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Sunday 17th November 2024

Congratulation to Fr's Pius and Samuel

Last Saturday morning, (November 9th) I was delighted to have been invited to St. Patrick's College Maynooth. The beautiful College Chapel was host to the conferring of Degrees at St. Patrick's, Pontifical University. Archbishop Eamonn Martin of Armagh is the Chancellor of the University, and he did the honours at the impressive ceremony. Two of our Lucan priests were the proud recipients of degrees on this occasion.

Fr. Pius Faruna received a Doctorate in Theology and Fr. Samuel Akubueni received a Masters in Pastoral Theology. For both men, Saturday's ceremony was the culmination of a rigorous period of study and research, that I know, has been both challenging and fulfilling, and I congratulate them both on their achievement. Many of the students coming to Maynooth's Pontifical University, come from the young churches of Africa, and it's encouraging to know that many of these young churches had their beginnings with Irish Missionaries, and that Ireland is still playing an important role in educating the educators, and building up the church in faraway places.



(L-R) Fr. Pius Faruna, Fr. Philip Curran, Fr. Samuel Akubueni

New appointments

Now that they have both completed their studies, Archbishop Farrell has sent recent letters of appointment. Fr. Pius has been appointed as Curate to the Lucan Partnership of parishes, and his Bishop in Nigeria has kindly consented to his remaining with us for a few years. Fr. Samuel becomes Team Assistant in the Partnership and will be with us until next summer.



Given the vocations famine in Ireland at present, it's hard to see how the Irish church could survive without the contribution of men like Ubaldo (who has already completed his Masters), Pius and Samuel. They bring a rich diversity to us, and the experience of a young and vibrant church. I am grateful to them for their work in our Lucan Parishes. We are blessed to have them.

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

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

Our office is located in the Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre, Ballyowen, Lucan



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm 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

General Election 2024

Voting in the 2024 general election will be held on Friday 29 November 2024. Polling stations will open from 7am to 10pm.

To vote in this election, you must be registered to vote by Tuesday 12 November 2024. Check if you are registered to vote.



The deadline to register for the postal or special voters list was Sunday 10 November 2024.

Constituencies

A TD's constituency is the area that they are elected to represent. The Constitution states there must be a TD for every 20,000 to 30,000 people in the population.

The Electoral Commission published a review of Ireland's electoral constituencies. Based on its recommendations, the number of TDs and constituencies will be increased in the next Dáil.

The following changes were introduced by the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2023:

The number of TDs in the Dáil will increase to 174 (from 160)

The number of Dáil constituencies will increase to 43 (from 39)

Who can run as a candidate in a general election?

To run as a candidate for Dáil Eireann, you must be: A citizen of Ireland and over 21 years of age.

If you want to run as a candidate for a political party, you will have to go through the party's selection procedure. You can read about registering a political party.

If you want to run as an independent candidate, you must present a nomination paper to the returning officer in the constituency where you want to stand. You can nominate yourself, and you can run in more than one constituency. You do not have to live in, or own property in, the constituency where you want to run.

You also must be able to give the returning officer:

A Certificate of Party Affiliation, or Statutory declarations signed by 30 constituents, or a deposit of €500

Your nomination paper must be submitted by 12 noon on the 7th day after the Clerk of the Dáil has issued a writ (a written document containing a legal order) directing that an election be held.

For the 2024 general election, the deadline is 12 noon on Saturday 16 November 2024. Candidates may withdraw their nominations up to 12 noon on Monday 18 November 2024.

You can read more about eligibility for membership of Dáil Eireann.

General Election Posters and Campaigning

Once the date of a general election has been set, candidates will canvass for your vote. This can involve calling from door to door, sending out election leaflets, putting up posters, making party political broadcasts and taking part in debates.

There are rules governing how parties and candidates campaign for an election. There are also laws governing how much money can be spent by candidates and parties.

Posters and Leaflets

There are rules about posters and leaflets, and other forms of advertising during an election campaign:

Posters can only be hung on poles with the permission of the pole owner

Leaflets cannot be left under windscreen wipers

Posters must carry the name and address of the printer

Posters should not cause any disruption to road users

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 21st November at 7:45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip and guests are most welcome to join us. Come along on the night or contact vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com to register your interest.



Thursday 21st November 2024

7:45pm

Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, W23 W280

- 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 21st, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, follow Lucan Toastmasters on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#) or contact vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com

Minder & Toddler Group

Thursdays

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

All Welcome!



