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Please Listen!

I was sitting in a hotel lounge, having a cappuccino recently, just quietly reading my kindle. Four people were sitting at a table near me and seemed to be friends for many years. They were evidently meeting after a few months of absence from one another as a group. I didn't set out to eaves drop, but they really were very loud! After the usual weather talk and checking on the basic wellbeing of one another, one person started telling the other three about something very difficult that had cropped up in her life. She started by telling the others that it was something she found very difficult to talk about, but really needed to share.

What the woman talked about isn't important to us as it could be about a serious illness, a relationship difficulty, a personal challenge or a bereavement. However, she had hardly uttered four sentences with great hesitancy while her body was protectively curled in on itself, when two of the listeners almost shouted –***I know exactly how you're feeling!*** She tried to continue talking but as it became about the two other people and their assumption that they could know what it was like to be in her skin and that they could fix her. She stopped and let the other three people talk and never got a chance again!



Our world has become one where fast reactionary comments fly into social media space and also into face-to-face interactions. Is it becoming necessary to go for counselling to gain the undivided attention of someone who will listen to us speaking of our feelings or experiences? While some of our experiences may seem to resonate with those of another, the actual felt experience of every person is totally unique and can only be really understood from attentive listening. The listeners understanding is not as important as the clarity that the speaker gains from their own expression. Also, most people are well able to fix themselves so that we don't need to shoot fast solutions as though we can super glue them back together.

Being really listened to is a true privilege with beautiful gains for both the listener and the speaker. November is a month when many need to remember those who have died and to speak about the experience of pain, loss and grief. There are stages of grief, but how and when they are experienced is as individual as the person concerned. The woman whom I observed in the friendship group did not ask for advice or the sharing of a common experience. She just wanted someone to listen with unvoiced empathy and without judgment. If someone asks that we listen to them, let us do just that.

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

GP visit card - income limit

On 13 November 2023, the weekly income limit for the GP visit card increased. You can check the current income limits for people aged under 70 and see examples of how eligibility for the GP visit card is calculated.

Understanding your employment status

Your employment status can significantly impact your rights, taxes, and social welfare benefits. This page provides information to help you understand your employment status.

What is employment status?

'Employment status' is whether you are an 'employee' or are 'self-employed'. In most cases, it will be clear whether you are employed or self-employed. In some situations, it can be less clear. Being incorrectly classified as being self-employed or an independent contractor can have consequences for your tax, PRSI, social welfare and employment rights.

How is employment status determined?

There is no definition of employed or self-employed in employment law.

Your employment status depends on:

What you do: the nature of your work

How you do it: your work methods

Agreements: Written or verbal agreements with the business that pays you

You are an employee if you have a 'contract of service' (an employment contract).

You are self-employed if you have a 'contract for services' – sometimes called a contractor.

Am I an employee?

You are usually an employee if:

Your employer controls how, when and where you work

Your contract says you must do the work yourself and you cannot pass it on to someone else

Your contract sets out specific work hours and amounts

You are paid a fixed wage

You pay tax through the PAYE system

You can get more guidelines and criteria in the Code of Practice for Determining Employment Status 2021 (pdf).

You can read more about the different types of employees, including part-time, casual, seasonal, fixed-term, agency and young workers.

Am I self-employed?

You are typically self-employed if you:

Own and control your business

Bear the financial risk

Can decide to do the work yourself, or hire someone else

Can choose when and how you work and can turn down work offers

Can work for multiple clients

Pay tax through self-assessment

You can get more guidelines and criteria in the Code of Practice for Determining Employment Status 2021 (pdf). It sets out more guidelines and criteria to clarify whether a person is self-employed.

You can read more about the different types of self-employed people, including gig workers and people who own or control companies.

Why does my employment status matter?

Your employment status has several important implications.

How employment status affects

As an employee

As self-employed

PRSI contributions: Impacts social welfare benefits

Entitled to a number of social welfare benefits, for example, unemployment and disability benefits.

Entitled to a smaller range of social welfare benefits.

Tax treatment: Determines tax payment methods

You pay tax under the PAYE system.

You pay tax under self-assessment and file your returns using ROS.

More information on our website.

Lucan ICA

Our Arts and Crafts Fair was very successful over last weekend. The ICA ladies worked hard and produced some lovely work which was admired by all. Well done to all our ladies for their help and the time they gave in preparation for the fair.



