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Hallowe'en: Hallowed Evening

The word hallowed is at the core of the word Hallowe'en – the Holy Evening! It is on the threshold of November when we remember those who have died and celebrate our saints. It gives reverence to a particular time during the year when the light wanes and the harvest has been gathered in nature and in life. It acknowledges the sacredness of life and of death along with acceptance of the mystery of death which has place at the core of all religions and belief systems. We have no choice regarding the seasons or of when life ends. However, we do have some choice (usually) with regard to how we live the seasons of life, including the season of death.

The macabre decorations which seem to grow out of front gardens of skeletons, skulls, fake dismembered limbs and other ghoulish objects and images scream against what is precious about having a healthy, intact human body and respect for all regarding death. There is a resistance by many to allow children to attend funerals and be exposed to the reality that death is part of life and yet the images of meaningless decay and darkness abounds in the homes and public environment throughout the month of October.

The Christian belief regarding death is that life is not ended, but is changed. Those who die close the door on our world to move into the brightness, hope and glory of the next life. The ghostly world has always been fascinating in most cultures but it is rather sad that we have moved so far away from the funny Casper the Ghost-like character to ghostly images along with hacked and bloodied body parts of the scariest form. We lean on the commercial products mindlessly as we seek to entertain ourselves and make sense of this season of moving from the light of summer to the darkness of winter!

As we deal with the dark sky of winter black humour has always had a place in Irish culture as we see in the story telling of times past as a way of living with the dormancy of winter. However, it was balanced with a deep respect for all that was living and dead. Does anyone really think that their neighbours get joy from seeing a skeleton crawling out of the ground of the garden? What might this be like for those whose loved ones have died recently?!

In any concept, life is precious and sacred. The human body, mind and spirit is fragile and precious – sometimes only realised when illness befalls us! Death is a sacred moment of entry into new life deserving reverence in all aspects. As the darkest of night skies present a background that lets the gleaming light of the stars take prominence, let our chosen imagery of Hallowe'en do the same leading towards hope and not despair!

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

Freedom of Information to access your medical information

Your medical records are your personal records. You have an individual right of access to your personal records held by the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act).

Public bodies the FOI Act applies to include:

The Health Service Executive (HSE), Voluntary hospitals, Some health agencies, GP records.

You can check this list of public bodies covered by FOI.

If you are a medical card holder, you can use FOI to get medical records from records held by your GP.

You cannot use FOI for medical records from a private hospital or from your GP if you visit them as a private patient. Some public bodies are exempt from Freedom of Information.

How to access my medical records using Freedom of Information

If you want to access records under the FOI Act, you should apply to the public body that holds them.

If you have a medical card, the HSE holds the records of medical card holders.

If the head of the public body believes that giving you the information may be harmful to your health or emotional well-being, they can instead

give the medical records to a health professional that you choose.

If you have a dispute about access to records under the FOI Act, you should contact the Office of the Information Commissioner.

Open disclosure and your right to patient safety information

If certain serious patient safety incidents happen during your care, you and your family must be told by the healthcare body. This is known as the mandatory open disclosure policy and was introduced by the Patient Safety (Notifiable Incidents and Open Disclosure) Act 2023 on 26 September 2024.

The act contains a list of the specific patient safety incidents you must be told about such as serious injury or death.

Your right to patient safety information applies to private and public health providers.

These include:

The HSE, Private Hospitals, Private health and social care providers such as GPs, Dentists and Pharmacists, Other HSE funded organisations.

They must also notify the appropriate regulatory body such as the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA), or the Mental Health Commission (MHC).

Right to request a review of cancer screening results

You must be told before or at the time of the cancer screening of your right to request a review of your screening results completed by the HSE's National Screening Service.

You also have the right to be told the outcome of this review.

This is known as a Part 5 review and is part of the HSE open disclosure policy. Read more about open disclosure and patient safety on the HSE website.

Storm Ashley

The Humanitarian Assistance Scheme provides emergency financial assistance to households if you cannot meet the costs for essential needs immediately after severe weather events such as flooding.

The scheme covers

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

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

Structural damage

Income limits apply

Information on our website.



Lucan Lions Club

Lucan Lions Club is encouraging people to donate unwanted spectacles in several local premises, which are then recycled to 3rd World countries and donated free of charge to people with poor eyesight who normally could not afford to purchase spectacles.



All varieties, condition and sizes are very welcome – adults, children's, sunglasses, damaged/broken – we can use them all. No need to include glasses cases, as these are not required. Once collected, the spectacles are boxed & dispatched via DPD sponsorship to Lions Club de France in Le Havre. On arrival, they are sorted & cleaned. Using specialised equipment, the power of the lenses is measured for the new owner.

