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Sunday 29th October 2023

“The words of today’s Gospel are helpful and consoling”

In today’s short Gospel is about love. Jesus quotes directly from the Hebrew scriptures when he tells us that the most important commandments are:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” And *“You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”*

This brief exchange is found in all three synoptic Gospels (Mark 12:28-31 and Luke 10:25-28). We can also say that St John’s Gospel focuses on love. In fact, it is said that when St John was an old man he would always emphasise the importance of love.

Scripture scholars tell us that there are 613 commandments in the Hebrew Bible and there was a discussion among the rabbis as to which of them were the most important. The words of today’s Gospel are helpful and consoling. We are told that the entire bible can be summarised in two simple phrases which mean loving God and loving your neighbour.

In a recent letter to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of St Therese of Lisieux, Pope Francis quoted her own words: “It is confidence and nothing but confidence that must lead us to love”. Pope Francis writes: “It is trust that brings us to love and thus sets us free from fear. It is trust that helps us to stop looking to ourselves and enables us to put into God’s hands what he alone can accomplish”. He concludes, “At a time of great complexity, St Therese can help us rediscover the importance of simplicity, the absolute primacy of love, trust and abandonment.”

The challenge presented to us in today’s Gospel is not easy. We have busy and demanding lifestyles when so many of us are juggling different work and family commitments. Let us pray in the coming week let us ask God to help us to reach out to our neighbours with love wherever we may find them. St Vincent de Paul once said “do whatever good lies at your hands” because he realised that sometimes those who need help may not be far away.

Deacon Gerard - Malahide-Portmarnock grouping 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

SCAMS

A new alert was issued to warn people of scam texts being sent telling them to click on a link to claim an energy credit. These texts link to a site that looks like gov.ie. There is no such scheme being offered by the Government and you should not click on the link or enter any personal details. You can read correct information about the Electricity Account Credit on citizensinformation.ie



Budget 2024

Income tax

Income tax rates will stay the same (at 20% and 40%), but there will be increases to tax credits and changes to the income tax bands in 2024.

The standard rate tax band (the amount you can earn before you start to pay the higher rate of tax) will be increased by €2,000 to €42,000 for a single person, with proportionate increases for married couples and civil partners.

The following tax credits will increase by €100 to €1,875:

Personal Tax Credit

Employee Tax Credit

Earned Income Tax Credit

The Home Carer Tax Credit will increase by €100 to €1,800.

The Single Person Child Carer Credit will increase by €100 to €1,750.

The Incapacitated Child Tax Credit will increase by €200 to €3,500.

Public Transport Fares

Reduced fares of 20% on public transport will continue in 2024.

The Young Adult Leap Card will be extended to people aged 19-25.

The Victims Charter www.victimscharter.ie

The purpose of the Victims Charter is to help you find the support you need when you become a victim of crime. The Charter also describes the Criminal Justice System so that you can understand what to expect.

The journey you will face when you become a Victim of Crime can be divided into three stages: Support and Reporting Stage, the Courts Process and The Post-Trial Stage. This website will provide to you information from the Victims Charter that will be relevant to you at each of these steps. It also has a section on your rights and the Law.

Alcohol Ireland

Addiction treatment services

If you need treatment for addiction, there are different treatment options available depending on your needs. You can find services in your local area on Drugs.ie or Askaboutalcohol.ie.

In the public health service, non-residential treatment is free of charge. Addiction treatment services are provided by the Health Service Executive (HSE) Drug and Alcohol Services. Some services are provided by community and voluntary projects funded by the local or regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force.

Addiction treatment is also available from private service providers.

More information about alcohol is available on www.alcoholforum.org and www.drinkaware.ie

FOUND

Ladies Watch, in the children's playground, Sarsfield Park.

Please phone 085-1182260

Lucan ICA

We are closed next week Monday 30th for Halloween break.



We return again on Monday 6th November, keep working in preparation for our Arts & Craft Fair taking place 11th & 12th November in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome and do remind friends to drop in and see our work. See details below.

We are looking forward to teaching the TY students how to crochet a cot blanket on Thursday next 10am to 1-30pm.

Have a nice break and enjoy Halloween!

Pauline



Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. No charge for your first meeting.



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

LUCAN RED CROSS

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



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

Bernadette Cummins Phone: 01 6282661
(between 6 / 7pm)

Mary Cullen Phone 01 6245076

(between 6 / 7pm)

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

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



Happy Birthday

to **Seán** and **Tadhg** who will be 8 year's old, on Halloween!



