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Sunday 22nd September 2024

Are We Still in our Bubbles!?!

It is without doubt that COVID and the various restrictions have had a lasting effect on our society. For good health reasons we disappeared into support bubbles, cocoons, etc. to reduce the risk of infection and to protect the vulnerable during the epidemic. We got cosy baking nice breads, finger painting, etc until free again to gradually merge in a normalising community again. Many suffered awful loneliness in dreadful isolation. Those with particular needs were left to their own devices, forgotten by most.

The rise in consequent anxiety and inability of some to reintegrate in school and general society is impacting in schools and workplaces and continues. The creativity around flexibility to work remotely has been good and enabled people to live at a distance from work and to merge with family life. There are pros and cons!

There is an increased individualisation in society, continuously growing, where the value of the individual seems to put the greater good of community in the shadow. There is a reduction in the number of people volunteering in all organisation. A sense of self-righteousness presents, for an increased number of people, when interacting with any form of service provision with little consideration for the person providing the service, has increased.

We stood on our doorsteps, during COVID epidemic, and were proud that we clapped our hands for the service providers and then we disappeared back into our houses or to sunny gardens! Those providing services just got on with it without ever witnessing the applause.

The time for clapping is well over now! If we wish that our local organisation, clubs, churches, schools... are what we would wish as services, we need to burst the bubbles now and step out for the good of all. If we wish that good people continue to work in the services that we need so vitally, we need to work with them with a big armful of empathy between us and the individuals with whom we interact!

Our voluntary, paid and statutory services are only as good as the individuals who serve. Those who serve in our shops, schools, offices, hospitals, etc... don't have Teflon coatings! If you have never volunteered for an organisation from which you have not gained direct benefit – there is a space for your talents. A little altruism goes a long way with eventual great, unexpected rewards for the giver and a great sense of belonging in a caring, empathetic environment! However good our local community, each individual has the capacity to make it greater!

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

Positive Ageing Week 2024 from 30 September to 6 October will carry on the theme of Challenging Ageism – Reframing How We Think, Feel and Act towards ageing and older persons. www.positiveageingweek.com

Parent's Leave

What is parent's leave?

If you are a new parent, you are entitled to parent's leave from work during the first 2 years of your child's life. If you adopt, you can take the leave within 2 years of the placement of the child with your family.

From 1 August 2024, parent's leave increased from 7 weeks to 9 weeks for:

Parents of children born or adopted from 1 August 2024

Parents of children who are under the age of 2 on 1 August 2024, or

Adoptive children who have been placed with their parents for less than two years on 1 August 2024

You must take the leave within 2 years of the birth of your child or in the case of adoption, from the date your child is placed with you (the placement date). You must give your employer at

least 6 weeks' notice of your intention to take parent's leave.

If you are granted parent's leave, you can take it as one continuous period, or separate periods of not less than one week at a time.

How much am I paid during parent's leave?

If you have enough PRSI contributions, you could qualify for Parent's Benefit, a weekly payment of €274. Some employers top up this payment, but they don't have to.

Can my employer refuse my application for parent's leave?

Your employer can only refuse parent's leave if you are not entitled to it. However, your employer can postpone your parent's leave for up to 12 weeks, for the following reasons:

Seasonal variations in the volume of work

No replacement to carry out your work

The nature of your duties

The number of other employees also taking parent's leave

More information is available on our website.

What is parental leave?

Parental leave lets parents take unpaid leave from work to spend time looking after their children. You can take up to 26 weeks' parental leave for each eligible child before their 12th birthday or 16th birthday if your child has a disability or long-term illness.

Generally, you must have been working for your employer for a year before you are entitled to parental leave.

Parental leave is different to parent's leave. You may also want to read about other statutory entitlements for parents, such as maternity leave, adoptive leave and paternity leave. Or, see an overview of all the types of leave available to parents.

What happens to my social insurance contributions while on Parental Leave?

You can get credited PRSI contributions while you are taking parental leave. Credited PRSI contributions can protect your social insurance record and your entitlement to benefits in the future.

Your employer must write to the Client Eligibility Services section of Department of Social Protection (DSP), setting out the weeks you have not worked, so that you can get credited PRSI contributions for this time.

More information is available on our website.