They are then shipped to a country in the 3rd World, to restore sight to lifeless eyes. Please see below the range of local Lucan collection points and if you could advertise this notice through your local school, sports club, family members etc., you would be part of this very worthwhile worldwide initiative.

Your unwanted specs can be left at any of the following locations: -

The Parish Office, St Marys Church, Lucan
Mullins & Henry Opticians in SuperValu Shopping Centre, Lucan.
Specsavers Liffey Valley Shopping Centre.



Many thanks to all of you who have donated spectacles so far. Lucan Lions club has already shipped over 12,000 glasses for re-cycling in 2023/24 so well done to everyone!

Table Quiz: Many thanks to all who supported our recent Table Quiz in Lucan Sarsfields. The event was a great success and we are grateful to all those who participated and our local politicians who sponsored various rounds. Thanks also to those who donated raffle prizes and to everyone who contributed to the event.



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 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.

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: Tai chi we be on a break for a week due to Halloween.

Baby and Toddler Group: We are delighted to announce we are starting a much-requested Ballyowen Baby and Toddler Group. It will start on Monday 4th of November 11am to 12.30. All are welcome

Save the Date: It might be a bit early to mention the C Word but we will be having our Christmas Fair on **Sunday 1st of December**. If you are a local business or crafter that would like to have stall please get in touch.

Booking A Room: Booking a room just got easier you can now book online through the Sportskey website

Due to the Bank Holiday the centre will be closed on Monday 28th of October.

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.**



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon, 7pm

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Feast of All Saints Friday 1st November

Mass at 10am and 7.30pm

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

St. Vincent de Paul Church Collection

at all masses **this Saturday/ Sunday 26th/27th**

October.

Many thanks for your generosity.

St. Mary's Readers' Roster November 2024



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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on

Saturdays from the conclusion of the 10am Mass to 11.30am – funerals permitting.

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

All welcome. Sr Geraldine.

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

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.*

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)

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

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

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

Dates are bookable on line.

Email: secretary@lucanparish.com

Annual Mass of Remembrance

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

Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm



At this Mass the names of those from our parish community who died in the past 12 months will be especially remembered.

The names of all those on the November list of the dead will automatically be included.

Church Art Calendar 2025



On sale - €2
St. Mary's
Parish Centre

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.

Feast of All Saints

Vigil Mass 7.30pm on Thursday 31st October

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

*Annual Mass
of
Remembrance*

*for all our departed relatives and friends
will take place on*

Friday, November 8th at 7.30pm.


*All those who have passed away
in the last twelve months will be especially
remembered.*

*November list of the dead
automatically included.*

All are welcome.



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



Aontas Choir will sing at 9am Mass, St. Patrick's Church this Sunday, 27th October. They will be holding a cake sale following all Masses – your support is greatly appreciated.

The Choir are delighted to announce that along with St. Patrick's, St. Mary's partnership of parishes with Divine Mercy, Lucan South, they will be involved in an **RTE broadcast of Mass on Sunday 3rd November** at 11am. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Ubaldo.

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

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

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

Tea/Coffee:

Every Wednesday 10:30am in the Parish Centre.

All are welcome



Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm.

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on www.lucansouthparish.net

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of

Medjugorje: Every Thursday.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass.

After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction.

All welcome

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

Legion of Mary:

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

Anniversaries

John McMahon

2nd Anniversary

John is fondly remembered by those who knew and loved him.

His passing has left a lasting impact on his Family and Friends who will continue to cherish his memory and honour his life.

Forever in our thoughts

Agnes McMahon and Family.



Paddy Martin

45th Anniversary, 23rd October.

Sarsfield Park and Dodsboro.

Still always in our thoughts.

Philomena and Gerard and all the Family.

“Keep Safe”

Bernard (Benny) Shanley

2nd Anniversary, 24th October.

We remember and cherish the very happy times together.

Loving thoughts of a dear husband, father, granddad, and friend.

You are missed today and always.

Carmel, Elaine, Brian, Eimear, Gerard, grandchildren, extended family and friends.



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.

Are you over 55 years old with some free time on your hands?

This could be the Volunteering opportunity for you!

Are you passionate about reading and understand its value?

Want to help children reach their potential?

Is Finglas a commutable location for you? –

WoW is based in several primary schools located in Dublin 11.

Wizard of Words (WOW) is a school based intergenerational paired reading programme, focused on improving children’s overall reading achievement. It aims to improve the children’s reading ability, as well as their enjoyment of reading.

Would you like more information?

Please contact Lisa: lisa.tobin@barnardos.ie or volunteers@barnardos.ie for an application form ASAP.

