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Sunday 13th October 2024

There's a Hurricane Coming!

As I write this the news about the forthcoming (will be past as you read this) hurricane in Tampa. I consider ourselves lucky to live in a climate which is generally mild. Without doubt, from our small experience here of hurricanes, there is now a calm in anticipation of the hurricane before the energy explodes to destroy much in it's path. Nothing can be done to stop the hurricane, but there is choice with regard to how people react, with due respect for resources.

Stories abound about people clinging to property that will be at the eye of the storm or delay departure from places of extreme forecasted danger!

A hurricane is extreme in energy and experience and in the unhoped-for-category. However, while we don't experience too many overly challenging hurricanes here, we experience hurricanes of a figurative nature regularly! Life is a constant movement through challenges, some of which feel like they have the high energy of a hurricane with the energy to destroy what we treasure most in life. As none of us live in protective bubbles we all bob up and down on the waters when they are both calm and stormy. We take respite in the calm and move with the storms and challenges when they come. We build resilience.

I walk regularly in a park in Palmerstown and enjoy the down-hill perambulation. I often hesitate on the climb uphill if it happens to be a hot day. However, I have choices with regard to which incline I take – I usually take the longer route with the more gentle climb! If my energy matches the more steep route, I take it! The same analogy works with any challenge, but is not necessarily as simplistic – is usually not as simplistic! It's best to take the situation, for better or worse, and deal with it as pragmatically as possible finding the route out of the storm or challenge that is most realistic for self or family.

We have everything we need within ourselves or those around us to deal with anything that might come our way. The result may not be a desired one, but how we journey towards the destination might be made more tolerable, or even fruitful, if we choose the right route with the right companions. I'm hoping that those who are traveling out of Tampa will do so as a supportive community, sharing knowledge and resources until they find a place of security. I'm hoping that those who are inevitably heading for disasters there will have the caring support to exist in that situation as well as possible. I'm hoping that anyone who is reading this and struggling with a confounding challenge will trust in themselves and in others. I'm hoping that we are all available for one another when the storms hit!

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

BUDGET 2025

Some of the changes announced in the Budget come into effect immediately or before the end of 2024. Others take effect from the beginning of January 2025 or later in 2025. Many others have to be finalised before coming into effect. Some elements of these measures may change when the legislation required to bring them into effect is enacted.

Carers

The Carer's Allowance income disregard will increase to €625 for a single person and €1,250 for a couple (July 2025).

Carer's Allowance will become a qualifying payment for Fuel Allowance (January 2025). Carer's Benefit will be extended to people who are self-employed (January 2025).

The Carer's Support Grant will increase by €150 from €1,850 to €2,000 (June 2025).

Domiciliary Care Allowance will increase by €20 from €340 to €360 per month (January 2025).

Means test

If you are getting the State Pension (Non-Contributory), Disability Allowance or Blind Pension, the amount not taken into account when you sell your home to move into care will increase from €190,500 to €337,500 (January 2025).

Employment programmes

People on Community Employment (CE), Tús and the Rural Social Scheme will get an increase of €12 per week (January 2025). People on the Work Placement Experience Programme will get an increase of €24 per week (January 2025).

Free Travel Scheme

The Free Travel Scheme Companion Pass will be extended to all people aged over 70 (September 2025).

Fuel Allowance

The Fuel Allowance means test disregard for people aged 66 and over will be €524 for a single person and €1,048 for a couple (January 2025). Carer's Allowance will be a qualifying payment for Fuel Allowance (January 2025).

New Pay-Related Benefit Scheme

The introduction of Jobseeker's Pay-Related Benefit will start from 31 March 2025. Under the scheme, a person will get a jobseeker's payment rate linked to their previous employment income.

Pension auto-enrolment

The introduction of the auto-enrolment retirement savings scheme will start from 30 September 2025.

Carbon tax

From 9 October, the rate of carbon tax for petrol and diesel will increase from €56 to €63.50 per tonne. The increase will apply to all other fuels from 1 May 2025.

Value Added Tax (VAT)

The VAT rate on heat pumps will reduce to 9%. The reduced VAT rate of 9% on gas and electricity will be extended to 30 April 2025.

Excise duty

There is an increase of €1 (including VAT) on a packet of 20 cigarettes from 2 October 2024, with a pro-rata increase on other tobacco products. Excise duty will be introduced for e-cigarettes in mid-2025. The rate will be €0.50 per ml of e-liquid.

Minimum wage

The national minimum wage will increase by 80 cents to €13.50 per hour from 1 January 2025.

