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Sunday 24th September 2023

Let us reflect on how our own harvest.....

When I was growing up in Navan Road parish, there were four full time priests who were kept busy with all kinds of different parish work and sacramental duties. I think we can safely say that these times are very unlikely to return in the foreseeable future. Parish Partnerships are the new reality as we try to collaborate in order to share the gospel message more effectively.

You may think that you need to be a bishop or a priest to make a difference to the church. But history shows us that this is not always the case. Of the three great patron saints of Europe, who renewed the church at different times of crisis, St Benedict, St Francis of Assisi and St Catherine of Siena, none of them were ordained as bishops or priests. St Benedict was a monk, St Francis of Assisi was a Deacon and St Catherine of Siena was a layperson and a member of the third order of the Dominicans.

Faith can often be found in unexpected places and amongst people who might surprise us. In the Gospel reading, Jesus was astonished at the faith of the Roman centurion who had asked for healing for his servant. We are told that Jesus was amazed by his faith and said, “*Not even in Israel have I found faith like this.*” We too can be amazed by the faith of others especially when we come across it out of the blue and where it might be least expected.

Pope Francis has said that it is in the peripheries that we encounter Jesus. We will never encounter Jesus if we live isolated in our own security and comfort. The more we reach out to other people in need, the more we realise that Jesus is there.



As we enjoy the beautiful, vibrant colours of the Autumn leaves, let us reflect on how our own harvest of faith can be more fruitful as we share our gifts and talents with our parish community and especially with those who are most in need.

Deacon Gerard Reilly

Gerard is a Permanent Deacon of the Diocese working in the 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

PRSI - Pay Related Social Insurance

There are 11 different social insurance classes in Ireland. They are as follows:

Class A applies to people in industrial, commercial and service type employment who are employed under a contract of service with a reckonable pay of €38 or more per week from employment. It also includes civil and public servants recruited from 6 April 1995. In fact, most employees in Ireland pay PRSI Class A. People on CE schemes pay a special contribution at Class A8/A9.

Class J applies to people earning less than €38 per week. However, people aged over 66 or people in subsidiary employment are always insurable at Class J, no matter how much they earn. Subsidiary employment for Class J is for example, people who are insurable at Class B, C, D or H in their main employment. Only Occupational Injuries Benefit is covered by Class J social insurance.

Class E applies to ministers of religion employed by the Church of Ireland Representative Body. It covers all social insurance payments except Jobseeker's Benefit and Occupational Injuries Benefit.

Class B applies to civil servants and Gardaí recruited before 6 April 1995, and registered

doctors and dentists employed in the Civil Service. It covers only a limited number of social insurance payments.

Class C applies to commissioned Army Officers and members of the Army Nursing service recruited before 6 April 1995. It covers only a limited number of social insurance benefits.

Class D applies to permanent and pensionable employees in the public service other than those mentioned in Classes B and C recruited before 6 April 1995. It covers only a limited number of social insurance payments.

Class H applies to NCOs and enlisted personnel of the Defence Forces. It covers all social insurance payments except Occupational Injuries Benefit.

Class K applies to public office holders with an income of over €5,200 a year. Public office holders with weekly income of €100 or less are recorded under Class M. Class K also applies to people who pay PRSI on unearned income. There are no social insurance payments for people insured under Class K.

Class M applies to employees with no liability to contribute to social insurance such as employees under 16 years of age and people with an income of €500 or less and insured in Class K. Class M covers certain contributors with Occupational Injuries Benefit.

Class S applies to self-employed people including certain company directors, people in business on their own account and people with income from investments and rents. It covers a limited number of social insurance payments.

Class P applies to sharefishermen or sharefisherwomen who are classified as self-employed and who are already paying PRSI under Class S. It covers them for limited Jobseeker's Benefit, limited Illness Benefit and Treatment Benefit.

If there is a problem in deciding what class of social insurance you should pay, the Scope Section in the DSP *may decide the issue after examining your employment situation.

More information is available on our website.

*Scope Section

Department of Social Protection, Gandon House, Amiens Street, Dublin 1, D01 A361

Opening Hours: 9am-5pm

Tel: (01) 673 2585

Email: scope@welfare.ie

Lucan ICA

Some members went to An Grianan for the weekend where we were spoiled with lovely food, entertainment, line dancing and a table quiz.

Our ladies did Woodland's embroidery and jewellery, making a necklace.