Lots of love from all your family and friends x x

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

1st November – All Saints Day

Masses: 10am and 7.30pm

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Annual Mass of Remembrance



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

Thursday 9th November at 7.30pm.

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

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

November Altar List of the Dead: Envelopes for the November Altar List of the Dead are available in the Church Porches. Please return to the Sacristy when completed.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Saturdays (funerals permitting) from 10.30am to 11.30am. All welcome.

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

All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

Divine Mercy Devotion: During exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy with devotions, is prayed every Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral).

Divine Mercy Lucan Devotion St Mary's.

St Mary's Scripture Reflection: Every Monday Evening 7.30 – 8.30pm in the Bungalow. **JOIN US** - You are Welcome to come any Monday. We reflect on the Gospel Reading of the following Sunday.

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



Bethany Bereavement Support Group: We meet every **2nd Monday at 10.45am** and **4th Thursday at 8pm** of the month in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen to or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. *Sr. Geraldine.*

RETREAT in Daily Life Advent 2023



Sun 3rd - Fri 8th December

Would you like to give some time to

Reflect

Pray

Get in touch with God in your life?

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

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

For more information please contact:

Sr. Julie 086 8476734,

Agnes 087 9720717,

Aine 086 0561497

Baptisms: Dates are bookable on line. If you need to cancel email: secretary@lucanparish.com

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

CHURCH ART CALENDARS FOR 2024

Now available at the Parish Office and Sacristy. Cost €2.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Sunday Masses: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.
The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

1st November – All Saints Day

Masses: Vigil 7pm (31st October) and 10am

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

Annual Mass of Remembrance

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

Friday 10th November at 7pm

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



All are welcome.

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

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

Confessions: Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass only.

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



Rosary: For the month of October in memory of Our Blessed Lady the youth ministry will pray the **Rosary after 12pm Mass on Sundays** and everyone is very welcome.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

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

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

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

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

Prayers of the Church: Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church. Their works include home visitation and outreach to the poor. All are welcome.

Medjugorje Mass 2023 St Mary Church, Lucan

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

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

The Sisters of St. Peter Claver
will hold their annual



IN AID OF THE MISSIONS
at

St. Joseph's Parish Hall – Terenure

SUNDAY 5th November 2023

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

Tel. 01 490 93 60

Anniversaries

MARY COLCLOUGH

21st Anniversary – 31st October

In loving memory of Mary Colclough.
As each day dawns we think of you
As each night falls we pray for you
And throughout our lives no matter where
In our hearts you are always there.
*Deeply loved, sadly missed and always
remembered by her loving husband and children*



EILEEN BRISTLEY

1st Anniversary – 31st October

I thought of you with love today
But that is nothing new
I thought about you yesterday
And days before that too
I think of you in silence
I often speak your name
All I have is memories
And a picture in a frame
Your memory is a keepsake
With which I'll never part
God has you in his keeping
I have you in my heart.
Loved and remembered every day
*From your loving husband Jimmy, daughters
Elizabeth, Alice, Mary and Paula, grandchildren
Julianne, Lesley, Kevin and Darragh and great
grandchildren*

MARY KILDUFF

21st Anniversary – 31st October

Chapel Hill.
In loving memory of our dear Mother.
“Silent thoughts of times together
Hold memories that last forever”.
Remembered by all the family

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
We will continue to cherish his memory
And honour his life
Forever in our thoughts.
Agnes McMahon and family



BERNARD (BENNY) SHANLEY

1st Anniversary – 24th October

Late of Allenswood, Lucan.
Missed in the morning of every day
Missed in the evening as light fades away
Missed in a thousand and one little ways
Around every corner a memory stays
You gave us years of happiness
Then sorrow came with tears
You left us lovely memories,
We will treasure through the years.
*Very sadly missed and loved by his wife Carmel,
children Elaine and Brian, daughter-in-law
Eimear, son-in-law Gerard, grandchildren, Nell,
Hanna, Theo, Ben, and Kate, brothers, brothers-
in-law, sisters-in-law, extended family and friends*
**Anniversary Mass for Benny on Sunday 29th
October at 12 noon in St. Mary's Church,
Lucan.**

PATRICK TRUNK

27th Anniversary – 31st October

A date that is filled with sadness
Returns to us today
To mark the day you left us
In such a sudden way
In thought we see you just the same
In love and pride we speak your name
Sunshine passes and shadows fall
But love and memories outlast them all.
*Sadly missed by your loving wife Máire and
family*



Koins for Kids

have a target of €1,000,000
to raise funds for
equipment in the New
Children's Hospital!

