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The Unjustifiable and Obscene Suffering in War!

I was touched when I watched the news one night and saw a grief-stricken father holding the wrapped rigid body of his seven-year old son in his arms wondering how this could have happened to one so innocent. The boy was killed when the refugee camp was bombed, a supposed place of safety and protection. The father's words were 'what has this seven-year old boy done to deserve this'. We also saw a father crying with consolation when the body of his dead daughter was found as the prospect of being captured was far worse. The equivalent of an average primary school cohort of children is being killed in the Gaza strip each day since the war begun. The defilement of children, the beating of elderly women, the torture of those who are captured and the menacing incitement of fear and terror in innocent people are not tactics of a war that can be in any way be considered just or right.

The unrepentant attitude and abhorrent self-righteousness of the perpetrators, on both sides, is strident and impenetrable. The directive provided by Israeli leaders warned the Gaza residents that they needed to evacuate within twenty-four hours to a safe area in the south, a time and a reality that was logistically impossible and inhumane in expectation. The consequence of bombing residential areas, refugee camps, hospitals, etc. is nothing short of a targeted genocide built on a foundational drive to seek revenge. The wrongs of Hamas cannot be corrected by wrongs of similar and aggressive nature. Pain, grief and despair feels the same regardless of the nationality, colour, creed or age of the people concerned. Two horrendous wrongs cannot bring about what is right and justice.

My inclination in recent times has been to want to limit the amount of news that I see or hear as it can all seem too much to take in and deal with on top of our own day-to-day responsibilities. However, this war, and other wars currently in progress, are not in abstract from our own lives and responsibilities. This alerts me to an encounter which I had with Tomi Reichenthal some years ago (a Holocaust survivor living in Dublin). Tomi speaks publicly in an effort to try to prevent further mass atrocities occurring in the world which are caused by a particular cohort of perpetrators and are allowed to persist by those who remain silent while our human brothers and sisters suffer. Therefore, it becomes all the more important for us to feel the pain of those who are suffering and to intentionally inform ourselves so that we may build some power of influence through those who can act on our part in the political and diplomatic realms.

Cathy Burke

Catechist in 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

What is the Humanitarian Assistance Scheme?

The Humanitarian Assistance Scheme is an income-tested scheme that provides emergency financial assistance to households affected by a severe weather event such as flooding.

It is administered by the Community Welfare Service.

The scheme provides financial support to people who have suffered damage to their home. It is designed to help you meet the cost of essential needs and repairs rather than provide full compensation for losses or damage.

What does the Humanitarian Assistance Scheme cover?

The scheme covers:

Emergency income support payments
Damage to your home and its essential contents, such as carpets, flooring, furniture, household appliances and bedding
Structural damage

The scheme is usually only available to help people who have been impacted by a severe weather event, but the Department of Social Protection can extend it to cover other exceptional circumstances at their discretion.

What does the scheme not cover?

The scheme does not cover:

Losses covered by an insurance policy
Loss of items deemed to be not essential or luxury items
Commercial and business losses
Loss or damage to private rented accommodation or local authority accommodation

How do I qualify for help under the scheme?

Your household's income is assessed to determine your household's ability to meet the costs of restoring your home to a habitable condition. All household income will be considered in the income test. You do not have to be getting a social welfare payment to qualify. Information on the income test is on our website.

If you have no insurance

If you had no insurance and you do not have reasonable grounds for not having insurance: You will be expected to contribute the first €2,000 toward the amount allowable, and Your personal contribution will be 2% for each whole €1,000 above the appropriate income level for your household

How much can I get under the scheme?

How much is paid under the scheme depends on how severe the damage is and your ability to meet these costs.

How do I apply for the scheme?

To apply for the Humanitarian Assistance Scheme, you should complete the Humanitarian Assistance Scheme application form (pdf). You can also get the form from your local Community Welfare Service or from your local Intreo centre or branch office.

You must include the following with your application, where available:

Evidence of household income (pay slips, etc)

Estimates for repairs or replacement

A copy of your insurance policy

Paid invoices/receipts

Any other information which may support your claim

You should send your completed application form to the Community Welfare Officer (CWO) at your local Community Welfare Service.

Further information

You can read more about the Humanitarian Assistance Scheme on gov.ie.

You can get more information about the scheme at your local Community Welfare Service, or you can call the National Phone Line for Community Welfare Services on 0818 607080.

Concerns Regarding the Vantage Towers Mast in Lucan



Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my profound disappointment in the recent decision by South Dublin County Council to grant permission for Vantage Towers to erect a 21-meter high mast on the grounds of the Penny Hill Pub in Lucan. The majority of residents, including myself, only found out about the proposal when it was too late to object.

It is disheartening to witness a decision of this magnitude being made without due consideration for the impact it will have on our local environment. I wholeheartedly support the call for our local representatives to appeal this decision. As a resident of Lucan, it is my belief that such a proposal would not be approved in more affluent areas, further deepening the sense of inequality and discrimination faced by our community.

