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Sunday 3rd November 2024

Living with the Pain of Grief!

During this month there will be services taking place in our churches at which those who have died will be remembered. The loved ones of the deceased arrive in this month in as wide a variety of states as they are in number. While we honour those who have died during the year, we also honour and respect those who are bereaved and may be struggling to live with a whole maelstrom of feelings while trying to live a normal life again.

I spoke with a lady who is grieving as her mother died recently. She described grief as an unexpected shower of hailstones that come out of the blue when most unexpected. Her feelings were of guilt for sometimes feeling normal, sometimes a wrenching sense of loss, sometimes a sense of sheer exhaustion. She often felt the loss as a great feeling of pain.

Everyone's experience of grief is different, sometimes with commonalities between people. It certainly doesn't happen in a step-by-step stage process as it skids on the moving tracks of the feeling world. There are some feelings that we like to have and some which we would like to avoid. However, no feeling is either right or wrong. Feelings just are! Rational, decided thought can be used to hide feelings, dismiss them, or park them without due care, so that they end up hurting us more rather than less!

We sometimes want to fix those who are hurting and to push them out of the way of grief. However, it needs to happen in the way that works for the individual with respect to how they might need to process the loss. Listening is the greatest gift for anyone who needs to talk their way along the journey of grief! Talking is a valuable therapy with silent listening the greatest balm and expression of respect and value for the person concerned.

If anyone reading this needs to talk to someone who will listen objectively and non-judgmentally, there is a Bethany Group in St Mary's Parish which is open to all who are grieving and want some support along the journey. Members of the Bethany Group are available in St. Mary's Parish Centre on the:

- 2nd Monday of each month at 10.45p.m.
- 4th Thursday of each month at 8 pm

If you would like to attend a meeting please ring (01)6217041
9.30 am to 2 pm Mon, Tues, Wed and Friday

Cathy Burke
Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes



Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

Tuesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Thursday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS) is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8pm on 0818 07 4000

MABS – the Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over 20 years. MABS phone service is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm on 0818 07 2000

Humanitarian Assistance Scheme

My home was damaged in Storm Ashley and I can't afford to fix it. Can I get any financial help?

The Humanitarian Assistance Scheme provides emergency financial assistance to households if you cannot meet the costs for essential needs and repair to your home after a severe weather event such as flooding.

What does the scheme cover?

The scheme covers:

Emergency income support payments such as food, clothing and personal items

Damage to your home and essential contents, such as carpets, flooring, furniture, household appliances and bedding

Structural damage

How do I qualify for the scheme?

Your household income will be assessed to decide if you can afford to fix your home to make it habitable. All your household income will be considered. You do not need to be getting a social welfare payment. The amount awarded by the scheme depends on how severe the damage is and your ability to meet the costs.

You can get 100% of the amount allowable if you are:

Single with an income of €50,000 or less

A couple - married, civil partnership or cohabiting – with a combined household income of €90,000 or less

For each whole €1000 over your qualifying amount, you must make a 1% contribution to the amount allowable. Your income limits increase for each qualified child if you get a social welfare payment. If you have an adult non-dependent child in your household, 20% of their gross income is added to the household income.

How do I apply for the scheme?

To apply, you should complete the Humanitarian Assistance Scheme application form (pdf).

Your application should include:

Evidence of your household income (pay slips etc)

Estimates for repairs or replacement

A copy of your insurance policy (if you have a policy)

Paid invoices/receipts

Any other information to support your claim

Send your completed form to the Community Welfare Officer (CWO) at your local Community Welfare Service.

Read more about the Humanitarian Assistance Scheme at

<https://bit.ly/HumanitarianAssistanceScheme> or call us on 0818 07 4000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm)

Auto-enrolment Pension Scheme

Auto-enrolment is a new pension savings scheme for certain employees who are not paying into a pension. They will be automatically included in the scheme but can opt out after 6 months.

The introduction of the Auto-Enrolment Retirement Savings Scheme, called My Future Fund, will start from 30 September 2025.

Under the scheme, the employee, employer, and Government all pay a certain amount into the employee's pension fund.