More information on Budget 2025 including the Social Welfare rates announced in Budget 2025 are available on our website, from our office and on the Budget 2025 hub on Gov.ie



At St Mary Parish Centre
Saturday 12th October 2024
Open from 2pm – 5pm



Féileacán Bán is a HSE Nursing Service that provides care and support for people living with dementia and their families in their local community. The HSE has partnered with the local community and SuperValu Lucan to set up this much needed social event in Lucan.

The Féileacán Bán Community Café will operate once a month and will offer a warm friendly and safe space to people living with dementia and their family. It will provide an opportunity for attendees to socialise and meet others on the dementia journey over tea, coffee, and pastries kindly sponsored by SuperValu Lucan.

Importantly, the café will be free of charge for all who attend, ensuring it is accessible to everyone in need of this support in our local communities.

For further information / queries or if you are interested in volunteering please contact:
Edel Carey, Advanced Nurse Practitioner @ 087 7218816 or edel.carey@hse.ie

Dates for 2024 are:

October 12th

November 9th

December 14th

Open from 2pm – 5pm



<https://www.understandtogether.ie/>

Please drop by and join us for a Cuppa!

ANTIQUES FAIR

Kildare Animal Foundation

will have a stand at the Antiques Fair in the **Osprey Hotel, Naas** this **Sunday 13 Oct. from 12 noon.**

Jewellery, Silverware, Art, Vintage Ware and much more.

All proceeds from **KAF** stand go directly to the care of sick and injured animals at the shelter.

Adm. €3.50



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.

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 our Club Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contest on Thursday 17th October at 7:45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip. Guests are most welcome to join us. Come along on the night or contact vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com to register your interest.

**Thursday 17th October 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, October 17th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

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

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

The Rosary: For the month of October, a public Rosary will be said each evening Monday to Friday at 5pm at the grotto, for the special intentions of parishioners.

If the weather is bad the Rosary will be said inside the Church. All are welcome.

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. Sr Geraldine.

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 Sr. Geraldine through the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041)

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

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

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

Dates are bookable on line.

Email: secretary@lucanparish.com

Recent Deaths

Deepest sympathy to the family of **Gus Keogh**, Sarsfield Park, and to the family and friends of **Mary (Babs) Byrne**, Esker Park.

May they rest in peace.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Society of
St. Vincent de Paul
St Mary's Conference,
Lucan

For assistance, phone: 01 8550022

or email: info@svp.ie



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- Aer Lingus flights Dublin to Toulouse
- 10kg checked-in luggage plus small bag
- 4 nights in a 4-star hotel in Lourdes
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day
- Full time accompaniment
- Coach transfers in Lourdes to/from airport
- Trip to Bartres
- Organisation of a full religious programme

Call us on 057 93 55050 or email us at infor@myriam.ie

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

Calling all Singers!

We are looking for new and old singers to join our parish choirs in the parish of Divine Mercy, Lucan South. Our choirs are very welcoming and a great place to meet new people and enjoy singing together.

The choirs are back in September as follows:
Children's choir resumes on Thursday 12th Sep at 6pm.

Teenage / Youth choir is back on Friday 13th Sep at 7:30pm.

Adult choir is back on Saturday 7th Sep for 6pm Mass.

The Family choir is back already.

Please talk to anyone from the choirs after mass, or leave a message in the parish office if you would like to join!

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.

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.

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.

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.

St Patrick's Prayer 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 and after Thursday 10am Mass.

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



Anniversaries

Graham Kelly R.I.P.

3rd Anniversary 14th October.

Sad are the hearts that love you

Sad are the tears that fall.

But living our lives without you

Is the saddest part of all.

Loved and missed by your loving family, Lucan and Cork.

Anniversary Mass Sunday 14th at 12 o'clock.



Maureen Lally

14th Anniversary on the 8th October

A mother's love is ageless,

A crown that she has won,

Today I mourn and honour her,

For all that she has done.

You felt so very lonely mum,

Ever since dad died,

But you can walk together now,

Forever side by side.

Greatly missed by your Daughter Debbie,

Son in law Peter, grandchildren - Niamh,

Karla & Aine xxx



John Lordan

First Anniversary 17th October

A silent thought, a quiet prayer

for someone in God's care

Always Missed by Stella Anne and Marina

Thérèse Malone

2nd Anniversary 17th October

Memories are something

That no one can steal

Death is a heartache

That no one can heal

Some may forget

That you are gone

But we will remember

No matter how long.

Thérèse's Anniversary Mass is on at 12pm in St. Patrick's Esker on Sunday 13th Oct.

Always remembering Michael, Declan, Ciaran, Christine, Rachael and Grandchildren.