The main beneficiaries of this decision seem to be Vodafone and the owners of the Penny Hill Pub, while the local community is left to bear the brunt of the consequences. The imposition of a 21-meter high mast on our landscape will undoubtedly have a significant and negative impact on the visual aesthetics of the area. It is crucial that the Council takes into account the importance of preserving the character and beauty of Lucan, which we all cherish.

Furthermore, the recent pool fiasco in Lucan has left many of us with the impression that the South Dublin County Council is showing a lack of interest in our community. The series of disappointments and seemingly hasty decisions reflect a disregard for the concerns and aspirations of Lucan residents. It is high time that the Council re-evaluates its approach and gives our town the attention it deserves.

Sincerely,
Stuart

Ireland's Deadliest Pub Crawl: the murder of Fr. McCarten
A talk by Darren Tully,
Society for Old Lucan

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ALL WELCOME!**

Mass of Remembrance

The Deceased residents of Woodview and Woodview Heights will be remembered at the **12 noon Mass on Sunday 12th November in St Patrick's Church,** Esker/Dodsboro/Adamstown.



Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills. Our next meeting is on Thursday 16th November at 7:45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip and guests are most welcome to join us on the night.



Do you want to **finally** conquer your fear of public speaking?

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

Do you want to make new friends?

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

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

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

For further details, check out Lucan Toastmasters on Facebook or Instagram, our website at www.lucantoastmasters.com or email us at vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com

Hillcrest Residents Association

Notice of AGM: All residents of Hillcrest, Beaumont Cottages, Newcastle Road and the section of Dodsboro Road bordering Hillcrest Close are invited to our **Annual General Meeting which will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 16th November 2023 in the Ball Alley.**

In addition to usual Committee business, we will have a local Community Garda joining us to talk about local and personal safety issues.

All residents in attendance will be entered into a draw on the night.

Maria Murphy, Chairperson

Please be assured that Gardaí have been notified and have arranged for extra patrols to operate throughout the estate on the night.

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

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.

Let Your God Love You

Be silent.

Be still.

Alone.

Empty

Before your God.

Say nothing.

Ask nothing.

Be silent.

Be still.

Let your God

Look upon you.

That is all.

He knows.

He understands.

He loves you with

An enormous love.

He only wants to

Look upon you

With his love.

Quiet. Still. Be.

Let your God

Love you.

(Edwina Gateley)

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

All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

Divine Mercy Devotion: During exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy with devotions, is prayed every Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral).

Divine Mercy Devotion St Mary's.

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



St Mary's Scripture Reflection: Every Monday Evening 7.30 – 8.30pm in the Bungalow. **JOIN US** - You are Welcome to come any Monday. We reflect on the Gospel Reading of the following Sunday.

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

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

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

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

CHURCH ART CALENDARS FOR 2024

Now available at the Parish Office and Sacristy. Cost €2.

St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

NEXT Saturday/ Sunday 18th/19th November.

Many thanks for your generosity.



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

For assistance, phone: 01 8550022
or email: info@svp.ie



The Church Gate Collection on

THIS weekend

November 11th and 12th

is in aid of CASA – Caring and Sharing Association.

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

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

The aim is to pray for vocations and also try to help seminarians financially. We also assist seminarians throughout the world spiritually.

We would gladly welcome new members.

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month for 1 hour.

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

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

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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

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. All are welcome.

Wednesdays 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).

All are most welcome.

Totus Tuus Scripture Conference is Live on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday 18th November from 2pm

Speakers include: Fr. John Ryan (Cloyne Diocese), Fr. Luke Demasi (Home of the Mother), Fr. John McEaney (Waterford & Lismore Diocese), Frances Hogan (Scripture Scholar).

Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland App, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie



Adoration: Adoration Service 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 only.

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

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **NEXT** Saturday/Sunday **18th and 19th November**

Thank you for your generosity.



Anam Cara South Dublin, the

organisation that supports bereaved

parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 13th 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 whether their death was recent or not.

Irish Conversation in the Coffee Dock, in the St Mary's Parish Centre.

Wednesdays 10.30am to 11.30am.

Tea and coffee for like-minded people who want to engage in conversation as Gaeilge.

All are welcome to join in for a cupán tae and cúpla focail



Acknowledgement

JOHN LORDAN

The family of John Lordan would like to thank everyone who reached out to us, sympathised and supported us in our recent bereavement.

Special thanks to Fr. Curran, Dr. David Lombard and Dr. Stuart Kenny, George Visan and staff of Lucan Lodge who looked after John.

We are most grateful to all who called to the house, attended John's Funeral, sent Mass cards and messages of sympathy and to our friends and wonderful neighbours in Ardeevin.

Please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our appreciation to you all.

John's Month's Mind Mass will take place on Sunday 19th November 2023 in St. Mary's Church at 12 noon.

