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Sunday 27th November 2022

Ambushed

I had an interesting conversation in a local supermarket this week. I bumped in to a lady whose husband had died some months ago, and I asked how she was doing. Her answer was both thought provoking and revealing. She said "Well, I have more good days than bad ones lately, but every now and again I am ambushed by a wave of sadness and grief. I hear a song on the radio, or stumble on a photo in a drawer, or find myself thinking I must tell Bob (Not his real name) about that, and suddenly I find myself in a dark place, all the light fades and I'm back at square one." That word 'ambushed' struck a chord with me, it seems to capture so well the experience of grieving that so many people find themselves coping with after a loss. The dictionary defines an ambush as "a surprise attack by someone (something) lying in wait in a concealed position", it takes us by surprise, often at a moment of great vulnerability when our defences are low. I remember well such moments after my own mother's death almost twenty-five years ago, when something would trigger a memory and the sadness would come back like a Tsunami carrying me away to a bleak place. I think many people will have shared such moments.

The journey of grieving can be a hard and lonely path to tread even when surrounded by family and friends. Those moments of being ambushed can happen out of the blue and all the progress we think we had made can seem to evaporate in a moment of intense sadness. There is no by-pass on the journey of facing loss, no quick fix, it's a road that we must travel and there is no map for the journey, each journey is unique and different.

Bethany bereavement support group



In the Lucan parishes we have a voluntary community and parish-based service, they support the bereaved through the grieving process and their services are totally free of charge and confidential. The name "Bethany" is derived from the story of Jesus' friends Martha & Mary who lived in a village called Bethany and grieved over the death of their brother Lazarus.

Grieving is a natural process and is normally helped by the support and understanding of family and friends. Sometimes a bereaved person may need the support of a skilled person to help them journey through their loss in a positive way. Strong feelings such as anger, guilt, fear and depression are quite normal but need to be expressed, cried over; and put into perspective.

Bethany volunteers listen with understanding and empathy. They accept those suffering loss as they are; and will support the bereaved for as long as they need. Contact the parish office in your parish for contact details. The journey may be a difficult one but you don't have to journey alone.

Philip Curran

Parish Priest

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

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

Tax relief when working from home

Working from home (also known as remote working or e-working) is where you work from home for substantial periods on a full-time or part-time basis.

You may be able to claim tax relief on the additional costs of working from home, including electricity, heating and broadband. The cost of items you buy, such as office equipment, is not eligible for Remote Working Relief.

You can apply for the tax relief after the end of the tax year or during the year. If you claim during the year, you can get real-time credits and have your tax reduced during the year.

If you use only part of your home for e-working, it does not affect exemption from Capital Gains Tax if you sell it as your principal private residence.

Can I get Remote Working Relief?

To qualify, you must:

Have an arrangement with your employer to work from home

Be required to perform substantive duties at home

Be required to work for substantial periods at home

Remote working involves:

Working for substantial periods at home

Logging onto a work computer system remotely

Sending and receiving email, data or files remotely

Developing ideas, products and services remotely

You are not entitled to claim tax relief if you bring work home from the office outside of normal working hours, for example in the evenings or at weekends.

More information on the eligibility criteria is available in Revenue's Tax and Duty Manual on e-Working and Tax (pdf).

What expenses can I claim?

Tax relief on e-working covers the additional costs of working from home. This includes: Heating, Electricity, Broadband.

More information is available on Working from home and tax relief (citizensinformation.ie)

Spotting the signs of an abusive relationship

Everyone has arguments, and everyone disagrees with their partners, family members and others close to them from time to time.

But if this becomes the norm in your relationship and you feel afraid of your partner, then this is a sign of an abusive relationship. You can feel as if you have no power over your life and that you are being controlled by your partner.

Abuse can happen to anyone at any age and in any type of relationship. It can happen to adults and it can happen to teenagers. And you don't have to be married or living with your partner for them to act abusively towards you.

There is more information on this subject on Spotting the signs of an abusive relationship (citizensinformation.ie)

HELPLINES

Jigsaw www.jigsaw.ie – young people's health in mind - we are here to make sure that every young person's mental health is valued and supported.

Childline - 1800 666 666

Parentline – 01 8733500 - Mon to Thursday 10 am to 9pm, Fridays 10 am to 4pm

Women's Aid 1800 341 900 – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Men's Aid - 01 554 3811 Mon to Fri 9 am to 5 pm.

Pieta House – 1800 247 247, free 24/7 helpline, Text HELP to 51444

LUCAN TOASTMASTERS

Are you as quiet as a mouse?
Do you hate speaking in public?

Do you want to make new friends?



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

We meet on alternate Thursdays in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests.

Come along on **Thursday next, December 1st**, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, checkout our Facebook @lucan.toastmasters or website at www.lucantoastmasters.com

Mass for deceased residents of Woodview and Woodview Heights

The deceased residents of Woodview and Woodview Heights will be remembered at the **10.30 am Mass** in **St Patrick's Church**, Lucan on **Sunday 27th November 2022**.