A new public body, the National Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings Authority, will be set up to administer the Auto-enrolment scheme. The scheme will be supervised by the Pensions Authority.

The rules for auto-enrolment are set out in the Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings System Act 2024.

Information: You can watch the Department of Social Protection's videos on auto-enrolment and read its information on auto-enrolment, or, email autoenrolment@welfare.ie for more details.

Lucan Red Cross Christmas Old Folk's Party



Our Annual Old Folks Party will be held on the 1st December in the SPA HOTEL Lucan.

If you would like to attend as a new member, you have to be 66 years of age, collect your pension in the Lucan area to be eligible to attend.

You can contact Bernadette Cummins on 0861597606 between the hours of 6pm to 7pm or contact Mary Cullen on 6245076 between the hours of 6pm/7pm for your name to go on the list for the party.

Closing date for new members wishing to attend is the 8th November.

Any names we receive after the closing date will be put on the list for next year.

Tralee Trip

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Social Initiative Group had a wonderful midweek trip in Tralee last month.

We visited the Listowel Writers Museum on Tuesday. On Wednesday we toured the "Wild Atlantic Way" taking in Dingle, Sleah Head and Dunquin. In Dunquin we visited the Blasket Interpretive Centre, Wednesday we headed for a tour of Blennerville Windmill, a fully restored 18th century working windmill located close to Tralee.



We had a wonderful few days. It's a great social initiative organised by Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club. New members are always welcome!

LUCAN TOASTMASTERS

Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills. Our



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

**Thursday 7th November 2024, 7:45pm
Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, W23 W280**

- Do you want to **finally** conquer your fear of public speaking?
- Do you have a speech or presentation coming up that you need help with?
- Do you want to make new friends?

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

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak! Come along on Thursday next, November 7th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

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

Woodview / Woodview Heights Mass



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

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. There is a charge of €4 each week to cover costs but there is no charge for your first meeting.

Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Coffee break at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.

We are having a Quiz Day on Thursday 7th November.

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am



Feast of All Saints Friday 1st November
Mass at 10am and 7.30pm

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

St. Mary's Readers' Roster November 2024



The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of November 2024 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays from the conclusion of the 10am Mass to 11.30am – funerals permitting.

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

Annual Mass of Remembrance

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



At this Mass the names of those from our parish community who died in the past 12 months will be especially remembered. The names of all those on the November list of the dead will automatically be included.

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

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041)

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Parish Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This devotion, revealed to St Faustina by Our Lord, is necessary to defeat evil, for peace in the world

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Visits to the housebound: If you are housebound you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

Baptisms in St. Mary's: Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony. The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. Dates are bookable on line.
Email: secretary@lucanparish.com

Church Art Calendar 2025



On sale - €2
St. Mary's
Parish Centre

Medjugorje Mass
St. Mary's Church, Lucan
Monday 4th November
Mass 6.15pm
Rosary and Prayers 5.45pm



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

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

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

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

Tea/Coffee:

Every Wednesday 10:30am in the Parish Centre.

All are welcome



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CENTERING PRAYER

(A call to Communion with God in Inner Stillness)

You are invited to join us for Centering Prayer in:

KAIROS:125 Castlegate Way

Tuesday 5th November - Tuesday 10th December

Time 11am - 11.30am.

All Welcome

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

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm.

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje: Every Thursday.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass.

After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction.

All welcome

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

Legion of Mary:

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church.

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

St Joseph's Young Priests Society: St Joseph's Young Priests Society has been set up in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan **for all the Lucan parishes.** We meet up on the first Wednesday of each month for one hour at 10.40am.

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

Wednesday tea/coffee morning: There is a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake after 9.15am Mass every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room.



Acknowledgement

Gus Keogh

The family would like to offer a heartfelt thank you for the support shown to us on the recent passing of Dad.

We are most grateful to all who called to the house, attended Dad's funeral, sent mass cards & messages of sympathy & to our neighbours & friends.

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

Dad's Months Mind Mass is being held Sunday 3rd November 10.30am in St Mary's Church Lucan.

The Keogh Family.

Anniversaries

Paddy Clerkin

5th Anniversary, 7th November.

Will those who think of Paddy today, a little prayer to Jesus say.

