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Long Covid



The two years of the Covid pandemic posed all kinds of difficulties for individuals, businesses and institutions, and while the danger days seem to have passed, the ongoing effects are all too in evidence. Many people are suffering the physical effects of what is characterised as long-covid, and by the sounds of it, these are anything but pleasant. People report a range of distressing symptoms from respiratory problems to ongoing fatigue to mental confusion they describe as brain fog, and even cardiac complications; not a pleasant legacy.

Many small businesses have gone to the wall and simply never re-opened, and many others are teetering on the brink, trying to cope with reduced customer numbers. Into this already deadly mix we now need to factor in, the ever-spiralling rate of inflation, with rapidly increasing energy costs and the stranglehold they impose. Change can be seen in the many restaurants that flourished in the past that now open just a few days in the week and there are many empty tables. Staffing is proving a problem for many businesses as many migrant workers returned home during the pandemic and have not returned.

While not wishing to be political in any partisan sense, it does seem to me as a non-partisan observer, that the budget introduced on Tuesday last, represents an honest attempt to address the issues, and to offer a safety net to those most affected. Like all political responses it does not address every circumstance and undoubtedly some are feeling hard done by. In a world of limited resources choices can be hard and difficult and will never please all.

So much has changed after Covid and the churches have not been immune. In the Lucan parishes, congregations have not returned to pre-covid levels. At a guesstimate I would put the attendance level at about 70% of what it used to be. Online Mass became the norm during the past two years and the habit/custom of Mass attendance disappeared from the way of life of many. The vulnerable elderly members of the congregation perhaps are still a little nervous of coming into close contact with large numbers in an enclosed space, although we do still offer hand sanitizers and urge the use of face masks.

It seems unlikely that things will go back to where we were. Covid may have passed but it's effects, in all kinds of ways, will be with us for many a long day.

Philip Curran

St. Mary's / St. Patrick's Lucan

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours:

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am - 12pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

Information on Budget 2023 is available on our website or at the following link [Budget 2023 \(citizensinformation.ie\)](#)

The It Makes Sense loan

What is the 'It Makes Sense' loan?

The It Makes Sense loan (also known as the Personal Microcredit Scheme) is a small credit union loan at a low interest rate for people who are getting a social welfare payment. The scheme aims to reduce dependence on moneylenders that charge very high interest rates.

You can apply to borrow between €100 and €2,000. A maximum interest rate of 12% (12.74% APR) will apply.

If you are not a member of your local credit union, you can join and apply immediately for an It Makes Sense loan.

Who can apply?

You can apply for an It Makes Sense loan if you:
Are aged over 18

Are getting a social welfare payment

Agree to repay the loan through the Household Budget Scheme if you get your social welfare payment at a post office

If your social welfare payment is paid into a bank or credit union account, you must repay the loan by standing order or direct debit. Check with your credit union whether it provides this option.

You can apply for a loan for any purpose, including to repay an outstanding debt.

How to apply

You apply for an It Makes Sense loan through your credit union. If you are not a member, you will need to apply to join.

Not all credit unions take part in the scheme – view a list of participating credit unions where you can apply.

The scheme rules may differ between credit unions. For example, some credit unions may offer loans at lower amounts or ask a member to save for a certain amount of time before applying for a loan. Contact your credit union for details.

Joining the credit union

If you are not already a member of the credit union you will need to provide:

Proof of your identity – for example, a current passport or driving licence

Proof of your address – for example, a recent household bill or a recent document issued by a government department

Your PPS number

Applying for an It Makes Sense loan

If you collect your weekly social welfare payment at the post office, when you apply for the loan you need to bring 2 consecutive social welfare slips (from within the previous 4 weeks).

If you get your social welfare payment into a bank or credit union account, you need to bring recent statements for the account. Check with the credit union how many statements you need to bring. Your local credit union can help you fill out a loan application form.

The credit union will decide whether to grant a loan and the amount of the loan.

Repaying the loan

You must repay your loan each week from your social welfare payment through the Household Budget Scheme or, if your credit union agrees, by direct debit or standing order from your bank or credit union account.

The maximum deduction from your payment that is allowed under the Household Budget Scheme is 25% of your weekly social welfare payment. This includes any other deductions that you may already have under the Household Budget Scheme (for example, for rent or for household bills).

The maximum interest rate you will be charged for an It Makes Sense loan is 12% a year (12.74% APR).

LUCAN TOASTMASTERS

Are you as quiet as a mouse?

Do you hate speaking in public?

Do you want to make new friends?

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

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

Come along on **Thursday next, October 6th**, where a warm welcome awaits you.

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



Sarsfield Park Residents Association

Thanks to all our residents whom attended our meeting on 5th September.

Main area of concern was the inconsiderate and illegal parking in the estate, contact made with SDCC local Gardai and St. Mary's BNS.

