceland, located in the village of Fludir in the Golden Circle, which contains the most popular natural wonders of Iceland. The swimming pool was surrounded by several natural hot springs, including a little geyser, which made for a lovely refreshing swim for the students! They then learned about Iceland's interesting geological history with a walk visited the pingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2004. They then visited the famous Geysir geothermal area in the Haukadalur Valley, with its bubbling hot springs and hot mud pots. The students were awestruck by the area's most active geyser, Strokkur, which erupts up to 30m every 10mins or so. It really was a sight to behold close up with the spring shooting up vast jets of boiling water up to 100ft high!

The group then moved on to visit Gullfoss Falls, one of Iceland's most iconic natural attractions and undoubtedly one of the most impressive waterfalls in Europe.

Next up was a trip to the Blue Lagoon, a Geothermal Spa located in a sprawling 800 yr old lava field in the heart of the Reykjanes Peninsula—a UNESCO Geopark. The pleasantly warm, geothermal seawater is rich in minerals such as silica which does wonders for the skin so the students all felt refreshed and invigorated after another enjoyable swim.

After dinner back in the hotel the group managed to catch a short glimpse of the incredible Northern Lights on the South West Coast. The students were taken aback by the eerie, spine tingling beauty of this spectacular natural phenomenon.

The following day the group visited the South Shore region where they discovered more about how volcanic activity shaped the Land of Fire and Ice. They visited the lava fields around Hengill mountain and then took the Hellisheiói pass, where they enjoyed great views over the southern plains and small towns. They also visited the Skogafoss Waterfall, one of the largest and most photographed in Iceland, and the "Black Sand Beach" where they witnessed examples of coastal erosion and extrusive volcanic features (similar to the Giants Causeway). The group got to walk along the beach and listen to the thunderous

Atlantic waves that have shaped Iceland's landscape over millions of years.

They returned for dinner back at their hotel and an early night as they had a very early departure for the airport the next morning (3:30am!). The group arrived safely at Dublin Airport at 10am on Thursday 31st Oct, tired but exhilarated after a brilliant tour, packed with many highlights and lifetime memories.



Talent Show: The 2024 edition of Coláiste Phádraig's Talent Show was held in the school on Friday, 25th October. 25 acts in total competed in this year's show, each one having recorded themselves at home. Once again there was an impressive range of talents displayed from singers, musicians, guitar medleys, football skills, animation portfolios, dance moves, Tik Tok edits, short movies, video game edits, a German rap performance and even a singing and dancing duet with a cat! At the end of the Show, every student in the school got the chance to vote for their top three acts. In 3rd place was John Joshua with his original song "Up Plus Up". In 2nd place was 5th yr Rafay Kashif with his impressive dance moves and tune "Shimmy to the left, Shimmy to the right!". The winners of this year's Talent Show were four 2nd yr students, Ollie McCormack, Mark McGlynn, Alex McMahan and Mohamed Usman, who made a short movie about bullying, so well done to them.

Soccer: Our u17 soccer team defeated Coláiste Pobail, Setanta 7-0 last week in their opening group match of their Dublin Metropolitan League campaign. Ben Lawless (2), Daniel Power (2), Hasan Al Maini (2) and Sam Deegan all scored in an easy win for the team.

Our senior team also faced Setanta in the 1st of their group stage League matches and it was another emphatic win for Lucan who ran out 9-1 winners, with Matthew McEvoy (2), Will Smith, Calum Casey, Emmet Kelleher, Jamie Cassells (2) and Sam Deegan getting on the score sheet.

St. Joseph's College

Under 16 Gaelic football: Well done to our under 16 Gaelic football team who had a great win in their championship game against St. Colmcilles CS. They play their next championship game against Mercy Convent, Coolock this week.

Glendalough photo competition: Shannon Hope in 3a1 won a recent photo competition held in Glendalough. This is a fantastic achievement and another display of the wonderfully talented students we have in our school.

Comhairle na nOg: Well done to our newest members of Comhairle na nOg. Naima Shah, Hannah Jordan, and Grace Birch. They attended the AGM for South Dublin Comhairle before mid term break in The Plaza Hotel. All of us in the school are wishing you all the best for the future and perhaps this will be the start of your political careers.