We accept all types of coinage and all types of
notes, old money, new money, old notes, pre
decimal, foreign, anything you no longer have a
use for and that might be lying in a drawer or a
lint filled pocket of an old coat. We can make
good use of it.

**Contributions can be left in St Mary's Parish
Centre, Lucan or the sacristy in St. Mary's
Church.**

Many thanks, Damien Douglas, 0879519222.

Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 18th October, we had a Pink Fun Day for Breast Cancer. The Parish Hall was a sea of pink!



We were overwhelmed by the generous support of the raffle - €720.00 raised.

Thank you to all our members, committee and friends for their generosity to such a worthy cause. Thank you to all the ladies who donated craft items and gifts.



We all enjoyed a wonderful Fun Morning.



Wednesday 1st Nov: Social Morning and Lunch
in the Spa Hotel 10.30 – 2.15 approx.

Reflections (Reprise) Oct 2023

And September stayed and shone
In the long afternoons
It lingered in the mists between
The trees and in still moorings
While September slowly slipped
The seconds away
To golden Autumn gifting its
Harvest of fruit and low sun splinters light....
Ah but deep deep down and barely
Stirring winters silent embrace awaits.

Alleluia that sad redundant leaning pole off
Ardeevin has been removed thanks to the
mediation of our County Councillors and much
“Pestering”!!!

So good to see the Bronze awarded to Lucan
Tidy Towns’ valiant teams who presented Lucan
so beautifully and thanks to Kevin O’Loughlin for
furnishing a fascinating report in the Newsletter.

A quaint stone bridge similar to one at entrance to
Lucan House property (over Griffeen) is to be
seen in Demesne – situated at right of swing gate
path past old container leading to a steel door in a
much “decorated” newer wall.

*(Once a pathway through both properties to
Leixlip)*

This present is our gift, celebrate life and love

Brida L.C.

St Joseph’s Class of 1983 Reunion

Former pupils are planning a reunion
night on **Friday 10th November** in
Kennys. A chance to catch up with old
friends and enjoy sharing memories of
our school days. Finger food and '80s
music 🎵📺

Admission is by ticket only (€20) and is
limited to the Class of '83.

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

For more details please contact Olive
Murphy at Olivemur@gmail.com





Happy Halloween to all our Readers! We hope all have a lovely weekend, and enjoy the big day!
Stay safe, and mind the little furry friends who are very frightened by the fireworks

etc.....

As we go to press, the weather is not looking too great for Oíche Samhna!

This weekend is also the time when the clocks go back an hour – a real sign that winter is just here!
We don't hear much talk anymore about the time not changing – wonder what's happening there!



Great flow of water in Lucan last weekend with all the rain, but thankfully we didn't hear of any damage around Lucan! The Weir, below, was quite a spectacle over 24 hours.....



Congratulations to Lucan woman, **Anne Hayden** who launched her book on Saturday last. **"It's a Wrap – Conversations on Plastic"**. In the book, a highly qualified Anne discusses global plastic consumption, and also includes pieces from guest contributors.



We heard that the book was No.1 on Amazon last weekend! Well done, Anne!

Good Luck to all taking part in **Dublin City Marathon** this Sunday. We'll be looking forward to local reports next week!

Rugby World Cup comes to a close this Saturday. The interest has waned somewhat since Ireland were out, but the final should be exciting!

That Was Then

At secondary school, she grew progressively less interested in history. It was dismissed out of hand as a subject choice for the Leaving Cert; far too much reading and memory work for too little gain. History was the past but real life was about the present. It mattered little that so much of the present is shaped by the past. It is the here and now that really matters. Even with regard to the future, you don't look too far in front; a month perhaps, two at most.

In time the Leaving Cert was duly completed, as was a college course in marketing. After a succession of jobs in business, she landed in a job managing and servicing a portfolio of properties let out to young professionals with high demands in terms of what they expected from their service contract.

A chance encounter with a former college friend, who subsequently found employment in the tourism sector, resulted in the pair making a visit to the *14 Henrietta Street* museum; a work-related reconnaissance for the friend. This museum takes the visitor through the history of the house from its early days as a city home for the gentry to more recent times when it was an exemplar of tenement life. The harsh realities of poverty, deprivation, and overcrowding are graphically presented. Although outside her own lifetime, she was moved by the experience and by the proximity in time of such horrendous conditions.