There was an election of Treasurer to the post. We welcome Declan Murphy to the role.

Next meeting Monday 7th November

Reminder any observations on the proposed Greenway need to be submitted by **5pm Oct 21st**

Condolences to the McMorrow family on their recent loss.

Lucan Active Retirement Association

Venue - St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan

Day and time - **Thursdays at 11.30 am**, refreshments served at 1 pm approx.

Our club is open, we play bowling, Scrabble and cards or you can just have a chat. A group of our members are having a holiday in Spain, we wish them a safe and enjoyable break.

New members welcome.

Lucan ICA

Monday 3rd October: **Crafts** continue from 10am 'til 12.30pm.

Great to see so many more ladies back this week.

Tea Hostesses: Marie Trunk and Ann Byrne.



'CÚPLA FOCAL' CLUB

Where: **Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse**

When: **Every Monday**

Time: **8.00pm to 9pm**

Gaeilge

Two groups:

1. Beginners. 2. Advanced

Learn to speak Irish in a fun way. Learn 20 new words and 20 new phrases each night.

Interested?

Email mograda48@gmail.com
text 0872331983

Cost:

Donation if desired to Nagarhope

Fáilte roimh gach duine



Carmel's Chicken Scratching Class is going well - a lovely craft.

Get knitting the woolly jumpers ladies – it's getting very cold in the evenings!!

Margaret still celebrating birthday on Monday last, we had a nice surprise for her with a birthday cake and goodies.....

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



St. Mary's Readers' Roster October 2022: The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil and the 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of October 2022 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

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

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

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*

Divine Mercy Devotion: On **Wednesdays after 10am Mass**. Everyone is welcome to participate in the devotion regularly or occasionally.
St Mary's Parish Divine Mercy Group.

Coffee Dock

Open this **Sunday 2nd October** and **Weekdays from 3rd October** 10am to 12noon.



All Welcome

Wanted:

We are looking for **volunteers to help with the washing of our altar linen**. At every Mass 3 small cloths are used and 2 of these are changed for each Mass.

A rota will be drawn up, depending on the number of volunteers.

If you can help, please leave your contact details into the sacristy or text/phone Mary on 0860551130

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel: After Saturday Morning 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.



Deepest Sympathy to the mother, family and friends of **Paul McMorro**w, Sarsfield Park, to the family and friends of **Thomas (Tommy) Robinson**, Arthur Griffith Park and to the husband, family and friends of **Elizabeth (Beth) Buggie**, Esker Lawns.

May they rest in peace.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

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

St Vincent de Paul St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate Collection at all Masses
THIS weekend 1st/2nd October.

Many thanks for all your donations.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net



St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

Sunday: 9am and 10am. **Wednesday:** 10am

St Mary's, Leixlip: Sun: 11.30am. **Tues:** 10am

Services are available on our parish

Facebook pages:

[St. Andrew's Church, Lucan](#) or [St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)

Wanted - Singers of all ages

We are looking for new choir members of **ALL** ages for our four different Church choirs. We are very welcoming and choirs are a great place to meet new people and enjoy singing. There is no cost to join. Come along to a rehearsal or chat with us after Mass, all are welcome!

Children's Choir (2nd class onwards)

Practise: Thursdays 6:00pm - 6:45pm

Sing: 10:15am Sunday Mass every 2nd week

Teenage Choir

Practise: Fridays 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Sing: 10:15am Sunday Mass every 2nd week

Family Choir (All ages)

Practise: Fridays 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Sing: 12:15pm Sunday Mass

Adult Choir

Practise: Mondays 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Sing: 6:30pm Saturday vigil Mass



Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

Thurs: 7pm: Holy Hour (Adoration/Confession)

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

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

Morning Prayers of the Church:

Monday to Friday: 8.40am.

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

NAGARHOPE

Last weekend's church gate collection in both St. Mary's and Esker churches amounted to a magnificent €3,325. On top of that, we have received donations at the house amounting to €200, with a promise of a few more. This money will go a long way to educating the pupils of Nagarhope Basic School (NBS) in Nepal, which thank God is going from strength to strength.

On behalf of Doc and Nagarhope, we thank all donors for your continuous support over many years. We thank the priests, sacristans and management of both parishes. We thank our many loyal collectors. We thank the newsletter staff for continuous coverage and courtesy.

Niamh Clandillon



Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding

its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 10th October 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.

Pilgrimage - Medjugorje 2022

Depart 19th October

6 nights. €685.00. 8 nights €745.00 p.p.s

Call Marian Pilgrimages Tel: 01 878 8159

Please say I'm going with PAT COLGAN
Mob: 087 223 8911.