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.

Lucan ICA

Monday 18th November: Crafts as usual 10am – 12.30pm. We will also have a review of our Arts, Crafts & Produce Fair at the weekend.

Tea Hostesses: Nuala Corbet and Mary Skelly.

Ten of us had a lovely day out at The Knitting & Stitching Show in Belfast on Friday 8th, very comfortable train journey there and back, met many I.C.A. embers from all over Ireland.

Thank you to Paula Maguire who gave us a very interesting and informative talk on the Fair Deal Scheme in Nursing Homes on Monday last, 12th November.



Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 20th November: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, and also Mass for our deceased members, 10.30 – 12.30.

LOST

Keys to a BMW were lost within the vicinity of Lucan Village and Sarsfield Park on Tuesday 13th. If found, please drop into St. Mary's Parish Centre.

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 **this 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.

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)

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. 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: Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony. The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date.

Dates are bookable on line.

Email: secretary@lucanparish.com

Recent Death

Deepest sympathy to the husband, family and friends of **Patricia Watters**, Willsbrook.

May she rest in peace.

Church Art Calendar 2025



On sale - €2
St. Mary's
Parish Centre

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

St. Vincent de Paul Collection at all Masses, **this 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*



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.

St. Patrick's Parish Lucan Fundraiser Lotto

Your support makes a real difference
Jackpot increases every week plus a weekly winner prize

Play

Pick 4 numbers
The same numbers will be played for you each week

Pay

1 line for €2.50, 2 lines for €4
or 3 Lines for €5
Maximum 3 lines per person

Win

Match 4 numbers to win the Jackpot

Join now.

Scan the QR code or go to our website



Our Fundraiser

<https://www.ourfundraise.ie/org/stpatrickslucan>

Powered by [Our Fundraiser - fundraising made easy](http://OurFundraiser-fundraising-made-easy) For more information email info@ourfundraiser.ie

Right: Paul Packham, our first weekly winner being presented by Fr. Ubaldo with his €20 winnings and a box of sweets as a token of our appreciation.
Maybe it will be the big one next time.....



Anniversaries

Michael Anderson

13th Anniversary, 16th November

In loving memory of my dear brother.

Missed and remembered always

Frank and Ann x x x



Michael, (Wheely) McCabe

30th Anniversary on 12th November 2024

Sadly missed and loved always by

Catherine, Robert, Anne, Eileen and their families.

Birthday Remembrance

Bill Morris

Thursday 17th November.

Today would be your special day,

To sing and laugh and dance,

You loved a good aul knees up

Whenever you got the chance.

We will raise a glass and think of you

At your party in the sky,

Our family is everything and

So the memories will never die.



Happy Heavenly Birthday Granda Bill

Love Always, your son in law Dessie,
Grandchildren, Karen, Lisa, Kevin, Breeda, Andy
& Rachel, and great grandchildren
Laurajane, Nikki, Daniel, Kelsie & Craig.

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Thank You

CASA – Caring And Sharing Association thank most sincerely the parishioners of St. Mary's Church, Lucan, for their very generous contributions to our church gate collection held last weekend, November 9th and 10th. The collection which amounted to €1,268.60 will greatly help in the funding of our Social Events, Activities and our Lourdes Pilgrimage for our members, adults and children with Physical, Intellectual and Sensory disabilities together with many sick and terminally ill people.

Thank you to all those who helped make the collection a great success. Thank you for your continued and most valued support of CASA and please know that your efforts will make a difference to the lives of those that come into our care.



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.

Registration is also open for our December



The group on a recent visit to Medjugorje

Workshop

Date: Thursday 5th December 2024

Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm. Cost: €10

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!



Active over 55's:

Now that Tai Chi with Eugene is over we have a NEW program on Thursdays. The Wellness Program will focus on movement and visualisation for the mind and body. This will incorporate some visualisation work, Tai Chi and other movement for the body. We will then follow on the workshop with tea, coffee and a catch up.

Baby & Toddler Group:

Baby and toddler group will continue on Mondays. If you would like to come along, please don't be shy its Monday morning from 11-12.30.

Christmas Fair:



Places are filling up for stalls at the Christmas Fair but still time to grab a spot. If you are interested, 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.

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 1day 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.



What a shock to the system

the cold foggy mornings were this past week! We had got used to the lovely mild days, but hopefully we won't fare too bad over the coming months.