Afterwards, over a cup of coffee in a nearby café, she declared to her friend that a visit to this museum should be a compulsory prerequisite for any of her client tenants, intent on lodging a complaint about the distance they had to bring their rubbish to the bin, or that the faulty washing machine could take 24 hours to get repaired. In short, the visit to Henrietta Street had provided her with a physical connection between the here and now and a strongly contrasting past.

She subsequently began to explore further connections between present circumstances and the historical past and was quite surprised at the extent of such connections and how real they could be.

J B Foley
Lucan Writers Group





CHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Hockey: The girls' Hockey team were off to a great start this year with thanks to Mr Branagan and Hockey Ireland's Kenny Carroll for his training session last week and the delivery of new sticks to get our Juniors and Seniors going this year. The sticks were put to good use today in a Junior league match!

Wellbeing: Why not try out some recipes from the 101 Square Meals Recipe Book, which you can find under the Physical Health tab on the Padlet!

Check out our Padlet which has a variety of resources which may be helpful for Parents/Guardians. Topics featured include mental health, healthy eating, and online safety. You can find the Padlet on our website by clicking on the Parents/Guardians section and then Wellbeing Resources.

School Choir: *by Ema Zygmantaitė (TY).*

If you enjoy singing, playing any instrument or performing, why not join the school choir? Preparations are currently taking place for the annual Christmas concert. This is a great opportunity to perform in front of a live audience. It's a lot of fun to get in the holiday spirit! In the new year we will start preparations for the Festival of Music. Lucan CC were delighted to be chosen last year to perform in the National Concert Hall. It is so much fun to be a part of, and being up on that stage feels so unreal! The choir is an amazing place to build your confidence, improve your musical skills and to make new friends. It is ongoing and anyone is welcome to join. Just come to J2 at lunch time on a Tuesday!

Christmas Concert: Get ready for a magical musical evening with the Lucan Community College Choir!

The choir has been practicing diligently, and they're all set to make your holiday season special. Here's what you need to know: This is an event you won't want to miss! Join us in celebrating the season with the talented members of the Lucan CC Choir. More information coming soon. See you on December 14th for a musical holiday treat!



Ethos Competition: A huge congratulations to the winners of the Lucan Community College Ethos competition which took place in recent weeks. The winners were as follows:

6th yr class Lir Katie Clarke Carrie
2nd yr class Kavanagh Lucia Packham
1st yr class Grandin Lauren McKenna & Selena Caranfil

All will have their winning drawings published as postcards that teachers will use to post to students who demonstrate our values: excellence in education, care, respect, equality and community.

Comhairle na nÓg: *by Thomas Cockerell (TY)*

On October 11th, student council members Vlad Grosu, Sadhbh Porter and Thomas Cockerell along with Comhairle member Princess Lucy Tientcheu Diepe attended the South Dublin Comhairle's AGM in the Maldron Hotel in Tallaght.

There the participants took part in activities and discussions regarding the problems faced by young people living in South Dublin. Each delegate wrote down three ideas which were then categorised. Delegates then voted on the three categories which they believed to be the most important. These were mental health and access to facilities for young people, transport and RSE in the education system.

Each group (consisting of around ten people) then discussed each problem, any barriers to a solution and what could be done to help to solve the issue. This information was all passed on to South Dublin County Council.

Finally, delegates voted that mental health and access to facilities should be focused on by the Comhairle for the coming year.

As young people it is important to have our voices heard by the government at both a local and national level. Organisations like Comhairle and the students' council give us that opportunity, and we were all very grateful for the opportunity to attend this event.

St. Mary's BNS

Junior Infant Enrolment

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

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

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

English: As part of their revision of their studied drama in English class, our 6th yr students went to The Clasac Theatre in Clontarf on Friday for a Shakespeare in Schools production of *Hamlet*. The students were very impressed with the lead actor especially and they very much enjoyed the 90 min, scaled down version of what is Shakespeare's longest play. They felt that the cast were very good at delivering an accurate retelling of the text and also at establishing key motifs very effectively throughout. The set was minimalist but effective while the clever sound effects were expertly utilised in moments of high tension and drama.