Anniversaries

ARCHBOLD (FRANK)

1st Anniversary - 1st October

May the winds of Heaven blow softly
And whisper in your ear

How much we love and miss you
And wish that you were here.

*Loved and missed by wife Geraldine,
Richard and Frances, Johanna and Rob,
Louise and Daniel*



Grandad Frank

*Loved and missed by Sarah, Leah, Dylan and
baby Ethan Frank*

BEHAN (TOMMY)

51st Anniversary - 29th September

Late Dodsboro Cottages.

In Heaven's greenest pastures

Where the brightest blossoms grow

Lives a very special person

Whom it was a privilege to love and know.

*Loved and missed always, Ann and Mary and all
your family xxxxx*

Special loving thoughts too for our Mam **Ciss**.

HENEGHAN (KATHLEEN & AINE)

6th Anniversary

Mam we miss your selfless ways

Always there for advice

A chat, support, just there

Aine you would be so proud

Fiona, she started University recently

You both are always

In our memories, thoughts and prayers

Look after one another

Thinking of you both

Bring happy memories

Shame we cannot make new ones together.

*Missed by husband/dad Paul,
children/brothers and sisters, grandchildren/
nephews and nieces*



Birthday Remembrances

FARMER (MADGE)

4th October

Our much loved Mam

How we all miss you

Your 1st birthday away from us all

Missed so very deeply

And forever in our hearts.

Love Linda, Diane, Mick, David and Helen

Nana Madge

We miss and loved you

So very much.

Love your grandchildren and great-grandchildren

KENNEDY (ANTHONY - SID)

27th September

Hillcrest Drive.

A daily thought, a silent tear

A constant wish that you were here.

Chris and family



Coastal Rosary for Faith & Life in Ireland

On

Sunday 9th October

The annual **Coastal Rosary** will take place at **2.30pm**.

Join thousands of people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our coasts, grottos, rivers, churches, and other suitable places.

Simply sign up a Rosary location at

www.coastalrosaryireland.ie

or text your location to 087 278 6552.

Talk at Lucan Library

Tales from the Fraud Squad

Willie McGee, former Head of the Garda Fraud Squad in conversation with Seoirse Dunbar

Thursday 13th October, 7pm-8pm

Tales from the Fraud Squad takes the reader on a journey from Willie McGee's childhood in Mayo to the mean streets of Dublin as a fresh-faced officer in the late seventies, before rising through the ranks to become Head of the Garda Fraud Squad. McGee recounts extraordinary stories of elaborate forgeries, outrageous insurance scams and intricate crimes – as well as explaining the ingenious manner in which officers amassed evidence and brought perpetrators to court. The former Superintendent tells his story with an open-hearted charm and warmth. Please contact the library to book your place,

lucan@sdublincoco.ie or ask at the desk.



This event forms part of South Dublin Libraries annual Red Line Festival, please visit redlinefestival.ie to learn about all the talks and workshops from Sport and Wellbeing, Literary, Horror and True Crime, to Poetry and lots more. www.redlinefestival.ie



Canon Despard Centre Chapel Hill Lucan Village

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

We offer competitive hourly rates to Adult and Youth Groups.

There are also vacant slots in 2 other rooms which are suitable for small groups or committee meetings.

Please contact leixlipunion@gmail.com for more information

Lucan Planning Council

After a long delay, LPC had a very high-handed negative response from the NTA saying no to all our proposals to solve bus problems arising from recent C-spine introductions, and persisting in treating people like parcels with three changes to get from Lucan to the Blanchardstown Hospital. This is in spite of the fact that Jack chambers TD in Blanchardstown intervened for us to try to extend the L52 into the hospital grounds like other buses. Consequently, as mandated by our public meetings, we have written this week to the Taoiseach, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Public Expenditure and have included them in our detailed response to the NTA on your behalf.

NTA refusal to acknowledge their mistakes has gone too far now and their suggestions regarding the former 25 route are completely impractical adding twenty minutes at least to the journey. Their attitude towards elderly and those with disabilities is truly appalling. If the NTA can't extend a route by one stop to a hospital, it begs the question what can they actually do with so much public money.

Further action will be taken and we will keep you informed.

Caitriona McClean, Lucan Planning Council

Esker Active Retirement Association

Well we had a great crowd at the club again this week, loads of activities taking place.

Our trip to Dungarvan is completely booked up for Mon 17th October.

I am currently organising our next full day out which is a Young at Heart Christmas Event with loads of entertainment, good food and wine on Tuesday 22nd November with McGinley Coach & Tours in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone.

We have already got approx thirty people wanting to go, so contact me by WhatsApp if you're a member and wish to come along. Total cost €75 pp (drinks not included).

Next week, loads of activities taking place again. Take care everyone.

Marian Egan - Secretary 0861269043

With age, I realise.....

I talk to myself. Sometimes I need an expert's advice!