Acknowledgement

Elizabeth Bevan

A sincere thank you to all our neighbours, friends and relatives for your kind condolences and sympathy on the recent passing of our mother Elizabeth.

From: Louise Bevan and family

Pilgrimage to Greece in the Footsteps of St. Paul

Experience a 10-night/11-day pilgrimage covering all major sites associated with St. Paul, including an overnight stay on the island of Patmos where St. John wrote the Book of Revelation. Hotels are 4-star hotels & half board, entrance fees to sites, a fully licensed guide, air-conditioned bus, ferry tickets with cabin from Patmos Island and more.

Daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Spiritual Director: Fr. Joseph Mary Deane, CFR and Fr Sean Davidson.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage.

Cost: €2040 (Land-ONLY).

Please contact Angela at +353-89-2107277 or stpaul2024@proton.me for more information and to receive the full schedule.

Bishop Barron's 7 week film series 'Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues'

Bayside Alpha are hosting on Zoom Bishop Barron's 7 week film series 'Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues', starting on **Sunday the 27th of October** at 7:30pm.

To join this free course email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

Grief never ends.

But it changes

It's a passage

Not a place to stay

Grief is not a sign of weakness

Nor a lack of Faith

It is the price of Love.



All gone.....
My goodness,
but change on the
Village Green is

happening fast. The past week saw a big clear-out of all the trees, including our Christmas Tree!

Lots of work afoot at the new Demesne car park, though we still have the dangerous situation of the fallen wall opposite Maxol.....

St. Thomas' and Scoil Áine Naofa, in Esker, saw great excitement on Monday last, when a gas leak caused the schools to be evacuated. It seems that a digger hit a gas pipe while work was ongoing on a new sensory garden. Thankfully, no one was hurt..... Well done to the staff on being so well organised in the circumstances.

Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE Project will be checking that our waste pipes are all in order, and not polluting our local rivers. It seems we will all be contacted for a check-up eventually.

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105

or 085 867 1245

Find us on Facebook and Instagram to see what's going on in the centre!



Tai Chi: As part of Active South Dublin #beactive programme we have been running a FREE 6 week Tai Chi class since Thursday 26th September. It runs from 1pm every Thursday and is open to over 55s. Come and join us and maybe stay for a cup of tea after!

Art Classes: For anyone one that's creative we have art classes for adults and children at the centre. Any adults out there it's never too late to start a new hobby.

Citizens Advice: If you need help or advice Citizens Advice Information Centre is here and open Tuesday to Thursday 10-2 and 2-4.

Room booking: Would you like to book a room in the centre for a meeting or a group activity? We have some availability and offer competitive rates. Email us to make a booking.



Wonder what the ducks make of it all!!!

Lucan ICA

Monday 14th October:

Crafts as usual.

Business Meeting 10am.

Tea Hostesses: Maura Kennedy and Mary Skelly.



Tuesday 15th October:

Some members will teach Crochet to Transition Year Students in St. Joseph's Secondary School.

Get Wells Wishes

to **Hannah**

From all your friends



People's Art & Craft Fair

Lucan

in

Canon Despard Centre

Chapel Hill, Lucan

Sunday 27th Oct

Monday 28th Oct

11am - 5pm



Please come along.

Support local Artists and Crafters.

Enjoy a Cuppa and maybe win a Prize!

Everyone is welcome!

In aid of Alice Leahy Trust

(Supporting Homelessness)

Fees for both days for

Artists 6ft Stand €60,

Crafters 6ft table €60 and 4ft table €40

Vandalism

South Dublin County Council have been so good to Griffeen Valley Park over the years. They planted about 40 trees in the past 2 years. Last Wednesday morning I was shocked to see 12 beautiful cherry blossom trees vandalised. They were in bloom in April and May and added a lot to our park.



I cannot understand why anybody could do such a thing. Surely somebody knows who did it and it should be reported to the Gardai.

We have a beautiful park and it is used and appreciated by so many people. Well done to the couple who go around every day and pick up litter etc.

Thank you.

Michael O Grady

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

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

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

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 16th October

Social Morning in St Mary's Parish Centre
10.30am – 12.30.

New members welcome!

Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club's first monthly competition was held on the Wednesday the 25th of September in the Palmerstown Parish Centre.

There was a big turnout and some fabulous images from our novice intermediate and advanced members. The winners in Novice were Annie Whitley, John ó Flaherty, Linda French and Ivan Devilly. Intermediate winners were Kieran Cahill, James Grandfield, Miriam Power, John Dunne, Gerry Cahill, and in Advance the winners were Lorraine Morris, Eddie Kavanagh, Orla Brady, Lorraine Kelly-Suzanne Carney and Aoife Tierney. Well done everyone.