Lucan Planning Council

Kishogue:

With almost 10,000 more homes due to be built in Lucan and adjoining areas (8,500 in Clonburris), over the next few years, it makes no planning sense to reduce a vehicle lane on the Grange Castle or Outer Ring Road outside Kishogue railway station. The area where Griffeen Avenue and Griffeen road meet is already heavily congested with traffic and when it is about to be solved the planners create another traffic problem a couple hundred yards up the road, this is before any of these new houses are built or occupied. There is ample parking at this new station. This problem must be addressed before all Lucan becomes a major traffic bottle neck.

Rail link to Dublin Airport:

Lucan Planning Council will be continuing our campaign over the coming months in promoting our rail link to Dublin Airport by door to door to hear your views. We thank everyone who has contributed so far in spreading the plan on social media. The response has been overwhelmingly positive.

Caitríona McClean and Tom Newton

LUCAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS ANNUAL TABLE QUIZ



**Friday 27 September
@ 8:15pm**

**THE BACK BAR
KENNYS OF LUCAN
ALL WELCOME**

Lucan ICA

Monday 23rd September: This morning we will have a talk on First aid from the Lucan Branch of the Red Cross, at 10.30. Crafts will continue afterwards. We request a good attendance of members.

Tea Hostesses: Nuala Corbett and Noreen Doolan.

Thank you all for your generous contribution to our Hospice Coffee Morning last Monday.

We give a big warm welcome back to Sally Darlington. We hope she enjoys our activities, especially the crafts.



Lucan Girl Guides

Are you aged between 10 – 14 years?

Lucan Girl Guides meet every Wednesday evening in the Village, offering an exciting programme of fun activities, friendship and life skills.

If this sounds like something that would interest you, contact: lucanguides@gmail.com for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: There is No Charge for Community Notices!



Minder & Toddler Group

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

All Welcome!

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon, 7pm

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

St. Vincent de Paul Church Collection at all masses **THIS Saturday/ Sunday 21st/22nd September**. Many thanks for your generosity.



St. Mary's Readers' Roster October 2024

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of October 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.



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

All welcome. Sr Geraldine.

Lectio Divina: Lectio Divina meet every Monday evening (except Bank Holidays) at 7.30pm in the Bungalow to reflect for an hour on the following Sunday's gospel. *All are welcome.*

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact Sr. Geraldine through the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041)

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

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

Baptisms in St. Mary's: Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony.

The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date.

Dates are bookable on line.

Email: secretary@lucanparish.com

Recent Deaths

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Vincent Nolan**, Ballydowd Grove, and to wife, family and friends of **Kevin Brennan**, Esker Park.

May they rest in peace.



NAGARHOPE Annual Church-gate

Collection takes place at all **Masses at St.**

Mary's and St. Patrick's, next Saturday/ Sunday 28th/29th September. NAGARHOPE is a charity founded by Lucan man Fachtna "Doc" Clandillon and educates children in Nagarhope Basic School in Nepal. The school has gone from strength to strength, read an update on page 9. Your generosity will further this great work.

Many thanks.

Niamh Clandillon

Parish Cells National Seminar

Parish Cells National Seminar will be hosted in **Our Lady's Parish Centre, Leixlip** on **27th and 28th September**.

Keynote speaker will be Bishop Paul Dempsey who will also celebrate the 6pm Mass on Saturday.

This seminar is open to all and is a good way to find out about Parish Cells and their impact on individuals and parishes.

To book a place please contact Noel Thompson +353 87 7573843.

Email: nt91637@gmail.com

Further information on the seminar log on to www.parishcellsireland.ie

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Mass Times:

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

At all Masses **THIS Sunday, 22nd September**. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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

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

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

Tea/Coffee:

Every Wednesday 10:30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome*



Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

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

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on www.lucansouthparish.net

Calling all Singers!

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

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

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

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

The Family choir is back already.

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

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje:

Every Thursday.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass.

After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. *All welcome*

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

Legion of Mary:

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

Bingo: Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome to play for big prizes.

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

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

Anniversaries

Paul (Maxi) Mc Morrow

2nd Anniversary (22nd September)

Our thoughts are ever with you
Though you have passed away
And those who have loved you dearly
Are thinking of you today and every day.
Sadly, missed and loved by your Mam, sisters and brothers xxx

Patrick 'Pat' Sheridan

In memory of my Beloved Husband Patrick 'Pat' Sheridan who's 5th Anniversary occurs on the 24/09/24.