Lovingly remembered by Gerard and extended family.

Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us,
St Bernadette pray for us.

Mary Kilduff

22nd Anniversary, 31st October

In loving memory of our dear Mother Mary.

"Silent thoughts of times together

Hold memories that last forever"

Remembered by all the family

Michael Kinsella

2nd Anniversary.

Remembered with love today and every day.

Lil, Joe, family and friends

Thank You

As an expression of our gratitude to all who supported us during Mary's recent illness, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

The Bresnan and Dardis families.



The Lucan Memorial Campaign

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

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

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



Hallowe'en as we go to press! Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable time.

Take care when driving around Lucan!

This week a driver surprised to find a young deer trotting on the middle of the road at Tinker's Hill.



LUCAN FESTIVAL

Christmas Lights

The Festival Committee are examining a number of ideas as to how we can have Christmas Lights in the Village this year.

This follows on from the works currently in the Village green when the Christmas Tree was cut down and the lights disconnected.

We hope progress will occur and will keep all informed.

The passenger took this photo – in recent times, we have heard similar tales, so be on your guard!

Demesne Wall Repairs – Lucan is a hive of work activity these days, but here's something which might surprise readers – we heard it from the mouth of a workman – the plan is to rebuild the wall only up to about half its original height using stone like the original. What do you make of that one?

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

SuperValu Lucan

Please drop by and join us for a Cuppa



Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 23rd October, we had a 'Pink Day' in aid of Breast Cancer. Thank you to all the ladies who supplied all the crafts for sale. Thank you to everyone for their generous donations. We raised €720.



Wednesday 6th November: Social Morning and Lunch in the Spa Hotel, 10.30 – 2.30.



Scoil Mhuire GNS Junior Infants 2025



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

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

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

St. Mary's BNS, Lucan

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

Application forms can be downloaded from our school website which is:

www.stmarysbns-lucan.com

and the **closing date for applications is Friday 15th November.**





Wells for Zoe just grows and grows

Just home after our 49th working trip to Malawi: As (Sean Keane might sing) *“Our home away from home, and we’re already making plans to go again!”*

Two years ago in a little flash of madness I decided that we could convert a disused building into a rural health clinic. This flash from somewhere **above** has seen us open our 12th such facility this week. It is our first with the Southern Region Health Board, who had 28 of these running until Government funding stopped a few months ago. Devaluation of the Malawian currency by over 50% has been a disaster.

This monthly clinic will be linked to our tree nurseries and tree planting projects in this new area for us.

The official opening was on Monday last in a disused building we refurbished for the job. The people came from everywhere. All the Chiefs and community groups came together for the big occasion.

They hired (or borrowed) two tents, got 100 chairs and set everything up for the big day. They had the head of District Nursing and Midwifery 12 chiefs, 5 Community Nurses, 1 Doctor and 5 Area health officers. We would love to have been there but (Dr) Eamonn was lucky enough to attend and be part of the action

Mtjaja*Outreach* Clinic Oct 7

Women: 203, Under-5s: 169, Men: 36 Services that were offered.

Family planning / Contraceptives, Weighing to test the malnourished, HIV Testing, Antenatal care,

Outpatient Department Care; For under - 5s, Immunisations.

Malaria testing, Consultations, Drug administration

Undernourished children with Nutritional Assessments.

If anyone needs Hospital treatment we just whizz them off in a taxi to the nearest hospital where they can be treated and regularly returned on the day.

Many of the children are malnourished so we have recently started to develop model gardens, at all our 12 Clinics without fertilizers, but instead inter-planting with nitrogen fixing species, like Sesbania, Velvet bean and Sunn Hemp. These will be used for research and demonstration purposes and will be managed by some of our more experienced forestry workers and worked on by the community. The aim will be twofold, to demonstrate easier ways of growing nutritious food and to provide food for the malnourished children who attend the clinics. We also have two clinics for men who don't attend with women!!

Education of girls has always been a big interest of ours, remembering the Ireland long ago (or even in my own time)

We fund over 334 girls in secondary school and over 30 in University. We run about 60 preschools for boys and girls where we have about a hectare of land where the parents come together to produce food to feed them. Then we fund over 30 girls in University.