TY knitting classes: TY knitting classes have been busy knitting snoods for a local homeless charity for the past few months. Ciara Whelan is the schools link to the charity and she delivers them on our behalf every year at the start of winter.



5th year in UCD: Before mid term break, our 5th years spent a day touring UCD and learning about third level courses offered that interest them after they leave St. Josephs. The students were shown around the campus by college representatives and given information on courses by some of the faculty of the college.

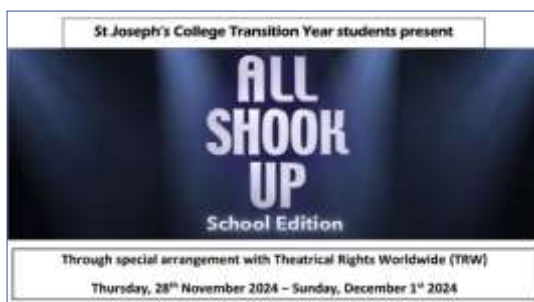
Junior Camogie: Well done to the junior camogie team who beat Mountsackville in their last championship group game. They now progress to the knockout stages of the competition.

Tea and chat: Before mid term break the third years took a morning off from their studies and enjoyed some tea and chats with friends and teachers. It was a well deserved break for the students after working so hard all term and always keeping a positive attitude in school. The morning was also a promotion of student wellbeing.

Dublin City Marathon

A massive well done to teacher Ms. Girigan who completed the Dublin City Marathon. A fantastic achievement!

School Musical



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Scoil Mhuire GNS Junior Infants 2025



Scoil Mhuire girls National School is now accepting applications for enrolment for Junior Infants in September 2025. Applications can be downloaded from our school website at www.smgnslucan.com You can also email the school for an application form. The email address is application 2025@smgnslucan.com

You will need to provide **with** the completed application form a scanned photocopy of your daughter's Birth Certificate, your daughter's PPS Number, and a current household utility bill (proof of address).

The closing date for applications will be Friday, 15th November 2024.

We succeeded in retaining our Bronze Medal Award in this year's National Tidy Towns competition. We increased our score by 11 marks, obtaining a total of 365 marks, just 1 mark short of a Silver Medal! So, we are gradually making our way up folks! We 'topped the pole' in South Dublin County!



We thank all of our volunteers for their tremendous work this past year. We also want to thank the people of Lucan who support our work, including the schools, local businesses, local representatives and organisations.



Thank you to Donal Walsh, Carroll's Bar Simon Crabb, SuperValu for helping us to celebrate our success last Saturday.



Kevin O'Loughlin, Chairperson

Lucan Senior Citizens

Some of the photos from our Hallowe'en Party.



Thank you to everyone who dressed up in fabulous costumes. A great morning of singing and celebrating was had by all.



Wednesday 13th November: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30 – 12.30



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 11th November 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 how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Lucan Library – November Events

Re-generation Journeys. Friday 15th

November, 3.30pm. The children of today form the Regeneration Generation - they will regenerate Planet Earth by combatting climate change. We will always need to get about - but how can the ways we travel help save Planet Earth? This fun drama-based workshop from As Creatives is specially developed for Science Week and looks at what we can actually do about Climate Change in an engaging way. For families with children aged 5-7 years old. Booking Essential <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-regeneration-generation-saving-planet-earth-tickets-1051559973187>



Shortlisted Entries on Display at Lucan Library Celebrating Young Artists and their Vision for Peace



Entrants aged 11-13 years have poured their creativity and heart into artwork representing their unique visions of peace.

Winner Announcement November 12th 2024 at Lucan Library

All are welcome to view these inspiring works at Lucan Library, which highlight the importance of peace, kindness, and unity in our world.