Congratulations to the winner of “*Name the Doll*” competition, was won by **Carol Hassett**, She picked *Lottie* as the winning name.

Congratulations to “*How many buttons in the jar*” the winner was **Martina Comerford** with the nearest number 2,850 buttons, she was only 3 buttons over. Mary’s Curley’s count was 2,847. So well done Carol and Martina.

Thanks to all who came and supported us on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, to those who bought tickets for the monster raffle, we had some lovely prizes, congrats to all those who won, all winners have been contacted.



Monday 20th November: We will continue crafts from 10am to 12-30, our ladies are making items for Christmas gifts.

Tea Hostesses are Maura Kennedy and Carmel Lyons.

Pauline & Mary.

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. No charge for your first meeting. Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Coffee break at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.



Some members on our 3 day trip to the Country Music week in the Gleneagles Hotel in Killarney last week.



St Mary's Camera Soirée



11th Exhibition of Photographs

St. Mary's Parish Centre
Saturday 25th November 6pm to 8pm
Sunday 26th November 2023
10.30 to 13.30

Parish Notes



St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

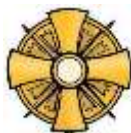
Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

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.



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

THIS 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**



CASA – Caring and Sharing Association thank most sincerely the parishioners of St. Mary's Lucan for their very generous contributions to our church gate collection held last weekend November 11th and 12th. The collection which amounted to €1,036.00 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.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

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

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on
www.lucansouthparish.net



Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje

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

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions

7.30pm: Holy Mass

After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy
Chaplet, Benediction.

All welcome

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.

Home Visits Holy Communion:

If anyone who cannot come to Mass would like to receive Holy Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900.

Bingo:

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

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.*

The Annual Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle 2023.

The Marian Movement of Priests Annual Cenacle will be held in All Hallows, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, on **Saturday November 18th 2023 from 10.30am to 5pm.**

Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be available there. The Cenacle will be led by Fr. Michael Maher. There will be Holy Rosaries, The Chaplet of Dive Mercy and Fr. Maher will give talks on the Messages from The Blue Book The Holy Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm and confessions will be available on the day.

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

Adoration: Adoration Service is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am. All are welcome. (a time for quite reflection).

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 **THIS** Saturday/Sunday
18th and 19th November

Thank you for your generosity.

Birthday Remembrance

BILL MORRIS

100th Birthday - 17th November

(11th away from home)

As we reach your 100th birthday
And toast your special day
We remember all those happy times
Before you went away
We hope you sing and dance again
With your queen right by your side
Watch over us as we celebrate
Your special day with pride.
Happy 100th Birthday Dad.
Love and miss you every day.
Your loving daughter Jean and son-in-law Dessie



100 candles on a cake
To celebrate your day and date
We will raise a glass and recreate
The fun we had before it got too late.
Happy Heavenly Birthday Granda.
*Love always, your grandchildren, Karen, Lisa,
Kevin, Breeda, Andy and Rachel and great
grandchildren, Laurajane, Nikki, Daniel, Kelsie
and Craig xxxxxxxxx*

Anniversaries

JOHN CARWOOD

14th Anniversary - 16th November

Remembering our Dad John Carwood and
Granddad.

14 years away from home
But still with us every day.
*Love Elaine and Antoinette, Katie, Jordan,
Jessica, Danny, Zak and great grandchildren
Owen and Maya xx*



JOE FITZGERALD

1st Anniversary

Remembering our Granddad, Joe Fitzgerald, on
his first anniversary.
Love Katie, Jordan, Isobel and Aoife xxxx

MICHAEL (WHEELY) McCABE

29th Anniversary - 12th November

*Sadly missed and loved always by Catherine,
Robert, Anne, Eileen and their families*

Anniversaries

BREDA EIFFE

9th Anniversary - 22nd November

Shadows dance where you used to walk
Echoes sound where you used to talk
Rooms now dim without your smile
Can you come back for just a while?
Then you whisper in my ear
But I'm not gone I'm always near
Walk with the shadows and you'll walk with me
Listen to the echoes and you'll talk with me
Laugh in that room and you'll feel me smile
I'm back with you now only gone for a while.
*Sadly missed by your loving son Viv and Joanne
xx*
Also remembering Da (**Jimmy**) xx

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

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

BAPTISM CANDLES

Available from St. Mary's Parish
Centre or Sacristy. **Cost €5.**





Birdie was all aflutter with Storm Debi last Sunday night! Such storms are coming hard and fast these days. We were probably very lucky that happened



during the night while we in Lucan were tucked in our beds, and not out driving to work or schools. Even at that, people in the west of the country particularly in Galway, are still counting the cost of the damage.



