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Share some Light in the Darkness of Winter!

As we enter the season of winter which seriously starts when the clock changes in October, there are many contrasts in nature that resonate with some contrasts that present in our own lives and the lives of others. As I drove through Lucan today the beautiful golden leaves swirled in the gentle breeze. The sound of the swirling leaves is as beautiful as the image. This beauty comes before the decaying sludge which will come very quickly as needed nourishment to bring about new life in the plants from which the leaves came.

The winter season affects us all in some way or another as it does the natural world. For some, the quiet time of winter is welcomed and for many others, it presents great challenge so that the mood might merge too closely with the darkness of the season. This struck me after a few recent encounters which occurred for me in a very short space of time with people for whom the darkness presents challenge:

- One was a man who suffers from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) for whom the increasing dark hours present like a form of torture. I recognised his mood as he walked with very heavy tread and despondent posture. He was welcoming of a few words and a smile.
- A man who comes from India and is working in Ireland for many years now, was afraid to walk home to his apartment in the dark as he would be taunted by a group of young people who seem to target him each evening. I gave him a lift home which allowed him the pleasure of longer social interaction.
- An elderly lady who declined the opportunity to take part in local celebrations as she felt unsafe walking down the laneway to her cottage after dark. Accompaniment for the short distance brought about needed safety.
- A mother who was walking from the local park with her four young children and is finding the darkness limiting outdoor activity time for her children as they live in an apartment.

On reflection at the end of the week while I noted the challenging effect that darkness has on each of the people concerned, I also noted how small interactions with people have great purpose and can bring us into a connection whereby we can offer some light in the darkness for someone without any great effort. For those for whom winter presents no real challenge, let us be aware of those whose needs might be different during this season. A kind word, deed or smile could make the world of a difference as we never know what anyone is going through on any day. Let's try to be the light for someone – we might need the light tomorrow ourselves!

*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

Irish citizenship through birth or descent

Who is an Irish citizen by birth?

You are entitled to be an Irish citizen by birth if you fall into one of the categories below.

1. Born in Ireland before 1 January 2005
If you were born in Ireland before 1 January 2005, you are an Irish citizen by birth.

If you were born in Northern Ireland before 1 January 2005, you are entitled to claim Irish citizenship. This means that you can choose to be an Irish citizen and apply for an Irish passport if you want to.

2. Born in Ireland after 31 December 2004
The people of Ireland voted to change the constitutional right to citizenship in the 27th Amendment to the Irish Constitution. This ended the automatic entitlement to citizenship by birth to everyone born in Ireland.

If you are born on or after 1 January 2005, your entitlement to Irish citizenship depends on the nationality or residence history of your parent or parents.

Irish or UK parent

If either of your parents was an Irish or UK citizen at the time of your birth, you are automatically an Irish citizen if you were born in Ireland. If you were born in Northern Ireland to

an Irish or British parent, you can choose to be an Irish citizen.

If your Irish or UK citizen parent died before you were born, you are an Irish citizen by birth.

Parent from outside Ireland and UK

If you were born in Ireland on or after 1 January 2005 and neither of your parents were Irish or UK citizens, your entitlement to Irish citizenship by birth depends on your parents' residence status and history.

One of your parents must have:

Lived in Ireland or Northern Ireland for 3 out of the 4 years before you were born or

Have the right to live in Ireland or Northern Ireland without any restriction on their period of residence

Only reckonable residence is counted towards the 3 out of 4 years needed. This does not include periods spent in Ireland on a student visa or while waiting for a decision on an international protection application.

If you were born in Ireland after 31 December 2004 and do not qualify as an Irish citizen by birth, you can apply for citizenship by naturalisation after you have completed 5 years of residency in Ireland. You can apply for your child after they have completed 3 years of residence in Ireland.

3. Born outside Ireland to an Irish parent
If you were born outside of Ireland, you are automatically an Irish citizen by birth if either one of your parents was born in Ireland and was entitled to Irish citizenship.

4. Born in Ireland with no right to citizenship of another country
If none of the above applies to you and you were born in Ireland, but you are not entitled to citizenship of any other country, you are an Irish citizen by birth.