Stella, Anne and Marina Lordan



Anniversaries

BABY CONCHÚR McCABE

12th Anniversary – 13th November

Forget me not as you go about your day
And when the winter wind howls my name
Forget me not in the lonely darkness of the night
And in the warm brightness of the sun light
Forget me not in the freshness
Of the morning dew
And in the spring when life begins anew
For I am in you and you are in me
I will always live in your heart
As long as you Forget Me Not.
To our most beautiful baby boy Conchúr
"Our hearts long for you, burn for you, pine for you,
we are incomplete without you."
Mammy, Daddy, sister Réaltín and brother Faolán
Bridín, Richard, Réaltín and Faolán McCabe xxx

There is a special Angel in Heaven
That is part of us
He was here for just a moment
Like a night time shooting star
And though he is in Heaven, he isn't very far
He touched the hearts of many
Like only an Angel can do.
So, we send this special message
To Heaven up above
Please take care of our Angel Conchúr
And send him all our love.

From Nana Magsie, Grandad Mattie, Uncle Alan and Auntie Cammy, Auntie Helen and Uncle Ciarán and cousins Nora and Aisling

Anniversaries

Remembering our friend and colleague

JOAN O'FLYNN whose 14th Anniversary occurs on 12th November.

Lucan Newsletter Team



MICHAEL ANDERSON

12th Anniversary – 16th November

In loving memory of my dear brother.

Will those who think of him today

A little prayer to Jesus say.

Missed and remembered always,

Frank and Ann xxx

VINCENT FITZGERALD

2nd Anniversary – 13th November

We miss you

We love you

We remember you.

Rose, Martin and

Embla, Robert and Michelle, grandchildren

Tadhg, Cormac and Roisín

Happy Heavenly Birthday Vincent – 9th November.



JIM FORAN

13th Anniversary – 12th November

Late of Cherbury Park Avenue.

A shadow walks beside me, forever by my side

Always there to guide me, ever since you died

So always stay beside me

It's so nice to know you're there

Thank you for the memories

And the times we loved and shared.

Always remembered and so sadly missed by your loving wife Nodlaig and your 13 children

For Grandad Foran

Of all the gifts in life, however big or small

To have you as a Grandad

Was the greatest gift of all.

Loved so much and remembered fondly by your many grandchildren and great grandchildren

Anniversaries

MARY FORAN

6th Anniversary - 13th November

(Daughter-in-law of Jim and Nodlaig)

Wherever a beautiful soul has been
There is a trail of beautiful memories.
Forever remembered, forever missed



PHILIP GALLIGAN

9th Anniversary - 14th November

Memories are something that no one can steal
Death is a heartache that no one can heal
Some may forget you now that you're gone
But we will remember no matter how long
Missed every day.

*Dolores, Karen, Vanessa, Natasha, Amanda,
Lynn, grandchildren and sons-in-law*

**Philip's 9th Anniversary Mass will take place
on Sunday 12th November in St. Patrick's
Church, Esker at 12 mid-day.**

TOMMY THOMPSON

4th Anniversary - 12th November

Our lives go on without you
But nothing is the same
We have to hide our heartache
When someone speaks your name
Sad are the hearts that love you
Silent are the tears that fall
Living without you is the hardest part of all
You did so many things for us
Your heart was so kind and true
And when we needed someone
We could always depend on you
The special years will not return
When we are all together
But with the love in our hearts
You walk with us forever.

*Greatly missed by your loving daughter Sharon
and son-in-law David*



For Grandad Tommy

Of all the gifts in life, however big or small
To have you as our Grandad
Was the greatest gift of all.
*Missed and loved so much from your loving
grandchildren Jake, Luke and Faye*

Lucan ICA

We are back at crafts as usual on
Monday, hope everyone had a nice
Halloween.



**We are looking forward to
welcoming everyone to our Arts & Craft
Fair on Saturday 11th from 5.30 to 8pm and
on Sunday 12th from 10am to 2 pm.**

We have a great selection of handmade baby knits
and crochet, Christmas cards, decorations for the
Christmas tree, Jams, Christmas table runners,
cushions to name a few all made by our
members. Ideal for Christmas gifts.

For the children there is guess how many buttons
in the jar and name the doll.

There will be a monster raffle with lots of good
prizes to win.

Pauline

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 15th Nov: No Social Morning in the
Parish Centre.

Meet at the lay-by by 10am, for a day trip to
Rathwood.



Blooming Seasons! The seasons
have definitely lost the run of
themselves – Birdie spotted
Cowslips up and blooming last
weekend.

Another man's tale was of his
Daffodils peeping up much too early!

A very friendly white bird has been resident in
Hillcrest for the past few weeks. A reader with a
clever app on her phone, has identified our
feathered friend as an *Albino Magpie!*

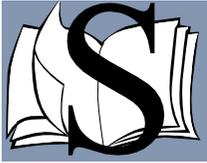
The People's Angelus! The 6pm Angelus on
RTE1, has a few different interesting pieces of
film running with it. One piece features a
delightful little robin, keeping himself warm from
the winter's chill, his breast puffed up. Watch out
for the little fellow!