On the plus side, most of the leaves were blown from the trees – the end is in sight now!

Greetings! We send greetings to the Presentation Sisters on Tuesday next, 21st November, as they celebrate Presentation Day.

Spotted Castletown House in RTE's Nationwide series of Ireland's Big Houses, on Monday last. Such a fine building, and grounds. Hopefully something will be worked out with regards to car parking, to allow for future visits by the public to this great facility.

Regarding RTE, hopefully they'll be able to continue making such programmes in the future.

Sarsfield Park Residents Assoc.

Some of residents taking part in the bulbs not bonfires initiative from SDCC environmental section.

We had a great turn out and the kids loved planting the bulbs. It was very exciting and hopefully we'll see some colour in the spring

Don't forget the annual raffle will take place on Dec 4th. We've had some very interesting conversations with our local businesses whom have supported us generously, I'm sure the generosity shall be returned favourably by our residents.



Koins for Kids

We have a target of €1,000,000 to raise funds for equipment in the New Children's Hospital!

We accept all types of coinage and all types of notes, old money, new money, old notes, pre-decimal, foreign, anything you no longer have a use for and that might be lying in a drawer or a lint filled pocket of an old coat. We can make good use of it.

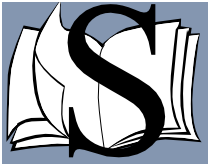
Contributions can be left in St Mary's Parish Centre, Lucan or the sacristy in St. Mary's Church.

Many thanks, Damien Douglas, 0879519222.



Lucan Senior Citizens

*Wednesday 22nd November:
Mass for deceased members
in St. Mary's Parish Centre,
10.40am
Refreshments after.*



St. Joseph's College

Tree-Planting Ceremony for Class of 1983

On Friday, 10th November, we had a very special gathering in Rosie's Garden to plant a tree in memory of five past-pupils from the Leaving Cert Class of 1983. In marking 40 years since finishing in St. Joseph's College, a reunion took place to celebrate the significant anniversary but also to remember with fondness the students who sadly passed away since completing their



Leaving Cert in 1983. We were delighted to have many past pupils, former teachers and the families and friends of Niamh Russell, Joan Doherty, Shirley Smith, Yolanda Tully and Áine Heneghan present for the planting of the tree. Many thanks to Miriam Scahill and Aideen Waters for returning to St. Joseph's to organise the event. Many fond memories were shared as all ventured down memory lane!

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 and will be on sale from the school & from Centra, Lucan Village from 1st December.

6th Year Trip to An Triail

Ní tharlaíonn sé ró-mhínic go mbíonn seans ag ár 6ú Bliain dul amach ar thuras scoile agus iad ag obar go dian don Ardteist! Ach, bhí cúis mhaith lena dturas scoile amach ar an Déardaoin, 15ú Samhain – cuairt ar Amharclann an Axis i mBaile Munna chun dráma na hArdteiste 'An Triail' a fheiceáil. Dráma fíor chumhachtach agus tragóideach is ea An Triail agus pléann sé ceisteanna chasta a bhain leis an saol in Éirinn sna seascaidí. B'fhiú go mór é an drama a fheiceáil ar an stáitse!

Term Exams

We wish all our students the very best in their Term Exams from Monday, 20th – Friday 24th November. We are certain that all the hard work, goal setting and study plans will pay off!



Beauty & The Beast (Jr)

The excitement is certainly to be felt in St. Joseph's College as we count down the last two weeks before our wonderful TYs take to the stage to perform 'Beauty & The Beast' (Jr.). Our opening night is on Thursday, 30th November and will run for four consecutive nights at 8.00pm until Sunday, 3rd December.



Tickets can be purchased from the school Front Office or directly from our website! (www.stjosephslucan.com). Tickets will be Adults €20.00, Students/Seniors €15.00. Don't be disappointed when tickets sell out! Any queries, please ring 01-6281160.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Awards: Well done to 1st yr **Adam Breen** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month* Award for October in recognition of his excellent manners, behaviour and application in all of his classes.