Scan Here to View All

Entries or visit www.LucanLionsClub.com

Sensory Session for Neuro-Divergent

Pre-School Children with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. **Wednesday 13th November, 10am.** Play session for 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: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sensory-play-sessions-for-pre-school-children-tickets-1051546121757>

Table Quiz for Adults

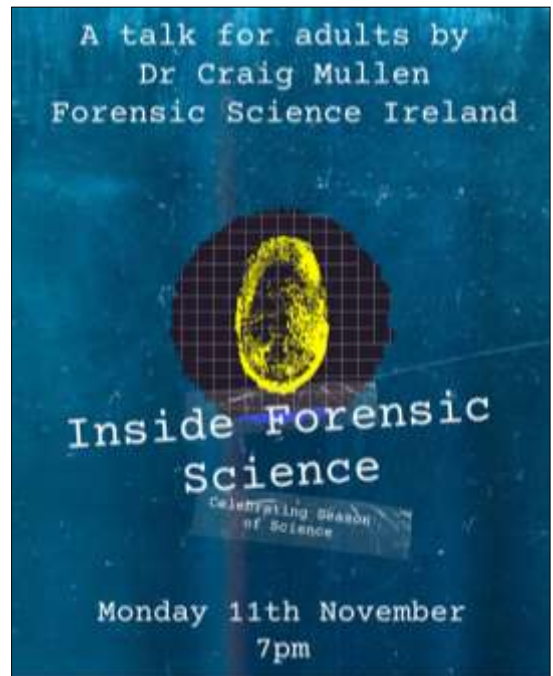
Thursday 28th November at 2pm. Register at the library desk.

Saturday 16th November, 12.15pm

Colourful Chemistry with Anyone4Science. Suits families with children aged 4-7 years
In this workshop the children are introduced to pipettes and how to use them to transfer and measure liquids. There is a series of structured activities that the children do followed by some time for free experimentation.

Booking Essential

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/colourful-chemistry-tickets-1051561327237>



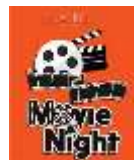
Poet's Perch – Monthly Poetry Circle for Adults
Tuesday 12th November, 6.30pm. All levels welcome.

Art & Creativity with Elena Buttner

For 9-12 years: Thursday 14th November, 3.30pm. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Thursday 7th November: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/art-and-creativity-with-elena-at-lucan-library-for-9-12-years-tickets-956291352177>

Lucan Library Classic Film

Club: Tuesday 19th November, 5.30pm. Register at Library Desk.



Exhibitions:

Brennans Bread: Today's Bread Today!

Information Stands: South Dublin Volunteer Centre - Thursday 21st November, 2pm - 4pm



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



New Club Gear. We are delighted to announce that we have partnered with McKeever Sport as our club manufacturer who will provide all playing gear and leisurewear going forward. We are working hard with the McKeever team to finalise details and designs. We hope to have the club shop fully stocked in the coming weeks. There will also be Christmas packs available to order. Keep an eye out on clubzap and our socials for more information.

Lotto. We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €11,000. The Numbers were **3, 19, 26, 27**. **The lucky dip prizes** go to Louise Fagan, Stagg Family, Frank Sherwin, Eileen Benson, Darren Isobel & Molly C/O P Glover. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €11,400. The draw is sponsored by REA McDonald Auctioneers.

Football. Due to changing personnel circumstances, Conor Bresnan has stepped down as manager of the senior football team. In his short period in the role, Conor oversaw significant change in both the management team and the playing panel. He built a strong management structure with great people and developed a young and inexperienced panel into a team capable of competing at the highest level in Dublin club football. The key objectives of this year of transition were to retain our status in senior 1 league and championship were both achieved, and he leaves strong foundations for the coming seasons.

Stephen O'Shaughnessy is taking over as senior manager. Stephen brings a wealth of playing experience both with club and county as well as years of management experience in his role with county underage teams. Stephen will build on the work commenced by Conor with most of the coaching and support team remaining in place. Other changes to the management team see Damien O'Brien stepping down as selector to be replaced by Fergal Gavin. The club would like to wish Stephen and all involved with senior football success in the coming years. For anyone, either within or outside the club, who believes that they have the ability and desire to join the senior football squad, please complete the short form at <https://forms.office.com/e/RMh3xit9fp> and Stephen will be in contact with you.



Congratulations to our U15A hurlers on their unbeaten league campaign. The lads had a fine win over Kilmacud Crokes on Sunday to seal their league title. Well done to all involved!