See our website for more information on this matter including Citizenship through descent from Irish grandparent.

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.

Lucan ICA

Crochet with ty students: Last Thursday of ICA ladies spent the day teaching some of the TY students how to crochet a cot blanket. This is our 13th year of the crochet workshop. All students were very willing to learn and they have now been set the task of completing the blanket in 10 weeks. A very enjoyable day was had by all.



Monday 6th November: Our craft ladies are busy working on their various crafts in preparation for our **Arts & Crafts Fair** which will be held on Saturday 11th from 5-30pm to 8pm and on Sunday 12th 10am - 2pm. in St Mary's Parish Centre. This is an opportunity to come in and see all our beautiful work the ICA ladies do.

Tea Hostesses are Nuala Corbett and Marie Trunk.

Hope Foundation Shoe Boxes: We remind members to bring in filled shoe boxes for the Hope Foundation, to Mary Curley on **Monday 6th November** as it is the last day for collection.

Pauline



Mass of Remembrance

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



LUCAN RED CROSS

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



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

Bernadette Cummins Phone: 01 6282661

(between 6 / 7pm)

Mary Cullen Phone 01 6245076

(between 6 / 7pm)

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

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

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

Annual Mass of Remembrance

Our Annual Mass for all our departed relatives and friends will take place on:

Thursday 9th 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.

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.*

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.

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

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.

RETREAT in Daily Life Advent 2023



Sun 3rd - Fri 8th December

Would you like to give some time to Reflect, Pray, Get in touch with God in your life?

If so, perhaps this retreat is for YOU!
The retreat involves committing yourself to -

- Setting aside 30 minutes each day, for reflection with Scripture
- Meeting with a Spiritual Guide each day, at a time that suits you.

For more information please contact:

Sr. Julie 086 8476734,
Agnes 087 9720717,

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



Caring & Sharing Association
Supporting People with Disabilities

CASA Church Gate Collection

The Church Gate Collection on

November 11th and 12th is in aid of CASA –

Caring and Sharing Association. CASA is a volunteer led organisation developing friendships between volunteers and adults and children with physical, intellectual and sensory disabilities through Social Events, Activities and Lourdes Pilgrimages. All our activities are in a one-to-one pairing, lending strength and support to all that we do, enabling people to get the most out of everything that they do with CASA.

The collection is in aid of all our activities including our Lourdes Pilgrimage for many adults and children with a disability together with many sick and terminally ill people.

Please support our collection. Thank you.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



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

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

Annual Mass of Remembrance

Our Annual Mass for all our departed relatives and friends will take place on

Friday 10th November at 7pm

All those who have passed away in the last twelve months will be especially remembered. November list of the dead automatically included.



All are welcome.

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

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

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

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on
www.lucansouthparish.net

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

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

Next meeting will be on the 8th November at 10.40am.

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.

Medjugorje Mass 2023 St Mary Church, Lucan



**Monday 6th November –
Mass at 6.15pm**

(Rosary and Prayers at 5.45pm)
Available online at lucanparish.com



**Anam Cara
South Dublin,**
the organisation
that supports
bereaved parents,

is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 13th November at 7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.** This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Acknowledgement



David (Dave) Murray

We, the family of Dave Murray, would like to thank everyone who reached out to us, sympathised and supported us on our recent bereavement.

We thank all those who attended Dad's Funeral, sent Mass cards and messages of sympathy. Special thanks to all Dad's extended family, our friends and wonderful neighbours in Sarsfield Park.

As it is impossible to thank everyone, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere appreciation to you all.

Dave's Month's Mind Mass will take place Saturday 4th November in St. Mary's Church at 6.30pm.

Anniversaries

Paddy Clerkin

4th Anniversary – 7th November

Will those who think of him today

A little prayer to Jesus say.

Lovingly remembered by Gerard and extended family in the UK and Ireland.

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

Madge Farmer

2nd Anniversary away from home

Dearest Mam,

Although we knew it was your time to leave us, we miss you so very much. A warm hug a loving kiss upon our cheeks no more. We hold the love and memories we had with you close to our hearts.

Helen, David, Mick, Linda, Diane.