Congratulations to 6th yr **Tyler Doherty** who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award* in recognition of his excellent displays for the senior soccer team as well as his brilliant achievement in completing the Dublin City Marathon recently. Comhghairdeas freisin le **Eoin McGarty** ón gcúigiú bliain a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do Dheireadh Fómhair mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt ach go háirithe agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge.

Basketball: Our u16 and u19 basketball teams won their opening matches in the East Leinster Shield competition on Friday. Our 16s defeated Coláiste Eoin 37-15 with Noah Dolan (12), Aaron McCormack (11), Lewis Ajinakou (11) Ciarán O' Sullivan (1), Joel Mananga (2) getting the scores.

Soccer: Our 1st yr soccer team were beaten 3-2 by Moyle Park on Monday in the preliminary rnd of the Leinster Cup. James Dillon scored both goals in a fine individual display but defensive errors proved very costly. They at least have the consolation of participation in the Leinster Shield competition which begins in January.



Shoe-box appeal: Many thanks to everyone who brought in a shoe-box packed with toys and gifts for our annual Christmas Shoe-Box Appeal. In total we had over 60 boxes, which was the highest amount we have ever collected. The boxes were collected by Team Hope, the charity that organising the appeal every year, and they will soon be distributed to children across Eastern Europe and Africa just in time for Christmas! The shoe-boxes will bring some much needed happiness into the lives of children affected by poverty, disadvantage and conflict.

Inspection: Our History Department had a comprehensive two-day subject Inspection this week and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. The Department of Education inspector visited a number of classes to evaluate the teaching and learning, before meeting the relevant teachers and management afterwards for a feedback session. She later met a focus group of students from each year group and spoke to them about their own personal classroom experiences in the subject. She also went through the Department subject plan and minutes of meetings held in fine detail and analysed the exam results (which were excellent) and Higher Level uptake in the subject over the past number of years (which is well above the National Average). We are very proud of the students' co-operation, good manners and enthusiasm for the duration of the inspection and they represented the school superbly.

The teachers visited all received very positive oral feedback for the high quality of their teaching and for their ability to encourage, praise and support their students at all times. The inspector praised the healthy, supportive learning environment in each classroom which encouraged students to be respectful, attentive and engaged at all times. The effective use of AFL (Assessment for Learning) strategies in the classes visited was also highlighted as a strength.

The inspector also praised the very good student engagement in the classes and the active, student centred lessons. Each class was well structured with the desk arrangements effectively facilitating peer and self-assessment as well as group work. The inspector also praised the clear collaboration among teachers and the effective sharing of good practice. The inspector is in the process of compiling an official Inspection report which will be sent to the school next month. The principal will then bring the report to the Board of Management who will analyse the findings of the report and then compose their official response. The final printed report will be available on the school website early in the New Year.

Food collection: Ms. Casey is once again organising a food collection for Lucan/Leixlip Lions Club in the run up to Christmas. 1st yr students are traditionally heavily involved in this annual collection and Ms. Casey visited their CSPE classes this week to speak to them about this important event. The Lucan/Leixlip Lions Club is a well-established local and community charity organisation that strives to support those most in need in the community with food and financial support, most especially in the run up to Christmas.

Adult Education Service

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in January / February 2024. These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours, 1 morning per week. This can lead to QQI qualification.

The following subjects are available this term:

Spanish for Beginners
Office Procedures
Wellbeing and the Internet
Data Entry
Developing your Business English
Language Skills
Working with Microsoft Excel
Working with Microsoft Word
Work Experience
Medical Terminology
Bookkeeping: Manual & Computerised.

For more details, contact
lorraine.kavanagh@ddletbaes.ie or call (01) 6283557.



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.

St. Thomas' JNS

**Enrolment for Junior Infants
September 2024 Now Open**



Details at

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

Scoil Mhuire,

Woodview Hts / Airlie Hts

**Enrolment for
Junior Infants Sept 2024
is now open**



All details are on our website
www.scoilmhuire.ie

Closing date November 24th

Demystifying A.I.

For Adults. A fun, easy and interesting, hands-on workshop, for anyone curious about what exactly Artificial Intelligence is.