Thank You

I want to thank the gentleman with the dog, who delivered my packet found on the footpath in Ardeevin. It had fallen from a Delivery Van



*Thank you,
Frances*



FOUND

Watch found in Lucan Village.
Phone 086 379 5286.

Lucan Concert Band

at Castletown House, Celbridge

Sunday, 24 September at 2pm

Join us in the Stable Wing,
Sunday 24 September at 2pm for
an afternoon of music
with the Lucan Concert
Band.



While we were there a certain lady celebrated a significant birthday. 🎂

We started back last Monday with nearly all members, holidays still happening and get well to anyone unwell at the moment.

Tea rota for next week are Mary Duffy and Mary Skelly.

Miriam is collecting for Our Lady's Hospice in Harolds Cross, it is one of our charities we contribute to annually.

There is a Structure meeting in the Teachers club on Saturday 30th September at 2pm. All members are invited to attend. Federation Presidents have been requested to facilitate an information meeting on the restructuring of ICA.

Pauline

Esker Active Retirement Association

We had a large crowd in attendance at our Wednesday gathering this week.

We were delighted to welcome back again Camel, our Chaerobics instructor. Some members took part in Scrabble and Cards. It was great for all members to catch up after the summer break.

Looking forward to many more activities during the coming year.

All retired or semi-retired are welcome to our club. We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Hall on each Wednesday 1.30pm to 4.00pm.

*Treasa, Club Secretary
087-2372116*

Griffeen Art Group

returns

Tuesday, 26th September

at **7.30**

in the **Town Hall, Lucan**

Eircode K78 R2Y7

(*opp. the Methodist Church*)

New Members welcome.

Noel Molloy 087 2512775



Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 27th September:

Social Morning in St.

Mary's Parish Centre, from
10.30am to 12.30pm.

New members are always
welcome.



Parish Notes



St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Back Car Park

Entrance to the back carpark has reopened for weekend Masses only.



Christian Meditation:

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

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.

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.*

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.

Legion of Mary:

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

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 parish church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral). *Divine Mercy Lucan devotion St Mary's Parish Lucan.*

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.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

For assistance, phone: 01 8550022
or email: info@svp.ie

NAGARHOPE will hold its annual Churchgate collection at all Masses

THIS Saturday/ Sunday 23rd /24th September.

Nagarhope is the charity set up by Lucanian Fachtna "Doc" Clandillon in 2008, helping to educate children in Nepal. Without Nagarhope, many of these kids would not receive an education. Your support over the years has built NAGARHOPE BASIC SCHOOL in a rural area and educated hundreds of children. Many thanks to you all.

Minder & Toddler Group

The group meet every

Thursdays from 10am to 12noon
in St. Mary's Parish Centre

All Welcome



Sunday Morning Mass in St Mary's Parish Banff, Alberta Canada.

July 2023 what a backdrop to a beautiful church. The Rockies.

Paul and Phil Cleary

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

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 Saturday 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.

Home Visits Holy Communion: If anyone who cannot come to Mass would like to receive Holy Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900.

Divine Bloom returning Sat 30th September



On Saturday 30th of September directly after morning Mass, Divine Bloom will restart work on gardening and maintenance of the Church grounds. We will finish at 1pm with the usual tea/

coffee & snacks and all are welcome.

Please come and help to get the Divine Bloom Garden back up and running to the standard that we all had it.

Wednesdays tea/coffee morning:

There is a cup of tea/ and a slice of cake **after 9.15am Mass every Wednesday** in the St. John Paul II Room (room with tables and chairs to the right of the porch at the main Church entrance). **All are most welcome.**

Bingo:

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

St. 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.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

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

Confessions:

Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass only.

Tea/Coffee:

Every Wednesday Morning
10.30am in the Parish Centre.

All are welcome.



St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **THIS** Saturday/Sunday
September 23rd & 24th

Thank you for your generosity.

Knock Pilgrimage 2023 Legion of Mary Sunday 24th September

Cost €25. Booking essential.
Contact: 087-9195653



Pick up points:

Celbridge: Castletown Gates - 7am

Bluebell: Church - 7.15am

Ballyfermot: St Matthew's Church - 7.25am and Assumption Church - 7.30am

Palmerstown: (under footbridge- westbound) - 7.35am

Esker: St Patrick's Church - 7.40am

Lucan: St Mary's Church - 7.45am

Leixlip: Our Lady's Nativity Church - 7.55am

Maynooth: opposite Glenroyal Hotel - 8am

Anniversaries



Tommy Behan

52nd Anniversary – 29th September

You are not just a memory Dad,
Or part of the past,
You are ours to remember,
As long as our life lasts.
*Loved and missed always by Ann and Mary
and all the family xxx.*

Kathleen and Áine Heneghan

7th Anniversary – September

We remember in our thoughts and prayers
Kathleen and Áine who we have missed
dearly over the past 7 years.
When someone you love becomes a
memory, the memory becomes a treasure.
Áine and Kathleen are the brightest treasures in
our chest of memories.
*Both are sadly missed by their loving family and
friends.*



Paul (Maxi) Mc Morrow.