Of all Gods gifts in life
However big or small,
To have you as my Husband
Was the greatest gift of all
Love Loves, Love Lasts,
Love is forever,
It comes from Heaven.
May your gentle soul rest in peace.
Always loved and remembered by your loving wife Anne, children, Louise, Brian, Hilary, Mark and Patrick, daughter-in-law Sile, son-in-law Billy and grandchildren.



Patrick 'Pat' Sheridan

5th Anniversary

In loving memory of our brother Pat, who left us too soon.
We hold you in our hearts forever.
Love from your sisters, Marie, Nuala Ann and Jean

Poem of Life

Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
To sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things,
But never meant to stay....
Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord.
Author - unknown.



LUCAN FESTIVAL

The winners of our world renowned Duck Race after a tremendous tussle between 400 ducks are as follows:

The owner of the duck first over the little weir was Alanna Moffet, Brookvale, who has collected €100.

The duck next over won his owner Joe Grimes, Airlie Heights €75.

Finally the third ducks owner Isobelle Morris, Woodberry, Finnstown won €50.



The Festival Committee were delighted at the massive response to the week's activities.

We would like to express our thanks to the many volunteers that helped the committee and in particular those from The Rectory that helped on the Friday nights Fireworks.

We look forward to next year.
Joe Byrne, Chairman



Older people need your support!

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people.

ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

"Autumn seemed to arrive early that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple."

Lucan Lions Club

Lucan Lions Club held its first meeting of the 2024/2025 term in the Spa Hotel on 10 September.



The incoming President Gerry Ennis outlined a comprehensive plan for a wide range of activities/projects for the next 12 months. The more immediate events include a Table Quiz to be held in Lucan Sarsfields on 11 October 2024 (Teams of 4 for €40) and the Lions Club Peace Poster Competition which will be promoted in local schools during the months of October and November.

At the meeting, long-serving Lucan Lions Club member Tom Kelleher was presented with the Lions International Melvyn Jones Award. This is in recognition of the outstanding service by Tom since he became a member in 1997 and his overall contribution to Club activities and the community. He was praised for his dedication to humanitarian service to the highest degree and it was acknowledged that he was the ideal example of the Lions ethos "We Serve". On the night Tom was accompanied by his wife Ita and sons John and Colin (*pictured*).



The Club also presented a cheque for €3,531 to UNICEF arising from the proceeds of the Luke the Lion box, over the summer months, which is located in SuperValu Lucan. President Gerry acknowledged that, at present, there is no safe place for children as the humanitarian crisis deepens. Lucan Lions Club are supporting UNICEF as they continue to focus on the critical needs of the children including protection and humanitarian assistance. Further collections for Gaza will continue in SuperValu until the Club switches its focus to the Christmas Food Appeal.

Mattie McCabe PRO



Ag bailiú sméara dubha!

Spotted some people doing just that around Lucan last week – collecting blackberries!

Us elder lemons will recall it being the title of an Irish essay, on returning to school



after the long hot summers..... Every September, the berries were collected for jam making, ensuring a supply of the spread over Winter. It's an activity that seems to have vanished over the past few years, but maybe, just maybe it's on the way back!



Harvest Moon! Tuesday night last gave us a magical harvest moon, prior to the very foggy Wednesday morning, which opened up to a beautiful sunny day again!



Winter must really be coming! Spotted notices for the latest Flu and Covid 19 Vaccines, which will be available very shortly.



Art Classes for Adults

8 week course with Siobhan
Beginning Wednesday 2nd October
1pm - 3pm

Contact the library to collect your registration form
and book your place

Please note that materials are not provided, but are inexpensive. Siobhan will advise what is needed at the first class

Irish Conversation!

Wednesdays 10.30am – 11.30am.

Starting back Wednesday 18th

September 2024, in Room 4,
St. Mary's Parish Centre.

Tea and coffee for like-minded people who want to engage in conversation as Gaeilge.



All are welcome to join in for the cupán tae and cúpla focail.

A Nagarhope Update

Not much to report in the 16 months since I arrived home to Ireland.