Madge Farmer

2nd Anniversary away from home

A nanny like you we were so lucky to have, wise words, warm hugs and kisses galore were always available when we came through your door. We love and miss you so very much and when we see a Robin we know that's your way of keeping in touch. Forever in our hearts and mind.

Love your grandchildren and Great grandchildren.



Joe Fitzgerald

26th Anniversary – 2nd November

Late of Dodsboro, Lucan

Remembering our Dad Joe this month

Memories are lovely ways

Of bringing back our yesterdays

Each of us in our own way

Have special thoughts of him to-day

From his family Bernie, Marie and Bo.

Joanie Kelly

27th Anniversary – 11th November

Late of Sarsfield Park.

You did everything for us,

You gave us your life,

Your dreams were the family,

A proud mammy and wife.

Sadly missed by the family.

Also remembering her beautiful daughter

Margaret, whose 19th Anniversary occurs on November 13th.

Michael Kinsella

2nd Anniversary – 8th November

You always had a smile to share

Time to give and time to care

Someone to talk to, kind and true

Always loved and sadly missed by your Mum and Dad.

Mick Mulhall

1st Anniversary - 5th November

In our hearts forever.

Always remembered by his wife and family.

Anniversary Mass, Saturday 4th November, 6.30pm, in St. Mary's, Lucan

Corridors

In the grey morning light, too fatigued to sleep,
I roll about with the motions of life
Experiencing rage never felt before.
Flickering on the horizon, then soon out of sight,
Fading away, Crying, Gone forever
To Limbo land.

So, flyaway my child, to a land of dreams
Beyond the skies and wait for me.
Show you the way, for the path is so long.
Give us the strength to carry on.

I will be at your side Mam, you too Dad.
Just whisper my name,
'Til by and by Mam and Dad
Bye-Bye.

Michael Moore, Lucan Writers Group



Winter time is here!

Despite all the unpleasant rain and damp, the colours of our trees certainly give us a big lift – they are just magical everywhere.



The great Beech Tree in St. Catherine's Park, has painted many pretty scenes down the centuries.....

The leaves won't be there much longer, but it is delightful to see them swirl all over the place in the wind.....

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.



Trees

By Joyce Kilmer

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer
wear

A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has
lain;

Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.



Sarsfield Park Residents Assoc.

Residents meeting **Monday 6th Nov 8:30pm** in Kenny's function room.

We have seen some communication that the council are pushing ahead with the development on number 62 regardless of the residents' concerns.

We have had two councillors (Liona and Joanna) come to our past two meetings and this gave us an opportunity to discuss our concerns further, however, it appears the council staff are adamant the development should go ahead, even without the site survey reports.

We have received approximately 350 spring bulbs from SDCC environmental and we plan to plant them in various locations in next few weeks.

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.



SGM MODEL SEARCH COMPETITION “There is only one size and that’s SIZE GORGEOUS”

SGM Management are delighted to announce applications are now open for the 5th Annual LIVE Grand Final of the SGM Model Search Competition 2023/2024. This dynamic event is open to both MALE & FEMALE aspiring models, 18 years and over, all heights, shapes, and sizes; no previous experience necessary as training given.

SGM Model Search Female categories include under 30’s and over 30’s. Petite (Size 6 – 14), Curvette (Size 16 and over) and Vintage Pin Up. Male Contestants categories are under and over 30’s from 18 years and over, all heights, shapes, and sizes;

Our VIP Guest Judge, Savita Kaye CEO Lady Kaye Productions will select a male and female overall winner to receive the opportunity of a lifetime, to walk for the prestigious internationally acclaimed House of iKons at London Fashion Week (Accommodation, meals and flights paid by SGM Management).

Application forms are available by emailing comp@sizegorgeousmanagement.ie – all contestants receive a “Finalist” sash to wear on the night and to promote this dynamic fashion event in the running up to the event.

What makes this competition so unique is our event team members are previous contestants, returning each year to support the new group of aspiring models on their SGM journey; as they know the confidence, courage, and poise it takes to take your first step on a catwalk. All contestants receive a participation certificate and courage crown to keep, acknowledge and remind them of their achievement.