The Budget was the great topic of conversation this past week. It can't be an easy job trying to please everyone!

At least we're not in the same boat as our neighbours across the pond. If that situation wasn't so serious, it would be very amusing.

E Bikes – Legislation is expected by Christmas to ban E Bikes from using cycle lanes. It's high time something was done to prevent all bicycles using footpaths, and endangering pedestrians.

As for the voting in Ukraine.... Have you ever seen the likes of it? Imagine how terrified we'd be if someone was watching over us making our mark in a referendum.

The trimmers and lawn mowers were out with a vengeance last weekend. With the trees shedding their lot, it's time to add leaf sweeping and gathering to the list of tasks.

Our Postmen have come a long way.....



Spotted the above electric An Post bike in Dodsboro this week.

It's a far cry from the days of the big heavy bicycle which Martin Brabazon cycled all around Celbridge and Lucan back in the 50s and 60s.

Thankfully, the work clothes have improved too, with garb for all kinds of weather!

October gave a party



The leaves by hundreds came -
The Chestnuts, Oaks and Maples,
And leaves of every name.

The Sunshine spread a carpet.

And everything was grand,

Miss Weather led the dancing,

Professor Wind the band.



The Chestnuts came in yellow,
The Oaks in crimson dressed;
The lovely Misses Maple
In scarlet looked their best;
All balanced to their partners,
And gaily fluttered by;
The sight was like a rainbow
New fallen from the sky.

Then, in the rustic hollow,
At hide-and-seek they played,
The party closed at sundown,
And everybody stayed.

Professor Wind played louder;
They flew along the ground;
And then the party ended
In jolly "hands around."

By George Cooper

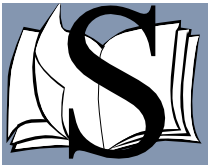


Lucan Senior Citizens

Wed 5th October 10.30 – 12.30,
Social Morning in St. Mary's
Parish Centre.

New members are welcome to call in for a cuppa and a chat.





SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Here's what's happening in Lucan Community College!

Higher Options: Our 6th Years Patrick, Liam, and Chris, put their networking skills into action by meeting Minister Simon Harris at the Irish Times Higher Options Expo. A great day was had by all with plenty of ideas and information to reflect on. Many thanks to Guidance Team Ms. O'Hara and Ms. McManus for organising the trip for the 6th Years.



Farewell to Ms. Bean! This week Lucan Community College bids a fond farewell to a true legend of the Geography Department, Ms. Eithne Bean. Ms. Bean taught both Music and Geography in the College for over 20 years – her wealth of experience as a teacher and member of staff will be missed by all. We wish Ms. Bean an abundance of health and happiness upon her retirement from the College. 'Geography is everything!'



Lucan Community College appoint a new acting Deputy Principal: Congratulations to Kevin McGowan who was appointed to the role of Acting Deputy Principal on 27th September

2022. Mr McGowan has been a teacher of Metalwork, Engineering and Technology in Lucan Community College since 1994. He has held the role of ICT/Digital Coordinator for 21 years and more recently as Punctuality Officer also. He has spear-headed school improvement in the area of ICT introducing additional computer rooms and mobile student devices as well as teacher laptops. His leadership, along with a team of digital teacher leaders, was crucial during the period of remote learning in recent years when support was ongoing and essential for students and teachers. He will be a wonderful addition to the senior leadership and management team.

Open Day in Lucan Community College – Tuesday 4th October!

5th class and 6th class pupils and their parents are invited to our Open Day on **Tuesday 4th October from 2.45pm-4.45pm.** Come along to sample our broad range of subjects, talk to current pupils about their school experience here in the college, sample our extensive extracurricular programme and view our excellent facilities. Our dedicated staff will be on hand to answer your queries.

Admission Policy and Applications for 2023: Our updated Admission Policy for 2023/24 is now published and available on our school website lucancc.ie. Please read our Admission Policy and Admission Notice carefully before completing the Application form for 1st Year 2023/23 which will be published online from Monday 3rd October.