**Saturday, November 25th
2.30 - 4pm**

Booking via Lucan Library Eventbrite
Or register at Library Desk

Funded by Science Foundation Ireland Discover Programme

**Did I read that
right?**

**At a Health Food Shop
CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS.**

**On a Farmer's Field
THE FARMER ALLOWS
WALKERS TO CROSS THE
FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE
BULL CHARGES.**

WRITERS

Around the middle of September, my wife and I travelled down to Bundoran for a wedding. We were way ahead of ourselves, so we went for a walk around the town. It being a warm day, the thirst got to us, so we went into this beautiful old public house. Once inside it felt like we had journeyed back in time, I asked the lone barman about the history of the building.

He immediately pointed over to an old chap sitting over at a bay window, “feed him a drink or two he will give you all the history you want.” And I did, the first glass of rum went down quickly. On the second glass, he began to tell his stories about the old days around Bundoran. How poor the people were, no work, no money, it was dog eat dog. I was enchanted by the stories he told, and I could have stayed there all day listening but as time does it runs out, it was time to go to the wedding reception. It was a beautiful day, we stay over as one does, the next day I let herself do the driving for the return home. I sat quietly in my seat as herself, is a very confident driver and I could relax.

In a matter of minutes of relaxation, I was back in that old pub listening to that old storyteller or Seanchaí, if you prefer, and I thought how lucky we Irish are with our storytellers. But mostly I want to give praise to our writers all over the world. They are the people who write our stories.

Furthermore, did you ever stop to think where our English alphabet came from? After all, with no alphabet we would not have our form of writing as we know it. Believe it or not, we humans have been writing in some form or other, shortly after we arrived on this planet.

Back in the early days the language was more likely to be Greek or Latin, until the Anglo Saxons started the English language. At first, they wrote with no word separation. For instance, Johnwenttotheshoptogethisfood, (John went to the shop to get his food).

Imagine trying to read your bible with no word separation, then it must have dawned on someone, to

write the way we talk. And the literary world as we know it was created. Then along came grammar and punctuation (semicolon, colon, period, exclamation, question mark) and it evolved to the standard as we know it today. So, here’s to all the wonderful writers.

Because there is nothing like the feel of a good book in your hand.

*Happy reading everyone.
Joseph Anthony
Lucan Writers.*



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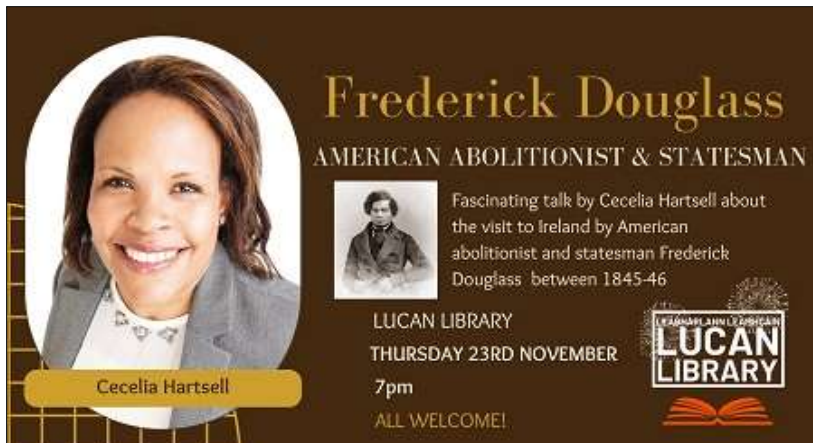
Christmas Craft Fair Nov 26th

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, at **Celbridge Mill, Main St. Celbridge.**

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.



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AMERICAN ABOLITIONIST & STATESMAN




Cecelia Hartsell



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POLITICAL NOTES

Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

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Arthur Griffith Park:

Both the local Sinn Féin team and I are currently knocking on doors in AGP and talking to residents on local matters. If we missed you this week feel free to drop me an email.

Local Community Group Funding:

Well done to all those local clubs and groups that successfully had funding applications approved at the November Council meeting. Among the list were a number of groups in our own constituency including Esker Woods Residents Association, Lucan Harriers, The North Clondalkin Community Choir, Collinstown FC, Adamstown Cricket Club, Neilstown Community Centre and the North Clondalkin Community Development Project.