There was also a post-show workshop where the students got the chance to interact with the cast and ask them questions about their characters and the production. Well done to the students who were brave enough to pose interesting and thought-provoking questions to the cast in front of a packed auditorium. The students were also given an in-depth workbook, with information and notes that should prove to be very useful in their upcoming Christmas exams.



Soccer: Our 15 soccer had two Dublin League group matches over the past week. Last Thursday they defeated Coláiste Pobail, Setanta 4-0 with Rayan Manesh, Alex Clare, Mathew Melinn and Aidan Doyle scoring the goals. The team were then defeated 4-1 by Kingswood CC on Tuesday with Rory Major scoring Lucan's only goal. The team played extremely well in the 1st half but were left to rue some profligacy in front of goal as their talented opponents, with 5 League of Ireland players, proved to be more clinical on the day as they took the majority of their chances to earn a deserved win.

The team have one more group match, against local rivals Lucan CC, where a victory should seal a top-two spot in the group and progression to the knock-out stages of the competition.

Football: Congratulations to Lucan Sarsfield's u15 football team who secured the League title at the weekend with a win over St. Oliver Plunkett's. Coláiste Phádraig had five players from 3rd yr involved; Cian Kelly, Henry Greene, Ciaran O' Sullivan, Páidí Murphy and James Duffy, so well done to them especially. Four of these lads, Cian, Henry, Páidí and Ciarán, have now won seven major titles in soccer, football, hurling and basketball between their school and club over the past 18 months, which is a truly remarkable achievement.

Friendship Week: A large number of activities were organised to celebrate Friendship Week in

Coláiste Phádraig which ran from Monday 16th until Friday 20th Oct this year. Our TY students attended workshops on Monday with Jen Tryzciak, from Wayahead Therapy, a Dublin based Mental Health Occupational Therapy service for young people. The theme of the workshops was "The importance of friendship/connection for mental health/wellbeing". Jen has extensive practical experience in the area of mental health training, having spent over 20 years working in the industry, and the feedback from the students was extremely positive. They found Jen to be very relatable, empathetic and knowledgeable. All Junior classes attended an interactive workshop with Mike O' Sullivan from Humourfit. The 1st yr workshop was on the theme of anti-bullying. 2nd yrs had an anti-racism workshop while 3rd yrs did one on anti-substance abuse. Mike's one-man anti-bullying drama showed the 1st yrs the enormous impact of bullying and encouraged them to reflect on their own actions during his powerful and moving performance. Mike performed two short plays for the 2nd yrs, the 2nd of which basically posed the question "If the colour of our skin was different would it matter? His "Message in a bottle" performance was also very well received by 3rd yrs. The planned 5th yr workshop on the theme of Resilience and Friendship had to be rescheduled for another date due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the school's control. Our 6th yrs attended a workshop with Jen Trezciak on the theme of managing health/wellbeing during exams. The 1st yrs attended a Friendship breakfast in the canteen on Thursday morning served by our wonderful canteen staff.



There were a number of competitions for 1st yrs held during the week also. Anish Kodishala from 1Achill won the poetry competition on the theme of friendship with a beautifully crafted poem that

really got to the heart of what being a true friend entails. Brody Francis from 1Tory won the poster competition on the same theme with a fantastic piece of art. His winning entry has been framed and hung on the wall outside the art room for all to admire and appreciate. Both students won 30€ one-for-all vouchers for their winning entries. Well done to Mr. Keane for planning and organising Friendship Week.

St. Joseph's College

Junior cycle results: A massive congratulations from all the staff and fellow students of our Transition Year students who received their Junior Cycle results last Wednesday. The students did brilliantly in their exams and did themselves proud.



Leisureplex: To celebrate the release of the Junior Cycle results last Wednesday, Transition year students spent the morning in Leisureplex, enjoying some bowling and lazer tag. A great morning was had by all teachers and students

Anti-bullying week: This week in the school was anti-bullying week. The week and many activities were organised by the Student Council. Some of the highlights included a wall students could attach positive messages to and on Wednesday all teachers and students wore sunglasses for the day with the antibullying message of "It's cool to be kind". Well done Student Council!

Under 14 and under 16 camogie champions: Well done to the Lucan Sarsfields under 14 A camogie team on winning their Shield competition on Sunday with a great victory over Erin's Isle. Well done to our Joeys girls grace Birch, Aoife McKenna, Ciara Bresnan, Aoife Costello and Ava Mullan.



Also, well done to the Lucan Sarsfields U16 camogie team who won their Shield Final on Sunday against Cuala. Well done to the many

students from St Joseph's College who were playing on the team.