Women's
Collective
Ireland
LUCAN

16 Days of Action Art Activism Workshop Mapping Ireland's Dead Sisters (*252)

Wednesday 30th Nov 2022 from 10.00-12.00pm
in Ballyowen Castle Youth & Community Centre.

Mapping Ireland's Dead Sisters

Artist Nessa Finnegan will lead us through this thought-provoking Workshop.
Space is Limited so get in touch to book your spot
email: lucan@womenscollective.ie
WhatsApp: 083 860 7947

#artivism #creativecommunities
#femicideawareness

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

Venue - **St Andrew's Parish Centre**, Main Street, Lucan on **Thursdays from 11.30 am to 2.30 pm**.

We play cards, bowls and Scrabble or you can just have a chat.
Refreshments are served at 1pm approx. New members are welcome.



We enjoyed our Chaerobics last Thursday.
We are having our Christmas party in St Andrew's on Thursday 15th December at 11.30 am and our drama group and choir are busy rehearsing for this event.

Hillcrest Residents Association

We wish to invite residents to our next **Meet the Neighbours Coffee Morning**

which will be held on

Thursday, 1st. December,
at 11 a.m. in the Lord Lucan,
Finnstown Shopping Centre.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone as we head into the festive season.

Lucan Senior Citizens

It was with great sadness we said goodbye to our friend and colleague Teresa Hayes, last Friday, R.I.P.

Teresa was a valued and much-loved member of our committee. She was generous with her time and baking skills. A kind and caring lady who will be missed by all of us.

Sincere sympathy to al her family and friends.

Wed 30th Nov: 10.30 – 12.30, St. Mary's Parish Centre – **Christmas Flower Arranging**.

NAGARHOPE Christmas Cards

Pack of 12 for €5
12 Brand new designs

Available from 191 Beech Park
and St. Mary's Parish Centre
or Phone Niamh 0870666891



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

Don't forget our Open Day

After the
two Morning Masses this Sunday
you will find various groups in the parish centre, eager to give you further information on their work and they would be delighted to welcome you to their group.

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be there also.

Please call over and consider sharing your talents, skills and ideas for the future development of St Mary's.

St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council

Rosary:

Please join us in reciting the Rosary immediately after the morning Mass for Personal Peace and Peace in the World at this difficult time.

Christian Meditation:

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

All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

After Saturday Morning 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Divine Mercy Devotion:

On Wednesdays after 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to participate in the devotion regularly or occasionally.

St Mary's Parish Divine Mercy Group.

Baptisms:

Dates are bookable on line. If you need to cancel a booking contact: secretary@lucanparish.com

Legion of Mary

We meet every Thursday evening at 5.30pm in Room 4 in St Mary's Parish Centre for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

Scriptural Readings:

We meet from **7.30-8.30pm** every **Monday** evening in the Bungalow opposite the church. The group will read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel to get a deeper understanding of the Word of our Lord.

All are welcome.

Coffee Dock Open:

Every Sunday Morning and weekdays 10am to 12 noon.

All Welcome.



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.*

Christmas Novena Masses

Available from the Parish Office.

For Sale Church Art Calendars 2023

In the Sacristy and the Parish Office. €2

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.

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Tom McDonald**, Kew Park and to the family and friends of **Patrick (Paddy) Nolan**, formerly of Ballydowd Grove.

May they rest in peace.



Lucan Presbyterian Church

Main Street, Lucan, Co. Dublin

Sunday Morning Worship: 11am.

(There's tea and coffee after the service)

Lucan Presbyterian Church is a growing family of Christians who come from a variety of different church backgrounds, traditions and nationalities. Regardless of your age, background, experience or previous church connections you are welcome to come and visit us.

Contact: email: lucanpresbyterian@gmail.com

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,
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

Morning Prayers of the Church:

Monday to Friday: 8.40am.

The Church will now be open Monday
to Friday from 10am to 4pm for private prayers.



St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

A new branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests
Society has opened in our parish the Church of
Divine Mercy, Lucan South Parish.

We meet once a month and the next meeting
is **Tuesday 29th November 2022** at 7.30 pm here
in the parish.

The aim of the society is to pray for vocations to
the Priesthood and religious life. All are very
welcome and we look forward to seeing you all.
The Parish office can be contacted at 01 4572900.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses: Vigil Saturday 7pm,
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

Prayer and Reflection for Advent

**'The Fullness of Time is When God
is Born in Us'**

at 'Kairos'
125 Castlegate Way,
Adamstown



When: **7th and 14th December at 11am.**

All Welcome

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

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

St Patrick's Esker Folk Group

The group are currently seeking
musicians and singers to join them,
in particular guitar players.



Practice is every Wednesday evening at
8.30pm in St Patrick's Church, Lucan.

Enquiries to Dave at 087 7867781

Lucan ICA

Monday 28th November:

Crafts as usual 10am to 12.30pm.

Tea Hostesses are: Mary Duffy
and Mary Shanagher.



Ladies are now making Christmas baubles for our
Christmas trees and other decorations which we
will have a display in Lucan Library on the 10th
December at their Winter Craft Fair 10am to 4pm.
Do drop in and view some of our crafts.

Get Well to any of our members under the
weather at the moment.