Belated Birthday Greetings

to **Róisín**, in Melbourne,
who celebrated her
7th Birthday on 7th November.



From all her friends in Lucan



Adamstown Community College

Careers Speed Dating Event: Inviting all past-pupils who attended Adamstown Community College to return to network with our current senior classes. Please see details below on how to get involved! Any further question please email guidance@adamstowncc.ie

Speed Networking Event

Dates: Thursday 23rd November, 11am - 1pm
Adamstown Community School - canteen area

Purpose: The Speed Networking Event aims to facilitate valuable connections and mentorship opportunities between the school's alumni and current students. It provides an avenue for alumni to share their educational and career experiences, insights, and advice with the school community. This event encourages alumni to give back and support the personal and professional growth of current students.

Participation: Alumni interested in participating are encouraged to sign up as mentors here. They can connect with students during the event, sharing their career journeys, offering guidance, and fostering meaningful networking connections. This event will be a structured schedule where mentors and students can connect for three minutes at a time and then move on.



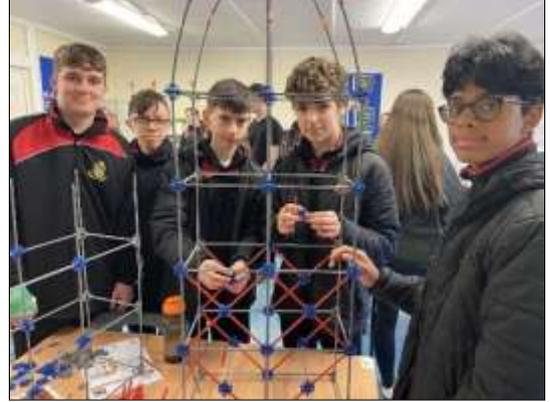
Farewell: After 11 years of working hard for the school, Mr. Anderson has stepped down as Principle. Everyone from Staff to Students will miss him, and wish him well on his retirement.

Hello: Thanks to the work done by Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind, Adamstown now has a dog named Quattro. It is important that we all make Quattro feel comfortable in his new environment and role. Let's make sure his first weeks here are amazing.

Lucan Community College

Transition Year 'Develop Me' Workshops

Lucan Community College welcomed Develop Me Workshops this week. Students were busy building their team building skills and having fun with their classmates upon their return from Work Experience.



Badminton Blitz: Well done to all of the students who took part in the Senior Badminton Tournament at Adamstown CC. The students played terrific badminton and should be so proud of how they conducted themselves. They displayed great sportsmanship with the other schools involved - a wonderful representation of LCC. Thank you to Adamstown for hosting such an enjoyable event.

November Assessments: November assessments begin next week in Lucan Community College. Assessments will take place from Monday 13th - Friday 17th November. Please see the school website for more information.



Stand Up Week in Lucan Community College:

This week marks Stand Up Awareness week in schools across the country. A huge thank you to David Gough who visited Lucan Community College today to give a very powerful and moving talk to our GAA teams for Stand Up Awareness Week.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Talent Show: The 2023 edition of Coláiste Phádraig's Talent Show was held in the school on Friday, October 27th. As always there was great excitement and a brilliant atmosphere around the school on the day of the show which was streamed simultaneously into every classroom from 9:15am. 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, hurling skills, boxing montages, table tennis tricks, impressive memory acts, speed rubik's cube solving, cinematography and video game edits. There were also a number of very funny and well edited Lip Sync performance of "I Want It That Way" by The Backstreet Boys, starring the teaching staff, management and canteen staff!

At the end of the Show, every student in the school got the chance to vote for their top three acts. TY student Dara Reilly, who did a brilliant job in both introducing the finalists and providing positive (and hilarious!) feedback on all of the performers, then read out the top three acts over the intercom.

In third place was 5th yr student **David Farrelly** who performed a delightfully upbeat acoustic medley of well-known songs on his electric and bass guitars.

In 2nd place was 2nd yr Patrick Lawrence with a memorable cinematic boxing montage that was superbly edited and extremely well put-together. Patrick was the star of his own act as he demonstrated his various boxing moves and training routines in Jobstown Boxing Club. To quote the Talent Show MC Dara Reilly, it really was "A knockout performance!" that came really close to winning the top prize.

This year's Talent Show winner was 5th yr John Studd Joshua who wrote and performed his own song entitled "The Devil is a Liar". John, who won the Talent Show in 2020 when he was in 1st yr, once again dazzled those watching with his superb lyrics, impressive voice and neat dance routines! John was presented with 150euro in recognition of his fantastic achievement.