Aquaponics: Third year students were busy this week in science class working on Aquaponics. Aquaponics is the use of the nutrients provided by fish to grow plants in a soil-less environment. Students were adding shrimp, mini frogs, and live feed to their aquarium which already contains, danios, tetras and guppies. The students are using their Aquaponics aquarium to grow strawberry and mint plants.



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Follow Us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan
Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

St. Thomas' JNS

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



Details at

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

Scoil Mhuire GNS Junior Infants 2024



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

Applications can be downloaded from our school website at www.smgnslucan.com
Or you email the school for an application form. 2024@smgnslucan.com

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

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

Lucan Library – November Events



Season of Science – events for children and adults
 Gardening/Wildlife Talk: Bio-Scaping Your Garden with Aoife Munn
 History and Heritage - Ireland's Deadliest Pub Crawl / Frederick Douglass
 South Dublin Comic Fest: How to Illustrate Comic Action Workshop, for ages 8+
 National Accessibility Week
 Quiet Time at the Library
 Events for Younger Children
 CoderDojo Club
 Drop in Chess Session for Children
 TTRS (Touch Type Read Spell) for Children
 Book Clubs and Film Club
 Creative Writers and Knitters Club
 Exhibition – Society for Old Lucan Architectural Exhibition



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.

Halloween Magic Show

Tuesday 31st October, 12.30pm (sharp)
 Enjoy really cool magic tricks and illusions with the great Magician, Carl Campbell! All welcome!



Drop in Chess for Children

Tuesday 31st October 10am - 12noon - all abilities welcome. Chess sets will be left out in the seminar room.



Pokemon Card Swap - Thursday 2nd November, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

DJ/Music Tech Workshop for Teenagers

Thursday 2nd November, 5pm - 7pm
 Drop-in DJ Skills workshop for ages 12-18, presented by NOISE Dublin and funded by Science Foundation Ireland. All welcome.



Season of Science - November is Science Month! STEAM Saturday with Helen –

Acrobatic Dragon Activity, for 6 – 10 years. Saturday 18th November 10am - 12noon. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Saturday 11th November at 10am. **Anyone 4 Science workshops:** Thursday 23rd November -3.30pm: for ages 6-8 years. **Colourful Chemistry:** The children will use their new chromatography skill to investigate the dyes used by food manufacturers. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Thursday 16th November at 3.30pm -4.30pm: for ages 9-12 years. **CSI:** Can you solve the crime using tests frequently carried out by forensic scientists? Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Thursday 16th November at 4.30pm

Workshop for ADULTS: Demystifying Artificial Intelligence (AI) with Spain Hughes

Saturday 25th November, 2.30pm - 4pm
Demystifying Artificial Intelligence
 This fun, easy, hands-on workshop is designed to demystify artificial intelligence. We will focus mainly on Machine Learning, one important component of AI. You will get a chance to play with Machine Learning applications and train models to differentiate between participants. No prior knowledge is necessary. Booking via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Saturday 18th November at 2.30pm.

History and Heritage Events

Ireland's Deadliest Pub Crawl - the Murder of Fr McCartan. A talk by Darren Tully, Society for Old Lucan. Thursday 16th November, 7pm
 Darren will take the audience through the shocking murder of Fr McCartan in Lucan in the 1800s. Booking via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Thursday 2nd November at 7pm

Frederick Douglass, a talk by historian Cecelia Hartsell.

Thursday 23rd November, 7pm
 Historian Cecelia Hartsell will share her expertise on Frederick Douglass's life and philosophy, and the reasons for his empathy with the doomed Irish peasantry of the 1840s. Booking via Eventbrite from Thursday 2nd November at 7pm.

Gardening/Wildlife. Bio-Scaping with Aoife Munn.

Thursday 16th November, 11am. Learn how to shape your garden space to facilitate the movement of birds, bats, bees and butterflies in this interactive talk. Booking via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Thursday 2nd Nov at 11am.

South Dublin Libraries' Comic Fest - Lucan Library event.

Saturday 4th November 2pm
How to Illustrate Comic Action with artist Eva Kelly, for ages 8+. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Saturday 28th October at 2pm

Political Notes

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Griffeen Ave Road Safety:

SDCC will initiate a comprehensive assessment of the pedestrian lights at the Griffeen Avenue crossing. This will include a review of signal timings and visibility. Based on the findings, they will consider installing any necessary road safety measures to enhance pedestrian safety. The roundabouts in the area will also be thoroughly reviewed. If needed, SDCC will explore options such as speed reduction measures and additional road markings, including yellow boxes, to improve traffic flow and safety. As this is a distributor road, full width ramps are not recommended. However, other traffic calming measures can be examined, if required following site and traffic surveys.