Scoil Mhuire GNS Junior Infants 2023

Scoil Mhuire Girls National School is
taking names of girls living in St Mary's
Parish for **Junior Infants 2023**

Please email the school for an application
form. The email address is
application2023@smgns-lucan.com

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

Acknowledgement



BERNARD SHANLEY

Allenswood, Lucan.

Carmel, Elaine and Brian wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all who sympathised with us on our recent sad loss. We wish to sincerely thank our extended family, friends, neighbours and the wider community, who supported us through this very sad and difficult time and for their ongoing support.

We are very grateful to Fr. Philip Curran, Fr. Cyril Mangan and Fr. Charlie Healy for celebrating Benny's Funeral Mass. Cathy Nugent and Peter for the beautiful music. Mary Conlon - Funeral Team for her immense support throughout. To Dr. Stuart Kenny, Dodsboro medical practice, the staff at Lloyd's Pharmacy, the doctors and nurses of the Oncology ward at the Hermitage Clinic and the staff in Ward 3D Cork University Hospital, where Benny passed away. We take comfort from the exceptional kindness and care they showed Benny during what was a very sad and difficult time for our family. Thank you to Cunningham's Funeral Team who were so helpful and professional.

We received many cards, phone calls and texts during Benny's illness, our thanks to everyone who contacted us. Our sincere thanks to those who sent heartfelt messages of condolences, Mass cards, flowers and placed condolences on rip.ie

We are grateful to all those who attended Benny's funeral Mass and greatly appreciate all those who could not attend but watched it via webcam.

Please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere appreciation.

Months Mind Mass Sunday 27th November at 12noon.

Birthday Remembrance

KENNETH FARMER

96th Birthday – 24th November

Happy Heavenly Birthday Dad

You are the light in our hearts forever

Miss you, *love from all our family*

Anniversaries



BREDA EIFFE

8th Anniversary – 22nd November

It sometimes takes a rainbow or the twinkle of a star
For me to stop and wonder, wonder where you are
But I know deep in my heart, you're never far away
No matter how many years go by
Forever in my heart you'll stay.

Sadly missed by your loving son Viv and Joanne xx

Also remembering (Da) **Jimmy** xx

PATRICK KILDUFF

24th Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear brother Paddy.

Silent thoughts of times together

Hold memories that last forever.

Remembered by all the family

JENNIE MORRIS

4th Anniversary – 25th November

Late of Lucan Road, Chapelizod.

Mother

We think about you every day

Our loss remains the same

But happiness we think of most

Each time we hear your name

The kindest heart we ever knew, gone to her reward

Rest easy now that you are home

In the arms of our dear Lord.

Sadly missed by your loving daughter Jane and son-in-law Dessie

Nanny

Four years ago on this sad day

The angels came and took you away

Fond memories of you will never sway

You're loved much more than words can say.

Love and miss you every day, your grandchildren

Karen, Lisa, Kevin, Breda, Andy and Rachel xxxxxx

Granny Bus

Somewhere over the rainbow

Our Granny Bus still sings

We hope you're happy high above

Wrapped in sweet angel's wings

We will miss you always.

Your great grandchildren Laurajane, Daniel, Nikki, Kelsie and Craig xxxxx

ANN & BARNEY JARVIS

BARNEY 20th September 9th Away from home

ANN 27th November 11th Away from home

We remember you both today

As another year passes us by

Our treasured memories we love to share

Of time gone by

How we know we were loved and cherished

Though we cannot see you

We know you are with us daily

Always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts.

From your loving children Ken, Linda, Elaine and Anne Marie and extended family

DYMPNA MURRAY-FENNELL

5th Anniversary – 1st December

"Philosophers talk about different kinds of love," my mother once wrote, "but the common factor in all of them is the idea of caring, reaching out or concern for the other." Five years after she left this world, I am still struck about how much she loved her husband, her family and friends (especially those in Lucan), and me. And how lucky I was to have her and how sad I am that she's gone.

Remembering her with much love today – and every day, Michael

Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh – Sinn Féin

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Esker Drive to Esker Cottages - Improved Public

Lighting: An existing LED fitting previously installed on an ESNB Network pole outside Esker Cottages was removed when ESNB were carrying out maintenance works. At this week's local area committee, I had a motion agreed to address the poor lighting facing onto Arthur Griffith Park. The LED fitting will now be replaced. In addition, outreach brackets will be installed on the three steel columns located between Esker Drive and Esker Cottages to bring the existing LED light fittings out of the tree canopies. This will improve the lighting levels at this location.

Electoral Register Changes: Recently some changes to the electoral register have taken place. As part of the Electoral Reform Bill, a 'modernisation' to the system is underway. The aim is to make the process of registering and amending existing personal details more accessible and practical for voters to engage.

Cllr Shane Moynihan - Fianna Fáil

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Council Budget: I was delighted to vote for the Council Budget for 2023 which comes to €306 million, the largest budget in the term of this Council, and with no increase in Local Property Tax, Rates or Rents. It will include investment in the 12th Lock, the Lucan village works and will protect frontline services across the county.