One of our girls has come back, to work for us recently, after getting 3, A's in her degree. This is great news for St Patricks Parish, (Lucan) who funded her education over the years and for which we are so thankful, more so maybe because very little of our funding is local or Irish. The pumps go on and on, Manufacturing, Installing and Maintaining.

Forestry is our major project these days. Over the years Malawi like everywhere cut down its trees without replacing any, leaving hillsides without any soil and all the negatives that involves.

We plant only local species, follow their progress with cameras on two huge drones and have record reproduction and growth rates. Our funders observe everything very closely and value how we treat communities, with healthcare, education food production. This means they are less likely to cut down or burn the trees.

Of course the project employs up to 2000 workers in busy times, mainly women, who never had an income before.

We are panning our 50th visit in March and no doubt a little celebration.

John and Mary Coyne
www.wellsforzoe.org

Lucan Library – November Events



Science Week events: Monday 11th November, 7pm. Inside Forensic Science - a talk for Adults Forensic science is an integral part of the Justice System in Ireland, where it has been used to assist the investigations of An Garda Síochána and help aid the outcome of trials in court. Dr Craig Mullen will discuss the history and background of Forensic Science Ireland, the different forensic disciplines currently used (with a focus on Fingerprints) and discuss some investigations of cases that have been resolved in the Courts Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/inside-forensic-science-with-dr-craig-mullen-tickets-1051534928277>

Re-generation Journeys. Friday 15th November, 3.30pm. The children of today form the Regeneration Generation - they will regenerate Planet Earth by combatting climate change. We will always need to get about - but how can the ways we travel help save Planet Earth? This fun drama-based workshop from As Creatives is specially developed for Science Week and looks at what we can actually do about Climate Change in an engaging way. For families with children aged 5-7 years old. Booking Essential from Friday 8th November at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-regeneration-generation-saving-planet-earth-tickets-1051559973187>

STEAM Saturday with Helen, for 9-12 year olds Saturday 9th November, 2pm. Booking Essential from Saturday 2nd November at 2pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/steam-saturday-with-helen-tickets-1051558197877>

Sensory Session for Neuro-Divergent Pre-School Children with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Wednesday 13th November, 10am Play session for pre-school children led by Rebecca. Please book a ticket for each pre-school child attending. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Booking essential from Wednesday 6th November at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sensory-play-sessions-for-pre-school-children-tickets-1051546121757>



History Talk: The Dublin to Mullingar Turnpike Road with John Colgan. Thursday 21st November at 7pm. All Welcome.

**FACT OR FICTION?
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LEARN MORE IN THIS TALK BY
MARTINA CHAPMAN
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Lucan Library
Wednesday 6th November,
11am

- Where do you get your news?
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money work for you

Lucan Library
Tuesday 5th November
7pm

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Fifteen Years

There is a legend about St Brigid of Kildare. She asked of a local chieftain what land she could cover with her cloak as a site for a monastery. It is such a miracle of architectural arrangement that marks the blessing yesterday by Bishop Murray of the completed building programme of St. Joseph's College. A modern college for 550 pupils has come to full growth on a compact site, very much in the heart of residential Lucan.

The Presentation Sisters have been involved in Primary Education in Lucan since 1867. In 1955 there was a need for Secondary Top – a type of free education scheme. The numbers attending increased rapidly until in 1967, the Centenary

Year, the Sisters decided to establish a formal Secondary School under the Free Education Scheme introduced by the Department of Education in 1966.

The first stage of the new building opened in 1969, the second stage in 1971. St. Joseph's College was formally opened in 1972. The increased facilities now provided by the 4th and last stage are welcomed by staff and students alike. The high educational standards achieved in such difficult conditions will continue to be stimulating challenge to those who now enjoy the facilities so longed for and so hardly won.

St. Joseph's College has good cause for celebration this week.

Fé cumhdach Bhríd sibh!