Grant Funding:

Congratulations to the 142nd Esker Scout Group who were recently awarded €5,000 for Equipment under the Community Development Fund. Well done to all involved.

Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

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Safer Communities – Lucan:

Last week a Lucan District Policing Meeting was held in Adamstown Community Centre. This was essentially a ‘meet and greet’ and provided a forum for existing neighbourhood watch and residents groups to voice concerns and listen to practical crime prevention measures. For further information feel free to contact me directly.

Adamstown Corner – Station Road:

I have spoken to Council Officials and I have requested that the corner green area at the junction of Adamstown Avenue and Station Road be scheduled for hedge pruning and cut back of the overgrowth.

Climate Action – Community Engagement / Funding:

The new national Community Climate Action Programme in South Dublin have significant grants/ funding available over the next 18 months to community groups in South Dublin to take local climate action.

You can contact me if you any queries or for more specific fund information:

<https://www.sdcc.ie/en/climate-action/community-climate-action-fund/community-climate-action-programme.html>

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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

Citizens Assembly on Drug Use:

Last weekend the Citizens Assembly on Drug Use made over thirty recommendations. The main narrative from the assembly was that the status quo on our current drug laws is not working. One of the main recommendations was regarding drug decriminalisation for personal use. In the view of the assembly, it pointed to a model that doesn't continue to criminalise people who use drugs for their own personal use. This is very welcome. It's now imperative that the government implement the recommendations from the assembly.

Lucan Public Transport. C-Spine Routes:

Our office again this week received several complaints about the C-Spine routes emanating from Lucan at peak times. I'm hoping to formally meet the NTA in the coming weeks regarding this.

Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner. Tel: 0858317982.

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At this week's area committee as part of my Cathaoirleachs Business:

I called on the manager and law agent to present penalties and actionable measures taken with PJ McLoughlin services for the ongoing delays and long awaited build of the Lucan Swimming Pool.

The manager reported the following:

The Council has received a revised contractor programme showing a completion date for December 2023, this is currently being examined by the project managers to confirm its feasibility and it is now our intention to pursue appropriate remedies available under the building contract for any unjustified delays over and above the previously submitted programme. It would not be appropriate to provide any further comment at this time.

Ardeevin Avenue:

I requested the manager to urgently upgrade road repairs and surfacing on Ardeevin Ave. Ardeevin Ave has been inspected.



Political Notes *cont'd...*

Cllr. Paul Gogarty

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Latest Detailed Lucan Update:

I've been getting positive feedback about my video updates (with subtitles for hearing impaired or for travelling on the bus) and my latest 14-minute Lucan report is now online, with supporting written articles. During Covid I had used my website as a resource for useful information for community supports but revamped it last year. If you visit you will see a lot of detailed information on various issues locally, Council consultations and related items. You can search for individual keywords or just go to the “updates” section on your phone or computer and find a list of articles.

Lucan Swimming Pool:

Got further confirmation at this week's Area Committee. There is not a chance it will open this year. Look up “pool” on my website for frequently updated rolling reports, the latest being throughout October.

Caroline Brady - Fine Gael - PC

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Be Winter Ready:

Be prepared, stay safe, and know where to find help should you need it, for a practical guide for preparations to be winter ready please visit this website www.winterready.ie
SDCC Winter Maintenance Plan includes information on the 7 gritting routes, salt barns, and the locations and availability of salt bins within the county. Bins are restocked at the start of every season and thereafter upon request. Information on the plan is available on the council website <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/environment/be-winter-ready/>
Please feel free to contact me on this or any other issue.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Sarsfields Park Development:

Following communications with residents in Sarsfields Park a number of concerns were highlighted with me. I have since requested that the council arrange for a point of contact when the development commences. I can confirm that there will be a leaflet drop in the estate which will include details of contractor including the point of contact.



Litter Bins:

At this week's area committee meeting I tabled a motion requesting that larger bins be placed in areas of high footfall in our parks. Management then agreed to looking at increased cleansing schedules and adding an extra bin to existing ones. Huge thanks to everyone that has messaged me on the issue of litter and overflowed bins. Wishing everyone a safe and spooky Halloween! The very best of luck to everyone taking part in this year's Dublin Marathon you're all winners!