1st Anniversary – 22nd September

Those special memories of you
Will always bring a smile
If only we could have you back
With us even for a day
To sit and talk again for just a little while
You meant so much to us
And always will do too
Your loss will always cause us pain
But you're forever in our hearts.
Miss you Paul.
Your loving Mum Lena and all your family xxxxx



Patrick 'Pat' Sheridan

4th Anniversary – 24th September

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

4th Anniversary

Our brother Pat
We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again
*Love from your sisters, Marie, Nuala, Ann and
Jean.*

Birthday Remembrance

Anthony Sid Kennedy

27th September

3rd Birthday away from home.
*Sadly missed each and every day by your loving
family.*

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 - unknwn.

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2023

Direct flights from Dublin - **18th October**

For 9 nights was €825 now €775.

Single room supplement €180.

18th October For 7 nights was €775 now €715.

Single room supplement €140.

Phone Pat Colgan on 087 2238911 or book
through Marian Pilgrimages on 01 878 8159 (and
say I'm going with Pat Colgan.)

Success for Celbridge Camera Club

Two Celbridge Camera Club members had success in the Irish Photographic Federation National Nature and Wildlife Photography competition 2023.

This year there were four categories in the competition - Flora, Fauna, Macro and Wildlife. Judging was carried out by three judges which were selected by the IPF competition committee and was done ahead of the awards ceremony which took place in The Hoban Hotel in Kilkenny on Saturday 16th Ceremony.



Christine Taylor's image "Alert Red Fox", photographed in Mullingar, was awarded a bronze medal in the Fauna category. Her image "Cheetah Brothers in the Rain" which she took in February this year while on safari in Kenya was awarded Highly Commended in the Wildlife section. Michael Linehan's image, "Caterpillar", taken in Ballinafagh lake, was awarded a bronze medal in the Macro category.



These results continue the strong tradition that Celbridge Camera Club has in nature photography.

Weekly club meetings have commenced again for the 2023/2024 season and new members are always welcome. The club meets in the Slip Hall in Celbridge on Monday evenings at 8pm.

Full details are on our club website:
<https://www.celbridgecameraclub.net>.



Last week of September!

Hard to believe we're here already – kids well back in school, and college students finding their feet this past week. Time sure goes a lot faster these days!

Worrying times for our Politicians, and indeed for all of our society. While many of our representatives might be familiar with jeers and jibes, things have really sunk to a new low as the scenes outside the Dáil last Wednesday showed. We'd do well to remember that our representatives put themselves out there. Most people would not put themselves up before a public vote. Regardless of which party our representatives belong to, they must be accorded the respect they deserve.

Good luck to our Boys in Green as they take on South Africa this Saturday. We'll all be glued to the telly. Fingers crossed!

One person who won't be glued to her telly, is **Sharon Lee**, from Lucan, who received tickets to the game on Patrick Kielty's first Late Late Show. Congratulations Sharon!

Speaking of the Late Late Show, what did you think of it? There were a couple of interesting interviews – it will take time to settle into a new routine.

World's Most Viewed Photograph – Bliss!



Where did you see this picture before? Taken in California in 1996 by Charles O'Rear, who just happened to be driving by the scene, it became the iconic desktop background for PCs running Windows XP from 2001 to 2007.

Looks very like Telly Tubbies land!!

The hill has since been ploughed up and a vineyard is now on the spot, with several trees on the landscape.

Lucan Lions Club

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

All varieties, condition and sizes are very welcome – adults, children's, sunglasses, damaged/broken – we can use them all. No need to include glasses cases, as these are not required.

Once collected, the spectacles are boxed & dispatched via DPD sponsorship to MEDICO LIONS CLUBS de FRANCE in Le Havre. On arrival, the spectacles are sorted & cleaned. Using specialised equipment, the power of the lenses is measured for the new owner. They are labelled and packed ready for shipment to a country in Africa, Asia, South America ... and Europe, to restore sight to lifeless eyes.