Social

Our Donate a Dress Fundraiser is back and will be hosted on the 31st of January in the club at 8pm. Please donate dresses, jackets, coats, tops & bags in good condition. This is a great way to declutter your wardrobe and promote sustainable shopping while also raising money for the club. Donations can be dropped off to the bar on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7:30pm to 9pm. Tickets for the event will go on sale on January 1st and will cost €5. Contact Tracey Walsh 087 973 5655 or Colette Condon 086 379 9270 for more information.

The Cúpla Focal club. These classes are free of charge and will run every Monday from 8-9pm. (Voluntary donations to Nagarhope welcome). This is a great opportunity to practice and learn to speak Irish in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Contact cuplafocalclub@gmail.com for more information.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.





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.



Raghallaigh liathróid isteach timpeall an bhosca, bhuaigh Ríoghnáin Ó Briain an liathróid agus bháigh sé san eangach í! Ghlac buachaillí Leamhcáin seilbh ar an gcluiche in am breise agus bhuardar 4-14 go 5-8. Bhí cluichí iontacha ag Tadhg Ó Breacáin, Rory Ó hEatharín, Ríoghnán Ó Briain, Sam Wright Graydon, Tadhg Ó Laighin agus Jake Nesbitt ach go háirithe le scóranna cinniúnacha ó Aaron & Caolin Ó Raghallaigh sna tosaithe! Tosnóidh na hullmhúcháin anois don bhabhta ceannais ar an 16ú Samhain!



Cailíní F15

Ghlac 10 dár gcailíní Faoi 15 páirt i mBabhta 1 de Thrialacha forbartha Faoi 16 Bhaile Átha Cliath Deis iontach dóibh go léir. Maith sibh!



Cailíní F13 - Camogie

Seaimpíní na Scéithe 2024 - Comhgairdheas leo go léir. Na Gaeil Óga 4-3 Cumann Uí Dhuibhir 3-4 Cluiche iontach a bhí againn sa droch aimsir.



Buachaillí F9

Chuir na buachaillí Faoi 9 fáilte roimh Emmet Bhré (Bray Emmets) i bPáirc Naomh Cairtríona. Cluiche iontach iomaíoch idir dhá fhoireann a rinne obair an-dian. Bhí imirt foirme iontach le feiceáil ónár gcuid buachaillí, le léirithe láidre i ngach áit ar an bpáirc. Tá na leaids seo imithe ó neart go neart i mbliana.

Buachaillí F16 - Iomáint

Tá foireann Na Gaeil Óga cáilithe don chéad uair riamh do Chluiche Ceannais Craoibhe an Chontae F16 tar éis bua in am breise ar Chumann Parnell. Bhí Na Gaeil Óga 3 cúlín síos le 30 soic fágtha i ngnáth-am nuair a léirigh Sam Wright Graydon crógacht as cuimse chun liathróid bhriste a bhuaicint timpeall ar lár na páirce ag tuilleamh poc saor sa ghníomh éanna. Le cúl ag teastáil chuir Caolin Ó



POLITICAL NOTES

Please Note: Following the announcement of the General Election which will be held on 29th November, Lucan Newsletter will not be publishing Political Notes until after the Election.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

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Road Sweeper Leaves: I received several calls about leaves on the paths and roads, including Arthur Griffith Park, Beech Grove, Esker Drive, Westbrook Park, Greenpark Road, and Hillcrest Road & Close. A road sweeper was sent to these areas. If you need a road sweeper in your area, please let me know.

Lucan Village: Yellow lines reported for repainting.
Shackleton Taking in Charge (TIC): The "Taking in Charge" process must follow a step-by-step approach. The council must move from infrastructure that has already been taken in charge to the new areas proposed for taking in charge. Therefore, the Hallwell Estate will soon be advertised for taking in charge, and they estimate this to be completed by January 2025. Following this the Shackleton Estate is proposed to be TIC, provided all required work and tests meet the Council's standards. This is estimated to happen around mid-2025.

Cllr Francis Timmons – Labour Party

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I am the Labour party candidate for the upcoming General Election in Dublin Mid-West! I was recently elected for a third time and was a poll topper for the Clondalkin LEA! I am working very closely with my colleague Cllr Joanna Tuffy. I am running a poster free campaign as i am very concerned about Climate Change! Any issues or any ideas please contact me!