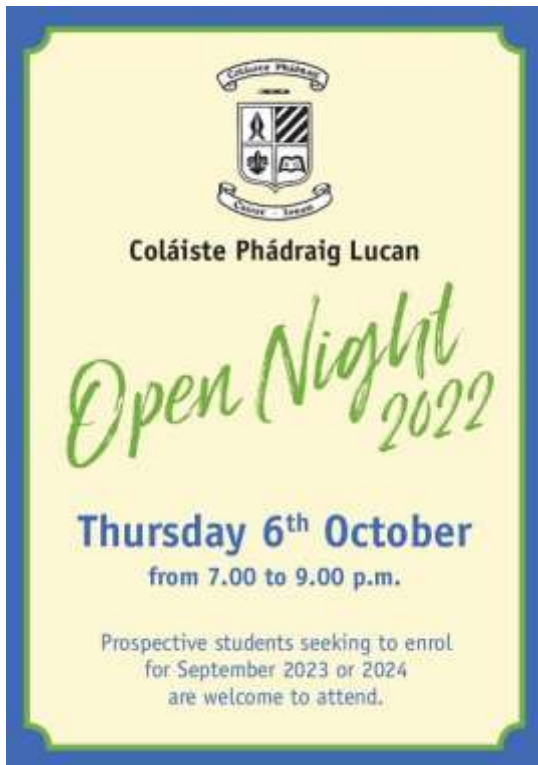
Griffeen Community College

We are delighted to announce that our school Open Night will be held in Griffeen Community College on **Thursday 6th October** from 18:00 - 20:00.

All parents/guardians of 5th and 6th class students are invited to attend. It is a great opportunity to meet the GCC staff and students and have a tour of the school.

Applications for 2023/2024 will be available on www.griffeencc.ie **from Monday October 3rd** and will also be available on the night.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS



1st yr news: A multi-denominational religious service was held in the school last Thursday for all 1st yr students. Fr. Ubaldo, who has kindly agreed to assist the school in a chaplaincy role where he will help look after the Christian values and ethos of Coláiste Phádraig, led a fully inclusive ceremony that was well received by all in attendance. Fr. Ubaldo will be involved in numerous other events with us throughout the school year and we are delighted to be able to avail of his time, expertise and guidance. He will help us strengthen the ethos and tradition of Edmund Rice, most notably the 5 key elements of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust Charter (ERST), nurturing faith and Gospel-based values, promoting partnership, excelling in teaching and learning, creating a caring school community and inspiring transformational leadership. The 5 key words representing each of the above are all on the front page of the school journal designed by current TY student Alex D'Alba which depicts a scene from the Edmund Rice iconography (a beautiful piece of art, like a stained glass, illustrating the life of Edmund Rice)

Transition Year: Our TY physics students took part in the Spaghetti and Marshmallow Tower Challenge last week. This is a STEM activity for beginners in design thinking to practice prototyping in testing. The students were given 20

small marshmallows, 20 pieces of spaghetti, 1 large marshmallow and 30cm of masking tape by their science teacher Ms. Smith. They had to work in teams to build the highest free-standing tower and the students took to the task with relish! They had a set time and the marshmallow had to be attached to the top of the structure. It was a great team-work exercise and the students learned how to work together and be creative, innovative and focused.

A couple of the structures were in danger of collapsing due to the weight of the marshmallow but the students managed to refine their efforts and create more stable and higher structures. Implementing new learnings and instant feedback from others into the next prototype is the essence of innovation so it was an educational and fun activity for the students involved. They learned a lot about the fundamental of physics such as stability, balance, weight, gravity and force. They were then able to relate some of these principles in a classroom discussion about Formula 1 racing.

Junior Cycle: An information night for parents of students in Junior Cycle was held in the school last Thursday. At this stage the new JC Programme it is fully implemented in all schools for all subjects so Ms. Redmond, our Junior Cycle Co-Ordinator, outlined for parents in attendance the ways in which the new JC programme differs from the old Junior Cycle. Primarily, the new Junior Cycle features newly developed subjects and short courses (such as Coding, CSPE and SPHE) with a focus on key skills and new approaches to teaching and learning, assessment and reporting that are very much student centred. The information night was extremely well attended with over 180 people there on the night and the feedback from parents was extremely positive so we thank Ms. Redmond for her informative and helpful presentation. Ms. Ryan was also in attendance liaising with the parents and answering any queries they had.

Parents Association: This year we are thankfully in a position to restart what was previously a vibrant and active Parents Association in the school after two years of restrictions. An election for the roles of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer was held after the Junior Cycle Information Evening. There was huge interest from the parents in restarting the PA in the school and it was great that so many put their names down. It is always good to have fresh, new, enthusiastic faces on the PA and we look forward to their input, energy and ideas throughout the school year.

The 1st meeting of the new PA will take place on Tuesday 4th October in the school.

St. Joseph's College

Opening of Rosie's Garden

We are delighted to have the official opening of Rosie's Garden take place this Friday, 30th September 2022. Rosie's Garden is a new memorial garden created in memory of one of the founding Presentation Sisters of St. Joseph's College, Sr. Rosario Collier, who passed away on 29th September 2020. What began as a Bronze Gaisece project in 2020 has progressed to become a wonderful outdoor space in St. Joseph's. A huge well done to Aleena Saji, Alena Varghese, Aoife Armstrong, Emily O'Brien, Neha Joyce, Rosini Samaratunga and



Isabella Carty for their dedication and commitment to the project. We look forward to welcoming back all those connected to Sr. Rosario this Friday. We extend a huge thanks to Sandra Cosgrove, past pupil and local landscape gardener, who has helped us along every step of the way.