SGM Model Search Competition 2023/2024 LIVE Grand Final will take place on Saturday 11th November 2023 at the beautiful award-winning Lucan Spa Hotel: doors open 6.30pm to ensure plenty of time to see our fabulous

exhibitors on the night and we open with a fashion show at 8.00pm.

A raffle in aid of a local or national charity is held at each SGM event. Our charity of choice for 2023 is NCBI National Council of the Blind Lucan Branch and monies raised from their raffle in Lucan branch and on the night of event will assist the blind and vision impaired.



GET YOUR TICKETS ON
eventbrite
OR MESSAGE SHARON ON
0879962459 TO PAY BY
Revolut

Your ticket includes

- ✓ Fashion show
- ✓ Model Search
- ✓ Finger food
- ✓ Glass of Prosecco
- ✓ Afterparty with DJ till late

Tickets only €49.95

Doors open 6.30pm
Show starts 7.30pm

Lucan Spa

Raffle in aid of  **NCBI**
Supporting Services for
People with Sight Loss



Church of Ireland Parish Centre at

St Andrew's Church, Main Street, Lucan

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

Monday Afternoon between 12:30 & 17:30

Tuesday Morning between 9:00 and 12:00

Tuesday Afternoon between 12:00 and 18:00

Wednesday Morning between 9:00 and 12:30

We offer competitive hourly rates to Adult and Youth Groups.

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

Please contact
parishoffice@leixlipunion.ie
for more information
or mobile no. **0894163421**

Lucan Senior Citizens

Some photos from our Halloween Party – you are never too old to dress up and have fun!
Thank you to all the ladies.



Wednesday 8th Nov: **Social Morning** in St. Mary's Parish Centre 10.30 – 12.30.



**Adamstown
Community
College (ACC)**

**CAREER
EVENT
2023**

An invitation is extended to all organizations to participate in the career event, which serves as a fundraiser for the Ashling Murphy Memorial Fund.

 **Date**
21st & 22nd November

 **Time**
10:00am - 3:00pm

 **Location**
ACC Sports Hall, Station Road, Lucan.

Register Now

 To register for the career event email:
guidance@adamstowncc.ie



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Palmerstown Camera Club

At Palmerstown Camera Club we hold a weekly meeting in person, every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm in the Palmerstown Parish Hall. People interested in joining the club or even attending one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting secpcc@mail.com

Recently in Palmerstown Camera Club, we had the judging night for a themed competition "Abstract", and below we have three of the winning images:



Advanced. "Ballet in the Woods– Tony McIntype".



Intermediate. "Prizm - Dominic Gaffney".



Novice. "Glass Building –Ivan Devilly".



CHOO NEWS



St. Mary's BNS Junior Infant Enrolment

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



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

St. Thomas' JNS

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

Details at

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



Scoil Mhuire GNS Junior Infants 2024

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

Applications can be downloaded from our school website at

www.smgnslucan.com

Or you email the school for an application form. 2024@smgnslucan.com



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

The closing date for applications will be Friday 17th November 2023.

St. Joseph's College

ICA visit for Crocheting Workshop

We were delighted to have the Lucan Guild of the ICA return to St. Joseph's for another of their legendary Crocheting Workshops. It is always a very special day as students from Transition Year learn the craft of crocheting from the ICA ladies. Many stories are swapped, as well as new skills shared. The students will have ten weeks now to complete their baby blankets and then go on to create many other wonderful designs by crocheting. Good luck to the ICA with their Craft Fair in the Parish Centre next weekend!



Mary Curley & Pauline Bligh with TY Students



Marie O'Sullivan & Miriam Gavin with TY Students

Beauty & The Beast (Jr)

We are so excited to be counting down the weeks now to **'Beauty & The Beast'**, with our official nights of performances from Thursday, 30th Nov – Sunday, 3rd Dec, nightly at 8.00pm. Tickets for our shows will be available via the eventbrite link on our school website (www.stjosephslucan.com). The link will be available from next week. Tickets will be Adults €20.00, Students/Seniors €15.00. Tickets will also be available from the front office of St. Joseph's College from Monday, 13th November. We are looking forward to welcoming our audiences for our first ever production of **'Beauty & the Beast' (Jr)** this year. Popcorn, candy floss & many other treats will be available for all our younger audiences while a dazzling raffle

will feature each night for those who like to purchase a raffle ticket or two!