Candidates in the General Election are wearing down the shoe leather as they make their way around Lucan. No doubt, there are lots of subjects under discussion at the doors. Nominations close this coming Saturday 16th November. Good luck to all candidates!

Work continues all over Lucan – it seems that a new pathway, and perhaps a bus bay is taking shape on the old Celbridge Road.



Can't make head nor tail of the new 'car park' just around the corner at the Chinese restaurant, formerly the site of an old Corn Mill, and Lucan's first Technical School.

Work is progressing on the site of the fallen wall opposite Maxol – seems a huge job!

Tons of concrete are being poured into what was the Village Green.....



Down at the Weir Promenade – well it's just a complete mess at the moment.....

Presentation Day falls on Thursday next 21st November. We send greetings to all the Sisters on their special feast day.



Those leaves are nearly all gone – still a few to go. Take care!

“One Foot in the Right Direction”

Janet Dunne is the Author of a recently online published book which chronicles her journey of living with Bipolar which is a mental health illness. The book is titled **“One Foot in the Right Direction”**. It was recently published by Author House Publishing in the UK.

“One Foot in the Right Direction” is an easy-to-read book written to support people and families affected by this illness. It has been an incredible but extremely difficult journey for me that has taken 24 years of my life. I was shocked by the system in Ireland and the lack of help outside, even if they had written a few books to explain, I KNOW I would have read them. I have read many self-help books.

My reason for writing “One Foot in the Right Direction” was and is to tell my own story and help support families and loved ones living with Bipolar. My case was so different because I got sick in my mid-thirties which is later in life as many people with Bipolar get sick in their teenage years

A long time ago someone asked me If I could give some advice on Bipolar, at the time the question triggered me, I couldn't answer it fully because my experience of how the system worked in Ireland was mostly dealing with the chemical imbalance, although I was triggered by that question it caused me to take action by doing my own research into Bipolar. I wanted to learn about it, to understand it and to look at ways that I could help improve the quality of my life in order to live as normal a life as possible.

My Story **“One Foot in the Right Direction”** is now available to purchase on Amazon, Kindle and is also directly available from Author House Publications.

The Epic Origins of Hurling

From a translation of the original work **Sceal na hIomána** - the history of hurling before the GAA, which ran to about 820 pages of dense academic print in Irish.

There is much in the way of fascinating detail on the ancient game to be



discovered within the book's covers, from early reference in the mythology of Cúchulainn through the ages to where it stands today.

Available exclusively online in hardback at Amazon. Information: visit www.epichurling.com

Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown camera club second monthly competition (Architecture) was held on Wednesday the 30th of October in the Palmerstown Parish Centre. As usual a really big turnout and the images were of top class once again.

The winners in novice were Annie Whitley-John ó Flaherty- Siobhán ó Flaherty-Linda Ffrench-Ben Emmett. intermediate winners were Ciaran Ó Rourke, James Granfeld, John Dunne, Owen Connely, Miriam Power, Gerry Cahill.

Advanced winners were Lorraine Morris, Garrett Hayes, Noleen Kavanagh, Eddie Kavanagh, Dominic Gaffney. And image of the Month was John Dunne. And thank you to our judge Pat from Dublin camera club. Palmerstown camera club is always open to new members joining. We run every Wednesday night from 8 to 10.



David believes he could be a great footballer. All he needs is a team. However, he ends up joining Rosegrove United, who as well as having an awful name are useless in David's opinion. David has two other problems. Firstly, his embarrassing Dad, who thinks he is a soccer expert because he watches Match of the Day. Secondly, Whacker Whelan, the soccer playing bully. Can David overcome these challenges and win the Player of the Year trophy.

Illustrations by Caoilfhionn Walsh & Ciarán O'Brien.

A must for any Xmas Stocking - available at buythebook.ie

Suitable for ages 6 to 60!
Local author and set in Lucan.



SCHOOL NEWS



Senior Soccer: Hard luck to our senior soccer team who were beaten 2-0 in their cup game against Tallaght Community School last week.