Ms. Kirby and Ms. Deane would like to thank TY students involved in the promotion, production and editing of this year's Talent Show. A special word of thanks to Conan Mackey and his editing team consisting of Philip Olszonowski, Noah Carroll and Luke Melinn. Aidan Hamill did a sterling job as Head of Production ably he was ably assisted by 13 other students. Dara Reilly also led the Lyp-Snyc team of 12 students in the production of the staff act.

So many other TY students carried out important tasks such as sound checks, collecting votes etc, to ensure that the Talent Show ran so smoothly and Ms. Kirby is grateful to each and every one of them. Finally, a word of appreciation to Ms. Kirby who took over the enormous responsibility for this year's Talent Show. She was busy basically every free class period that she had over the space of a number of weeks chasing up students (and staff!) for their contributions.



School news: Well done to Ms. Gough who completed the Dublin Marathon held on Sunday 29th October. It was her 1st time running a marathon and she pushed through the pain barrier to finish in a very respectable time. It was a great personal achievement that she can be very proud off and she was cheered along the route by her family and friends, all of whom are very proud of her too. We also had the youngest runner in the race as 6th yr Tyler Doherty finished in an impressive time of 4 hrs 15mins. Tyler, who holds the bleep test fitness record in the school, ran a superb race and paced himself well so that he could finish strongly. Both Tyler and Ms. Gough certainly earned their WB Yeats engraved medals the hard way.

Hurling: Hard luck to our u16 Hurling team who were beaten in the Dublin Junior League semi-final by Malahide CS. The match was played just before the Mid-Term Break with Malahide winning 2:20 to 2:10 after an entertaining and hard-fought encounter between two good teams. Cian Kelly and Páidí Murphy scored the Lucan goals while Brian Whelan, Ciarán O' Sullivan, Aidan Doyle, Derry Ware and Henry Green scored the points but it wasn't enough on the day.

Science: Well done to the five students who had their projects accepted into this year's BT Young Scientist Exhibition which takes place in early January. 2nd yr Tadhg Bohan, 3rd yr Hamza Ahmed and 5th yrs Abhinav and Aniruddh Sriram as well as Sam Jacob, all successfully reached the standards required for participation at this yr's Exhibition. They will be busy in the two months ahead preparing and fine-tuning their projects.

St. Joseph's College

First year fun walk: On Friday 27th October the first year students took part in their Fun Walk. The walk brought the students from the school, through the Lucan Demesne and St. Catherine's Park. There was great excitement and great costumes on show from all first years. A huge thanks to their year head Ms. Bould, Mr. Collins, Ms. Ward, Ms. Bligh, the event management team, their tutors and Cinnire for organising and looking after them.

Freaky Friday: The entire school was in great spirits the Friday. It was a great day of fun as many of the teachers and students dressed up in some fantastic costumes.

Under 19 and under 14 badminton: Our under 19 and under 14 badminton teams were in action on Monday and Tuesday in Adamstown Community College. They competed in round robin competitions playing each team in their group. Of the many pairings, one of the pairings from St Joseph's came third. Three students also won prizes for the Spirit of badminton, these were Aishah Soliman, Amy Connolly, Amy Griffin.



Junior Gaelic football: Well done to the junior Gaelic football team who had a great win versus St. Colmcilles Community School on Wednesday. The girls won out 3-06 to 1-07 winners. Well done to Ms Dawson and the whole team.

Stand up Week: This week in the school is Stand Up Week. Stand Up Week is a nationwide anti-bullying campaign in support of LGBTI+ students. This year's theme is **allyship**. There is a number of awareness events in the school this week. Being an ally involves not using anti-LGBT+ language and slurs, intervening when possible to stop bullying and harassment and supporting a safe and harassment-free school for all our students.

6th year parent – teacher meeting: The 6th year parent teacher meetings will take place in the school this Thursday evening from 4:15pm – 7pm. We are looking forward to welcoming the

parents back into the school again for face to face meetings after the last few years taking place online.

Fundraising Calendar for St. Vincent De Paul: Joey's Tidy Towns Calendar 2024 will be available and on sale from Friday, 1st December. All proceeds from the calendar sales will go directly to the Lucan Conference of the St. Vincent De Paul. Our calendars make fantastic planners, wall hangings for kitchens and offices and especially as Christmas presents to send all over the world! To pre-order your calendar(s), please email stjosephslucan@gmail.com. We are very grateful to our sponsors Eamon Costello (Kerry) Ltd. and Lucan District Credit Union for supporting our calendar this year. Calendars are €10.00 each.

School Musical: Tickets for Beauty & The Beast (Jr) are now available on our school website (www.stjosephslucan.com). Tickets will be Adults €20.00, Students/Seniors €15.00. Tickets will also be available from the front office of St. Joseph's College from Monday, 13th November. We are looking forward to welcoming our audiences for our first ever production of 'Beauty & the Beast' (Jr) this year. Popcorn & many other treats will be available for all our younger audiences while a dazzling raffle will feature each night for those who like to purchase a raffle ticket or two! Any queries to 01-6281160 or stjosephslucan@gmail.com.