Novice image by Linda French.

Palmerstown Camera Club is always open to new members joining. We run every Wednesday night from 8 to 10. So if you want to brush up on your photography or looking for new hobby pop in.

TABLE QUIZ

In aid of



Friday 25th October
at **8pm** in

Lucan Sarsfields GAA
Table of 4 - €40

Come support your local community
Radio

Prizes and Raffle on the night



SCHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Litter Pickers: Joeys Tidy Towns began last Friday with our TY students completing a litter pick and clearing the pathways of leaves and rubbish. Joeys Tidy Towns will be around the village every Friday afternoon helping to keep their local community looking clean.

Cast for Musical: The Principal cast for the school musical 'All Shook Up' was announced yesterday. It was a very tough decision as there is lots of talent among the TY students this year. The following group were selected and have all the support from the school staff and their peers. All Shook Up Cast 2024 Chad - Claire Guest, Natalie - Lilly McGuinness, Dennis - Niamh O Donohue, Sylvia - Oluwasemilore Adesanya, Jim - Kathy Guest, Lorraine - Grace Jose, Dean - Naiara Carton, Sandra - Elena D'Alba, Matilda - Hannah Jordan, Earl - Vanessa Kristnic, Henrietta - Khadijat Ibraheem.



Gaelic Football: Hard luck to our under 16 Gaelic football team who were beaten last Thursday in a local derby against Lucan Community College. Our girls were leading for most of the second half but a few late scores from LCC saw them win a great competitive game in the end.

Camogie: In the last week both our under 16 and senior camogie teams were beaten in their championship games. Our under 16 team were beaten by Loreto Beaufort and our senior team were beaten by Colaiste Iosagain. Both of these games were tight games with our students unfortunately coming out on the wrong side of both.

King Lear: Last Thursday, sixth year English students got to enjoy a fantastic production of their Shakespearean text 'King Lear' at The Mill Theatre in Dundrum. A big thank you to Ms. Hanlon for organising the trip.



Goal Jersey Day: On Friday in the school there will be a wellbeing Jersey Day and Skipathon all in aid of GOAL. Students and staff are encouraged to wear a jersey of their favourite team with each class also given an allocated time in the sports hall to skip and get active.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com



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.

Lucan Community College

A huge congratulations to our 5th year student Jack Power who recently got selected to play for the Ireland U18 Rugby team. We wish him the best of luck as he prepares for the upcoming training camp in Italy!



Guest speakers for our 5th year engineering/ construction and technology students from SISK and Savvy Teens at Lucan CC:

We see that the top three concerns that teenagers in Ireland have today are:

1. What if I study very hard towards a career and then realise I don't want that job?
2. How do I figure out what I want to do?
3. How do I have work-life balance in a job where I'm also ambitious?

Very interesting and insightful presentation thank you to Susan Hayes Culleton and @roisin_ferris who talked about the plethora of jobs available today in engineering, construction and STEM more broadly, shared her experience of working on sites around the world, the decisions she took as she learned more about herself and her interests as well as how to adapt to professional and personal situations that life presents along the way.



Another win for the girls Junior Gaelic team, they ended the game 3 points up. Thanks to MS. McCormack and MS. Sexton for all her help and congrats to Amelia O'Sullivan who played a fantastic match.



We are having a non-uniform day this Thursday 10th of October which is World Mental Health Day. We are raising money for Jigsaw.

NOW ENROLLING

St Thomas JNS, Esker, Lucan

We are now open for applications for
Junior Infants September 2025

Please visit our website at

www.stthomasjns.com

To complete an application form.

Closing Date is 12 December 2024



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.stmarysbnslucan.com

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



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Open Night: There was a fantastic turnout for Coláiste Phádraig's Open Night which was held this year on Thursday 3rd October, with well over 700 parents/guardians and prospective students in attendance on the night. It was a chance to meet the staff and teachers, visit the classrooms and check out the fantastic array of modern, state-of-the-art facilities that the young students may soon get to enjoy.

Most of classrooms were open throughout the evening so that the students could see the different subjects in action. They got to actively engage with the school's students and teachers in the science labs, art room, wood and metal technology rooms, the classroom-of-the-future, the numerous computer rooms, the new oratory as well as all of the other subject classrooms throughout the school.

A big attraction on the night was the new school modular building, with its airy, spacious, modern and new classrooms overlooking the playing fields, and the stunning new library that has been in full use since September. The new Home Economics Room was also extremely popular with the primary school students, with some free samples of delicious chocolate covered muffins, short bread biscuits and rice krispie buns baked by our Transition Year students in Home Ec class also going down well with visitors!