Foxborough Lighting: I am delighted to confirm that, following my request, outreach brackets will be installed on the public lighting columns on the stretch of Griffeen Avenue between the R136 and Foxborough Road, and the lights as far as Lucan CNS will be upgraded to LED.

Hermitage Park crossing: After almost three years of motions, representations and questions, the Council have confirmed to me that they will install a signal-controlled crossing at Hermitage Park.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

78 The Orchard, Lucan. 01 401 3416

Email: Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

Train Services: New timetable changes announced by [Iarnród Éireann](https://www.rai.ie/) will result in improved services for local train commuters from 11th December. Changes include 12 additional off-peak commuter services between Newbridge and Heuston, resulting in trains every 30 minutes Monday to Friday, as well as extra services between Hazelhatch and Grand Canal Dock, via Phoenix Park Tunnel on weekdays.

Tree Budget: Regrettably the Council's annual tree maintenance budget for next year was reduced by €500,000. Many of you raised issues with me such as trip hazards, requirements to prune trees and remove trees and general tree maintenance in your areas. Extra

funding was needed to continue this much needed service and I'm very disappointed by the reduction in funding. Efforts were made to redirect funding from the multimillion-euro HellFire club project for tree maintenance but rejected by local Councillors.

Joanna Tuffy – Councillor

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Council Budget for 2023: The Council Budget meeting took place last week and we adopted the budget for next year of €306,070,600. Just by way of example €9,526,600 was allocated in the budget for street cleaning across South Dublin County Council. Just over €23 million was allocated for Dublin Fire Brigade. There is a whole host of other expenditure on services including on housing and building budget of €111,822,500. The budget is a balance of income and expenditure. Income includes €143,285,400 in commercial rates, property tax receipts of €6,276,000 and rental income of €31 million.

Budget allocation for Esker Cemetery: Things I sought specifically on a more modest scale in the budget for next year were €160,000 funding for live performance in the County so we can continue to support events like the recent concert in Kenny's by local band The Riptide Movement.

Cllr Paul Gogarty

Tel: 087-2752489. Web: www.paulgogarty.com

Swimming pool update: An award notification letter has issued to the successful tenderer to operate, manage and maintain Lucan Leisure Campus. Once the required procurement standstill period has been observed and a contract put in place in early December, local elected Members will be advised of the identity of the selected operator "who will also then engage with local sports and community groups as part of their preparations to commence management of the facility upon completion of the current construction works". These are still behind schedule.

12th Lock Tourism project: The development of a 12th Lock Masterplan is progressing with the plan scheduled for completion by end January 2023. The focus is on developing the area as a destination for tourists and locals alike capitalising on the existing heritage and recreational amenity assets and complementing other Council projects such as the Canal Loop Project.

Gino Kenny TD – People Before Profit

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

Liffey Valley Retail Workers Continue Protest

Against Staff Car Parking Charges: Liffey Valley Workers are continuing their protest against the imposition of staff car parking charges. Their protest is continuing this Sunday from 1pm to 3pm. The workers are asking for the charges to be scrapped.

Apostolic Workers – St Mary’s

We would like to say a big thank you to the kind people who dropped in their spare wool to enable us knit up items for the charity ‘Heart to Hand’. Our knitting goes to Northern Albania and lately to Ukraine.



We knit up little jumpers, hats and scarfs as seen in the photos.

If you have any leftover wool and would like to donate it to us, please drop it into St Mary’s Parish Centre and we will collect them from there.



We would much appreciate it.

*Again a huge thank you
From The Apostolic Workers.*

The Camino in Dublin



A talk by Cathy Scuffill

**On Thursday 1st December, at 7pm
in Lucan Library**

Tracing the historic links between Dublin and the famous Camino de Santiago in Northern Spain. Centred on the ancient parish of St. James, travelling pilgrims made the final leg of their journey through the city of Dublin, before embarking on ships to Spain.

This route is still in existence today, and is passed without notice by Dubliners and tourists, as they go about their daily business.

This presentation tells the story of such connections in Dublin.

You can book a place through Eventbrite at lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie

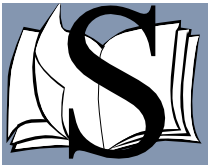
CRAOL - the

umbrella organisation for Community radio in Ireland held their annual Achievement awards in



the Connacht hotel in Galway on the 27th of October. Liffey Sound radio picked up 2 awards on the night, firstly, for "Bookline" presented by Teresa Quinn, the programme is broadcast every Sunday at 11am, each week Teresa interviews a wide range of authors about their new novels. The second award went to members of the Irish Wheelchair association in Broadmeadows, Lucan: Jonathan, Iqura, Neysa, Adam, Ross & Liam for their programme "Disability Matters". The programme was the outcome of a QQI course in Media expression delivered by our station trainer, Maria Murphy and the programme was edited by Liffey Sound's Technical Support Officer, Jon White. Huge "Congratulations" to all involved!

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station!



SCHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Joey's Tidy Towns Calendars: We are delighted to have our 2023 Calendar on sale from Monday, 28th November 2022! Our Joey's Tidy Towns Calendars are a great planner, a lovely collection of all the lovely scenes to be found around Lucan and other places TY students have visited and snapped! All images in our fundraising calendar have been taken by the senior students as part of their fundraiser for the Lucan branch of St Vincent De Paul. We are delighted to support Vincent De Paul once again and calendars can be ordered through the school (stjosephslucan@gmail.com, 01-6281160) or purchased in Centra, Lucan. Well done to all our students who contributed to the calendar this year!



Term Exams: All of our students are completing term exams this week, well done to everyone on all of your hard work.



Transition Year Musical: Guys & Dolls has certainly arrived in St. Joseph's College! The excitement has started to build within St Joseph's especially as we can now see the Musical taking shape in the form of dance routines coming together and the students on the corridors in full costume. Guys & Dolls will take place from Thursday 1st December – Sunday 4th December 2022, nightly at 8.00pm. This will be our 31st Annual Musical at St. Joseph's and we would love to see past-pupils, families, neighbours and friends of St. Joseph's return to the delight of the stage & our performing TY students once again! Tickets can be purchased online with the link to Eventbrite on our website and our social media sites or simply call to the school office! We will have a colourful programme each night, wonderful raffle prizes and guarantee of a brilliant production! Hope to see you then! Keep an eye on our social media sites both Twitter and Instagram to get a sneak peak of the show and to meet the cast.

St Joseph's College, Lucan
presents



Thurs 1st – Sun 4th December 2022 - 8pm Nightly
Adults €20, Students and Seniors €12

www.stjosephslucan.com

Licensed by Music Theatre International

Junior Cycle Results: Well done to our Transition Year students who received their long awaited Junior Cycle results. There was huge excitement as the students opened their Junior Cycle results together in the sports hall as they took a well-deserved break from their Musical

Rehearsals. The students can be very proud of their achievements especially with all of the disruptions they faced due to the covid pandemic.

Scoil Mhuire Girls' N.S. Lucan

Sign of the Times

As Scoil Mhuire GNS says 'Yes' to Languages

Local school joins 50,000 Primary pupils as they take part in Language Sampler Module for Irish Sign Language

Over 120 third and fourth class pupils from Scoil Mhuire Girls' N.S. Lucan are currently taking part in the Primary Language Sampler module, 'Say Yes to Languages', an initiative made available by the Department of Education as part of Ireland's national Strategy for Foreign Languages in Education 2017–2026. The initiative was met with overwhelming enthusiasm in primary schools nationwide last year and with the extension of the pilot scheme for a second year, this year, interest looks set to continue with 700 schools having registered to take part in 2022/2023.

'Say Yes to Languages' offers an introduction into a variety of modern foreign languages and Irish Sign Language (ISL) while also looking to raise awareness among pupils of the diversity of languages being used by their peers in their schools and community.

The pupils at Scoil Mhuire Girls' N.S. are saying **YES** to Irish Sign Language (ISL), with ISL lessons being delivered over an eight-week period during the normal school timetable.

Speaking about the module Principal Sinéad Bennis notes, *"We are delighted to be taking part in 'Say Yes to Languages' this year. The response has been overwhelmingly positive right across the school community—from pupils and teachers to parents and tutors. We chose ISL as our target language for the SAY Yes to Languages initiative as we have a number of pupils within our school community who have hearing loss and/ or communication difficulties, and some for whom ISL is their only language of communication. Giving our pupils and staff an opportunity to learn ISL will enrich our school and ensure that Scoil Mhuire Girls' N.S. is a welcoming and innovative learning environment in which all of our pupils feel included and valued."*

"It is a fun, interactive and engaging programme which really begins to set the foundations for an ongoing positive relationship with languages and in the context of our choice of Irish Sign Language as our target language, it promotes inclusion within our school community. This will be of great benefit to our pupils as they continue through their education, hopefully bringing with them a love of languages, and will enable them to

contribute to building an equitable and inclusive society" adds Principal Sinéad Bennis.

Tutors of the module may be teachers or part of the wider school community including parents, native speakers or other staff members. Ms. Jennifer Cooper is delivering the ISL module this year at Scoil Mhuire Girls' N.S. and is excited to have the opportunity to share her passion for ISL with the pupils, having gained the skills while studying in the Centre for Deaf Studies, Trinity College Dublin, for four years and her subsequent work within the education sector as an ISL tutor and advocate.

The module is being rolled out with the support of Languages Connect and PPLI (Post-Primary Languages Ireland), a unit of the Department of Education.

A suite of resources has been produced including lesson plans for teachers and tutors and 'Language Passports' for all participating pupils to show their family and friend. Packs have been sent to participating schools to help support both the teaching and learning, but also awareness raising objectives of the module. More information regarding the modules, tutor expression of interest and supports are available at www.languagesconnect.ie/primary



Ms. Connolly's 4th Class

**Scoil Mhuire,
Woodview Hts. / Airlie Hts.**



Enrolment for
Junior Infants September 2023

will be open from
November 7th to 28th.

All details will be available on our website
www.scoilmhuire.ie

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Junior Cycle Results: Congratulations to our students who finally received their Junior Cycle results on Wednesday 23rd November. The students met in the canteen for a lovely breakfast before receiving their results sheet from the principal and Ms. Reilly, who was their Year Head for three years.