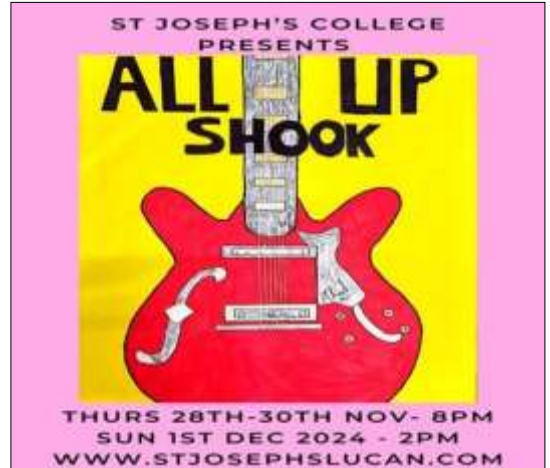
All Shook Up Tickets: Tickets for TY musical 'All Shook Up' are now on sale and can now be purchased from the school Instagram and X pages and also from the school website.

St. Joseph's College

Under 16 Gaelic Football: Well done to our under 16 Gaelic footballers who had a great win in their championship against Mercy Convent, Coolock last week. The team played really well and now progress to the knockout stages of the competition. Last week our senior footballers also had a fantastic win in a local derby against Colaiste Cois Life.

Stand Up Week: Stand Up awareness week is a time to promote inclusion and diversity. A time to decrease homophobic, transphobic and biphobic bullying and increase supports and friendships for the LGBTQ+ community in our school and society. Last week the student council hosted a bake sale to raise funds for these causes and Belong To services. Well done to Ms. Banks and all of the Student Council for all their hard work.

Scarr Mountain Hike: On Sunday morning, 26 students from 5th and 6th year headed to Scarr Mountain for a practice hike. This was all as they all begin working towards their Gaisce medals. It was a fantastic day as the students navigating some slippery slopes and trails around the mountain with their guides. Thanks to Ms. Bligh, Ms McElwain and Ms. Coleman for accompanying the students.



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Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

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



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Soccer: Our **u17 team** advanced to the 2nd rnd of the Leinster Junior Cup last week after defeating St. Joseph's CBS Fairview 4-0 with Emmet Kelleher (2), Aidan Doyle and James Dwyer getting the goals.

Our **u15 team** were beaten 3-1 by St. Benildus College last Wednesday in the 1st rnd of the Leinster Minor Cup. The team at least have the consolation of participation in the Leinster Minor Shield competition which begins later this month. The team also played their 2nd League match this week against Harstown CS without their 3rd yr players, who were sitting their Christmas exams. A young Lucan team performed very well but their opponents had their full team out, containing mostly 3rd yrs, so they ran out 3-0 winners after a competitive and hard-fought match. They have two more group games remaining.

Congratulations to our past pupils Conor Kane and Darragh Markey on their fantastic achievement in winning the FAI Cup with Drogheda United last Sunday, in front of over 38,000 fans at the Aviva Stadium. Drogheda beat Derry City 2-0 in the showpiece final and Conor won the penalty for the team's 2nd goal with a typical surging run into the box from out wide. It was great to see the two of them celebrate together on the pitch at the end and hopefully they will visit us in the school soon with the beautiful FAI Cup trophy.



Cross country: Well done to our 40 students who took part in the Raheny Athletics Cross Country run that was held in St. Anne's Park on Wednesday 7th November. We had 10 1st yrs competing in the 1km Minor race. Jack Palmer (18th) and Jamie Lynch (20th) both ran great races in a field of over 100 athletes.

We also had a further 10 1st yrs competing in the Junior 2km race. 1st yr Daniel Abbot ran a fantastic race to finish in 2nd place (out of 112 runners!) and if the race was another 50m or so he would most likely won as he was gaining rapidly on the winner at the end.

Daniel also ran the 3km Intermediate race straight after and he finished in the pack just behind the older and much more experienced leading group. 3rd yr Conor Abbot was our best finisher in this race with an impressive 5th place.

We also had 10 runners in the 3km Senior race, with Lucas Collender, Ben Kavanagh and Niall Ryan Doyle our top finishers in a very high

standard race. Well done to every athlete who gave their all and finished the challenging courses in very respectable times.

Green Schools: Two of Coláiste Phádraig's Green Schools committee, Abhinav and Aniruddh Sriram, took part in the Water Ambassador Training last Thursday in the Hyatt Centric in the Liberties, Dublin. The purpose of the training, run by An Taisce and supported by Uisce Éireann, was to help the students be clear about their role as Water Ambassadors for the school. It was an important step for the students in becoming champions in water conservation and bringing their new found expertise back into the school to share with the rest of the Green Schools team as they work towards earning the Green Flag for Water.