Each delivery relies on our international network of LIONS CLUBS, and our partners who ensure they arrive at their destination safely, thus avoiding losses. The imperfect glasses are dismantled and the component parts are sold to reputable & trusted companies. The money raised help to fund the operation.

People making enquiries about spectacle recycling, through our District 133 website will email us at spectacles@lionsclubs.ie stating their name and location. We respond giving details of the meeting place of the Lions Club closest to them.

Please see below the range of local Lucan collection points and if you could advertise this notice through your local school, sports club, family members etc., you would be part of this very worthwhile worldwide initiative.

Many thanks to all of you who have donated spectacles – Lucan Lions club has already shipped over 3700 glasses for re-cycling in 2023 – well done to everyone!

Lucan Lions Club has a collection bin at each of the following locations:-

[Mullins & Henry Opticians in SuperValu Shopping Centre, Lucan.](#)

[Boylans Opticians, 335 Ballyfermot Road,](#)

[Specsavers Liffey Valley Shopping Centre.](#)

[Specsavers, Clondalkin SC, Monastery Road](#)

[Specsavers, The Square SC, Tallaght.](#)

[Vision Express, The Square SC, Tallaght.](#)

[Specsavers City West.SC](#)

[The Parish Office, Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun](#)

25-28 OCTOBER 2023

LUCAN DRAMA

BOOK YOUR SEAT ONLINE

FOUR ONE ACT PLAYS

THE PURE OF HEART
BY ERIC ROBERTSON OF PENNY LUNNON OF POLINA CLUB

100 LOVE LETTERS I NEVER SENT

MIM

BEST HALF FOOT FORWARD
COLLABORATED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH CHARACTERS FROM SEINFELD, ILL. NEW YORK

€15/€12 conc. DOORS 7.30 PM SHOW 8.00 PM
PRE SHOW DINNER AND SHOW €40

dli Lucan Spa

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep since 1957.

LUCAN LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER

QUIZ NIGHT

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

RAFFLE PRIZES

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

TEAMS €40 TABLE OF 4

Entry on the night!

FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER

8pm | Lucan Sarsfields

Contact Mattie 087 9006999 or Will 086 8047839



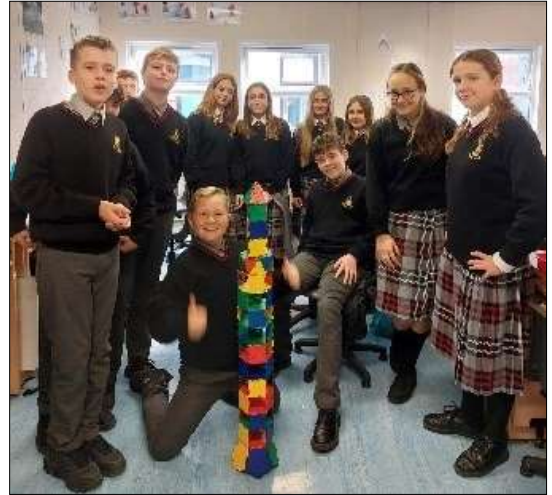
Here are Mr Carey's 1st Year Graphics class on their 'Team build and describe the Geometry' Assignment. Excellent teamwork, built structure and descriptions... Geometry is all around us!

Lucan Community College

Scholarship Award for Past Pupil: On Saturday last Ms Malone accompanied past pupil Yasmin Aminou to University of Limerick where she received the prestigious JP McManus All Ireland Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to gifted students across the country in recognition of their excellent Leaving Certificate results and will assist them in completing their Third Level education.

Yasmin who is a former Student of the Year and Spirit of DDLETB, is currently studying Pharmacy in Trinity College Dublin and would like to pursue a career in healthcare.

The school community in Lucan Community College are very proud of Yasmin and wish her all the best for the future!



We would also like to congratulate Transition Year students Paris Uyi and Anna McCaffrey who were joint winners in the back to school TY competition entitled 'New Chapter' recently.



Adult Education Classes: Our Adult Education night school starts this week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for the Autumn term. Please see our brochure for a fantastic array of courses – available on our school website.

Debs 2023: Our 2023 Graduates enjoyed their Debs Ball on Friday last in the Red Cow Moran Hotel. The event was a hugely enjoyable night by all! A huge thank you to our wonderful Parents' Association who organise and supervise the event each year.

Teaching and Learning at Lucan Community College: Our teachers and students are settling back well into their classrooms for the year ahead.