Any queries to 01-6281160

or stjosephslucan@gmail.com.



40th Reunion of the Class of '83

We will have a very special event in Rosie's Garden in St. Joseph's on Friday, 10th November. A tree-planting ceremony will take place to mark the 40th Reunion of the Class of '83. A tree will be planted to remember past pupils from the year group who have sadly passed away but hold many fond memories for those who will gather. Rosie's Garden has been tended to very diligently by our 5th Year & TY students who are committed to developing the garden as part of their Silver & Bronze Gaisce Award. Thank you to Miriam Scahill and Aideen Waters who are organising the gathering to mark this significant year.

Fundraising Calendar for St. Vincent De Paul

We are delighted to announce the sale of our Joey's Tidy Towns Calendar 2024 in aid of St. Vincent De Paul. This fundraising calendar will be available from the 28th November 2023. Every year, our TY & 5th Year students take photos as they go about their work for Tidy Towns, capturing many beautiful images of Lucan and the surrounding areas. Images portray the different seasons, times of day, various weather conditions and all while capturing scenes around Lucan Village and beyond! 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.

Lucan Library – November Events

Please Note:

1. All events and activities are free of charge.
2. All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum.
3. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required.

Art and Creativity for Children

with Elena. For 9-12 year olds. Thursday 16th November, 3.30pm. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Thursday 9th November at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/art-and-creativity-with-elena-at-lucan-library-for-9-12-years-tickets-743571029967>



National Accessibility Week takes place from Monday 27th November to December 4th. Drop into the library to see our displays and ask a member of staff about library resources.



Quiet Time at the Library -

Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm until 8pm.



Events for Younger Children:

Storytime: Our regular Story-Time continues on Wednesdays at 3pm. All welcome!

Musical Tots with Karen Donnellan: Saturday 18th November at 10.30am. Booking essential via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-with-karen-at-lucan-library-tickets-735582014607>

Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles: Thursday 30th November at 10am. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Thursday 23rd November at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-at-lucan-library-with-sarah-sparkles-tickets-743593075907>

Coder Dojo Club

Wednesday 15th November 3.30pm - 4.30pm
No previous coding experience needed, just enthusiasm! Those aged 8-12 must be accompanied by an adult and please bring an adult library card for Wi-Fi access.
Booking essential via Eventbrite from Wednesday 8th November at 3.30pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/coder-doj-at-lucan-library-tickets-744500439857?aff=oddtcreator>

Cuidiu Breastfeeding Support Group - Monday 20th November, 12noon. All welcome

My Little Library Bag

If you have a child who started school this September, bring them to the desk to collect their bag containing 3 free picture books.



Book at Bedtime for Pre-School Children

All children aged between 0 and 4 years can receive a free book for bedtime! Ask at the desk and take a moment to register your child with their first library card.



TTRS (Touch, Type, Read, Spell)

Places are available for our Touch-type, Read and Spell (TTRS) classes.

The 6-week block of classes take place on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm and act as an introduction to the programme. These classes are for children aged from 8-12 who have literacy difficulties or have difficulties in typing, writing or spelling. Please contact us to express an interest in enrolling or for more information.

South Dublin Volunteer Stand, Thursday 16th November 2pm - 4pm.

If you're interested in getting involved in volunteering, visit the South Dublin Volunteer Stand at the library to find out more about opportunities in your area.

Lucan Library Classic Film Club - Tuesday 21st November at 5.30pm. All welcome, ask at library desk.

Lucan Library Book Clubs:



Monday Lunchtime Book Club – 27th November, 12noon.

Junior Book Club - Wednesday 29th November 3.30pm.

Wednesday Book Club - 29th

November 6.30pm.

Young Adult Book Club – Saturday 18th November, 3pm.



Lucan Library Knitters Club - Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new member's welcome

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group - Thursdays 9th and 23rd November, 10am – 12noon. New members welcome



Exhibition: Lucan Memorial Campaign

Political Notes

Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

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Taking-in-Charge – Lucan Developments:

I've been following up on developments or part-developments not yet taken in charge by the Council to better gauge the issues and timeline. Whilst there are many new builds under construction, several long-completed areas in Lucan continue are not as yet under Council remit. Reasons include no developer engagement and completion snags not being completed in full. Contact me for more detail.