Awards: Well done to **Dara Power** from 1 Rye who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month* Award for October in recognition of his impeccable manners, impressive work-ethic and excellent co-operation in all of his classes. Congratulations to 2nd yr **Daniel Wallace** who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award* in recognition of his excellent displays for the school's 2nd yr football team. Comhghairdeas freisin le **Thomas Neerakkal** ón rang 1Wheat a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí na Samhna mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge. The three winners each received a 20euro voucher as well as a framed certificate to recognise their achievements.

Football: Our 1st yr football team began their Dublin League campaign on Monday with a defeat to a strong Templeogue College team. Daniel Kavanagh scored two well-taken points for Lucan but a lack of a clinical edge cost the team as they failed to capitalise on numerous scoring opportunities throughout the game. Unfortunately, there were too many wides which proved costly as Templeogue ran out comfortable winners on the day. 30 players made their debuts for the school which was great to see.

Music Club: Our music club is now up and running and well into the swing of things. The group meet every Monday at lunch time and all are welcome. Students have been enjoying learning how to play the ukulele. Using the short amount of time wisely, for now, our musicians are aiming to master four main chords that feature in many songs: C, G, A minor and F. With these chords, there are hundreds of songs that can then be played. They are currently focusing on learning 'Riptide' by Vance Joy.

Lucan Community College

Congratulations to our U19 boys' basketball team, who are now on their way to the East Leinster semifinals! Lucan secured a dominant win over Temple Carrig CC in Greystones, with a final score of 47-20. Standout performances came from 6th-year students Adam Harrington, Bienvenu Kubelo, and Marco Gayubo Kinch. A special mention goes to 3rd-year student Richard Barat-Class Doyle, who stepped up to play at senior level. A big thank you to Mr. Morgan for traveling with the team today.



Congratulations to our U17 boys soccer team who beat St. Kevins College, Finglas 4-1 in the first round of the Leinster Junior Cup. The goals were scored by Charlie Hughes (5th Year), Dean Kane (3rd Year) and Kevin Madu (TY) scored twice. Man of the match was Cian Rankin (TY)



Breakfast club is back up and running for the students of LCC every morning from 8:15-8:45.

Some TY students accompanied by Ms Higgins got the opportunity to visit the Teagasc Campus in Ashtown as part of Science Week. They were

given tours of the laboratories and the many innovations in Food Science.

Senior girls Gaelic match against Mercy College last Friday. Lucan Community College 10-7 Mercy College 2-8.

Lucan CC's first ever Ultimate Frisbee Team attended a school blitz in the National Indoor Arena with Ms Geraghty. The 5th year students played terrific and were a credit to themselves. A very memorable day, full of positive teamwork, high spirits and comradery between lots of other schools.



Thank you to Conor Reale the Parliamentary education officer @OireachtasNews for running excellent, informative Oireachtas workshops for our 6th yr Politics and Society class, including a virtual tour of Leinster House. Well done to our students for excellent participation.

Yesterday, Ambassador Collins welcomed students from @Lucancc1 and Gymnasium Munchberg to the Irish Embassy in Berlin. The two schools have organised Irish-German school exchanges since 1991, creating fantastic memories for generations of students.




Lucan Library

On Tuesday night at Lucan Library, The Lucan Lions Club announced the winners of their Peace Poster Contest! The winning posters were selected by professional artist Zanya Dahl, who volunteered her time to support our youth. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this event a success! We're proud to celebrate these young artists and their commitment to promoting peace in our community. The winning entry from Katherine will now go forward to the national competition.



Above:
Katherine Chulkova 1st Lucan Educate Together National School




(L to R)
Zanya Dahl, Emilia Gornicz
2nd Scoil Mhuire National School
Katherine Chulkova 1st Lucan Educate Together National School
Dhaksha J Jogesh 3rd Adamstown Castle Educate Together National School
Gerry Ennis Lucan Lions Club President



**"The Dublin to Mullingar Turnpike Road, via Lucan"
-an illustrated talk by John Colgan.**

Join us here at Lucan Library on Thursday November 21st at 7pm as Leixlip based Historian and Author John Colgan, discusses the history of the Dublin to Mullingar Turnpike Road and the Lucan stopover in particular, with illustrations!