Sports News: The girls U19 basketball team won their first match yesterday against Kishoge CC, with a final score of 65-14. The U16 team also played their first match as a team, unfortunately they lost but they played extremely well. Well done to all players and their coaches Ms Nolan and Ms Corrigan.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Open Night 2023: A reminder that Coláiste Phádraig's Open Night will take place in the school on **Thursday 5th October** from **7pm-9pm**.

Hurling: Our Senior Hurlers began their Post-Primary Schools Leinster Hurling "B" League campaign last Thursday with an exciting and high-scoring draw against Laois school St. Fergal's College, Rathdowney. Dublin Minor star Conor Dillon had a superb game in the full-forward line as he tormented the Laois backline throughout with his power, pace, intelligence and movement. Conor scored an impressive 2-09 in an influential display full of energy and skill. Michael O'Brien also scored a fine goal from the full-forward position with Seán Teehan, Patrick Ryan and Callum Morris adding further goals.

Killian Costello also impressed for Lucan in the half-forward line with his strength in the air, numerous interceptions and successful tackles. He also added 2 points from play but the last point came from the Laois side who equalised right at the end with their 25th score of the game to deny Lucan the win their overall performance perhaps merited. The final score was 6-15 to 4-21 so both teams can be a little disappointed not to win a game after posting such impressive scores. Lucan can be proud of their display as they had a much younger team than their experienced and talented opponents who had mainly 6th yrs playing for them.

There is one other team in the group, Coláiste Abhainn Rí, Callan, Kilkenny, with both teams to face them in the coming weeks. The group could very well come down to scoring difference after this opening draw so there could be some further high scores in store in the games ahead! The top team in the group advances to the League Final with the 2nd placed team qualifying for the Shield Final.

Football: Our senior football team began their Leinster League campaign on Monday with a group stage match against Coláiste De Lacy, Ashbourne. Lucan played very well against a high standard opponent but came up short on the day as the Ashbourne team eventually won the match on a score-line of 4:13 to 3:07. Full forward Tyler Doherty scored 2-0, Shane Wallace added 1-1 from full-back while Luke McGovern, who impressed throughout with a lively and influential display, kicked three points, while Reece Kelly, Alex Leonard and Kai Keogh scored the other points for the team. Two quick-fire goals just before half-time, while playing with a strong breeze, ultimately cost



Lucan dearly.

Phelim Dunne was one of the team's stand-out performers as he won numerous high balls, tackled extremely well and used the ball intelligently throughout while Alex Leonard also impressed with his fitness, speed and handling. The team have one more group match to play, a must-win home game against a school from Ballymahon, Longford in the next two weeks.

Basketball: Our u16 and u19 basketball teams are to begin their Eastern League A campaigns this week after the draws were sent to schools last Thursday. Doubling up is the norm in schools' basketball with both panels travelling together for all matches against the same opponents. They are approximately 20 schools in total in each competition and our teams have been drawn in a group of 5, alongside Coláiste Chiaráin, Leixlip, Adamstown CS, Moyle Park and Coláiste Éanna, Rathfarnham with the top two sides in each of the four groups of five advancing to the 1-4 finals. Our 16s contains the majority of the 2nd yr panel that won the All-Ireland "B" National Cup in dramatic fashion in May, with a couple of additional players from TY joining the group this yr.



The group will be managed by Ms. Gough and Mr. Kelly and they are both hopeful of another competitive and successful season, even though the step-up to "A" inevitably means that the standard of opposition will be much tougher this year. However, our u14s won every match they played last year so they are certainly up for the challenge! They can also take inspiration from our 2016 basketball team who won the u16A National Cup so it is not uncharted territory for the school.

Our u19s should also be competitive as our u16s won the Shield Final last year and won all of their games throughout the campaign, just missing out on a place in the main League semi-final due to a missed deadline in one fixture. The two panels had a good training session on Tuesday morning in preparation for their opening matches against Coláiste Éanna on Wednesday.

Soccer: Our senior soccer team have been drawn to play Malahide CS at home in the preliminary round of the Leinster Senior Cup. There are 115 entrants for this year's competition, the highest amount in over 20yrs, so it is an extremely difficult competition to win. The match against Malahide will take place next week so best of luck to the team.



St. Joseph's College

Joey's Splashers win Silver! Well done to Joey's Splashers – our TY Dragon Boat Regatta Team who won Silver at the Lough Rynn Regatta in Mohill, Co. Leitrim on Saturday! The students were competing in three 200m races against a variety of teams such as the Donegal Dolphins and the Athy Dragon Warriors! Great fun was had with 16 paddlers & our drummer Sara Devine, it was brilliant to see 20 Silver medals coming back to St. Joseph's!