Climate Care:

Last week I had important motions in relation to greater urgency toward Climate Care mitigation and adaptation measures being implemented locally and nationally at pace. This included the passing of a motion at the Council monthly meeting and separately at the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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

National Protest. Stand With Palestine:

This Saturday there will be a national protest at 1pm starting from the Garden of Remembrance, Parnell Sq. The protest is been organised by the Irish Palestinian Solidarity Campaign. Also in our thoughts is Emily Hand the over forty Irish Citizens who are in Gaza.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

01 401 3416. Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

Additional Bus Services:

From 26th of November two new bus services will be introduced departing from Liffey Valley, the S4 will be running from Liffey Valley across to UCD, which will be a great service for students from Lucan. The W2 will link Liffey Valley with Tallaght via Newlands Cross. The expansion of the W2 service is a part of our continuous effort to improve daily commutes and access to critical city areas for our community.

Lucan Events: It was a busy week in Lucan, I was honoured to attend and speak at the **Diwali** celebrations in Lucan Sarsfields and the **Black History Month Party** in Lucan Centre Primrose Lane. I also stopped into the **Lucan ICA Arts and Crafts Fair** to pick up some Christmas gifts. Well done to all those who gave their time to organise these community events.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty

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

Web: www.paulgogarty.com

Lucan Pool:

Latest CEO report states pool completion date still on target for revised December deadline, meaning with staff training and fitout by Aura Leisure, an opening by February is feasible. Next up a briefing meeting with Aura Leisure on 28th November to discuss operational matters.

Bus Service:

Have been meeting bus drivers to get their take on the ongoing problems with the Bus Connects rollout. The situation is worse than imagined. There’s no mechanism for drivers to feedback to NTA and equally no transparent way for people’s views to be seen, heard and responded to. Watch this space.

Council Budget 2024:

Was happy to be one of the Councillors who proposed an additional allocation of funding towards footpath repairs and tree maintenance (among other things). There’s a significant one-off increase for 2024 to hopefully progress some additional works.

Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner. Tel: 0858317982.

vcasserly@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

Tree stump removal scheme, Lucan Village, Hillcrest and Woodview:

There are currently approximately 30 tree stumps in the locations listed here (Lucan Village, Hillcrest and Woodview Estates) which require removal. Arrangements are currently being made to have this work completed over the winter months. Tree stump removals were last carried out in the listed areas in 2021 at which time approximately 100 stumps were removed.

Old Lodge within Old Esker Cemetery:

The caretakers house in Esker Cemetery has been vacant for a number of years and is not in a habitable condition. The house has been secured to prevent access. The Council's Public Realm Section will continue to take the necessary measures to protect this building. What would you like to see done here?

Caroline Brady - Fine Gael - PC

- 085 2551602 info@CarolineBrady.com

Be Winter Ready: Leaf Clearing Following requests from residents in Roselawn and Ballydowd Grove I contacted SDCC who are scheduling a leaf clearing service for these areas.

Health: Improving patient care and access. The Minister for Health announced plans to enable pharmacists to extend the validity of prescriptions from the current maximum period of six months to 12 months, effective from 1st March 2024.

This is a welcome improvement for patients managing repeat prescriptions making it more convenient for them. Importantly it will also help reduce the need for GP appointments thereby improving patient access.

We are continuing our local focus and meeting people in and around Lucan, thank you for taking the time to speak with me, and if you have a query or issue, stop and chat or contact me via phone or email.

Sikandar Jahanzab

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Phone: 086 894 6974.

The Council's Area Roads Engineer will investigate the condition of the road surface at the entrance to Ballyowen Shopping Centre carpark. I have also asked for the council to tidy up this section of the Lucan Newlands Road next to Glen Vale to improve its appearance.

The National Transport Authority will examine the feasibility of putting additional bus shelters on Castle Road.

I have contacted the Gardai with Emer Higgins TD about implementing speed checks on the Outer Ring Road between the Balgaddy Road and Castle Road junctions.

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.*



Liona O'Toole Your INDEPENDENT Cllr.

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Hillcrest Pedestrian Crossing: Following an agenda item I tabled at a previous traffic management meeting to introduce a pedestrian crossing in Lucan (at junction Hillcrest Walk and Dodsborough Road), I can confirm that work to install the pedestrian crossing has commenced. New road markings and traffic poles have been put in over the last few days. This location was strategically chosen to facilitate safe and easy access for pedestrians.

Safety Talk for Women: Do you run or walk? with the darker mornings and evenings now upon us you are invited to join us for a 'Safety Talk' event. Wednesday 29th November at 7:30pm in Adamstown Youth & Community Centre. Guest speakers include Mrs Leigh Ann Gilmore (4th degree Black Belt from Grandmaster Douglas Taekwondo Schools) and our Local Gardai. Our annual budget takes place on Thursday 16th, will update all next week!