PROGRAMME

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- (1) SECOND YEAR CHOIR.
- (2) TURN ON THE SUN.
- (3) BIDDY MULLIGAN.
- (4) MERCHANT OF VENICE.
- (5) ANTOINETTE BUGGLE AND FRIENDS.
- (6) 3D DANCE.
- (7) ROSE OF TRALEE.
- (8) GREASE.
- (9) FRANK AND BETTY.
- (10) 6AC CHOIR.
- (11) TAP DANCERS.
- (12) ORMOND BAR.
- (13) H.M.S. PINAFORE.

☺ INTERVAL ☺

- (14) SCORAIOCHT.
- (15) CHARLESTON.
- (16) MACBETH.
- (17) THIRD YEAR CHOIR.
- (18) FIRST CONFESSION.
- (19) COME AND GET IT DAY.
- (20) THE GIBBON TWINS.
- (21) SCHOOL ORCHESTRA AND INSTRUMENTALISTS.
- (22) GYMNASTICS.
- (23) 6B AND 5B CHOIR.
- (24) FAME.

COMPERS: PATRICIA BUCKLEY AND SHIRLEY SMYTH,
STAGE HANDS: J. DURKAN, U. MURPHY, C. MOHAN, C. HAYDEN
I. MURRAY, C. Mc DONALD, M. NORRIS AND
C. KELLY.
ACCOMPANISTS: SINEAD GLEESON AND EVELYN ANN O'CONNOR.

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Cold meats
Light grocery.

Recently, teacher Catherine Blythe discovered the above programme in storage, and thought it might be of interest to our readers. The front cover reads: "St. Joseph's College Grand Opening Concert in College Hall", and it cost just 10p.

The inside pages list the many and varied acts, and was quite a feat given that this concert took place in October, a month after all had returned to school. It's also interesting to look at the advertisements of the day – we count only two that we know of, still in business – Gannon Office & School Supplies (*now in Celbridge*), and Kenny's Vesey Arms.

Note: Before it was known as St. Joseph's College, it was simply **Presentation Convent Lucan Secondary School**, and the school crest bore the intertwined letters **PCL**, embroidered in blue and silver.

POLITICAL NOTES

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

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Road Sweeper Leaves: I received calls about leaves on the paths and roads at Hillcrest, Meadowview, Kew Park, Finnstown Abbey, and Woodview/Airlie Heights. A road sweeper was sent to these areas. If you need a road sweeper in your area, please let me know.

Finnstown Abbey: Hedge and ivy blocking the footpath was reported and work to clear the area was completed this week.

Woodview Heights: Hedges overgrown and encroaching into the green areas reported for attention and action.

Griffen: Reported lights out at the Bottle Bank.

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Village Green Update: Work has commenced at Lucan Village Green to enhance the space, making it more accessible and enjoyable for the community but I understand there have been concerns raised about the removal of trees at the site. I was advised by the council that the removal of the spruce and birch, which was not intended, was done so under independent specialist arborist advice but will be replaced by mature trees later in the project. Unfortunately, the Christmas lights were damaged due to entanglement with branches, but replacement lights will be rearranged. The Village Green wood carving was carefully removed by the contractor and stored safely in a council depot until it is reinstated when works complete.

Are you registered to vote?

Check the register and be sure to make your vote count: www.voter.ie

Cllr Vicki Casserly - Fine Gael

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Information on Budget 2025 cost of living support payments:

If you are getting a long-term social welfare weekly payment, you will get a double week payment in the week starting Monday 28 October 2024.

A once off payment of €400 will be paid to people who get the Working Family Payment in the week starting Monday 4 November 2024.

A once off payment of €400 will be paid to people who get Disability Allowance, Blind Pension or Invalidity Pension in the week starting Monday 4 November 2024.

A once off payment of €300 will be paid to people who get the Fuel Allowance in the week starting Monday 4 November 2024.

The first double payments of Child Benefit will be paid for each child, on Tuesday 5 November 2024.

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Ballyowen Shopping Centre Car Park:

At a recent local area Committee meeting the owners of the Ballyowen Shopping Centre gave a commitment that the car park would be resurfaced before Christmas. This is welcome as the car park is in a poor condition particularly at the entrance.

Joint Committee on Assisted Dying Report:

Last week the Dàil voted by 76 to 53 to note the final report of Joint Committee on Assisted Dying. This vote is not binding but is a indicative vote on the principle of assisted dying in this current Dàil. It will be up the next government to address the legislative recommendations of the report.