Cllr Vicki Casserly - Fine Gael

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Primary Care Centre: There has been a change of use approved for 1 Adamstown Boulevard and work will commence soon to begin to prepare the building for the HSE to occupy it as a new primary care centre. This however will be needing additional public health nurse to meet the needs of the Lucan area.

Boundary Wall, Lucan House: I am pleased to advise that the works to repair the boundary wall commenced on the 21st October. SDCC are making plans for regular public access to the grounds while they progress consultation and planning on its future use.

Lucan Tidy Towns: Congratulations on retaining your Bronze Medal Award in this year's National Tidy Towns Competition with an increase in your score! Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who work so hard to support our community.

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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151 Bus to Stop at Kishoge Train Station: I have been contacted by several residents who asked our office to contact the NTA about the 151-bus stopping at the new Kishoge Train Station. I'm pleased to say that this will be done in the next number of weeks.

Temporary Pedestrian Access: Some parents of children in the Naoinra in the Griffeen Leisure Centre have informed me that they must walk all around Griffeen Park to drop off their children. My colleague Cllr Madeleine Johansson has requested that the council arrange a temporary pedestrian access through the car park at the swimming pool construction site to allow access. We are waiting for a reply from SDCC.

Griffeen Community College: In a written parliamentary question, I received by the Dept of Education they stated that it is expected the LOA (Letter of Intent) will be issued in the coming weeks.

Cllr Paul Gogarty – P.C. Independent

"Not just at election time" Tel: 087-2752489.

Website: www.paulgogarty.com

Council Budget: Discussions on Council budget takes place this week. There's a record allocation for tree pruning, footpath repair etc, but still not enough.

Lucan House: SDCC have agreed to my suggestion to open Lucan House grounds earlier than planned, but no details yet. I am following up to ensure specific regular times can be scheduled/advertised in advance.

Leaves on hill heading towards Village: Have asked SDCC to clear ASAP as there are holes in the footpath (querying also) which can't be seen when covered by leaves.

Ballyowen Castle shopping centre entrance roadway resurfacing: Having chased this up for several years (along with Cllr Moynihan), it's great that works to repair and reline footpath and roadway will commence soon. This likely wouldn't be happening without my appealing the shopping centre's extension application to An Bord Pleanála.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Congratulations Lucan Tidy Towns: Congratulations to Lucan receiving Bronze in the SuperValu Tidy Towns 2024 again this year. The hard work and dedication is evident as we walk through the streets of Lucan especially considering they received a higher score this year. Well done to all committee members and volunteers involved.

Know Where You Stand Budget Guide 2025: This week, my Know Where You Stand guide 2025 was delivered across Lucan. If you haven't received it or would like another copy, don't hesitate to contact my office.

Thank You: I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support since electing me as your local TD in 2020. It has been an honour to represent Lucan and I hope I get the opportunity to continue my hard work and dedication to you all.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The 12th Photographic Exhibition of St. Mary's Camera Soiree will take place in **St. Mary's Parish Centre on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December 2024** and once again we are very grateful to our friends in St. Andrew's for allowing us the use of their stands to mount the exhibition. The exhibition will probably be the biggest yet with 15 members taking part.

Last week's display of mushrooms caused quite a stir. And after we went to press another photograph of a very interesting mushroom was submitted.

Brendan told us that this one is called the Parrot Waxcap and starts off green and changes colour through browns and oranges to yellow. Enough of mushrooms!



Josie got to the 7th floor Gravity Bar of the Guinness Store House and sent in some nice photos taken from there of the Dublin Skyline. She also sent in some photos of St. Bartholomew's Church in Clyde Road, Ballsbridge.

The building in which the Guinness Store House is located was constructed in 1902 as a fermentation plant for the St. James's Gate Brewery and was in use as such until 1988. It was opened as a tourist attraction in 2,000 and to date there have been over 24 million visitors to the attraction.

St Bartholomew's Church was consecrated in 1867. The church has always been known for its Anglo - Catholic liturgical tradition and is also celebrated for its fine music.



Stay safe until next week!