Overall, the results were excellent this year with lots of high grades in all subjects. The impressive results reflect very well on the hard work put in by the students over the course of three years that were severely disrupted by Covid regulations. Distinctions (90-100%) were achieved across all subjects, in many cases exceeding the national average.

Jevin Joy achieved 4 Distinctions and 5 Higher Merits while Ahmed Hassan attained 4 Distinctions and 4 Higher Merits, both excellent results.

All students that worked with the Learning Support team all passed their Junior Cycle exams so well done to them

Congratulations to all of our students on reaching a significant milestone in their education journey.



Soccer: Our 1st yr soccer team had two Dublin League group games last week. On Thursday they defeated Adamstown CS 7-1 in a dominant display. Conor Abbot opened the scoring when he drove into the box at pace and fired a shot across the keeper into the bottom right corner. Hasan Al Mini soon extended Lucan's lead when he placed a precise right-footed shot across the keeper into the far corner. Conor Abbott grabbed his 2nd soon after when he knocked in a rebound from close range. Max Campbell prodded home the 4th after an almighty goal-mouth scramble. Hasan Al Mini headed home Lucan's 5th goal before Max Campbell added number 6 with a crisp, curing effort. Lennon Keogh scored the 7th with a precise finish.

The team then defeated Coolmine CS 5-1 the following day. Hassan Al Mini gave Lucan an early lead when he pounced on a loose ball in the

box to prod home. Conor Abbott soon doubled the team's advantage before Coolmine pulled a goal back with a fine strike from outside the box just before half time. Hasan grabbed Lucan's 3rd goal early in the 2nd half with a crisply struck right-footed effort from the edge of the box. Alex Keogh scored the team's 4th goal with an angled shot past the Coolmine keeper. Hasan completed his hat-trick with a close range header to seal another impressive win for the team.

The team were in action again on Tuesday when they were unfortunately beaten 3-2 by a talented St. Mary's CBS Portlaoise in the 1st rnd of the Leinster Cup. Hasan Al Mini scored his 8th goal in just 4 games but it wasn't enough on the day and despite a late goal by Paddy McGonigle, Portlaoise held on for the win. The team will now compete in the Leinster Shield, a competition our 1st yrs won in great style last season, so there is still a lot to play for in the months ahead.

Our **u15 team** defeated Tallaght CS 4-2 in their 2nd and final group stage match in the Dublin Metropolitan League on Monday. Lucan took the lead when Cillian Murphy's long ball forward was calmly headed home by Ben Lawless from

inside the 6yrd box. Tallaght however enjoyed a 5 min spell when everything clicked for them and they grabbed two quick-fire goals to lead at the break.

Lucan deservedly equalised early in the 2nd half when Ben grabbed his 2nd of the game with a cool finish through the legs of the keeper. They went

in front soon after when John Donohue fired home from close range. John completed the scoring with a rifled shot from a tight angle. The team finished 2nd in the group will now play the winners from another group in the knockout stages of the competition, to be held early next month.

Hurling: Our 16 hurling team qualified for the Dublin League C Final last week after a remarkable and memorable victory over St. Paul's College Raheny. The team trailed 4-12 to 0-13 with just 5 mins remaining but 3 goals from

Reece Kelly in the closing few minutes ultimately sealed a dramatic 2 point victory for Lucan, sparking jubilant scenes of celebration among the disbelieving players and mentors! Well done to the team who now await news of

their opponents for the Final that will be held in the next few weeks.



Lucan Community College

Languages Connect: The TYs took part in the national #ThinkLanguages day today to celebrate all things languages. They had workshops in Austrian cooking, Beekeeping, ISL and played boules. They also took part in the national quiz. A film crew from PPLI came to the school to film all of the exciting workshops. We would like to thank local business Supervalu Lucan and Languages Connect for all the goodies.



November in Lucan Community College:

November is the leading charity changing the face of Men's Health. Men's health is in crisis. Men are dying on average 5 years earlier than women, and for largely preventable reasons. Worldwide, one man dies by suicide every minute of the day. These are shocking statistics that motivated us to support the cause. Over the past two years, our November team of Lucan CC Mo Bros raised over €5,500 for this charity. This is a great reflection on the generosity of our school community. Thanks to all who have supported us to date. So far this year we have raised over €500. This year's team members are Mr. Foley, Mr. Spillane, Mr. Callaghan, Mr. MacGrianra and Mr. O' Droighneain. This year, the Sixth Year Prefects and Year Head, Mr Carey, are organising a Moustache Day on November 25th to show their support and help raise funds for this worthwhile cause.

Senior Badminton Blitz: Congratulations and a huge well done to all the students who took part in the Badminton Blitz against Adamstown and Kishoge Community College. We were delighted to be able to create community links across the three schools and enjoy such a positive experience. Both exciting and competitive matches were played all round with an opportunity for students to officiate games - a great chance to develop other skills. A terrific sense of team spirit was in the air with students supporting on another throughout their matches. There was also a real community spirit shared across all three schools which was wonderful to

be part of. All the students involved were a credit to LCC.