Nagarhope Basic School continues with great success and has a staff of 15 full-time and part time teachers catering to the needs of 120 pre and primary school students in Sathikurya. The school is in its eleventh full year of running since opening its doors many moons ago to just twenty children. The numbers have dropped slightly as other private schools an hour's drive away have introduced school buses that collect kids right on the school's doorstep.

So with the help of the school's management committee and staff our own small minibus was sourced and started running last week. About 25 kids in total avail of this service which is subsidised by Nagarhope Ireland. Otherwise some of the kids, some as young as 3 or 4 years old would have to walk up to an hour each way to school.



Keep your eyes out in the local churches for Nagarhope's annual Church gate Collection taking place the weekend of 29th and 30th September.

Many thanks to all our supporters and donors, for your continued support, without which none of the work over the years could have happened.

Mise le meas

Fachtna Doc Clandillon

People's Art & Craft Fair

Lucan

in

Canon Despard Centre
Chapel Hill, Lucan

Sunday 27th Oct

Monday 28th Oct

11am - 5pm



Please come along.

Support local Artists and Crafters.

Enjoy a Cuppa and maybe win a Prize!

Everyone is welcome!

In aid of Alice Leahy Trust

(Supporting Homelessness)

Fees for both days for

Artists 6ft Stand €60,

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

Visit of the Relics of St Kilian to Maynooth

Register here:



Open to the
Public.
All Welcome,
especially any
Kilians or
Cillians!

This October, for the first time, the sacred relics of 7th century Irish martyr, Saint Kilian, will return to his home country from Würzburg in Germany along with those of his martyred colleagues, Saints Totnan and Kolonat. The relics stop off at Maynooth en route to Mullagh in Co.Cavan.

6.00pm Procession from College Gates to the
College Chapel
6.30pm Vespers and veneration



WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2024



CHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Well done to our TY MOS students who participated in very interesting STEM workshops on Friday the 13th of September at Microsoft.



Well done the TY Student Mark Greenwood who has been chosen by Golf Ireland for the U17 Midlands East performance development programme for 2025. Mark is also the incoming Junior Vice Captain for 2025. Congratulations Mark.

St. Vincent's Castleknock College OPEN EVENING Tuesday 24th September

The College invites Sixth Class boys and their parents to our Open Evening. There are two sessions on the night which last for one hour each.



This is a ticketed only event and you must reserve your tickets in advance for your chosen time. Each ticket covers entry for one Sixth Class boy and up to two of his parents.

Link to reserve tickets for 18.30 to 19.30 session

<https://www.tickettailor.com/event/s/vincentcastleknockcollege/1384368>

Link to reserve tickets for 20.00 to 21.00 session

<https://www.tickettailor.com/event/s/vincentcastleknockcollege/1384388>

Please note, if attending the 20.00 to 21.00 session, do not arrive before 19.45, to allow earlier attendees to leave the campus.

Full information on our website.

Big thanks to Lorraine and Diana for facilitating activities & Ms. McCarthy, Mr. E Doyle and Mr. McGowan for organising

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Enrolment: A reminder that application forms for admission to 1st yr in September 2025 will be available from the school office from **Monday 30th September**. Completed application forms must be returned to the school office by **Friday 25th October**.



Soccer: 1st yr soccer trials have been taking place over the past few weeks with 54 enthusiastic 1st yr students turning up over the two weekly sessions, all eager to impress the coaches. The trails will finish up next week, at which time 22 players will be selected for the 1st yr panel.



Trials for our **u15 team** have been taking place over the past few weeks, with large numbers also in attendance.

30 **Transition Year** students turned up last Thursday after school, all eager to impress the TY mentors, Mr. Mylod and Mr. Smith, and secure a coveted spot on the TY soccer team for the upcoming campaign.

Our **senior soccer team** will play the winners of Gorey CS/Patrician College Newbridge in the 1st rnd proper of the Leinster Senior Cup.

Basketball: Our u19s and u16 basketball teams played their opening games of their Eastern League “A” campaign on Monday.

Our **seniors** literally could have faced tougher opposition in Coláiste Éanna, who earlier in the year made history by landing their third successive u19A All-Ireland Schools League trophy. In a high standard game, Templeogue emerged victorious on a score-line of 66-48. Our team have 3 remaining group matches, with their next game away to old rivals Adamstown CS. They will finish with home games against Le Chéile SS and Coláiste Pobail, Setanta. 2nd place in the group is now the target.