Garda Youth Awards

Congratulations to our Rosie's Garden Girls who won a 'Special Recognition Award' at the Garda Youth Awards on Tuesday, 27th September in Blanchardstown. Recognised for their hard work and dedication to creating Rosie's Garden, we are delighted for the girls involved and to Ms. Bligh who has worked with them along the way. Well done girls!



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@StJosephsLucan

Instagram:

@stjosephscollegelucan

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com



Mother & Toddler Group

Thursdays

in St. Mary's Parish Centre,
from 9.30am to 11.30am.



Political Notes

Cllr. Paul Gogarty - Independent

Tel: 087-2752489. E-mail: info@paulgogarty.com

Swimming pool update:

SDCC outlined the outstanding works on the pool during discussion on my motion at Area Committee last Tuesday. Most of these works involve sub-contractors and the Spring 2023 delayed opening date is now dependent on these suppliers being available. I once again raised the need for former users to be able to use the leisure centre along with Esker Boxing Club. The new management company should be appointed in October. Meanwhile, SDCC said it would get its architects to examine the optimum time for a site visit by Councillors.

Esker Cemetery:

Automated gates are planned in the near future due to serious dumping issues, however Council management has agreed to our request to ensure sufficient advertised day time hours are available for users who are infirm, have disabilities or are carrying heavy items to be able to access graves by car.

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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

School Refurbishments in the Lucan Area:

My colleague Cllr Madeleine Johansson attended an event this week in St Thomas JNS in Lucan. We have been informed that the school is still waiting to get their new building. It's unacceptable that schools should have to wait almost 20 years for necessary refurbishments or new buildings. I have submitted a Parliamentary Question to the Department of Education regarding St Thomas's school and am waiting for a reply. We need investment in more school places in Lucan as the area keeps growing.

Liffey Valley Shopping Centre Car Parking Charges for Workers:

Over the summer Liffey Valley announced that car parking charges would be introduced for both customers and workers that work in the shopping centre. Controversially workers are now being asked to pay up to E600 per year in car park charges.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Italian Embassy Wall:

I met with the new Italian Ambassador in the Dáil last week to discuss a number of issues, including the ongoing saga of the fallen wall. The Embassy

maintain that the Council caused the damage to the wall, the Council maintain that the Embassy have responsibility for the wall. In order to resolve the impasse they have agreed to jointly commission a costing assessment to be completed before Christmas. This will enable concrete discussions around payment of the repairs to finally begin.

He also confirmed that it is his intention to have Lucan House more publicly accessible and that he is exploring the idea of a monthly open day to allow the people of Lucan enjoy this space.

Budget 2023:

If you would like a copy of my budget briefing please email or phone my office.

Liona O'Toole – Independent. P.C.

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www.lotoole.com

Lucan Swimming Pool:

Update I received as per my question at this weeks area committee meeting: *“As there are still significant works outstanding a completion date in Spring 2023 is the likely outcome. A detailed report is available on my facebook page, and a commitment has been given to update councillors further in the coming weeks.”*

School Master House:

Many have asked me for an update regarding the sale of this building see below official response, *“Terms and conditions have been agreed on the purchase of this property. Unfortunately the matter has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. The Councils efforts and engagement on the matter are ongoing.”*

Esker Cemetery:

My motion passed at this week's area committee meeting ensured that councillors would be kept informed of changes regarding access into the cemetery and that local needs would be taken into consideration.



A big thank you to The People of Lucan for the latest donation to Koins for Kids. We received €121.16 in Euro. 25 kgs

weight of all sorts of mixed coin, foreign and domestic. A large amount of foreign notes of all denominations.

All will be put to use by Koins for Kids.

Many thanks.

Damien.

087-9519222.

Barnardos Calls for a Dedicated Family Support Service in Lucan

Barnardos Children's Charity is calling for a dedicated family support service in Lucan. Established in 2015, Barnardos Lucan Family Support Service was set up a satellite service operating from a Ballyfermot location. Since 2015 the service has been funded by temporary funding from Tusla - the Child and Family Agency. The charity is now calling on the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for a longer term funding commitment to fund a permanent Family support Service located in Lucan so children and families can avail of supports in their own area.

Since it's fruition 75 individuals from 25 families have benefited from the service. The charity revealed findings from an external evaluation at a recent event. The evaluation, which was carried out by Quality Matters and funded by the RTÉ Late Late Toy Show Appeal interviewed 18 participants, made up of parents, external stakeholders, staff members and children.

The findings were presented at a coffee morning in Adamstown Community Centre on Friday 23rd. The event was attended by members of the local community politicians and stakeholders.