A large number of our current students were also in attendance for our Open Night and they proved to be excellent ambassadors for the school as they spent time engaging the primary school students in the different subject areas and made sure they felt welcomed and valued.

It was lovely to meet prospective students who we hope will join us in the coming years.



Transition Year: Last Thursday afternoon, a group of the TY students travelled to Islandbridge where they go the chance to take some rowing lessons with Municipal Rowing Centre. They went out into the river Liffey in two groups of fours and they all really loved being out on the open water, in fantastic sunshine, learning the basic strokes and techniques involved. They went for a leisurely row along the upper Liffey and back. They also got the chance to try out the

rowing machines which are great for building core strength and cardiovascular endurance.

Hurling: Our u16 hurlers defeated Malahide CS 3-18 to 1-17 last week in their 3rd and final group stage match of their Dublin League campaign. The team are likely to finish in 2nd place in the group having won 2 of their 3 games, which will secure them a 1-4 final spot, with this match to take place next week.

Basketball: Our u19s and u16 basketball teams played their 2nd games of their Eastern League "A" campaigns last Thursday. Our **seniors**, who were beaten in their opening game by Coláiste Éanna, defeated Adamstown CS 58-53 with the close score-line failing to accurately reflect Lucan's superiority.

Our **u16 team** were beaten 65-50 by Adamstown to leave them with a difficult task to qualify from their group, having lost to Coláiste Éanna in their opening game

Football: Our 2nd yr football team began their Dublin League campaign last week with an impressive 6-11 to 5-04 victory over Coláiste Cois Life in their 1st group stage match of the competition. Lucan played against the wind in a tight 1st half with Caolin Reilly and James Dillon kicking some nice points. Bobby Guy also scored with a well-taken penalty.

Lucan took control in the 2nd half with Daniel Wallace and Adam Breen scoring two outstanding individual goals. Daniel (4-02) and Adam (2-02) were extremely influential throughout while Bobby (2-0), Andrew McGarry (0-3) and Michael Reihill (0-1) also contributed important scores as Lucan eased to victory in impressive style.

Awards: Well done to 2nd yr **Conor Brennan** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month Award* for September in recognition of his excellent manners, strong work-ethic and co-operation in all of his classes.

Congratulations to 3rd yr **Jack McCarthy** who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award* in recognition of his excellent displays for the school's u16 hurling team.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **Rory Finney** ón dara bliain a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí Mheán Fómhair mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge. The three winners each received a 20euro voucher as well as a framed certificate to recognise their achievements.

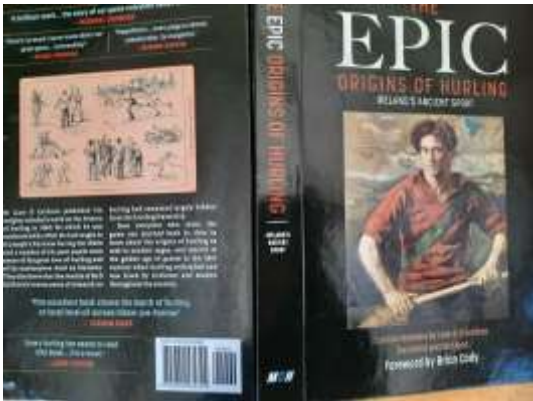
Well done also to the class tutor student of the month winners who each received a 5euro voucher for the school canteen.

The Epic Origins of Hurling

Local man, Michael McGrath outlines his part in the book:

“My role with my cousin Stephen was to abridge and edit a translation of the original work "**Scéal na hÍomána**" - the history of hurling before the GAA, which ran to about 820 pages of dense academic print in Irish.

Liam Hayes provided professional help in publishing it through his company Hero Publications. All proceeds from the sale of the book go to St Joseph's CBS Fairview my alma mater. The book was launched by Jarlath Burns in Croke Park in May this year.



History of hurling brought back to life

Sunday Independent (Ireland) 29 Sep 2024

Dermot Crowe

‘It was a common tradition in the district of Lisbrack, Co Longford, that the greatest man in the parish was the man who drove the ball the furthest with a hurley. He was the hero and the finest girl in the parish was his prize.’

— *Storyteller from the 19th century*

Striking the sliotar farthest is no longer a mark of greatness, we can safely assume, in Lisbrack, as was the case going by this account contained in *The Epic Origins of Hurling*, a copy of which arrived through the post during the past week. There is much in the way of fascinating detail on the ancient game to be discovered within the book’s covers, from early reference in the mythology of Cúchulainn through the ages to where it stands today.”