Interviews are being held in our Head Office in Christchurch Square ASAP and training is over the course of 3 days in November, dates to-be-confirmed – Volunteers must be available to attend both training & interview.



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marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

Sport / Politics

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Parish Notes / Anniversaries

annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

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

Back at club on Wednesday for our usual activities, and catching up with friends following our very successful trip to Northern Ireland.



On our way home from Antrim we had a very interesting tour of Belfast, with a local guide pointing out areas of interest, including Peace Wall and Stormont.

We meet up on Wednesday at 1.30 in St Andrews Parish Hall, Main Street Lucan, new members always welcome.

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



Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 30th October:

Halloween Party

in St. Mary's Parish Centre,
10.30 – 12.30.

*Witches and Broomsticks
Welcome!*



Happy Halloween to all our Readers! We hope everyone has an enjoyable Bank Holiday Weekend, and are ready to go Trick or Treating during the week.

Don't forget to put the clocks back this Saturday / Sunday! We'll have an extra hour in bed.....



Good Luck to all taking part in the Dublin City Marathon this Sunday – no doubt, lots of money will be raised for worthwhile causes.

Storm Ashley – Good job the marathon wasn't last weekend! There were a few trees down around Lucan, but thankfully, no reports of injuries. **Bert** is next on the storm list.....

Spotted Lucan's Wade Family on RTE's Nationwide last Wednesday evening. The Kick Boxing teenagers, featured in Lucan Newsletter a few weeks back, were very impressive on the programme. More great things to come for them!

A Story Trail in St. Catherine's Park! Next time you visit the park, keep an eye out for the Story Trail all about Little Owl who is 'a bit lost' – it is a lovely treat for families with young children.



At long last, work has commenced on the repair of the Demesne Wall opposite Maxol – five years and three months after the wall collapsed, leaving a very dangerous situation on the roadway.

Work continues on sites all around Lucan – we take it that whatever the Archaeologist mentioned in last week's issue, was looking at, didn't amount to anything, as the trench was filled in quickly enough.....

Happy Halloween Birthday

to our two pumpkins,

Seán and Tadhg

who celebrate their
9th Birthday next Thursday

from all their family and friends



Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 28th October: We will not be open for Crafts as it is the October Bank Holiday. Wishing all members and friends a happy and safe Halloween.



Monday 4th November: We will be back working hard making our items for the Arts, Crafts and Produce Fair on 16th /17th November in the Parish Centre.

Friday 8th November: Ten members are travelling by train to Belfast to attend the Knitting and Stitching Show. Have a great day ladies and bring back lots of ideas for the guild.

We had a lovely day on Monday 21st for our Annual International Day. Anne Beales as our International Officer gave a wonderful presentation on Canada.



We had lovely Canadian food made by our member, Mary Duffy and Abigail O'Callaghan.



We had members from Castleknock and Blanchardstown. Our Federation President, Antoinette Rae was in attendance as well as our Community Garda and our local County Councillor Caroline Brady.



THE UNDERGROUND SESSIONS'S BIG BAND BASH FUNDRAISER GIG for LIFFEY SOUND 96.4 FM 100% Original Pure Rock & Roll!!

Performing on the night:

Arcadian Shadows, Stalked by Story, Arcane Montane & The Seventh Shroud.

Date: Saturday 26th October.

Venue: Upstairs, Courtneys of Lucan

Time: doors open at 6.30pm til late.

First band on at 7pm.

Tickets available to purchase on eventbrite - €12
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1045392215257?aff=oddtcreator>

***If unable to attend, please feel free to make a donation, we appreciate all donations.**



CHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Senior Debating: Our senior debate team were in action last week against Confey College. In a very competitive debate our girls were against the motion, 'School student strikes against climate change'. Both teams are still awaiting the result of the debate. Our senior debate team is made up of Alexandra Pogoneanu, Matilda Jane Molloy, Abigail Fernandes, Agnes Martin, Grace O'Brien, Sreya Santosh and Cristina Fernandes.



Poolbeg Incineration Plant: Last week transition years took in a trip to see Poolbeg Incineration plant and recycling centre. The trip showed the students what happens to their household waste from our black bins and how it is recycled into electricity. The trip made students realise how important it is to recycle efficiently at home.



Butlers Chocolate: Last Thursday fifth and sixth year LCVP students spent the morning in Butlers Chocolate, Coolock. The students had the chance to make their own chocolate, visit the chocolate museum and went on a tour of the factory.

TY Options: As part of their options, some of our TYs have been working on their knitting skills and sugar craft. The students are getting ready for winter by knitting snoods, gloves and hats and also baked cakes with a Halloween theme.