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.



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



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



AGM. The Annual General Meeting of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club will take place on **Thursday November 23rd at 9pm** in the Function Room at the Clubhouse. All proposed motions, recommendations and nominations for Officer Positions on the Executive should be submitted to me, Club Secretary, by 9th November, 2023. All submissions must be made in writing or by email. They can be left in the post box in the Club café, posted to the Club address or emailed to:

secretary.lucansarsfields.dublin@gaa.ie

More details and the nomination form for officer positions can be found on the web.

LGFA

Minor A Ladies Football Shield Final Lucan Sarsfields 0-11 Thomas Davis 0-05

Lucan Sarsfields Minor Ladies finished out their season with a gripping game against Thomas Davis in a fixture that was a repeat of their earlier group stage encounter. Having drawn in the group stages of the championship this game promised to be competitive encounter and didn't fail to live up to expectations. The first half began at a blistering pace with both teams looking to take an early advantage. No shortage of determination and intensity on display from the off with the middle third being a real battle zone during early exchanges.



Juvenile/Coiste na nÓg U13 Football

Congratulations to our U13A Football who won the league at the weekend, maith siabha na buchallí. The U16 Football and Hurling teams climbed Ticknock on the 10th of September. They wanted to fundraise for a local charity, and it was agreed that Stewarts School was most suitable.



Thankfully we got a nice day for it.

We had good numbers for the event with many parents also making the hike too.

Each player got a sponsorship card and the group managed to raise €1255. Thanks to all our sponsors and thanks to Damian Flynn of Creative Binding Solutions Ltd for his printing.

We presented a Cheque to Mary Carrig and Mary Duane of Stewarts School on Monday 13th November. They were thrilled with the donation.

Social

Tickets are now sold out for the Lucan Sarsfields Christmas Gala which takes place on Saturday 2nd December at the Clubhouse, anyone still looking to attend is welcome to join the waiting list. But there is no need to worry about missing the Gala as we have another great night arranged for the Christmas Draw on Thursday 21st December at the clubhouse with finger food and live music provided by Madra.

The Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club **25 Card Drive** will continue to 10 May 2024 in the Clubhouse Bar. Time: Fridays 8.00pm Sharp. 1st Prize: €50 (if 12 or more players, 2nd Prize if 3 or more tables. Entry: €5 per person. Everyone is welcome - from beginners to those who played years ago and would like to resume playing so please spread the word! Members are also welcome to bring friends. Call Bill Ryan at 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery at 087-7469143 for further information

Healthy Club are hosting a Senior Citizens Sunday Lunch on Sunday, 19th November. All enquires for tickets or from anyone who would like to help out or provide entertainment can contact the Healthy Club Committee or Colette @ 086 3799270.

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €7,000. The Numbers were **6, 7, 9, 26.**

The lucky dip prizes go to, Geraldine Coogan, Estelle Carr, Emma and Donal Flannery, Maura O'Keefe, Keith Gallagher.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €7,400. The draw is sponsored by Lucan Village Pharmacy and will be led by Edel Mooney. *Tá €7,400 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine.*



SPORTS



LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Busy week for Lucan Harriers

British and Irish Masters Cross Country

The annual British and Irish Masters Cross country took place in Glasgow on Saturday 11th November. A very tough 6k Cross-Country. Blue skies heavy underfoot typical cross-country conditions. Some great results for the Irish team including Lucan's Mary Browne team silver for the W065. Other team of note were W40, W45 and W70 Gold. Thanks to Mary Browne for the report.

Remembrance Run. Fantastic morning in the Phoenix Park for the annual Remembrance Run. Over 3000 taking part. Families, friends, individuals all with a common goal of remembering loved ones. 17 Harriers turned up to steward and help support the event and showcase the club. Well done to John Rabbett for coordinating the stewarding. The sun didn't quite shine but the rain did stop and the atmosphere on the morning was electric and emotional.