Our **16 team** were beaten 56-40 by Coláiste Éanna in their opening game. Lewis Ajinakou impressed with 28 points for Lucan, who played very well against last season’s All Ireland Cup winners.

Hurling: Our Junior Hurlers began their Post-Primary Schools Leinster Hurling “B” League campaign on Tuesday with an impressive 3-17 to 0-12 victory over St. Aidan’s CBS Whitehall. Jack McCarthy had a superb game in the full-forward line as he tormented the Aidan’s backline throughout with his power, pace, intelligence and movement. Jack scored an impressive 1-08 in an influential display full of energy, skill and precision finishing.

Derry Ware was also outstanding in midfield as he scored 0-5 from a deep lying midfield role and he bossed the game throughout with his speed off the mark, fitness levels and sheer upper-body strength.

Paidí Murphy also impressed in the full-forward line as he scored 2-02 with Conor Martin also knocking over some well-taken points.

Religion: The traditional first-year student multi-denominational Celebration of Faith ceremony was a heartfelt event held at St. Mary’s Church on Monday 16th Sept. It was organised by the Religion Department to welcome and bless our five new first-year classes. Father Ubaldo presided over the ceremony, which featured the symbolic lighting of five candles, each representing one of the first-year classes.

Well done to the brave 1st yr students who volunteered to do the readings, prayers of the faithful, presentation of gifts and the lighting of candles at the ceremony. They all did a great job! As always, we thank Father Ubaldo for his support and guidance throughout.

St. Joseph's College

Sixth year Art Trip: Sixth year Art students visited the National Gallery of Ireland where they were given a guided tour of the 'Women Impressionists' exhibition. Inspired by the work of these great painters, sixth years experimented by painting 'en plein air' in St. Stephens Green.



Joey's Splashers fundraiser: On Saturday Joey's Splashers headed off to Lough Rynn for the Dragon Boat Regatta. There were quite challenging conditions out on the lake with strong winds and a few showers of rain, but the students did brilliantly and brought 20 Bronze medals home. Many thanks to Ms. Bligh and Ms. Dunne for coming along & helping out on the day also. The funds are still coming in for the fundraiser for Breast Cancer Ireland and are now at €1,068.08. The Plurabelle Paddlers (Breast Cancer survivors) had two teams involved yesterday and were delighted to hear of the fundraiser and 'Joey's Splashers' still going strong, despite being novices on the day.



Debs Ball: Last Thursday our sixth year class of 2024 had their debs ball in Dunboyne Castle Hotel. The night was a fantastic success with the students all looking fantastic on a night they had been looking forward to for months. We hope they all had a brilliant night and we wish them all the very best in their future endeavours as they make their next steps in life after St. Joseph's. A massive thank you to Ms Jones and Ms Hanlon for all their hard work in organising the night.



Photogrammetry: On Monday, TY photogrammetry class spent the morning in the Sun in the local church of the Blessed Virgin. The students were learning about the history of the church from a local guide. Photogrammetry is the science and technology of obtaining reliable information about physical objects and the environment through the process of recording, measuring and interpreting photographic images.

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Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105

or 085 867 1245



Golden Hour Club: Our Golden Hour (over 55s) Club will resume at the start of October. If you're interested in participating, please ring the centre and let one of the team know.

Mother and Toddler Group: Stay tuned for details of our Mother and Toddler Group coming soon!

Lucan Records Fair: We look forward to welcoming the Lucan Records Fair to the Centre this Sunday 22 September from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

What's on in the Centre: This is a flavour of what's taking place in the Centre this week. Please call or email the team in the Centre if you'd like to know more.

Monday

0945-1030 Yoga

1030 – 1215 Baby Massage

1630 – 1730 Irish Dancing

Tuesday

1530 – 1630 Lego BRICKS Club

1830 – 1930 Yoga

Wednesday

1500 – 1600 Children's Art Class

1730 – 1830 Irish Dancing

1930 – 2030 Yoga

Thursday

1600-1730 Junior Einstein Science Club

1800 – 1900 Adult Art Class

Friday

0945 – 1200 Yoga

Sunday

1030 – 1630 Lucan Records Fair


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.