L-R: Siobhan Greene, Director of Children's Services at Barnardos, Maria Hayes – Prevention Partnership and Family Support Manager with TUSLA, Clare Deane Assistant Director of Children's Services, Midlands, North East and Dublin City and Patricia Maguire Barnardos Project Leader.

Patricia Maguire Barnardos Project Leader said that due to the population growth in the area, the need for a dedicated service is more important than ever. 'The findings of the evaluation shows the positive impact of Barnardos Lucan Family Support Service. However, existing and future challenges exist around lack of permanent funding, increasing rate of social work referrals and rising demand for services. With additional

and more secure resources, Barnardos could reach more families living in Lucan who need help and support. Barnardos would like families living in the Lucan area to be able to directly access support from a project based in their own community.'

The Barnardos Lucan Family Support Service provides support to parents, children and families as a whole, to improve children's social and emotional wellbeing and development.

Morning Soirees in the St Mary's Parish



Irish Conversation

Wednesdays: 10.30am to

11.30am: Tea and coffee for

like-minded people who want to

engage in conversation as Gaeilge.

Whether you know the basics or you are

advanced, all are welcome to join and take part



Photography - In the Parish

Bungalow

Fridays 10.3am to 11.30am:

Whether you are experienced or

just like taking photos bring along your camera and get tips on how to capture the perfect image, while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee.



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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.**





Cumann na Sáirseálaigh Leamhcáin



Hurling Championship update: This Sunday was a critical day in the hurling championship calendar with all four of our adult hurling teams in quarter-final action. Our three Junior teams all progressed with good wins for the Junior As over Cuala, Junior B's over Naomh Fionnbarra and Junior C's over Stars of Erin. However, it was the end of the road for our Senior team who lost out by 4 points to Ballyboden St Endas. So a disappointing end to a championship campaign that promised much after our first ever league win back in July. Nevertheless, progress is being made and credit is due to the panel of players, management and backroom team who worked tirelessly over the season. The league win was a major achievement and a lot of new players got valuable senior experience and we are building a panel of greater depth to compete in future years. Our three Junior teams now progress to the semi-finals in two weeks' time where promotion will be the prize, as well as a place in a championship final. The progression of these teams to the next level important for the future of hurling in the club as we wish them well in their preparations over the next two weeks.



Senior Hurling Championship Quarter

Final: Ballyboden SE 2-21, Lucan Sarsfields 0-23. Parnell Park, 25/9/2022

Junior A Hurling Championship Quarter-final:

Lucan Sarsfields 0-22 Cuala 1-7. 12th Lock, 25/9/2022.

Junior G C'ship Q/F V Stars of Erin in the 12th

Lock: Lucan 3.12, Stars of Erin 2.8

U12 Camogie: Following the summer break, our U12 girls camogie team has been back in action with training restarting in late August. We are continuing to see good progress with the girls, in particular for those who have been practicing and taking part in summer camps.

Our first match took place against St Vincent's at home. We saw a really strong performance from all Lucan teams. It was a wet and miserable day but all girls put in a really gutsy performance with some great scores from play. All 3 Lucan teams came away with a win.

Our second match took place away to Faughs on Sept 17th. We lined out 3 (mixed) Lucan teams. All 3 matches involved tough physical encounters. We came away with one very strong win where we scored 8-3, with great contributions from some players. The other two matches went the way of Faughs, one very narrowly so a few tweaks needed for next time. We continue to develop all our girls at training and very much enjoy seeing the progress from players at all levels.



U12 Hurling Div. 2 O'Tooles Vs LS1: Lucan 1 travelled to Pairc Ui Taithaill last Saturday for U12 division 2 clash. O'Tooles started much the faster scoring 3 points before Lucan boys knew they were in a game. Leon Brennan and Johnny Donovan began to get the ball rolling and to ease Lucan into the game. Lucan led at half time 0-5 to 0-4. On a tight pitch and with O'Tooles playing with a sweeper meant the game was plagued with lots of rucks and low scoring. A fantastic goal by Jack Biggs seems to set Lucan up for a win but O'Tooles were not going away. The match finished O'Tooles 1-7 Lucan 1-7 with both sides happy to get something from the game.