A special mention to Stefan Duff, who was nominated by another school for our "Spirit of the Day" award, receiving a lovely medal for this. And to our winning pair, Kacper Banaszczyk and Ethan Fennell, who came in 1st place and Dara Donoghue and Matthew O'Dwyer in 3rd place - well done to everyone involved!

Junior Cycle Results! On Wednesday 23rd November the students of Third Year 2022 celebrated as they received the results of their Junior Cycle 2022. Ms Birnie, Ms Malone, Ms Casey and their dedicated Tutor Team congratulated the current Transition Year students and celebrated their achievements and success upon receiving the results of three years of academic success – which didn't go without disruption due to the pandemic. Teachers congratulated students on their resilience and tenacity to succeed in completing their exams during challenging conditions. It was wonderful to see smiles and celebrations all round!



Hockey: Hard luck to our senior girls Hockey team who unfortunately were narrowly defeated by St. Joseph's of Clooney, Killiney. Best players for Lucan were Lara Payton, Ruby Croker-Dunne, Keelah Sisk and Ellen Birnie.

Basketball: Congratulations to our u19 girls basketball team who have made it past the quarter final stages after being successful against Loretto Balbriggan and will now advance to the semi final stages.

Christmas Concert: We are delighted to open our doors to the local community with the return of our annual Christmas Concert in Lucan Community College! Thanks to our wonderful Parents Association for their help and support with organising the event. There will be a collection for the St. Patrick's Conference of SVP on the night. Join us for a night of song and dance and reflection for the whole community on Thursday 8th December at 7pm!



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Team News

Camogie. Two championship matches this week for our U21 Ladies, U21C take on CBC/Portabello this Wednesday and U21A take on Na Fianna in a championship semi-final at home on Sunday, more details on the Web when confirmed.

Adult Hurling. Two championship semi-finals this weekend and it was mixed fortunes. Our U21A's progressed to the final after a two-point win over our northern neighbours Castleknock. They will now face our southern neighbours, Commercials, in the final on Saturday December 3rd at 2pm, with the venue still to be confirmed. However, our U19B's were beaten by a strong Clontarf side in their championship semi-final, bringing an end to a long and positive season for this group.

U21 B Hurling Championship Semi-final: Lucan Sarsfield's 1-21 Castleknock 1-19.

12th Lock, 19/11/2022. This was typical under hurling, open competitive and entertaining, played in crisp early winter weather before a large crowd at the 12th Lock. Sean Harkness opened the scoring for Lucan with a long range free and Liam Garrigan followed up with a nice point from play. Castleknock soon levelled and then edged ahead. Scores from Evin Dowling and Charlie Keher had Lucan back on terms in a very evenly contested first half. Lucan did have the edge in the second quarter and further scores from Garrigan, Keher, Dowling and Joey Dunne and some accurate frees from Harkness saw Lucan lead 0-12 to 0-10 at the end of a very entertaining first half. Lucan got the first two scores of the second half from, but Castleknock quickly reduced the deficit to three and then in the 37th minute they got the first goal of the game to level the scores 0-14 to 1-11. Lucan quickly responded however and two minutes later Sean Harkness finished to the net after a good move and Lucan were in the ascendancy again. Castleknock didn't buckle through and chipped away at the lead and 3 successive points brought the sides level 1-14 each at the mid-point of the half. Lucan responded again and helped by a couple of good scores from play from Harkness and Matt Coogan, led 1-18 to 1-16 with 10 minutes to play. It was an exciting final 10 minutes but further scores from Harkness, Hugh Cuffe and Evin Dowling (free) saw Lucan over the line on a scoreline of 1-21 to 1-19.



Lucan Team/Scorers: C Canavan, S Coffey, B O'Toole, M Cunningham, J Behan, C Walsh, J Finn, A Hickey, L Garrigan (0-2), H Cuffe (0-1), C Keher (0-3), H Cuffe (0-1), S Harkness (1-9, 0-6F, 0-1 6S), J Dunne (0-1), E Dowling (0-4, 0-1f), F Bruton, B Kavanagh.

Social News & Events

Annual Remembrance Mass

We would like to thank, Fr Pius and Aontas who delivered a lovely service last Thursday for our recently deceased members. We would also like to acknowledge Michael O'Grady who prepared the liturgy and Mary, Alice, Cathy, Josephine, Kathleen, Michaela, Jackie, Colm, Mike and Ronan who assisted with the room setup and the refreshments afterwards and finally Jo Mahon who corresponded with all the families.

Féile Fundraiser. Just a quick reminder to ask your parents that if they have any Sarsfield's or Dublin clothing, helmets, hurleys, bags etc sitting forgotten at the back of the wardrobe, it might be a good time to do a clear out! Our 2023 Feile teams are looking for them as a fundraiser. All we're asking you to do is notify them (only Sarsfields/Dublin gear, no general clothing), ask them to drop them into the café and Jackie will sell them with all funds raised going to the Féile teams.

SuperValu Christmas Draw. Last week the winner of a €50 voucher was Eileen McBrearty. This Thursday another €50 voucher is up for grabs, all you have to do to be in with a chance to win, is link your SuperValue card to your Sarsfields membership. Details on the club website here http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/news_detail/10082759/

Lotto. No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €9,000. The Numbers were 2, 20, 24, 28.