Dublin Cross Country Championships – Even Age – 15th October & Uneven Age – 5th November

The Dublin Juvenile Cross-Country Championships were held on 2 dates over the past month. The even age championships took place in Abbottstown on the 15th of October and the uneven championships took place in Santry Demesne last Sunday. Weather wise the days were similar but the underfoot conditions couldn't have been more different with last Sunday being a proverbial mud bath! As usual we had a very large Lucan Harriers contingent on both dates with everyone giving their all. In total Lucan Harriers won 7 team medals with the following teams making the podium: 3rd U10 Girls. 1st U10 Boys. 1st U11 Boys. 1st U13 Boys. 3rd U16 Boys. 2nd U17 Girls 1st U19 Girls. On the individual

side we had 25 top 12 finish with those finishing top 12 in U11 and older age groups qualifying to represent Dublin at the National Cross-Country Championships: · U10 Girls – Roise Ni Dhomhnaill – 9th U10 Boys – David Abbott 2nd Charlie Smith – 5th Arda Hayes – 8th Paul Bastable – 11th. U11 Boys – Seimi Anglim – 3rd Stephen Abbott – 12th.. · U12 Girls – Doireann Ni Fhiaich – 3rd. · U12 Boys – Seimi Anglim – 9th U13 Boys – Conal Fitzgerald – 1st, Daniel Abbott 3rd. · U14 Boys – Conor Abbott – 6th U15 Girls – Rachel Jez - 10th. · U15 Boys – Conor Abbott – 10th. · U16 Girls – Eve Clarke – 3rd. U16 Boys – Jacob Ciomek – 1st, David Coakley – 12th.. · U17 Girls – Izzy Cuffe – 4th, Eve Clarke – 9th, Saoirse Fitzgerald – 10th. U18 Girls – Izzy Cuffe – 7th. · U19 Girls – Aisling Fitzpatrick – 5th, Eve Noctor – 7th, Maggie Jez – 8th. · U20 (Junior) Men – Dara Donoghue – 4th. Well done to everyone who ran and best of luck to those running Nationals over the next few weeks.

Aoife Coffey Lucan Harriers Star

Congratulations to Aoife Coffey who will be heading to the University of Toledo in Ohio next year on scholarship. Best of luck to Aoife and we will be watching from afar. It's a fantastic opportunity for this young lady and indeed a great honour for her and her family. Aoife has been one of the emerging stars of Lucan Harriers over the last few years.

Active Youth. Fiona Hegarty had a vision 5 years ago to create a group within Lucan Harrier called active youth. It offers kids from 8 to 18 to enjoy been active without been a competitive group, although I've been at some of the training sessions and there can at times be a competitive edge. Fiona established a legacy along with Pearse Carberry who has been a coach since day one also. Both stepped away this week, leaving the group in the capable hands of many other club coaches. They will be missed from this group; both are still stay on as senior members of Lucan Harriers AC. Thank you both for all the time and effort you have put into establishing this group to become an integral part of our growing club. The club would truly be lost without volunteers the Calibre of these two. A huge thank you on behalf of the whole club for what you have done.

New York Marathon. Congratulation to Mary Browne, 3.50.36 in the NY marathon on Sunday 5th November. An incredible achievement for this lady who only took up running 5 years ago. According to Mary had a very strong first half and unfortunately couldn't quite maintain it for the 2nd half. The hills of the 2nd half ultimately took its toll. It was still a fantastic time for Mary.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The big announcement this week is that the Camera Soiree has decided that, as the exhibition photographs will have been mounted in the Parish Centre in the course of the afternoon of Saturday 25th November, the exhibition itself will be open to the public on Saturday evening. **So, it will be open from 6pm to 8pm on Saturday 25th as well as from 10.00 to 1.30 on Sunday 26th November.** We look forward to seeing all our readers there.

Turning to this week's photos I am beginning to think that some of the members have been eating mushrooms given the number of photos, taken in the grounds of St. Edmundsbury, that have been submitted this week.

I particularly like the one of Paddy, taken by Donal, getting up close to some of them. I'm not even going to attempt to identify any of them. There are apparently over 10,000 different recorded species. I believe that there are no scientific tests to determine that a mushroom is poisonous. Over the years, we've gained anecdotal knowledge about the safety of mushroom types simply by making observations. Safe mushrooms are those which have been eaten by many people with no ill effects. We have learned that a mushroom is poisonous because someone has become ill from eating it. Clearly experience and careful inspection are absolutely critical.

An old saying that I read recently sums it up:
"There are old mushroom hunters and bold mushroom hunters; but there are no old, bold mushroom hunters."



Until the next time stay safe!