Climate Workshop: 'Climate Breakdown – Who cares?' TY students were delighted to attend the Intergenerational Conference last week facilitated by OLA Ireland and Youth Climate Justice. The students took part in and listened to speakers addressing climate breakdown and the issues facing future generations and how young people can be change makers.

School Musical

St Joseph's College Transition Year students present
ALL SHOOK UP School Edition
Through special arrangement with Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW)
Thursday, 28 th November 2024 – Sunday, December 1 st 2024

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

Congratulations to past pupils Niamh Roche, who came first, and Aman Pathak who came second in the Higher Level Technology project of the year for Area 12 (Dublin south) on Tuesday the 15th of October. Niamh and Aman will now go on to represent the school and the area in the Engineering Technology Teachers Association (ETTA) national competition hosted in Sligo in November.

Careers Ready Graduation: On Friday 4th October a group of 6th year students attended their Careers Ready Graduation.

Lucy Jones, Alannah Carroll, Isabel Mc Killop, Jack Gibson, Leah Sisk, Oisín Williams and Sebastian Russe Boyle undertook the program in TY.

The program is designed to bring TY students through an 18-month employability program, helping students to recognize their potential, develop and increase their employability skills, support their academic endeavors and introduce them to the world of work. It was delivered by Junior Achievement Ireland (JAI) with the support of Microsoft Ireland. The guest speaker was Olympic Silver medalist, boxer, Kenneth Egan.

As one student, Lucy Jones stated, "Without this programme, I would have never had the confidence to speak in front of a crowd. I truly believe this programme has helped me so much". Well done students.



Hockey: The junior girl's hockey team have played two games so far this year and are showing great team spirit and promise on the pitch. They are thoroughly enjoying playing and developing their skills.

A special thanks to our terrific senior girls Ellen Birnie, Lily Crocker Dunne and Sadhbh Lynch who are assisting in coaching and officiating games.

Huge thanks to Mr. Branagan and Ms. Geraghty for all of their work with the team.

Soccer: Well done to the girls U17 Soccer team who won their first match today against St Marks Community School in Tallaght (3-0) with Ciara Hylands scoring 2 and Amber Brennan Corey scoring another. Thanks to Ms. Molloy and Mr O'Neill for their work with the team. Well done girls.



Basketball

Girls Basketball: The U16 and U19 girls' basketball teams are competing in the East Region League and have played brilliantly so far. We wish them the best of luck with their future matches.

Thanks to Ms. Corrigan and Ms. Nolan

Boys Basketball: The first term has been eventful for our U16 and U19 basketball teams, who have played five matches in the past month and a half, showcasing local pride. They've faced Kings Hospital, Firhouse CC, Old Bawn CC, and Griffeen CC.

The U19 team secured impressive victories against Old Bawn and Firhouse CC, thanks to standout performances from our sixth-year students. However, Griffeen CC triumphed over our sixth years with outstanding three-point shooting, and Kings Hospital marked their first win against Lucan CC in four years. With one final game against Holy Family Rathcoole, a victory could propel us into the playoffs.

Our U16 team is on fire, winning four out of five games. Despite having only seven players, their teamwork, determination, and skill have been remarkable, and they await their semi-final opponents with big ambitions. A big thank you to the teachers who have supported our teams this year: Mr. O'Droighneain, Ms. McGeever, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Collins, and team coach Mr. Spillane.

TY Musical Update: The TY Musical this year will be Legally Blonde The Musical. The students are busy preparing for Spring 2025, more details to come later.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Wellbeing: Last week was *Well-being/Friendship Week* at Coláiste Phádraig.

Every morning, Room 10 was open as a relaxing space where students were invited to pop in, chat and connect, if they so wished.

A 'daily prompt' was shared over the intercom to set a positive tone for each day ahead. Throughout the week, Ms. Farrell facilitated the *Well-being Club* at lunchtime with invaluable support from 6th-year students Abhinav and Aniruddh Sriram. The club included a short, guided meditation session at 1:30 p.m. in the library, offering students a tranquil space to pause and ground themselves in mindful presence.

Lunchtimes took on a special vibe too as students hosted their own segments on *Well-being FM*, taking to the Coláiste Phádraig 'airwaves' to share uplifting music!

On Monday, all Transition Year students attended a fantastic workshop by Stephen Kiernan, based on his book *Brilliant Mondays – How Ordinary People Achieve Extraordinary Things*.

Tuesday saw Michael O'Sullivan from *Humourfit* take to the stage with engaging theatre performances for all Junior Cycle students. First-year students focused on anti-bullying, while second and third-year students explored topics related to drink and drug awareness.