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Find us on our

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Scoil Mhuire, Woodview Hts / Airlie Hts

Enrolment for
Junior Infants Sept 2024
is now open



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

Closing date November 24th

St. Mary's BNS Junior Infant Enrolment

We are now accepting applications for enrolment for Junior Infants in September 2024. Applications can be downloaded from our school website at www.stmarysbnslucan.com



**Closing date for applications will be
Friday 17th November 2023.**

St. Thomas' JNS

Enrolment for Junior Infants
September 2024 Now Open



Details at
<http://stthomasjns.com/Page/School-Admission/3622/Index.html>

Scoil Mhuire GNS Junior Infants 2024

Scoil Mhuire Girls National School is now accepting applications for enrolment for Junior Infants in September 2024.

Applications can be downloaded from our school website at www.smgnslucan.com Or you email the school for an application form. 2024@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 17th November 2023.**



Gold Awards for Liffey Sound 96.4FM

CRAOL, the umbrella organisation for community radio in

Ireland held their annual Achievement awards in the Sheraton hotel in Athlone on the 26th of October. Huge "Congratulations" to our Outside broadcast team, Kelly Darcy, Maria Murphy, Gary Gibson, Jon White & Stephen O Sullivan who won Gold in the category "Creativity & Effectiveness- Value to the Community" for our coverage of the Lucan Festival 2022. And "Congratulations" to Ava Vox who won Gold in the category "Social Benefit Music" for her programme "The Underground Sessions". Ava's programme is broadcast 7pm-9pm every Tuesday- tune in for the best of Punk, Rock & Alternative music, interviews and updates on gigs. All our radio presenters are volunteers and it was fantastic that their hard work was recognised in this way.

If you would like to volunteer & present a programme with us, please email our Station Manager- Mairéad Cullen for details- stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook

**Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community
Radio Station!**

NAGARHOPE Christmas Cards for Sale

€5 for Pack of 10
Available from 191 Beech Park
Also available from the Parish Office.
Or contact 087-0666891

Christmas Craft Fair Celbridge Mill Community Centre

Our annual Christmas Craft Fair returns after a 4 year break. 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 26th
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.

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

POLITICAL NOTES

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

01 401 3416. Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

Frances Fitzgerald MEP: Best of luck to Frances, who has decided not to run in next year's European elections. Frances was a mentor and role model for me as I started my political journey in Dublin Mid-West. She has represented the people of Lucan in the Dáil and in Europe since 2011 and will be greatly missed. Thank you for all you've done for our communities, for women, and for Ireland.

Lucan House: I recently met with Ambassador Ruggero at his residence, the historic Lucan House which he has agreed to sell to South Dublin County Council. It will be fantastic to have this stunning property and its grounds in public ownership. Conveyancing is now underway.

Dosa Dosa: Delighted to officially open Dosa Dosa at the Crossings Adamstown. Serving delicious food 5-10pm Thursdays - Sundays. Best of luck to Karthik & team!

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

Phone: 085-7211574. Email: ginokenny@oir.ie

Public Meetings on Bus Services in Lucan:

People Before Profit will be hosting two public meetings next week regarding public transport. Our office has received correspondences from public transport users that particularly at peak times buses are either full or not showing up at all. There has been considerable change since the new **C-Spine** route was introduced to capacity for passengers. We are inviting members of the public to come to these meetings and discuss how we can collectively better public transport in the Lucan locality. **Monday 13th November 8pm Ballyowen Community Centre and Thursday 16th November 8pm Adamstown Community Centre.** All Welcome

Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

Mobile: 087-2136345.

Email: dobradaigh@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

Canonbrook – School Parking / Road

Markings: Following a recent door engagement, residents raised concerns at ongoing issues of dangerous parking at the nearby schools at drop off times. I have raised this again with the traffic management section and requested an inspection of road markings for repainting.

Lucan – Small Businesses: Recently, I have sought detail regarding the Local Enterprise Office engagement with existing small and medium sized local businesses. To my surprise,

Lucan have amongst the lowest numbers of assistance in terms of grants, mentoring and guidance etc. I will continue to raise this matter and work to assist existing operators and new entrepreneurs where I can.

St Finian's – Estate Management: Last week, I met and spoke with some residents in St Finian's. I have since requested a clean of specific areas.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Web: www.shanemoynihan.ie

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Instagram: cllrshanemoynihan

Twitter: @shanemoynihan Phone: 087-7840898.

Ballyowen Castle Shopping Centre: Ballyowen Castle Shopping Centre is an important district centre for many people in Lucan. It should reflect this in its appearance and upkeep. Thanks to my fellow councillors for supporting my motion (unanimously) to ask the management company that owns the area to improve its appearance, upkeep and safety. I will be following up on this matter as I know it is of interest to people in the area.