‘**The Epic Origins of Hurling**’ is available exclusively online in hardback at Amazon. For more information, visit www.epichurling.com



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Reports and Ads. etc may also be left at the usual addresses:
St. Mary’s Parish Centre
Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.



Esker Active Retirement Association

We had an amazing visit this week to Aras an Uachtarain. It was so interesting to see the house and grounds, hear the history and see photos of all the famous visitors. Many thanks to all involved, and for the beautiful refreshments.

On Thursday evening we are going dancing courtesy of SDCC, and on Monday we are off to Antrim for our annual 4 day autumn break. There will be no club meeting on Wednesday 16th October, as so many of us will be away, but Wednesday 23rd we will be in St Andrew's Parish Hall from 1.30 if anyone wants to join in the fun, usual activities, bowls, scrabble and card games.



POLITICAL NOTES

Due to pressure of space, each representative is limited to 150 words in their report (including name and contact details).

Wednesday 10pm is the weekly deadline.

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Proposed Sports Pavilion in Lucan:

South Dublin County Council are proposing to construct sports changing room pavilions in Griffeen Park and in Willsbrook Park. Both are open for consultation on the council's website until 9th November. These will be great additions to the area's parks and provide important facilities for local clubs.

Debate on Final Report of Joint Committee on Assisted Dying:

Next Thursday there will be a two-hour Dail debate on the final report of the Joint Committee on Assisted Dying. The report was published last March and in its key recommendations it supported a change in legislation for assisted dying to be legislated for in Ireland. The following Wednesday a indicative vote will take place on the report.

General Election Selection:

Last week I was selected by the People Before Profit Lucan/Clondalkin branch to be the candidate for the forthcoming general election.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Great to visit so many Lucan businesses:

It was great visiting so many Lucan businesses on Friday, 4th October, to share updates from Budget 2025. If you're a local business who'd like to know more information, please reach out to my office on emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie.

EV Charge Points Lucan Sarsfields and Lucan United:

I'm delighted to see that both Lucan Sarsfields and Lucan United are now Eligible to Receive EV Charge Points under the Shared Island Sports Club EV Charging Scheme. This funding will support the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at their club grounds and will be a welcome addition to the Lucan community.

Congrats to Junior Cycle students:

Finally, a big congratulations to all Junior Cycle students across Lucan who received their results this week! Well done on this important milestone.

Cllr Vicki Casserly - Fine Gael

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The Senior Alerts Scheme provides grants for personal emergency alarms for people aged 65 or older and of limited means. It seeks to support them in living securely in their homes with confidence, independence and peace of mind. To qualify, the person must be over 65 and one of the following: have limited means or resources, living alone for significant periods of time during the day, living with someone who is also eligible, caring for someone else in your household, living in an area covered by the registered group administering the grant support, will benefit from the equipment, willing to maintain contact with the registered group. For further information on SAS organisations, please see the following link. <https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/seniors-alert-scheme-sas/> or feel free to get in touch and I can assist further.

Somerton:

I have asked the manager to revise and review traffic management plan in Somerton Park on the various entry/exit points.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

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Willsbrook:

A number of footpath repairs were reported to the council, they have been forwarded to the Council Area Roads Engineer for investigation and report. Depending on his report, any works necessary will be added to a programme of works.

Cannonbrook:

Trees overhanging from Griffeen. The trees in question are growing on the open space in St Finnian's Estate. These trees have been inspected by the Councils Parks Supervisor for the area and listed for pruning. St Finnian's estate is listed for pruning on the current Council approved Tree Maintenance Programme. Tree maintenance works at St Finnian's estate including the open-space trees at the side of Cannonbrook Park will be prioritised as part of the 2024 Tree Maintenance programme.

Traffic Watch Report:

If you observe any issues relating to safety please note it is now possible to report these directly online <https://www.garda.ie/en/trafficwatchreport/>

Political Note continued over.....

Cllr Paul Gogarty P.C. - Independent

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

Website: www.paulgogarty.com

Our Village Green:

Disappointing to see trees apparently earmarked for retention being cut down.

During the 2022 consultation, most of the 461 submissions focused on plans to remove essential parking spaces between Centra and GP surgery. My motion to overturn this part of the scheme thankfully passed. There was less unanimity on the village green aspect, however, with mixed opinions on the plaza-type proposal aimed at opening the area up and making it safer and more user-friendly.

There were few objections to plans to create access to the riverbank. This requires the installation of wider, graduated steps, for safety reasons, necessitating the removal of trees adjacent. Some trees earmarked for retention appear to be gone also, including the Christmas tree, which is meant to be replanted. Five new ones are earmarked. I am querying this plan with SDCC. The Council needs to replace these trees ASAP and facilitate more greenery overall.