On Wednesday, Yvonne Doherty from *Dare to Live Coaching* delivered an honest and moving talk about her personal mental health journey. The week concluded with a special treat for the first-year students, who were welcomed to the school community with a First-Year Breakfast on Thursday morning. The canteen was filled with excitement and energy as 140+ students enjoyed a delicious breakfast together. They were served pudding, rashers, hash browns, sausages, fried eggs and rolls by our wonderful canteen staff. Well done to Mr. Keane and Ms Farrell on their hard work, planning and organisation of an extremely successful and uplifting Wellbeing/Friendship Week.

Football: Our 2nd yr football team defeated Kingswood CC, Tallaght 3-09 to 4-03 on Tuesday to make it two wins from two in the group stages of their Dublin League campaign. Daniel Wallace continued his blistering form as he scored 2-03 from midfield with James Dillon (1-02) and Aaron Farrell (0-4) getting the other scores for the team.

Soccer: Our **u15 team** were beaten 6-1 by a very strong Coláiste Pobail Setanta in their opening group match of their Dublin League campaign last Thursday.



Our **senior team** were beaten 3-2 by Patrician College, Newbridge in the 1st rnd of the Leinster Cup on Monday. Will Smith scored both Lucan goals as the match finished 2-2 after 90mins but Newbridge prevailed in extra time to claim a hard-earned victory.

Our **1st yr team** defeated Coláiste de Lacy, Ashbourne 2-0 in the preliminary rnd of the Leinster Cup on Tuesday with Daniel Abbott and Finn O' Sullivan getting the goals.

School of Sanctuary: We are excited to share the latest developments in our ongoing journey as a **School of Sanctuary**. This initiative is a testament to our school's commitment to creating a welcoming, inclusive environment for all students, regardless of their background or country of origin. Recently, **Transition Year (TY) and 5th Year students** have come together to design and put together a **new noticeboard** that highlights key messages and information about sanctuary, diversity, and inclusion. The board serves as a visible reminder of our school's dedication to making everyone feel safe and valued.

In addition, we have proudly raised **new flags** around the school, symbolizing our commitment to being a place of refuge and support. These flags represent our school's ongoing efforts to promote sanctuary values and foster an environment where everyone belongs. Our journey continues with many more initiatives planned, and we are grateful to our students, staff, and wider community for their continued support and participation.

Together, we are building a stronger, more inclusive community, one step at a time.

Basketball: Our **senior basketball team** made it three wins from four in their final group stage game of their Eastern League "A" campaign last Tuesday with a 72-63 win against Le Chéile SS. The victory secured 2nd spot in the group and a place in the knockout stages of the competition, where they faced Belvedere College on Tuesday. Unfortunately, they were without their talismanic point-guard Lewis for the game (as well as some other key players) and Belvedere capitalised on their good fortune to win 53-40 and end Lucan's interest in the competition.

Our **u16 team** were beaten 77-50 by Le Chéile last week which means that they finish the group stages with one win from four games. They will as a result now compete in the Plate knockout stages.

School Tour: Good luck to the three teachers, Ms. Winters, Mr. Rafter and Mr. Moran and the group of 22 senior students travelling to Iceland for three nights!

Lucan Library – November Events

Opening Hours October Bank Holiday:

The library will close on Friday 25th October at 4.30pm and reopen Tuesday 29th October at 9.45am.



Halloween Activities at Lucan Library

Tuesday 29th October
3pm Storytime
All Welcome!

Wednesday 30th October
10am & 11am Cool Food School
Booking Essential via Eventbrite

Thursday 31st October
2pm Magic Show & Face Painting
All Welcome!

Friday 1st November 12noon
Creative Writing for 8-12 year olds
Booking Essential via Eventbrite

Be Money and Media Smart - talks for adults

Tuesday 5th November, 7pm. Manage Your Money with Aoife Gaffney - How to Make Your Money Work for You. Aoife Gaffney is the founder of Prudence Moneypenny Coaching. She is an award-winning international money, relationship and life coach empowering individuals to take charge of their lives and earn more money. She is a member of the Professional Speaking Association, Institute of Banking and a Qualified Financial Advisor. Using her signature light-hearted coaching method, Aoife is guaranteed to share valuable money tips in an engaging and possibly life-changing talk.

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/managing-your-money-with-aoife-gaffney-prudence-moneypenny-coaching-tickets-1048777982177>

Refreshments will be served

Wednesday 6th November, 11am

Fact or Fiction? Be Media Smart with Martina Chapman from Media Literacy Ireland Where do you get your news? Who are you getting it from? Martina helps you navigate a world of disinformation, big tech & information overload. Exploring the Be Media Smart campaign from Media Literacy Ireland, Martina will offer tips and guidance on how to avoid misinformation, especially in the run up to elections.