James Gandon Memorial: I have submitted a motion for the November Area Meeting: 'To ask the Chief Executive to erect a plaque in Lucan Village to honour James Gandon, renowned architect, given the 200th anniversary of his death in Canonbrook on 24 December this year.'

Grand Canal Greenway extension to

Hazelhatch: This contract is up for re-tendering before the end of the year.

Caroline Brady - Fine Gael - PC

- 085 2551602 info@CarolineBrady.com

Dodsboro Junction: Following representations to SDCC regarding the issues raised in navigating Dodsboro junction, the Council report recent inspections show peak travel times have improved. The green filter arrows not working is now rectified. The installation of a bike lane was not considered during the improvement works. Cycle South Dublin have an ambitious programme for upgrade and new cycle lane facilities throughout the county and may consider this area in future plans.

Be Winter Ready: Seniors Alert Scheme

(SAS): Provides funding for a personal monitored alarm, connected to a contact centre to enable older persons of 65 or older and of limited means, to continue to live securely in their homes with confidence, independence and peace of mind. If you need assistance accessing the service, please contact me. We are continuing our local focus and meeting people in and around Lucan.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

0872795274. lotoole@cllrs.sdblincoco.ie
www.lotoole.com

Register to Vote: Further to my motions requesting a polling station for Adamstown I'm delighted to confirm that Adamstown Youth & Community Centre is now an official polling station. Adamstown residents will now be able to vote at this new polling station at the next local and European elections in June 2023.

A national voter registration awareness campaign was launched recently, the aim of the campaign is to encourage everybody to make sure that their details are correct on www.checktheregister.ie You can register to vote or update their details at any time using the www.checktheregister.ie system. Furthermore, PPSNs, Dates of Birth and Eircode's can also be added to the system, assisting local authorities in their work to improve the accuracy of the electoral register.

Pre-register: 16/17year olds can now pre-register to vote therefore automatically added to the electoral register upon turning 18.

Sarsfield Park Residents Assoc.

Next Residents meeting is **Monday 4th December in Kennys 8:30pm**. We would encourage residents to get involved here.

We shall be holding our Christmas raffle and finalising the Santa list for visits at this meeting, note this is only open to paid up members of the association as of Sunday November 12th if you haven't paid your sub please do so today. We would also like to acknowledge the support of the local businesses that contribute to this draw. Remember to support our local businesses

We shall be planting our spring bulbs as supplied by SDCC on Saturday 11th meeting at 2pm at the name stone at the entrance to the estate - it would be great to get the children involved in this to see the painting and the spring flowers coming up, it would also be a great opportunity to pay your outstanding fees if you haven't had that opportunity yet.



BIO-SCAPING WORKSHOP

With Horticulturist Aoife Munn
How to use your garden space to encourage the movement of bees, butterflies, birds and bats

THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER, 11AM

Lucan Library
All Welcome!

LUCAN RED CROSS



Lucan Red Cross **Old Folk's Party** will be held in the Springfield Hotel on the 17th December.

If you are 66 years of age or over and collect your pension in Lucan and would like to attend our party and are not already on our list from previous years you can contact the following people:
Bernadette Cummins Phone: 01 6282661

(between 6 / 7pm)

Mary Cullen Phone 01 6245076

(between 6 / 7pm)

Please contact us as soon as possible on the above numbers.

If you contact us after the **19th November** you will be automatically put on our list for next year.

Frederick Douglass:
A talk by historian Cecilia Hartsell

Thurs 23 Nov, 7pm, Lucan Library

Booking through Eventbrite at lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie



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.



Buachaillí F15 - Iomáint

Lá iontach don pharóiste Gaelach nuair a thug na buachaillí F15 an cluiche ceannais iomána leo. Bhí taispeantais iontach fud fad na páirce ach go háirithe ón líne leath-chúl do Sean Ó Beacháin, Rioghnáin Ó Briain & Oisín Ó Riain.

Molaimid na buachaillí ar fad agus táimid ag súil lena gaiscí eile a bhainfidh siad amach sna blianta romhainn agus geansaí Na Gaeil Óga ar a ndroim acu! Míle buíochas do Carroll's as ucht failtiú mhór a chuir romhainn sa sraidbhaile tar éis an chluiche freisin.

Lucan Golf Club 2024



Applications for Tee Box Sponsorship
Now Open.

If interested, please contact:
Paul Hennessy, Sponsorship Secretary
Telephone: 087-1892478
Email: pghennessy8@gmail.com



Church of Ireland Parish Centre at

St Andrew's Church, Main Street, Lucan

We have a few vacant slots in our main sports hall if you or your organisation would be interested in renting.

Monday Afternoon between 12:30 & 17:30

Tuesday Morning between 9:00 and 12:00

Tuesday Afternoon between 12:00 and 18:00

Wednesday Morning between 9:00 and 12:30

We offer competitive hourly rates to Adult and Youth Groups.