All are welcome so book your place now at lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie

Remembering 'Anach Cuain'

Funny the way we can be taken back to a classroom of long ago! This piece caught my eye in the excellent read - 'This Day in Irish History' by *Padraic Coffey*

For some reason or other, the story of Anach Cuain stuck with me, and every so often something triggers that memory. I can remember the teacher explaining the horrific accident which took place on 4th September 1828.

Immortalised by the blind poet, *Antoine Ó Raifteiri*, (1779 – 1835), the sadness is palpable, as the lines describe the tragic boating accident.

As the story goes, a boat left Annaghdown Pier, in Galway, with 31 people, 10 sheep and some timber on board, making its way to a market in Galway city, some eight miles away. The boat 'Caisleán Nua' was described as in a 'poor and leaky condition' at the time. While crossing Lough Corrib, a sheep put its hoof through the side of the boat, a man tried to plug the hole with his coat, but an entire plank came away, causing it to flood and eventually sink.

Eleven people were rescued, and the other twenty-one drowned. The *Connaught Journal* reported: "these unhappy creatures were taken out of the lake in the course of the day and presented a most heart-rending scene, being surrounded by their friends who came to identify them, and by who they were removed on a boat to Annaghdown."

195 years later, what's left of *Caisleán Nua* lies at the bottom of Lough Corrib.

The poem has also been recorded in song.

Anach Cuain

Ma fhaighimse sláinte is fada a bheas trocht ar an mhéid a báthadh as Anach Cuan.

Mo thrua amhrach gach athair is mathair bean is páiste atá ag síleadh síl.

A Rí na nGrásta, a cheap neamh is Páthas, nár bheag an bhacht duinn beirt nó triúr? Ach chomh breá leis gan gaoth gan bí isteach is lán an bháid acu a scuabadh ar shíúil.

Nár mhór an t-íonadh os comhair na ndaoine a bhfeiscint sínte ar chúil a gcinn? Screadadh is caoineadh a scanradh daoine, gruaig córadh is an chreach roinn. Bhí buachaillí óga ann, tíoht an fhómhair, Síneadh ar chróchar is tabhairt go cill.

Is gurbh é gléas a pósta a bhí turramh Is, a Dhia na Glóire, nór mhór an feall?

Loscadh sléibhte agus scalladh cléibhe ar an áit ar Éagadur is milleán crua, mar is iomaí críatúr a d'fhág sé ag géar-ghol, ag síleadh is ag Éagaoin gach maidin Luain. Ní diabháil eolais a chuir i dtreoir iad ach mí-ádh mór a bhí sa gCaisleán Nua. Is é críochnú an amhráin gur báthadh mórán is d'fhág ábhar dóil is ag Anach Cuan

English Translation

If my health is spared I'll be long relating,
Of the boat that sailed out from Anac Cuan,
And the keening after of mother and father,
As the laying out of each corpse was done.
Oh King of Graces, who died to save us,
It was a small affair but for one or two,
But a boat-load bravely on a calm sailing,
Without storm or rain to be swept to doom.

The boat sprang a leak and left all those people,
And frightened sheep out adrift on the tide,
It beats all telling what fate befell them,
Eleven strong men and eight women died.
Men who could manage a plough or harrow,
For to break the fallow or scatter seed,
And the women whose fingers could move so nimbly,
To spin fine linen or cloth to weave.

Young boys they were lying where crops were ripening,
From the strength of youth they were borne away,
In their wedding clothes for their wake they robbed them,
Oh King of Glory man's hope is vain.

May burning mountains come tumbling downward,
On that place of drowning may curses fall,
Full many the soul it has left in mourning,
And left without hope of a bright day's dawn.
The cause of their fate was no fault of sailing
It was the boat that failed them the Caisleán Nuadh,
And left me to make with a heart that's breaking,
This sad lamentation for Anac Cuain.

The full text of this song both in the Irish and in English translation can be found in Mrs. Costello's book, 'Amrain Muighe Seola', Traditional Folksongs from Galway and Mayo, by Eibhlin Bean Mhic Choisdealbha.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Notice of AGM 2024

Our annual general meeting will take place on **Thursday 28th of November** at 9pm in the function room of the club house. All members welcome.

Donate a Dress

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.



Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €11,400. The Numbers were **6, 7, 16, 19**

The lucky dip prizes go to Rob Ward, Paul Stapleton, Joe Byrne, Tony Rigney, Barry Moran This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €11,800. The draw is sponsored by Lucan Village Pharmacy.