BECOME SUICIDE ALERT!

 **safeTALK**
suicide alertness for everyone

SafeTALK
Location: Adamstown Youth & Community Centre, Lucan.
Date: Monday 30th September 2024
Time: 9.30am – 1pm

Four basic steps
Learn four basic steps to recognise when people have thoughts of suicide and to connect them to suicide first aid resources.
Suicide Alertness for Everyone SafeTALK 'suicide alertness for everyone' prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources.
This training is suitable for anyone over the age of 18
Training is free of charge


Booking is essential.
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Learn four basic steps to recognise when people have thoughts of suicide and to connect them to suicide first aid resources

or visit www.nosp.ie/training or email: admin@breakingthrough.org

Suicide Alertness for Everyone



A half-day suicide prevention programme, this training is FREE to attend and funded by the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 25th September:

Social Morning and lunch in the Spa Hotel

10.30am – 2.15pm



Celbridge Mill Community Centre

The Mill, Main Street Celbridge

www.celbridgemillcommunitycentre.ie

E: celbridgemillcommunitycentre@gmail.com

Phone 01 6288556

Christmas Fair at The Mill – Sunday 24th

November: Crafts and Festive decorations required and outdoor food vendors (€40.) Stands €40. Supported by KCC / LPT.

Contact the centre for details



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €8,200

The Numbers were **3, 4, 14, 22**

The lucky dip prizes go to Cormac Gordon, Catherine Sheehan, Audrey Ashe, Don Crowley, Taylor Jack & Rylee Parker

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €8,600. The draw is sponsored by Diamond & Gem Jewellers.



Ladies Football

Hard luck to the intermediate ladies' footballers in their defeat to Parnell's in their semi-final.

Camogie

Well done to the senior camogie team in their win over Kilmacud Crokes in their last group game of championship over the weekend. The team now advance to the semi-finals, away to St Vincents on Sunday the 29th of September at 10:20am. All support welcome.

Hurling (Weekend 7th Sept)

The minor championships commenced this weekend, and we had three teams in action. Our Minor A's beat Commercials in a very entertaining encounter in AGP (see report below). The Minor Bs had a good win away to Bohernabreena St Columba's, but the Minor Cs lost out away to Trinity Gaels. Overall playing numbers are tight to field three teams and this was compounded by a host of injuries at present, so thanks to the U16 players and mentors for their flexibility and support in enabling all three teams to field. Next weekend is the final round of the



Group stage of the adult championships and we will have 5 teams in action, with the Intermediate and Junior C's seeking to secure quarter-final places, along with the Seniors, Junior A's and Junior B's who

have already confirmed their progression.

Hurling (Weekend 14th Sept)

The final rounds of the Group stage of the adult hurling championships were played this weekend. Our five teams were in action, and we recorded

three wins, a draw and a loss. Four of our team's progress to the quarterfinals, with only the Intermediates failing to make it through, despite a good win over St Marks in their final game. Our Seniors recorded a dramatic one-point win over last year's champions, Na Fianna, while there was also a good win for the Junior Bs against St Annes. The Junior As lost away to Clan Na Gael while the Junior Cs secured their progression with a hard-fought draw against Garda Westmanstown Gaels. The quarterfinals will take place on weekend of Sept 28th/29th. Meanwhile the minors will take centre stage again next weekend.

Social

The Cúpla Focal club is back on Mondays. These classes are free of charge and will run every 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

25 Card Draw

Date: Friday 11th October 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 play.

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



Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club



One of the locals! (St. Mary's Camera Soiree)



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 F8 - Peil

D'imir na buachaillí F8 óna gcoirí amach inniu i gcoinne Roibeard Éiméid CLG. Tá an grúpa seo ag dul ó neart go neart. Cluiche an-sportúil a bhí ann. "Mol an óige agus Tíocfaidh siad"



Buachaillí F9 - Peil

Maidin iontach peile i gCábán tSíle dár mbuachaillí F9. Ráta oibre iontach ar an bPáirc ó gach buachaill. Obair foirne an-mhaith, pasáil láimhe agus sárscóirí thar an trasnán. Maith sibh a bhuaicillí

Cailíní - Camogie

Bhí maidin den scoth againn amuigh i Naomh Uinseon CLG.. Bhíomar fliuch, fuar agus tuirseach agus é chomh luath ar maidin, ach leanamar ar aghaidh go cróga agus láidir..Bhí go leor troid le feiceáil sna cailíní agus iad ag gluaiseacht ar aghaidh le spiorad foirne iontach. Ar aghaidh linn le chéile a chailíní



Buachaillí F12 - Peil

Bhí gaoth láidir i gcluiche an lae inniu idir BF12 NGÓ agus Craobh Chiaráin.