Squad: Daire Sheehan, Victor Adankin, Óisín Brady, Tomás McSweeney, Conor O'Keefe, Liam Dunne, Leon Brennan, Jack Biggs, Ronan Kelly, Quinn Damer, Conor Colohan, Johnny Donovan, Alex Mahon, Conor Sheehan

U12 Hurling Div. 7 Fingallians 2 Vs LS2: Looks like a one sided game on the scoreboard but the reason was that our lads never gave them a chance. It was a brilliant performance throughout the team. First to react in their head and first to every ball. It was great to see the vocal team support for each other on the pitch and also the support of the injured teammates who came to cheer on, despite not playing. We can really see the skills improving every week, especially the first touch. Keep practising lads at home. Lastly, a very special thanks to Matthew Fogarty for keeping his eyes open in at least one of my snaps.. Sars Abú

Squad: Darragh Mc Andrew, Dara Kelly, Andrew McGarry, Peter Hickey, Cormac Hallinan, Matthew Doherty, Alex Morley, Dylan Hearn, Dáithí O'Reilly, Matthew Colfer, Adam Breen, Liam Gamble, Daniel Carroll, Darragh Lynn, Matthew Fogarty

U12 Hurling Div. 10 Clanna Gael-Fontenoy 2 Vs

LS3: Great game from boys today, hard fought for everything and pushed very hard for a win in a very evenly matched game. No score in first half from either team. Clanna Gael beat us 1:1 to 0:0- free's for Clanna Gael probably cost us the defeat. Overall, parents and mentors were very happy with boys effort.

Squad: Jessie Byrne, Andrew Smyth, Eoghan Cawley, Daniel Hartigan, Alex Neville, Samuel DeLacy, Luke Flynn, Cian McGowan, Luke Delaney, Nathan, Kyle McCormac, Darragh Grenville, Ethan Smith

Lotto: No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €5,800. The Numbers were **12, 13, 14, 24.**

Lucky Dip prizes go to, Mary Burke, Carol & Catherine, Anna Nolan, The Dardis Family and Aoife O'Connor.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€6,200.**



Castletown House, Celbridge

Forest Bathing

16 Oct, Sunday 10:30am- 1pm

A forest bathing walk is a walk that enables you to slow down and (re)connect with nature. You will use all your senses to fully appreciate what is around you. The walk covers a short distance (about 2kms) and includes a few optional nature-based activities and refreshments. A basic level of fitness and comfortable shoes are recommended.

Forest bathing is a health and well-being practice that originated in Japan in the 1980s and has gained popularity in Ireland in recent years.

Your guide Rosalinde from Walk of Leaf has worked extensively with groups in education, tourism and non-profits. She is a certified forest bathing guide as well as a certified coach in nature. After a career in teaching and non-profit management, she took the opportunity to spend more time outdoors. She loves sharing nature and has led forest bathing walks across Ireland.

This walk is suitable for ages 14 and over. Any minor needs to be accompanied by an adult.

https://castletown.ie/event/forest-bathing-walk-2/?instance_id=1214

Halloweenie Trail

25-28 October (Tuesday-Friday)

@ 2:30pm

Book your spot on our Halloweenie trail, suitable for Kindergarten

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/427056265787>



Halloween Tour

25-28 October (Tuesday-

Friday) @5pm & 6pm

Book your spot on our Halloween tour.... if you dare!

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/427078582537>



With age, I realise.....

Sometimes, I roll my eyes out loud!

The biggest lie I tell myself is "Oh, you'll remember".

Local Advertisements from the 1940s

ASK FOR

*Tweeds, Serges,
Worsted, Dress Good,
Rug Wools, Blankets.*

Finest Quality

Latest Designs

Excellent Finish

TRADE ONLY SUPPLIED

Manufactured by

HILL & SONS, LTD.
LUCAN.

GROW WHEAT!

The Mills need it all.

GEO. SHACKLETON & SONS, LTD.

ANNA LIFFEY MILLS. LUCAN.

Telling a tale of Lucan from the 1940s, the above advertisements ran during the war years – ‘the emergency’!

The Shackleton ad is most relevant to the present time, with the war in Ukraine leaving the world short of grain – we might well see similar ads popping up once again.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

All going well the group will mount its 10th photographic exhibition physically in the Parish Centre on Sunday 6th November 2022. Each member of the group will be able to display three photographs and work has begun on their selection at our Friday meetings.

This week we have some more photographs from abroad. Josie took a very nice photograph of fishermen's huts when she was in Costa de la Luz in Spain and after his visit to Sardinia, Conor has moved on to Croatia, submitting a spectacular photograph of sunset in Lopud, Croatia in particular. Lopud is one of the Elafiti islands which is easily reached from Dubrovnik. He also submitted photographs of a Praying Mantis which, despite the name, is unlikely to hurt a human as it has no venom and cannot sting.



Nearer home when he was in Clifden Paddy found some interesting old advertising signs to photograph. I was particularly struck by one that advertised a particular brand of cigarettes and stated that the cigarettes in question "**Will not affect your throat**"! Another advertisement photographed was for the *Railway Passengers Assurance Company* apparently the first company established specifically to undertake accident insurance and which was in existence from 1849 to 2002. Clifden was the terminus of the *Midland Great Western Railway* branch line from Galway. Service commenced in 1895 and the last train pulled out from the station in 1935.



Until next week stay safe!