Hurling: A big double header of hurling this Saturday the 16th of November at the 12th Lock. Our U16's take on Raheny at 1pm in the Division 1 championship final. This is a massive achievement for this group, and we would like to wish the best of luck to the lads and management as they hope to earn themselves a county title. Following this our U21A hurlers have their quarter final against Kilmacud Crokes at 14:30. It would be great to get a big crowd out to support both teams in what will be a great day of hurling for the club.



Camogie: Both of our U21 camogie teams are in action this Sunday the 17th of November. Our U21A's take on Na Fianna at home at 10:30am while our U21B's play Kilmacud Crokes away at 10:30am. All support welcome. Best of luck girls!

Juvenile: Congratulations to our U13C Camogie team who won their shield final over the weekend against Naomh Barrog. This was on the back of their league title earlier on in the season, well done girls!!



Congratulations Erin from the 2009 girls who has been selected for the Dublin U16 Camogie team for this coming season!





Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

Cailíní F15 - Camogie

Seaimpíní na Scéithe - Comhgairdeas leo go léir! Tá an bua dúbailte déanta againn anois F13 agus F15. Na Gaeil Óga Abú!

Cailíní F9

Seo chugaibh na cailíní F9.. Nach mbreathnaíonn siad chomh sásta agus ba cheart go mbeidís!! Is ghrúpa iontach deas iad. Tá séasúr den scoth curtha isteach acu ar fad. An chuid dul chun cinn déanta acu le chéile agus go h-aonarach. Ba mhór an pléasúr é a bheith ag obair leo ar fad. Maith sibh a chailíní!!!



Bígí Linn I 2025.

Cailíní a rugadh 2015 agus 2016 - Tá fáilte mhór roimh imreoirí nua I gcónaí



Buachaillí F9

Rinne na buachaillí Faoi 9 ceiliúradh ar dheireadh na bliana iontach le turas go Paddington in Peru a fheiceáil agus féasta i gCosmo ina dhiaidh sin... níl mé cinnte conas a bhí aon seacláid fágtha sa

tobar seacláide nuair a d'fhág muid Tá feabhas mór léirithe ag na buachaillí seo seachtain i ndiaidh seachtaine agus bhí spiorad na foirne soiléir inniu. Míle buíochas lenár dtuismitheoirí iontacha a thug an-tacaíocht dúinn oiliúnóirí i rith na bliana. Táimid ag tnúth le leanúint ar aghaidh ag obair leis na buachaillí i 2025

Crannchur NGÓ

Toradh Crannchur Na Gaeil Óga anocht - 10ú Samhain 2024!!

Níl aon buaiteoir an phota mhór Tá beirt buaiteoir na spotduaiseanna againn

Comhgairdeas libh beirt - beimid dteagmháil libh go luath..

Bígí Linn don chéad ceann eile..

Scapaigí an scéal agus tacaigí linn.



Crannchur NGÓ
10ú Samhain '24

Seo b-iad na h-uimbreacha don tseachtain seo

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Níl aon buaiteoir an phota mhór

Spotduaiseanna

Francesca Anderson Denise Coughlan

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The photographs for the 12th Photographic Exhibition of St. Mary's Camera Soiree which will take place in St. Mary's Parish Centre before and after the 6.30 Saturday Mass on 30th November and from before the 10.30 Mass until after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday 1st December have returned from the printer and are ready for mounting and framing. Soon the big day will be upon us.

Mushroom mania seems to have subsided to be replaced by spiders' webs mania on the part of Donal and Conor.

Donal also submitted still life photos of beautiful autumn leaves and Conor submitted a photograph of a Kestrel, which is a type of Falcon, taken in Portmarnock. The Kestrel is a resident throughout Ireland and nests in trees, buildings or in cracks in cliffs. There were also contrasting photos of autumn around Lucan from sunshine to misty mornings.



I want to return to Josie's view of the city skyline taken from the Gravity Bar of the Guinness Sore House. In the middle of her photo there is what looks like a round tower. This is actually St. Patrick's Tower, an 18th century smock windmill originally part of a distillery which had been established to the north of St James's Gate Brewery. The windmill was built around 1775 and was converted to steam in the 1820s after which the windmill sales were removed. At its height, the Thomas Street Distillery milled 1,500 barrels of barley a day and had an output of two million gallons per year, the highest in Britain or Ireland.

Stay safe until next week!