Tosaigh na buachaillí go mall, ag imirt leis an ngaoth, agus ag baint úsáide as a gcuid pasanna fada.

Tháinig leath ama go tapa agus leath scórála íseal...NGÓ chun tosaigh 0-5 in aghaidh 1-1. Tosaigh an dara leath agus Craobh Chiaráin anois ag imirt leis an ngaoth....bhí ar na buachaillí a bplean cluiche a athrú ó chiceanna fada go pasanna gearra. D'éirigh leis seo, le sraith scóranna den scoth, ag críochnú an chluiche le scór NGÓ 2-11 in aghaidh Craobh Chiaráin 1-4. Feidhmíocht foirne den scoth

Buachaillí F10 - Peil

Dáibhís ar maidin ag imirt i mbliots peile.. Bhí an ghrian ag taitneamh ach bhí gaoth láidir ag séideadh!

D'imir na buachaill go cróga is go cruinn agus táimid thar a bheith bródúil astu!



Buachaillí F13 - Iomáint

Cluiche mór a bhí ag na BF13 in aghaidh Naomh Jude B i bPáirc Naomh Cairtróna inniu.

Bhí an cluiche idir dhá cheann na meá ar feadh i bhfad ach sa deireadh, tháinig an bua do Na Gaeil Óga, 2-10 go 5-0. Go raibh maith agat Rhys ó na BF12 as cabhrú.



POLITICAL NOTES

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

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Reminder - Submissions for proposed safety works at the Dodsboro/Kew Park merge to the N4 and the N4 Junction 4 footpath-cycleway consultations close on 3rd October. Visit consult.sdublincoco.ie to submit your observations.

Repairs to the Lucan Demesne wall (opposite Maxol) and the Lucan Village Enhancements Programme are scheduled to begin this month.

Griffeen – faults on poles 7, 8, and 9 at Griffeen Glen Dene were reported to the contractor.

Lucan Road – repainting of the yellow box at the Esker Lane North/Lucan Road junction referred to the Area Roads Engineer for investigation and report.

Cllr Vicki Casserly - Fine Gael

P.C. Tel: 0858317982. Twitter: @vickicasserly

www.cllrvickicasserly.com

The Senior Alerts Scheme provides grants for personal emergency alarms for people aged 65 or older and of limited means. It seeks to support them in living securely in their homes with confidence, independence and peace of mind. To qualify, the person must be over 65 and one of the following:

have limited means or resources

living alone

living alone for significant periods of time during the day

living with someone who is also eligible

caring for someone else in your household

living in an area covered by the registered group

administering the grant support

will benefit from the equipment

willing to maintain contact with the registered

group

For further information on SAS organisations, please see the following link.

<https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/seniors-alert-scheme-sas/> or feel free to get in touch and I can assist further.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Lucan Village Enhancements: Repairs to the boundary wall surrounding Lucan House are set to begin in the coming weeks, with completion expected within four months. Additionally, a

series of improvement projects in Lucan Village will commence soon, including a new car park at the entrance at Lucan Demesne, and enhancements to both the village green and promenade.

Recycle Event Success: It was great to chat to local residents at our free Electrical Recycling event last Monday 16th at Griffeen Valley Carpark. A special thanks to RecycleIT and the continued support from South Dublin County Council. If you would like an electrical recycling event near you, just email me at emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie or phone 01 618 3013 and I will do my best to arrange.