There is also availability in our General Purpose Room which is suitable for smaller groups or meetings.

Please contact

parishoffice@leixlipunion.ie

for more information
or mobile no. **0894163421**

Chess Class for Seniors

Have you always wanted to learn chess but never got round to it? Me too!



I am trying to get a beginners chess class up and running aimed at older people, including myself, and I need to ascertain if there is enough interest. It will be more social and fun than competitive - no pressure to compete at the next World Senior Chess Championships. The prospective teacher is a Candidate Chess Master and qualified teacher.

If you feel you meet the age criteria and want to learn chess, text me or phone me at 087 392 0931.

Joanna

Minder & Toddler Group

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



SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Dublin 2023 Race Report

Lucan Harriers had nearly 40 runners in the Dublin Marathon this year with many taking part in their first marathon and all performed admirably. The day started off with the annual clock change. The weather on the morning started off bright with blue skies. The crowds gathered in Fitzwilliam Square and surrounds from 7.30 as the last-minute nerves kicked in, the runners trying to keep warm on the crisp morning. Jumping, stretching, leg swings, swivels all types of movement just to keep warm. The nice weather didn't last as the rain didn't take long to materialise and many people were wet before the event even kicked off. It started in 4 waves, 5 including wheelchairs. 8.40 for the wheelchair athletes, 8.45 runners and then every 20 minutes until 9.45. 8.45 on the nose, the National Played and DCM 2023 was on its way with over 22000 athletes of all ability registered to be at the start line.

The route takes the runners through many notable Dublin Sights. Stephens Green, St Patricks Cathedral, Phoenix Park, many city suburbs, Manor St, Castleknock, Ballyfermot, Crumlin, Walkinstown, Terenure, Rathgar, Clonskeagh, Milltown, UCD, Nutley Lane, Merrion Road, Ballsbridge and onto the finish line in Merrion Square only a short walk from the starting point. It is recognised as been a tough course. As the hours went on the weather got worse with many large puddles enroute, the finish line couldn't come soon enough for many. The athletes were soaked and the crowds on the sidelines were soaked. The euphoria of running in the last few hundred metres onto the purple finishing mat should never be underestimated. The finishing line can be quite an emotional place with many people overcoming so many personal challenges to get to the start line, get through the course and get across that finishing line. Just crossing that finish line irrespective of how you got there or the time you finish is an incredible achievement and one to be extremely proud of, a once in a lifetime achievement for many

Well done to club stalwart Winifred Ryan for organising the club stewarding. We also had 35 Lucan Harriers stewards lining the course from

Mount Sackville Gate in the Phoenix Park all the way to the top of Sarsfield Road in Ballyfermot. All wrapped up nicely in Marathon Colours. Without the support of stewards from various clubs this event simply couldn't take place, well done everyone for getting out there and supporting the athletes. Many other Lucan Harriers were at the bag drop area in Merrion Square and at various locations around the course cheering their friends and clubmates on. There is nothing nicer on the marathon course than getting a cheer from the sideline when you are least expecting it. First Harriers across the line were Ryan Rafter in 2.55.43 and Kathleen Trunk 3.34.24. Eileen O'Brien came home 3rd in her category and Josie Dignam 3rd in the Dublin Championship.



Well done one and all on a fantastic achievement.

Meanwhile while we were all busy on the streets of Dublin Dylan Dooley was undertaking his own challenge ponding the streets of Frankfurt in their city marathon in an incredible time of 3 hours and 21 sec, a 30-minute PB versus Dublin marathon 2022.

The Vue Bridge Club

We would like to welcome -
New Members - 9.15 am to
12.15 pm - Every Tuesday.
In Springfield Hotel, Leixlip.
Contact Yvonne - 086-8592638.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

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11th Exhibition of Photographs

St. Mary's Parish Centre
Sunday 26th November 2023
10.30 to 13.30

We also have some more photographs of mushrooms from Donal and Anna.



early computer graphics researcher Martin Newell at the University of Utah. I could try to explain its purpose but I think it is better you look it up yourselves. Suffice to say that through 3D printing the Utah Teapot has come full circle from being a computer model based on an actual teapot to being an actual teapot based on the computer model!

The date of our 11th annual exhibition is fast approaching. It will take place in the Parish Centre on Sunday 26th November between 10.30 and 1.30 and we look forward to seeing all our readers there. Of the order of 40 photographs will be exhibited and they have been selected. Printing, mounting and framing will occupy us over the next two weeks.

This week Donal submitted a number of photos where he intentionally moved the camera as he was taking them. The results are fascinating and, in many cases, the subject matter, while distorted, remains recognisable.



Anna also submitted photographs of sculptures located outside Naas Library and in Smithfield. The sculpture in Smithfield is the one that has fascinated me.



It is called “The Smithfield Utah”, a giant chequered bronze teapot. The sculpture was created by artist Alan Butler. The Utah Teapot model was created in 1975 by

Until the next time stay safe!