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/be-media-smart-with-martina-chapman-media-literacy-ireland-tickets-1048698444277> Refreshments will be served

Sensory Session for Neuro-Divergent Pre-

School Children with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Wednesday 13th November, 10am Play session for pre-school children led by Rebecca. Please book a ticket for each pre-school child attending. Children must be accompanied by

parent/guardian. Booking essential from Wednesday 6th November at

10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sensory-play-sessions-for-pre-school-children-tickets-1051546121757>

Please note:

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



Live Music at Lucan Library

4 vocalists with piano & guitar

Performers from Ukraine, Ireland & Africa

UNIVERSAL DREAM
An Eclectic Mix of Multicultural Sounds

Tuesday 29th October at 7pm
All Welcome

Lucan Library
Lucan Shopping Centre, Newcastle Road, Lucan K78 V295



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Well done to the U15C ladies who won their shield final against Whitehall Colmcille on Saturday.

Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €9,800. The Numbers were **13, 22, 25, 28**

The lucky dip prizes go to Rory Gilmore, Rob Ward, Donal Downs, Rory Murray, Pat O'Keeffe

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €10,200. The draw is sponsored by Dual Printing LTD.



Camogie

Well done to our Minor A Camogie team who beat Cuala in the County Final on Sunday. The girls dug deep in the first half with a strong breeze against them and led by 1 point at half time. With the wind on our backs in the second half the scores started to tick over and then there was nothing stopping us. Final score Lucan 3:06 to Cuala 1:05. Well done to Chloe O'Shea who earned herself player of the match. Thank you to the Springfield Hotel for their sponsorship of jerseys and support for the team. Well done to all involved.



Social

Well done to our own Jenny Casserly who was part of the team of referee officials in the Dublin Senior Camogie Championship Final. A great honour to be chosen and a great example to all of our members.

25 Card Draw

Date: Friday until 9th May 2025

Time: 8.00pm Sharp.
Prize: 1st €50 (if 12 or more players), 2nd prize if 3 or more tables
Entry: €5 per player.
Venue: Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse (Bar). Everyone is welcome- from beginner to those who played years ago and would like to resume playing. You don't have to be a Club member to



Congratulations to our Junior C Camogie team who beat O'Tooles in the Junior 7 County Final on Sunday. A fierce battle in tough conditions today but they never gave up. It was great to see such a crowd out supporting the ladies. Well done to Julie McGinley on her player of the match performance from wing back.

Ladies Football

Well done to our u13B ladies football team who had a fantastic win in their cup final against Ballinteer St John's over the weekend! Congratulations to the U16 ladies football team who won their division 1 shield final against Naomh Mearnógs on Sunday.

play.

Contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery 087-7469143 for further information.

The Cúpla Focal club is back next Monday the 9th of September. These classes are free of charge and will run ever Monday from 8-9pm. (Voluntary donations to Nagarhope welcome). This is a great opportunity to practice and learn to speak Irish in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Contact cuplafocalclub@gmail.com for more information.

*Thank You for supporting
Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.*





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. Fáilte

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

Club Reatha Sóisialta Na Gaeil Óga

Baill Fhásta NGÓ agus Cairde

Fáilte roimh dhaoine nach baill iad - lean an nasc <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LZCLJ6JAEzjF0ghYCx5yFS> Domhnaigh 20ú agus 27ú Deir Fómhair 1030am Páirc an Fhionnuisce Ó na Seomraí tae (in aice an Zú). 5k rith bog nó siúlóid Caife / tae / comhrá

Buachaillí F12 - Iomáint

Cluiche iontach i gcoinne Cuala i Seanchill ar an Sathairm do na BF12. Ba é an cluiche oifigiúil deiridh F12 don fhoireann seo, agus d'imir siad go han-mhaith mar fhoireann sa chluiche deireanach dearfach seo. Bhí scór iontach ó Rhys Reilly agus Shayne Lynagh agus sár-chosaint ó Dara Canning agus Eoin K'eogh. Bhí mí-ádh ar na leaids gan an cluiche a bhuachan, ba é an scór deiridh ná 6-7 in aghaidh 4-9.



Cailíní F15 - Cluiche Ceannais

Mí-ádh mór ar ár gcailíní Faoi 15 a chaill amach sa chluiche ceannais le pointe amháin! Troid crua go maith a bhí ann. Bhí turas go McDonalds le chéile tuillte go maith acu! Buíochas mór arís le Ciara, Saoirse, Ellen, Lily, Ruby and Saorla ó fhoireann F13.



Buachaillí F10 - Iomáint

Chuir na buachaillí F10 taispeántas sciliúil ós ár gcomhair ar an Sathairm ag iomáint in aghaidh Naomh Caoimhín-Cillian.