The students held a fantastic Bake Sale in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland as part of their involvement in the Regatta. They raised an unbelievable €822.50 last Friday. Well done all!



6th Year Activities: Our 6th Year students are having a busy few weeks so far. Almost 80 6th Year students enjoyed a trip to Flynn Park in Balbriggan last week. Well-deserved time out in the sunshine scaling the heights & working together made for a very worthwhile bonding experience. On Wednesday, 20th September, all 6th Years visited the Higher Options Expo in the RDS – students spoke to representatives from 3rd Level institutions from Ireland and across the

world and attended career talks on a wide range of topics. On Friday, 22nd September, 6th Year Geography students will travel to the Burren, Co. Clare to spend two days exploring the unique landscape as part of the Field Study for the Leaving Cert.



Disney's Beauty & The Beast Jr coming to St. Joseph's!

We are delighted to announce that this year's Transition Year Musical will be Disney's Beauty & the Beast Jr! For the first time in the school's long history of TY Musicals, we will be welcoming the songs, set, costumes, scripts & dance routines of this Disney Classic to our stage! On Thursday, 14th September, we welcomed Carol & Jimmy O'Byrne to speak to our excited TY students about the up and coming auditions & rehearsals! The new cast & choruses will take to the stage from Thursday, 30th November – Sunday, 3rd December 2023 for our nightly shows. We cannot wait to welcome our audiences to Disney's Beauty & the Beast Jr!

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

The Cyber Advice Project

My name is Miriam and I am a researcher with Cyber Skills in MTU. We are currently conducting interviews with older people in relation to their cyber security.

I am looking for people aged 65+ to take part in a 20 minute interview about how they use technology and how they find the experience of trying to be secure online. The first 100 participants will receive a one4all gift card worth €40 and there is no requirement that they use technology at all.

If you know anyone you think would like to take part please let us know on cyber-advice@cyberskills.ie or 0833527791. The interviews can take place over a phone call or we can try to arrange in person either.

The CyberAdvice project is funded by Science Foundation Ireland with support from the National Cyber Security Centre and is approved by the MTU Research Ethics Board



Adamstown Community College (ACC)

CAREER EVENT 2023

An invitation is extended to all organizations to participate in the career event, which serves as a fundraiser for the Ashling Murphy Memorial Fund.

- Date** 21st & 22nd November
- Time** 10:00am - 3:00pm
- Location** ACC Sports Hall, Station Road, Lucan.

Register Now

To register for the career event email: guidance@adamstowncc.ie

Approval Number 2321

Ashling Murphy Memorial Fund Charity Number (RCN): 20206529



Culture Night at Lucan Library!
Friday 22nd September 7pm

Lucan in Pictures and Words

Join Lucan Library and the Palmerstown Camera Club in a celebration of the culture on our doorstep!

Lucan and its environs are home to a wealth of cultural heritage and history – a gift to any amateur photographer. We will explore local history, local images and useful tips to start your own local history photographic journey! All welcome; light refreshments will be served.

Please note the library is only open after 4.30pm for Culture Night Event and regular library service will not be available

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/Tea break with some light refreshments at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.

The Acre, Celbridge Culture Night Poetry

**On Friday 22nd September
7.00pm – 8.30pm**

All welcome

Register for free
holly@theacreproject.com

*Join us for Tea and Coffee
and some poetry.*

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

01 401 3416. Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

Fuel Allowance: The threshold was increased in the last budget, which means that 81,000 more people will be getting the fuel allowance this winter. The current weekly rate of Fuel Allowance is €33 (€924 in total). You can get your Fuel Allowance paid weekly or in 2 lump sum instalments, the first instalment of €462 is to be paid on September 25th. Contact my office for a form.

Community Development Grants: Last week €96,447.31 was awarded by the council in grants. Well done to successful local groups including Lucan United, Liffey Sound, Lucan Festival, Adamstown Community Badminton Club and Beech Park FC.

INTO – Pre Budget Meeting: This week I met with Lucan representatives of the Irish National Teachers Organisation to discuss their prebudget submission and support their calls for an increased investment in schools and in mental health supports for children.

Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

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Representing Lucan: Delighted and hugely honoured to have been selected by my fellow party members last week to stand in Lucan as a candidate for next June's local elections. If elected, I will continue to do my very best for everyone in our community.

Hedge Pruning – Griffeen Road: It was with great welcome by many local residents that the hedge and tree pruning works on Griffeen Road have commenced. This is something that I have raised several times in recent months, including making it a priority focus of my own submission as part of the ongoing cycle track upgrades.