Cllr Shane Moynihan - Fianna Fáil

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Village Green:

Thanks to everyone who has contacted me about the removal of mature trees on the village green. I have contacted Council management this week and received assurances that semi-mature trees will be planted as part of the overall landscaping works and there will be more trees included in the finished works. I have also requested that the Council publish user-friendly images of what the finished works will look like.

R136/Griffen junction:

The traffic signals at this junction have been imbalanced in terms of priority to traffic. I requested that the Council check them which they have done and have repaired the faults which they found. Thanks to those who raised the matter with me.

Lucan Festival:

Congratulations to the Lucan Festival Committee on their Community Endeavour Award!

Glenvale:

I am pleased to see re-installation of bollards on the laneway outside Glenvale, following my representation.

Lucan Planning Council

Village Green:

Lucan residents are devastated at what has been done to the Village Green; the destruction, devastation and sacrilege of such a vital picturesque park that was the heart of Lucan for centuries is causing consternation and decent people are wondering what type of planners could do this to a beautiful small village like Lucan. The hacking down of such beautiful trees that were admired by many has left both environmentalists and ordinary people numbed.

The fact that the Italian Residence came into the hands of the Council gave them an opportunity to do something good for Lucan instead of spending public money destroying the very heart of Lucan. There is a feeling the Lucan Cllrs let us down on this issue, they may believe they have a good reason for doing so.

We in Lucan Planning Council did a survey when this plan was proposed two years ago, almost 100 % of Lucan people that we surveyed wanted the village Green left as it was. We found nobody in favour of the trees been removed, but it happened at the same time as a proposal to take parking from the Medical Centre and many focused on that.

Now that the harm is done, and some residents left in tears, would the planners and Cllrs please listen to the people of Lucan to help find a solution? The day of good representation could be on the way out if the planners continue to ignore the views of local residents. We sought access from the Dodsboro side for pedestrians over a footbridge, but instead the whole Village Green has been demolished. It is an appalling misuse of public money in our view.

*Joe Byrne, Caitriona McClean and Tom Newton
Lucan Planning Council.*

**When anyone asks me about the Irish character,
I say look at the trees.**

**Maimed, stark
and misshapen,
but ferociously
tenacious.
Enda O'Brien.**



Lucan Library October Events



Children's Book Festival

Children's Book Festival 2024 runs nationally this October and is a great opportunity for young people, parents, teachers and libraries to celebrate books and reading!

Design a Book Cover Competition as part of Children's Book Festival:

Lucan Library is asking our borrowers to create a cover of your own for a book called: The Worm Who Loved Books! by Luca N. Library.

The competition is for 2 age groups:

Under 6 years – colouring page. 7-10 years – blank page. Mystery Prize for top 3 winners of each category! Collect your entry page at the library desk. Don't forget to write in your details! Winners will be announced at the end of October

Toddler Time with Little Turtles:

Thursday 31st October, 10am. Booking essential from Thursday 24th October at 10am:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/little-turtles-toddler-time-tickets-1025409546557>

Arts and Crafts for Under 6s with Méabh:

Tuesday 29th October 3.30pm. Booking essential from Tuesday 22nd October at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/halloween-crafts-tickets-1010397234327>

Lucan Library

Knitters Club - Every Monday 10am - 12noon new members welcome

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Wednesday Book Club:
Wednesday 30th
October, 7pm



Lucan Library Creative Writers Group - Thursdays 10th and 24th October, 10am – 12noon.

RED LINE BOOK FESTIVAL 2024

by South Dublin Libraries
All bookings at www.redlinefestival.ie

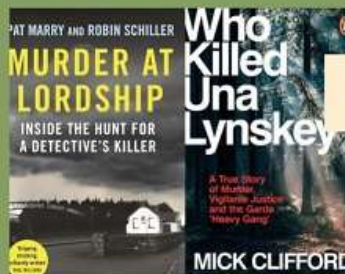


A BRAND NEW YEAR

Welcome to the Red Line Book Festival 2024. This year's festival takes place from 14th - 20th October all around South Dublin County. Our full programme can be seen and booked at www.redlinefestival.ie. These are some of our festival highlights.

MARIAN KEYES IN CONVERSATION

Friday 18th October 7.00-9.00pm, Civic Theatre. What would Irish Fiction be without the trials and tribulations of Marian Keyes's Walsh family? Join us for a celebration of all things Marian Keyes as she talks to writer Tanya Sweeney about her books, career and the wonderful Walshes.