Halloween – Cooperation: Good cooperation between Gardaí and the Council identified and removed bonfire stockpiles. Thank you for all the efforts in that go into keeping our community a safer place over the Halloween period.

Small and Medium Business – Supports:

A response to an official question I had at the October Area Committee a very low number of local businesses securing grant / funding assistance for both existing businesses and new ones trying to establish. For more info; www.sdcc.ie and www.gov.ie and search under enterprise support or contact me for assistance.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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

Public Meeting. We Stand With Palestine:

Thursday 9th November 8pm Adamstown Community Centre. Speakers Gino Kenny TD, Fatin Al-Tamimi (Palestinian Activist), Mark Kerins Lucan PBP. All Welcome.

South Dublin County Council has produced a Draft Climate Action Plan: People Before Profit has made a submission to the plan calling for:-an extended programme of retrofitting of social homes-a ban on new data centres-increased public transport-better cycling and walking infrastructure incl a cycle lane on the Newcastle Road-end the use of glyphosate for weed control.

Caroline Brady - Fine Gael - PC

- 085 2551602 info@CarolineBrady.com

Be Winter Ready: Leaf Clearing: Following requests from residents in Dodsboro, Airlie Heights and Woodview Estates I contacted SDCC who are scheduling a leaf clearing service for these areas.

Safer, Stronger Communities: New criminal offences and tougher sentences for existing crimes came into effect 1st November. The Act introduces a new offence relating to stalking, increases sentences in cases of domestic abuse and widens the scope of harassment offences. Other measures include targeting violent and organised crime and violence against Gardaí and other emergency services. We are continuing our local focus and meeting people in your area, thank you for taking the time to speak with me, and if there are any

queries, any issue, stop and chat or contact me via phone or email.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Sarsfields Park Update: The overall unit numbers in the housing development have been reduced from 6 to 5 apartments, with all units now proposed as one-bedroom apartments. This represents a reduction of occupancy to maximum 10 persons in total. A site notice and newspaper notice are then required to be published at least eight weeks prior to the commencement of the housing development in accordance with article 81A (1) of the regulations. I will continue to keep residents informed as the plans progress.

Bus Shelters Lighting: If you come across broken lights at bus shelters, please contact me on this.

Litter Bins: I'm requesting that litter bins are located at bus stops with high footfall, let me know if you come across a bus stop that needs a litter bin. Huge thanks to all involved in cleaning up debris after the bonfires.

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

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





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.

Hurling. This was championship semi-final weekend for the higher level adult championships and Lucan were involved on two fronts. Our Junior As had a narrow win over Whitehall to secure a place in the Junior B Championship final, and promotion to the Junior A championship for next year. However, it was a disappointing day for our seniors as they lost out to Na Fianna by 4 points in the senior semi-final in Parnell Park.

Meanwhile our Junior Bs and Junior Cs both effectively secured their passage to the knock out stages with wins over Na Fianna and Garda respectively.

Junior B Hurling Championship Semi-final
Lucan Sarsfields 1-17 Whitehall Colmcille 2-13. 12th Lock, 15/10/2023.

Senior Hurling Championship Semi-final
Na Fianna 0-18 Lucan Sarsfields 0-14.
Parnell Park, 15/10/2023.



Camogie. Senior Camogie Capture Division 1 Shield. A busy weekend for adult camogie with the senior team contesting a shield final against Ballinteer. The scoring dominance continued in the second half, with a full-time score of 6-23 to 0-8.

Intermediate Camogie claim Intermediate 2 Championship Trophy. The Intermediate team, having gone unbeaten in the group games, came up against a strong N Maur team who also had the same track record. Playing on the perfect surface in NGDC Abbotstown, it was an ideal day for camogie. The strong Lucan support erupted when the full time whistle sounded, final score Lucan 2-10, N Maur 0-11.