Problem Apple Trees – Foxborough: Although councillor representations are not being directly addressed as a result of the now escalated industrial action by council staff, I have highlighted the very problematic annual fruit fall in Foxborough Park and Drive through the public customer care channel. This has made the roads and pavements hazardous.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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

Dáil Priorities: This week the Dáil is back after the summer recess. A number of priorities that People Before Profit will be focusing on in this term will be housing and the ongoing cost of living. Committees in which I'm a member of that will reconvene next week are the Health committee and the Joint Committee on Assisted

Dying. **Castletown Demesne:** There was a public meeting in Celbridge last week regarding the lands on the Castletown Demesne. Here's a number of key facts, 235 acres were sold this year to a developer. The lands in question are zoned for Open Space Amenity and Green Belt. The OPW attempted to purchase the land but were not successful. There is an ongoing campaign to keep these lands for public use and not for profit.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty

"Not just at election time" Tel: 087-2752489.

Email: info@paulgogarty.com

SDCC Draft Litter Management Plan: The deadline has now passed. I made a detailed submission on this which is viewable on my website by typing "SDCC litter" in the search bar.

Lucan Schools: I've done up a comprehensive list of local primary and secondary schools on my website also. This provides maps and contact details for all local and some surrounding schools as well as an update on the current situation regarding new school buildings and correspondence with the Minister for Education. Search under "Lucan schools".

Hedges and Footpaths: Good to see initial work on clearing some hedges blocking pathways in advance of my motion on Tuesday. Am also raising footpaths and have called for additional funding for these areas along with tree maintenance in preliminary discussions with the acting CEO in advance of the annual SDCC budget process.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Hedge-cutting: I was very pleased to see long overdue hedge trimming take place on Griffeen Road, which I have been requesting for some time. The footpath was unpassable and has now been brought back into use. I have requested that the full length of the road be addressed up to the roundabout. Similar work was completed, following my requests, on the Newcastle road from Maxol to Adamstown. I continue to follow up on other areas which need attention, including the R136 and Castle Road.

Bus service: I have been in constant contact with the NTA about the capacity shortages on the C routes. I was informed this week that from mid-October, additional capacity is proposed on Routes C3 and C4 at specific times to address these issues, including on Saturdays. We need a similar solution for C1 and C2 routes which I will continue to press for.

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Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lucan Sarsfields Captains Day 2023

We held our Captains Day this year in Carton House, a fantastic golf course in perfect conditions. It was probably our only outing this year where sun cream was required instead of umbrellas. We had 50 golfers on the day. Thank you to all society member this year and our visitors who also played on the day. Special thanks go to the organising committee with Secretary Mark McDonnell and Mick Roche ensuring smooth running of the day. We would also like to thank our sponsor Eamonn McShea of Greenday Environmental for sponsoring each of the society events this year. It was also great to see Eamonn in the winner's enclosure picking up a prize on the day. The overall Captains Prize winner was a well deserving Stephen Barrett who shot an impressive 41 points on the day. Stephen was delighted to lift the Jack Butler Memorial trophy. The society has one more outing this year, St Margarets on October 7th. Contact Mark McDonnell to book a tee time on 0868371979.



Lucan Sarsfields Golf Society – Results from the Captain's Day in Carton

Captain's Prize – Stephen Barrett (18) 41pts.
 2nd place - Mick Sherlock (26) 39pts.
 3rd place - Ronan Smith (27) 37pts.
 4th place - Brian Mahon (26) 36pts [BB9].
 Class 1 Winner – John Clancy (13) 35pts [BB9].
 Class 2 Winner – Eamonn McShea (23) 36pts.
 Class 3 Winner – Liam Carton (33) 36pts [BB6].
 Front 9 - Aidan Glover (19) 23pts.
 Back 9 - Colm Keenan (1) 20pts.
 Nearest the pin 7th - Christy Tucker 4'6".
 Nearest the pin 16th - Sean McClelland 12.4'.
 Longest Drive - Jack Butler.
 Visitor 1st place - JP Auguste (14) 34pts.
 Visitor 2nd place - Barry Bolton (16) 33pts.
 Society Captain Paul Sloan presents Stephen Barrett with the Jack Butler Memorial Trophy.