A poster for the Adamstown Community College (ACC) Career Event 2023. The poster features the ACC logo, a photo of the college building, and a circular graphic with the Ashling Group logo and the text 'Approval Number 2321'. The event details are: Date: 21st & 22nd November, Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm, Location: ACC Sports Hall, Station Road, Lucan. A 'Register Now' button is prominently displayed. At the bottom, it says 'To register for the career event email: guidance@adamstowncc.ie'.

Scary times at Lucan Library!



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

Buachaillí F9 - Iomáint

Bhí gach pairc sa chontae dúnta ach ní stopfadh é sin na buachaillí faoi 9! Cluiche iontach Iomáint ar an Astro i mBaile an Phámar inné!



Cailíní F8 - Camogie

Maidin fhuar ach grianmhar dúinn ar maidin agus muid ag imirt camógaíocht in aghaidh Westmanstown GAA. An-imirt ó na cailíní ar fad. Bhíodar chomh dírithe ar na cluichí agus tá na scileanna ag dul chun cinn an t-am ar fad. Na Cailíní Abú Na Gaeil Óga Abú

Buachaillí F11 - Iomáint

Ní raibh aon cluiche curtha ar ceal an deireadh seachtaine seo do na buachaillí faoi 11 agus muid ag imirt i gcoinne Naomh Sailbheastair i 2 chluiche iomáint comórtasá.

Scileanna den scoth ar taispeáint ón dhá fhoireann, go háirithe ó Luke O Toole, Ruairi Fee, Ruairi MacGiollaPhadraig, Dara Canning agus Jack O Leary. Scóranna iontacha tógtha ag Rhys Reilly agus Eoin Keogh freisin.

Iontach John Walsh a fheiceáil ar an bpáirc arís, agus é ag teacht ar ais ó shos 6 seachtaine mar gheall ar é a bheith gortaithe.....agus tacaíocht iontach ó Aaron agus Victor ón bhfoireann faoi 12 freisin.

Míle buíochas go dtí na tuismitheoirí go léir a raibh in ann na foirne a bheith réidh ag 9.00 ar maidin

Club Slántiúil

Ba mhaith linn go léir buíochas mhór a ghabháil



le [@annette_the_coach](#) [@sarahdodd.so](#) agus [@conanglas](#) as ucht an obair iontach go léir a rinneadar le bliain anuas. Tá an club tar éis an bun leibhéal a bhaint amach mar chuid de Healthy Club agus táimid go léir an bhródúil as an obair iontach go léir atá déanta ag gach éinne.



The Vue Bridge Club

We would like to welcome
New Members
9.15 am to 12.15 pm

Every Tuesday
In
Springfield Hotel, Leixlip.

Contact Yvonne
086-8592638



Chess Class for Seniors

Have you always wanted to learn chess but never got round to it? Me too! I am trying to get a beginners chess class up and running aimed at older people, including myself, and I need to ascertain if there is enough interest. It will be more social and fun than competitive - no pressure to compete at the next World Senior Chess Championships. The prospective teacher is a Candidate Chess Master and qualified teacher.



If you feel you meet the age criteria and want to learn chess, text me or phone me at 087 392 0931. Joanna.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Next Tuesday marks Halloween and Frances has submitted some photos on the subject.

The origins of the celebrations go back to Samhain, a Celtic festival which commemorated the end of the harvest season and the blurring of the physical and spirit worlds. Celts believed that the barrier between the physical and spirit worlds was breachable during Samhain. It was expected that ancestors might cross over during this time as well.

Over the ages, the holiday evolved, taking on European myth and American consumerism. In the 9th century Samhain, the Celts' dark supernatural festival was given a Christian context when the Church designated November 1 as All Saints' Day and the first night of Samhain, October 31, became All Hallows Day Evening, the night before the saints were venerated. That name eventually morphed into Halloween.



Donal captured a fantastic rainbow when he was in the grounds of St. Edmundsbury. He was also on the South Bull Wall, one of the longest sea walls in Europe where he took a fine photo of the Poolbeg lighthouse (1820) looking back toward the iconic stacks of the Poolbeg Generating Station. The first piles of the South Wall were driven in 1715 and the construction was completed in 1795.



Paddy was up around Manor Kilbride in Co. Wicklow, one of the most photographed locations in the country.

Until the next time stay safe!