TRUE CRIME

Saturday 19th October 6.30pm, Civic Theatre. Join host Muireann O'Connell as she discusses two high profile murder cases with Pat Marry (Murder at Lordship investigates the murder of Detective Adrian Danohoe 2013) and Mick Clifford (Who Killed Una Lynskey covers the murder of Una Lynskey in 1971).

Information Stands: South Dublin Volunteer Centre - Thursday 27th October, 2pm - 4pm

Exhibitions:

Black History Month - Book display
Space Week - 7-13 October
Bio Economy Week 14-21 October
Halloween 21-31 October



If you would only understand the power of your smile, you would never stop smiling.





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.

Mórdhinnéar 2024

Cuirigí sa dialann é, tá an t-am sin den bhliain tagtha...Beidh Mórdhinnéar na bliana seo ar siúl san Hilton Charlemont ar an Satharn, 23 Samhain.

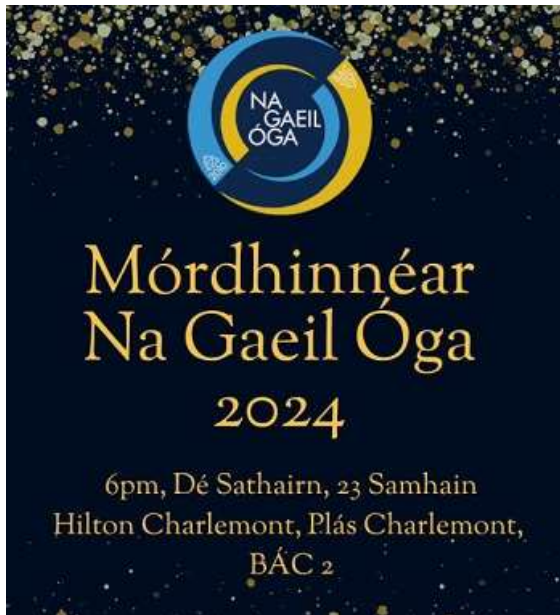
Ba bhreá linn sibh a fheiscint ag Mórdhinnéar 2024! Beidh ticéid ar fáil ar ClubZap an tseachtain seo chugainn.

Scaipigí an scéal agus bígí linn!



Buachaillí F10 - Iomáint

Bhí cúpla cluiche dúshlán ag na buachaillí F10 inné i bPáirc na Life in aghaidh Mhuire na Dea-Chomhairle/ Gaeil na Life. D'imir na buachaillí le díograis agus níor stop siad riamh. Maith sibh go léir!



Buachaillí F9 - Iomáint

Maidin chrua agus dhúshlánach do na leids BF9 ar maidin ach níor chaill siad an misneach. Láidir sa chosaint mar a bhíonn i gcónaí agus sárthaispeántas ón gcúl báire. Maith sibh a bhuaicill agus leanaigí ag obair go dian. Fáilte freisin roimh ár n-imreoir nua Finn... maith thú as céad chluiche iontach a imirt linn.

Cailíní F15 - Peil

Comhghairdeachas leis na cailíní F15 a bhuaigh a geluiche ceathrú ceannais inniu le Saorla Saoirse, Ciara & Freya(F13).

Sár-dhiongbháilteacht agus obair foirne i gcoinne Oileán na hÉireann (Erins Isle) a bhí an-láidir

Míle buíochas le Sally Champion as a bheith mar chaptaen ar na cailíní inniu. NGÓ 4-08 Oileán na hÉireann 0-7



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Only six more weeks to the Soiree's annual exhibition in the Parish Centre!

While in France, apart from submitting photos of UNESCO Heritage sites, Donal also sent us some cheerful and colourful photographs of Jazz musicians and I particularly like the ones involving the quartet of Trombonists.

These photos reminded me of the short-lived Irish Jazz controversy that occurred on New Year's Day 1934 in Mohill Co. Leitrim. About 3,000 people gathered there to protest about jazz and especially about the amount of time given to it on Radio Éireann. The event was organised by the parish priest of the village of Cloone who, while admitting he knew nothing about it, described the music as worse than drunkenness or Landlordism. He wasn't alone. In the 1920s and 30s in many countries in the western world Jazz was acquiring a reputation as being immoral amongst the older generations. The New York Times in this era intimated that jazz was responsible for, amongst other things, (a) the decline of western civilization and the quality of Italian tenors, (b) a classical musician's fatal heart attack and (c) a poor trade balance with Hungary. Some American writer considered that Jazz put the "sin" into "syncopation"!



But back to the photos. Conor, as well as submitting photos of beautiful birds that are around Lucan at the moment, was down around Dublin Port and submitted photos reflecting the Port's industrial activity.



Paddy was in Connemara and Kay was at Lough Ennell near Mullingar.



Stay safe until next week!