Social. Tickets are now available at €40 per person for the Lucan Sarsfields Christmas Gala which takes place on Saturday 2nd December at the Clubhouse. This promises to be a great night, starts at 7.30pm sharp with a Prosecco Reception followed by a 4 Course Meal followed by Live Band – DESIRE. This is a Social Event at the Club NOT a Fundraiser.

Healthy Club. On Saturday morning at the nursery and at the U9LF training, Colette and Ciara from the Healthy Club committee distributed donor cards for the Irish Kidney Association. Donor cards have been left in the cafe for anyone who would like to pick one up. Why are more donors needed? Because transplantation is now so successful, an increasing number of patients are able to benefit from the procedure. Because of the limited opportunities for organ donation there is a need to ensure that every opportunity is taken so ensuring your family know your wishes is important.

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 €5,400. The Numbers were **9, 10, 18, 21.**

The lucky dip prizes go to, John Ryan, Josephine Mahon, Pat Glover, Willie Coogan and Mary Rigney. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €5,800. The draw is sponsored by O'Grady Hearing Care Services and will be led by Frank Flemming.



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Oifigeach Forbartha Cluichí & Pobal

Is cúis áthais dúinn a fhógairt go mbeidh Naoise de Bhaldrathie ag tosnú mar Oifigeach Forbartha Cluichí & Pobal leis Na Gaeil Óga CLG. Is iar mhúinteoir bunscoile é as Chill Chainnigh mar dúchasach. Do chaith sé tréimhse ag imirt iomáint mar imreoir idir-chontae. Bhuaigh sé bonn Craobh Shinsear Iomána Chlub na hÉireann le Cuala i 2017. Is Iar scoláire Fulbright é. Do bhí sé in Ollscoil Montana ag múineadh na Gaeilge ar feadh dhá bhliain. Bhunaigh sé cumann iomána na Grizzlies i Montana agus Bhí sé mar phríomh thraenálaí ar 'Cúl Campa TG4' i 2020 agus tá anailís déanta aige ar GAA Beo - TG4, don iomáint. Is céim chun cinn mhór é don chlub duine leis an oiread sin saineolais agus taithí ag cabhrú linn brú chun tosaigh. Tá an post seo á mhaoiniú i gcomhpháirt leis an Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spirt agus Meán, agus ag Straitéis 20 bliana don Ghaeilge agus an Crannchur Náisiúnta.

NGÓ Abú, Kate agus Gerry

Buachaillí F9 - Iomáint

Bhí lá iontach ag na buachaillí faoi 9 i mBré. Ghlac siad páirt i mbliots mór iomána idir contae le foirne as Cill Mhantáin agus Áth Cliath ina measc. D'imir na lads go barr a gcumas agus tuilleadh agus táimid an-bhródúil astu!



Cailíní F8 - Peil

Ní raibh aon sos ag na cailíní F8. Imreoirí den scoth. An-imirt uathu ar fad. Ag feabhsú agus ag forbairt cluiche i ndiaidh cluiche. Thug Senan (deartháir le hAilbhe ón bhfoireann) ó na buachaillí F9 cabhair agus tacaíocht iontach dúinn - ag spreagadh na cailíní i rith na cluichí agus ag leath ama. Táimid chomh bródúil astu ar fad...



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The members of the Camera Soiree are working flat out finalizing the selection of photographs to be included in this year's exhibition which will take place in the Parish Centre on Sunday 26th November after the 10.30 and 12 noon masses in St. Mary's. It is hard to believe that this will be our 11th exhibition. When those members of the group who have been in the Soiree from the beginning look back on the photos they submitted for our first exhibition in 2012 they can see how their photography has improved.



of the remains of the Pidgeon House Generating Station which is adjacent to the Poolbeg Station. This station was commissioned in 1903, taken over by the ESB in 1929 and decommissioned in 1976. It apparently had its origins as a military fort. The website of the ESB Archives contains a fantastic amount of information on the history of the station if anybody's interested.



This week we are sharing some more of Donal's photographs taken along the South Bull Wall recently, in particular, some more photographs of the Poolbeg Generating Station with its iconic stacks. Also included is a photograph



Josie has submitted photos from around Lucan. The Liffey looks quite full after all the rain. I particularly like her photographs of a flooded pathway in which she has captured the reflections of the trees and sky in the water.



Until the next time stay safe!