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

Phone: 085 7211574. Email: gino.kenny@oir.ie

Glen of the Imaal Accident 1979. Calling for a Public Apology: During the week, the Journal

online news outlet published a very detailed account of the accident that happened at the Glen of Imaal in 1979 which involved young children from Lucan. That day three young children were never to return. It's clear from the article that information that had previously happened prior to the accident was never highlighted to any subsequent investigation. Following the article, I intend to put a question to the Tanaiste in the Dail that a formal apology be issued to all who those that were greatly affected by what happened on that day. Below is a link to the article, 'We were in a minefield': Declassified papers reveal truth behind 1979 Army range blast that killed 3 boys (thejournal.ie)

Cllr Paul Gogarty P.C. - Independent

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

Lucan Pool: As of now, pool completion is still scheduled for end November with Aura Leisure then due to set-up for opening two months later.

We have heard such holding replies before, so am still not ruling out further delays. Will keep asking for updates at every opportunity.

Works at Newcastle Road junction and at Old Cornmill Road Slip: Look up the SDCC

consultation portal and you will see plans to make these areas safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

However, disappointingly, the Council/NTA has refused to tackle the glaring safety issue where the slip road turn towards the Spa remains too sharp and drivers need to "rubberneck". Please let your views be known online by October 2nd.

Wall breach opposite Maxol: Work due to commence on main part of wall shortly. More details on my website.

Lucan Planning Council (LPC) Liffey Valley Park Alliance (LVPA)

L.P.C. and L.V.P. wish to thank Lucan Credit Union for its generous support which enabled us to bring the WILD Birds Stall to Lucan Village Green on Festival Sunday, September 8th. The birds have been a popular attraction at most of the recent festivals, especially with children.

There was huge interest and support for our current projects; L.V.P.A. – protecting the Liffey Valley from inappropriate building developments and greater access to the river for the public. Also L.P.C. Tom Newton's Traffic Plan for local and Dublin City.

We would also congratulate the Festival Committee for organising another outstanding festival and how everything went so smoothly on the Sunday.

Joe Byrne, Chairman LPC

Irene Nugent, Secretary LVPA.

POLITICAL NOTES *cont'd.*

Cllr Trevor Gilligan PC

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<https://trevorgilligan.com/alarm.html>



**Urgently require donations of
Clothes, Household, Shoes,
Bric-a-Brac etc.**

The shop is located at:

5/6, The Village Centre, Lucan
*Open: 10am to 5.30pm,
Monday to Saturday*

ADVERTISING RATES

- Line ads of **15 words or less** cost €2.00
- Line ads containing **more than 15 words** cost .20 cent for every word in the **entire ad.**
- **Block/Display adverts 6cm wide x 4cm high, cost €10 for one insert.**
- **No Business Ad.** will be carried for two consecutive weeks, with only ONE AD. per person or business
- **Lost & Found ads.** – No Charge
- **WEDNESDAY 10pm is the DEADLINE**

Ads should be **placed in an envelope** containing the **correct payment** and dropped to any of the following addresses before deadline:

**St. Mary's Parish Centre, Church
Grounds, Lucan
Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.**

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QUIZ NIGHT
RAFFLE PRIZES
DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?
TEAMS €40 TABLE OF 4
Entry on the night!
FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER
8pm | Lucan Sarsfields
Contact Mattie 087 9006999 or Will 086 8047839

St. Mary's Camera Soirée



This week Anna sent in a photograph of the fruit of the Cornus Kousa tree. According to Wikipedia the fruit is edible, with a sweet and creamy flavour, and that the fruit is sometimes used for making wine. I think I would give it a miss! She was also in the vicinity of the Poolbeg Generating Station checking on the progress on repainting the upper parts of the iconic “Poolbeg stacks”. This work will pause for the winter and is expected to be completed by the summer of 2025.



Paddy found evidence of the approach in Halloween in the Phoenix Park and Joe was in Sandycove taking in the Joyce Tower.



Michael G was in Portlaw, Co. Waterford recently and was surprised to learn that the ancestral home of the 9th Marquis of Waterford is nearby. The family of the Marquis have lived in “Currachmore House” for around 800 years. The title “Marquis of Waterford” was created in 1789. Michael G submitted a photo of the exterior of the “Shell House” which is in the grounds, built around 1750 and whose interior walls are encrusted with sea shells.

In the mid-18th century, Rococo-style shell grottoes, with swirling patterns, were a must-have addition to any estate worth its salt. He also discovered that Netflix was filming part of the second series of “Wednesday”, that service’s most popular English language series at Currachmore. The series is set in the 1930s and he came across some beautiful vintage cars parked in the grounds.



Stay safe until next week!