Cllr Joanna Tuffy - Labour

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I wanted to take the opportunity of this week's newsletter to let residents know that I won't be throwing my hat in the ring for the upcoming General Election. This is the first General Election I have not been a candidate in since 2002! I am not retiring from politics - I will continue in the role of County Councillor for the Lucan Electoral Area and I was honoured to be re-elected to this position in June. I want to concentrate on being the best councillor I can be. Cllr Francis Timmons will be Labour's candidate for Dublin Mid-West and he has my full support. I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming weeks when I am knocking on doors to canvass on behalf of Francis.

Continued over.....

Cllr. Liona O'Toole P.C. - Independent

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"Always working, always available"

I'm pleased to share that my motion to bring the HSE to an upcoming local committee meeting has passed. We'll now be issuing a formal letter requesting a HSE representative to join us, where they'll provide updates and address healthcare concerns directly with the committee. Many of you have shared frustrations about GP shortages, long waiting lists, and other healthcare access issues here in Lucan. As our community grows, the demand on local health services keeps increasing, making it even harder for residents to get timely care. Having the HSE attend our meeting will give us a chance to understand the challenges from their perspective and to explore possible solutions to improve local healthcare access. I'll keep you updated on any response from the HSE and will continue pushing for better access to health services for our community.

Lucan Planning Council

The Metro for Lucan campaign giving access to Dublin Airport from Adamstown, Kishogue, and Clondalkin continues with huge support on the doors in Lucan. We will temporarily hold back during the GE campaigns to give the space to election candidates.

To put in context, this is the third leg of an overall transport solution for Greater Dublin Area and for access to Dublin Airport from all parts of Ireland without changing in Dublin city centre. Critical to this is that the NTA don't go ahead with a different rail gauge making link up impossible. We have made a submission to ABP on this vital point.

Existing rail network needs to be extended from Glasnevin, about 7kms to Dublin Airport, a short distance for such a great benefit. The route we propose was previously given planning permission, so there should be no issues there. Linking to the Belfast line provides an all Ireland service that speaks to the aspiration of shared island. Cork to Belfast without changing is possible, and NI can access Dublin Airport by rail.

Lucan Luas is also a vital part of the overall plan. We will explain the route and how it fits in with a Greater Dublin Orbital Luas shortly. Its all about linking and using what's there and using resources wisely.

Thank you for all your support and offers to help in this campaign.

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Street lights: I am aware of a number of public lights that have not been repaired due to delays in sourcing parts. I have contacted the Council about this and requested that repair be expedited, given the darker evenings.

Traffic: I tabled a motion at October's Lucan Area Committee to commission a report from Council engineers on traffic and congestion in the Lucan Area as a headed item for the November meeting, with regard to congestion in the village as well as an outline

of available options which could be implemented to alleviate congestion.

Ballyowen Shopping Centre: Good to see the early signs of repair work take place this week – this has been something which I have raised consistently since being elected.

Abandoned vehicles: If you are aware of abandoned vehicles in your area, please let me know and I will organise removal.

The Law of Karma

When the birds are alive, they eat ants.

When the birds die the ants eat them.

One tree makes a million matchsticks – yet only one match is needed to burn down a million trees.

You may be powerful now, but your circumstances can change. Karma is powerful.

Don't hurt anyone. Whatever you do will eventually come back to you. One way or another, our karma will lead us to face ourselves.

We can look our karma in the eye or we can wait for it to sneak up on us from behind.

One way or another, our karma will always find us...

No matter how hard we try, we can't escape karma. It follows us home.

I guess we can't really complain about karma. It's not fair. It's not unexpected.

It just even the score. And even when we're about to do something we know will probably tempt karma to bite us in the backside, well, it goes without saying we do it anyway.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

Buachaillí F9

Bhí oíche iontach ag an Buachaillí Faoi 9 ar a Siúlóid Oíche Shamhna tráthnóna inné....bhí créatúir scanrúla le feiceáil timpeall na páirce! Míle buíochas leis na tuismitheoirí ar fad a tháinig chomh maith agus as airgead a bhailiú chun trealamh nua a fháil don fhoireann. Táthar an-bhuíoch as an tacaíocht!