D'oibrigh siad le chéile le go leor pasanna agus d'aimsigh siad scóranna gleoite. Maith sibh go léir.



Buachaillí F9 - Iomáint

Dhá chluiche iontacha iomána i bPáirc Naomh Caitríona dár mbuachaillí F9. Scileanna iontacha ar taispeáint le roinnt scór dochreidte. Tá an feabhas a rinne na buachaillí seo i mbliana thar barr. Tá siad imithe ó neart go neart. Tá na cóitseálaithe agus tuismitheoirí thar a bheith bródúil inniu. Buíochas mór leis an tuismitheoir Allan a sholáthair an tae, caife agus donuts... cothaíonn tacaíocht mar seo ár bpobal.



Cumann na mBunscoil

Comhghairdeas le foireann peile chailíní Ghaelscoil Eiscir Riada a bhuaiigh a gcluiche ceannais (Cumann na mBunscoil) i Páirc an Chrócaigh inniu!

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Galway Bay 10k and Half Marathon October 5th

Every adventure needs a beginning, and for the Lucan Harriers it began, with most of us leaving Dublin as the sun rose in the east, we headed west. Run Galway Bay had called, and we answered! Almost 30 hardy Lucan Harriers dared the trip to Galway, with Storm Kirk looming on the horizon, we left the calm of Dublin and battled our way to Galway. The first brave souls, our intrepid support crew made up of Ceara, Fanchea, Niamh and Lorraine, made their way to University of Galway Parkrun and headed on a beautiful 5km. Where they completed two loops of the meadow to start, then turn right onto the riverside pathway for an out-and-back. Finish with one final loop of the meadow. The course was flat on gravel pathways. The rest of us made our way to Nimmo's pier in Claddagh... As we arrived the skies mixed with clouds of grey and black, we knew the day was going to be interesting. The twenty odd Harriers joined the melee on the pier and eagerly awaited the cover the wall gave from the wind, and the starter's gun! And suddenly it was 10:30 and the 10kmers were off, running up the pier toward Galway, where they took a sharp left heading for Salthill. Running along the road in Salthill, as far as the camping park, they again took a sharp turn left and headed down the back of the Golf course, and along the Promenade. As they neared the start point, they were turned off the expected route and sent out the Mutton Island causeway where they battled through the winds, to have the pleasure of the return run back across the causeway where they headed right towards the finish line! With fantastic running from all who took part, there



were many PBs set on the course.

The ½ marathon runners, after cheering on the 10km group, noted that 12:15 was fast approaching, toilets sought out and the prerace jitters kicked in! Already well weathered from watching our running buddies on the 10km, we lined up on Nimmo's pier, and like lambs to the slaughter, we awaited the race start! The wind had risen in speed since our arrival, but it was a gentle 20kph breeze that kept us fresh! And then the slow rumble of the mass of runners setting off let those of us at the back know, the fun had begun. We ran along Grattan Rd, as far as the promenade, where we did a quick about face, to complete the first short lap! It was here that we started our first full lap, heading along the closed road through the heart of Salthill, the temptation on a Supermac's curry chip was agonisingly strong and the ice creams of the Creamery called us, but we resisted! As we passed the Galway Bay Hotel, we were met by the fantastic Lucan harriers support crew cheered us on and buoyed our energy! We kept running along the Salthill Road toward the golf club, where the course's sneaky hill hit us! Up we went passing the sweet aromas of freshly cooked pastries and fresh coffee from the Blackrock Cottage Pantry and took a swift left back along the promenade running past the famous Blackrock Diving Board, to do that loop all over again!

On the last lap, as the weather was threatening to turn, we ran our last lap, and as we passed the golf course, we realised our mistake, and the wind hit us like a slap in the face by jumping up to 50kph stiff breeze and then it added insult to injury, by throw hail stones at us sideways! As it was noted, if you were in a car, you would have pulled over!! The last 6km we fought the elements, but with no place to hide, we persevered! The wind did its best to cause mayhem, with our right foot being regularly blown into our left leg, and then we saw the finish line, the small hill to the finish was a welcome relief and we crossed the line with smiles on our face!



John Rabbett

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Scoil Áine Naofa and St Thomas' JNS in Lucan: A programme to deliver a new building and refurbishment at Scoil Áine Naofa and St Thomas' JNS in Lucan continues to be unduly delayed. In total, the school has been promised a new building and/or an extension since the mid-2000s. Design and plans are at a very advanced stage with the Department of Education. It's imperative that any delays are overcome, and construction begin. I have written to the Minister for Education requesting a response on why this vital project is being delayed.