The 6 lucky dip prizes go to, John Ryan, Bernie Smith, Ciara Dardis, Martin McCormack & Mike Hanley. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€9,400**. The draw is sponsored by REA McDonald Auctioneers and will be led by Gerry McAndrew.

Tá €9,400 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine: Beidh sé beo ón Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook.
Déan cinnte go bhfuil d'iontráil curtha isteach agaibh roimh 6 i.n. oíche an chrannchuir, chun í a chur san áireamh sa chrannchur na seachtaine sin.

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



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An bhfuil spéis agat sa bhainistíocht?

Beidh peileadóirí na mban ag imirt i Roinn 7 i 2023 agus tá tusa uainn. Cabhraigh linn an chéad chéim eile a ghlacadh. Má tá spéis agat, déan teagmháil linn: nagaeiloga.dublin@lgfa.ie
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2021 - Bainisteoir na Saele Roinn 8
2022 - Bainisteoir na Saele Roinn 8, arís oireas go Roinn 7 i 2023
2023 - Bainisteoir i gCluiche Ceannas na Cúige

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Féilire 2023 ar díol anois

Calendar 2023 now on sale

Féilire Na Gaeil Óga

Tá féilire 2023 ar díol anois, cosnaíonn sé €20. Is féilire é a bhfuil grianghraf de gach foireann ann. Caithfidh tú é a reamhordú agus ní bheidh sé ar díol ach an tseachtain seo. Táimid ag iarraidh ar

gach duine ceann a cheannach. Ceannaigh é anois ar Clubzap.

Na Gaeil Óga Calendar!

The 2023 Na Gaeil Óga calendar is now for sale at a cost of €20. It features pictures of every team in the club and is in Irish. The calendar is only for sale through pre-orders and will only be on sale this week. Buy it now on Clubzap.

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Tá Na Gaeil Óga CLG sa tóir ar imreoirí úra don bhliain 2023. Is cuma má imir tú ag leibhéal ard cheana nó má tá tú ag teacht ar ais théis sos cúpla bliain, beidh áit ann duit. Cuirimid fáilte roimh chainteoirí Gaeilge de gach leibhéal, idir fhoghlaimoirí agus chainteoirí líofa.

Táimid ag dul ó neart go neart mar chumann, agus táimid i gcónaí sa tóir ar imreoirí úra, is cuma cén taitheí imeartha nó leibhéal Gaeilge atá agat.

Déan teagmháil linn chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil maidir le himirt linn.

Is muid an t-aon chlub CLG lán-Ghaeilge i mBÁC. Bí linn, bí páirteach le cumann crofúil, agus bí i do Ghael Óg!



SPORTS



LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Another busy week for Lucan Harriers from The National Cross Country championship in Letterkenny, to a 5 mile race in Leanne to Mountain runs in the Dublin/Wicklow mountains. On home turf for the Mortimer family Claire Joyce, Garry Mortimer and their eldest daughter Lucy in the Leanne 5 mile on Sunday in typical windy and hilly Conemarra conditions.



Very impressive times, watch out Irelands Fittest Family Garry 35.50, Claire 37.55 and Lucy 1 hour. Well done fantastic family achievement, Claire fresh from her fantastic time in the Dublin Marathon. Garry Mortimer, Lucy Mortimer and Claire Joyce in Leanne



Aidan Montague broke for the border on the Dublin and Wicklow Mountain Rescue Run The Line 26K mountain Run. Including a total ascent of 2800 feet, in an impressive time of 2 hours 55 min. Well done Aidan great achievement also having recently competing his debut marathon.

We had a number of athletes at the national Cross Country Championships in Donegal, we'll have a full report next week.

The indoor track season starts this week with the first meeting taking place in the Abbottstown's national indoor arena, best of luck to everyone taking part for the forthcoming season.

In Other news

Our Throwing cage is progressing nicely and will be finished soon.

We had our AGM last week and a lot of housekeeping took place. PJ Hyland was again voted in as Chairman of the club, best of luck PJ as you steer this great club over the next 12 months.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This week, Willie was down in beautiful Killarney, and shared some of the views with us.

St. Mary's Cathedral with its soaring tower is in a prominent position overlooking the town. Construction began in 1842, but wasn't completed until 1855 – the reason being that the famine years got in the way.

The grounds on which the Cathedral is built are very special, being the burial place for hundreds of children who died of starvation during the potato famine. A nearby monument commemorates this sad event.

While the original structure was finished in 1855, the spire was only added in 1907. Further renovations took place in the 1970s, and since then the interior is relatively unchanged.



Conor captured this ***Jay*** in Lucan Demesne. At this time of year, these birds collect and store nuts such as Beech, Oak and Hazel, to keep them fed during the winter months. Apparently they are very good at remembering where they stash them! This lad appears to have a Chestnut in his beak – perhaps for desert!!!



Paddy is in festive mood this week!

Remember you can still this year's exhibition on line - the YouTube link is <https://youtu.be/Q-CRt7PtICU>.

Until next week stay safe!