Cailíní F13 - Camogie

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



Crannchur Na Gaeil Óga

Bhí an chéad Crannchur againn. Tá áthas an domhain orainn a fhógairt go bhfuil 2 buaiteoirí na spotduaiseanna €50 againn... Ronald Malone, Cian Clynes Níl aon buaiteoir don phota mór €1000. Comhghairdeas mór libh ar fad. Beimid i dteagmháil libh go luath..

*We've had our first draw this evening
We are delighted to announce that our 2 €50 spot prize winners are: Ronald Malone, Cian Clynes
We have no winner for the €1000 Jackpot.
Congratulations to you all. We will be in touch.
Go raibh míle maith agaibh uilig as ucht tacú linn sa Chrannchur Na Gaeil Óga.
Bígí linn don chéad ceann eile ar an 3ú Samhain ag 7 a chlog.*

Formula Woman Nations Cup

25 year old racing driver Hanna Celsie who has grown up in Lucan, has been chosen to represent Ireland in an inaugural all female race in the Middle East!

Dubai to Host Formula Woman's First Ever Global Nations Cup Motor Racing Showdown in December.



50 drivers from 25 nations to compete in the Formula Woman Global Nations Cup qualifying event at Dubai Autodrome in December



Hanna Celsie will represent the Republic of Ireland, racing against competitors from 25 countries Inaugural Formula Woman Global Nations Cup scheduled for May 2025 in Dubai.

Inaugural Formula Woman Global Nations Cup scheduled for May 2025 in Dubai, UAE - October 24, 2024: Fifty of the world's leading female drivers from 25 countries will be battling it out in the first ever Formula Woman Global Nations Cup

qualifying round at the Dubai Autodrome as Formula Woman revs off on December 12.

The female drivers will be aiming to make it through to the inaugural Formula Woman Global Nations Cup, which will also be hosted by Dubai in May 2025, in the exciting, brand-new professional initiative motorsport circuit for women, with additional races planned around the world for next year. Formula Woman is the world's first and only all-female motorsport community, which is already proving a massive success with 5,000 members drawn from beginners with a motorsport passion to seasoned race drivers and attracting major interest from the industry and global media.

The series aims to tap into the huge pool of talent and passion for motorsport among women with the ultimate target an all-female team in the world famous 24-Hour Le Mans endurance road race.

Hanna speaking about the upcoming event, "I'm so grateful to be able to represent my country in such a trailblazing event. I'm so proud of how far I've come in a short amount of time, and so thankful for all the support I've gotten along the way".

Formula Woman is the brainchild of Founder and CEO Graeme Glew, a former race driver and Formula One executive, whose ambition is to give women the chance to compete at the highest level and showcase their undoubted race driving abilities to the world.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The photographs for the Soiree's 12th exhibition in the Parish centre have been selected and are ready to go off for printing. The forthcoming exhibition is likely to be the biggest ever. Further details about the exhibition next week.

This week the emphasis has been on mushrooms with Conor, Brendan, Joe and Kay entering the discussion as to what the mushrooms photographed are called. Brendan found a Blue Roundhead mushroom (a common species found throughout Europe, where it fruits from July to November) in Mount Andrew's Estate Park. Not to be outdone Joe found some Scarlet Waxcaps in the Curragh, the only place in Ireland where they are widespread apparently! Conor found what Kay thinks is a Blackening Wax Cap but others think is a Silky Pinkgill. They are both found in grassy locations until late autumn.



By the way the study of fungi is called Mycology! Only a tiny percentage of the world's mushroom species have been identified and currently mycologists have described about 20,000 species around the globe. The one cardinal rule if anyone decides to go foraging for wild mushrooms is – if in doubt throw it out. Remember you can eat any mushroom once and that there are old mushroom hunters and bold mushroom hunters but there are no old, bold mushroom hunters!



Two photos from Conor, not mushroom related, are worthy of mention – a beautiful photo of the ruins of St. Catherine's chapel caught in the setting sunlight and one of a spider in its web.



Stay safe until next week!