ClIr Vicki Casserly - Fine Gael

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General Election 2024: It is with huge pride that I have been selected by Fine Gael at the request of An Taoiseach Simon Harris T.D., to contest General Election 2024 alongside Minister Emer Higgins for the Dublin Mid-West. With 11 years' experience in Local Government representing our area, I am from Lucan, I grew up here, I live here, I am raising my family here in Lucan. I'm looking to be your voice, and your representative in Dail Eireann. When the time comes, which will be soon, I will be looking for your Number 1 Vote to achieve this and ensure our local voice is represented at National Level and continued preference for Minister Emer Higgins. I look forward to meeting you during the campaign and as always if I can be of assistance, please feel free to reach out.

ClIr Paul Gogarty P.C. - Independent

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Ballyowen Castle Shopping Centre Road surface: I have appealed the planning permission for the shopping centre extension to An Bord Pleanála in order to get conditions added that would require works to the entrance road surface to be carried out in advance of any construction. However, I am hopeful following a meeting with Robzala a few weeks back that the management company will be able to facilitate this surface being upgraded earlier than previously planned. I will update as and when I get further information.

Lucan Village Works: Further updates on website outlining SDCC response.

Lucan Village: Repair works have commenced.

Lucan House: SDCC confirmed that it will now facilitate public access at set times during the village works. Am awaiting more details on how this will operate and will let people know when information available.

ClIr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

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Road Sweeper Leaves: I received several calls about leaves on the paths and roads, including Griffeen Glen, Lucan Newlands Road, and Dodsboro Cottages. A road sweeper was sent to these areas. If you need a road sweeper in your area, please let me know.

Woodview: footpath reported and forwarded to the Area Roads Engineer for investigation and report. Footpath previously reported as damaged by Tree roots repaired, some cracks remaining to be investigated, and tree listed for pruning.

LED upgrade: Woodview Heights queried upgrading their streetlights to LED. This program is rolling out phase two and as soon as that is completed (I will revert with timescale on this) they will commence phase 3, and Woodview Heights has been added to phase 3.

Hillcrest: damage to footpath on Hillcrest Lawns / Way escalated to Area Engineer for investigation and report.

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Congratulations to Lucan Sarsfield GAA:

Huge congratulations to Lucan Sarsfields GAA on their recent successes across Football, Camogie and Hurling. Well done to all the dedicated volunteers and teams involved.

Cost of Living Bonus: The October Cost of Living bonus will be paid in the week commencing 28 October 2024 to those on primary weekly payment including pensioners, people with disabilities, carers, and lone parents.

Lucan House Boundary Wall Repair: Work has also begun on the long-awaited repairs to the boundary wall of Lucan House. Remedial work is required on a 36-metre section of the wall, which is both a protected structure and retaining wall for the R835 Leixlip Road. Work is expected to take approximately 4 months to complete.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Ballyowen Shopping Centre: Persistence pays off! After over a year of my requesting a meeting with Robzala, the management company of Ballyowen Shopping Centre, their directors presented at our area committee meeting this week, on foot of a motion I placed. I put a number of questions to them, specifically on the state of the car park, the road through the centre and the pedestrian surface. The following commitments were received:
Resurfacing of the centre car park will commence in the next six weeks, followed by a remarking and relining of the car park;

In the coming fortnight, the pedestrian cobblelock surface will be lifted, repaired and re-laid; and the road running between the Penny Hill side and the Eurospar side will be resurfaced and repaired in November.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée



This week a very varied selection of photos was submitted. In the past few months we have seen a number of photos of the Poolbeg stacks looking at them across Dublin Bay. This week Joe shows us the size of the installation from the shore side. Joe also submitted a photo of Sandymount Strand with the tide out. The strand is part of the Dublin Bay Biosphere Reserve.



Mushrooms featured a lot this week as well and our newest member, Brendan, submitted a photo of Shaggy Inkcap mushrooms (also known as “the lawyer’s wig”) in Ballyowen Park. He explains that when young these mushrooms, which can be easily confused with poisonous mushrooms, are edible but that they age quickly turning to black mush. (Edible or not, I think I’ll be giving them a miss!)

Conor captured a Buzzard flying over Liffey Valley. This species is widespread and very common around Ireland and is a year-round resident.



Josie seems to be connecting the forthcoming US Presidential election with Hallowe’en with at least one of the decorated pumpkins looking very much like one of the candidates. The word “Pumpkin” derives from an ancient Greek word meaning melon. In most folklore the carved pumpkin is meant to scare away evil spirits on All Hallows’ Eve when the dead were purported to walk the earth. The practice of carving pumpkin jack-o’-lanterns for the Halloween season developed from a traditional practice in Ireland as well as Scotland and other parts of the United Kingdom of carving lanterns from turnips.



Stay safe until next week!