Hurling. Minor Hurling B Championship:

Lucan 1-14, Stars of Erin 0-11. Lucan Junior B hurlers maintained their push toward the knockout stages of championship with a hard-fought win over Stars of Erin at 12th Lock on Sunday. On a day more suited to water sports than field sports, the home side coped better with the very wet underfoot conditions. After a few early wides from both teams, two free from Paddy Kennedy settled Lucan nerves. Both teams traded minor scores until the all-important score came

when Finan Breen finished to the net following good work by Ray Hernan and Ross Campion. In such wet conditions a solid defense is important and for Lucan Justin Myler was solid in goals, Alan Flanagan, Don Hassey and Pierce Farrell provided effective cover in the full back line and Tiernan Swords and Jack McCarthy won a lot of ball in half back line which left Lucan enjoying a 6 point half time lead. With conditions deteriorating in the second half, it was a real dog fight. Discipline was critical at this stage and glad to say Lucan seemed to maintain theirs better than the opposition who were frustrated by some referring decisions. Lucan converted the chances afforded to them from the lack of discipline and ran out 6 points winners. Next up and away fixture with group leaders Craobh Chiarain. **Lucan:** J. Myler, P. Farrell. A. Flanagan, D. Hassey, C. Morrissey, J.McCarthy. T. Swords, L. Farrell, C. Ryan (0-2) F. Breen, (1-6) P. Kennedy,(0-2) R. Campion,(0-2) E. Power, (0-1)R. Harnan,(0-1), A. Duffy, McSweeney, J. O'Connor, E.Higgins, C. Shanahan, C.Sheary.



Lotto

We had no winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €3,400. The Numbers were 2, 14, 18, 26.

The lucky dip prizes go to, Grainne Anderson, George Dobbs, Pat Scully, Ciara Lyons Kennedy and John McGivney. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €3,800. The draw is sponsored by Henley Forklift Group, led by Edel Mooney.

Make sure your entry is submitted before 6pm on the evening of the draw to be included in that week's draw.

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

New Traffic Proposals for Dublin City Centre



Another major disappointment with the new traffic proposals for Dublin city centre. This is the 18th attempt in my time, all the others failed, this one is no different it will also fail as there is no public transport plan in place to reduce car movements. These cars will be forced to other streets or pushed onto an already overloaded M50 at peak times which in turn adds to traffic congestion on local roads, Lucan Village is already suffering because of this. Consultation makes little differences as they have their plan drawn up beforehand. Lucan was let down very badly with consultation in recent times, now almost every area of Lucan is traffic congested and getting worse, public transport in Lucan is no better, it has even more car movements since Bus Connects came in.

Many efforts were made to reduce cars in the city centre over the last twenty years, by pushing them out of the city to cause traffic problems everywhere else, due to the lack of a public transport plan. All Dublin is now severely hit with traffic congestion, and it will get worse if public transport of any significance is not put in place. ACRA has a simple public transport plan for Dublin where everybody is a winner, the

N.E.W.T.O.N Transport plan. Simple and safe for bus usage, a contraflow loop on the Quays that allows the bus in and out of city, traffic free. See this and the whole plan on www.acratu.com.

Tom Newton ACRA



We are

SeniorLine, Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We had over 20,000 calls last year and have remained open throughout Covid to support many lonely and anxious people. We are available every day of the year 10am-10pm. We now need to recruit more volunteers.

'Are you a good listener?'

SeniorLine, Ireland's national telephone service for older people is inviting women and men aged 55+ to train as volunteers for our service.

If interested, please contact 087-7450721.

Celbridge Mill Community Centre

The Mill, Main Street Celbridge

www.celbridgemillcommunitycentre.ie

celbridgemillcommunitycentre@gmail.com

Facebook "The Mill Community Centre"

Phone 01 6288556

Christmas Craft Fair – Sunday 26th November – stand/ stall holders welcome to apply for the return of our Craft and small business fair. Stands are only €40. Food vendors required also .

Wool Needed

Apostolic Workers – St Mary's.

If you have any leftover wool and would like to donate it to us, please drop it into St Mary's Parish Centre and we will collect them from there.

This enables us to continue knitting up items for the charity 'Heart to Hand'. Our knitting goes to Northern Albania and more recently to Ukraine. We knit up little jumpers, hats and scarfs.

We would much appreciate it.

Apostolic Workers.

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- 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.

Please do not ring doorbells when leaving in items for the Newsletter!

While Lucan Newsletter accepts items for publication in good faith, we cannot be held responsible for the reliability of our advertisers.

Queries re advertising to:

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St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Our plans to hold our 11th annual exhibition in the Parish Centre around mid-November this year have been thrown into disarray. We learned at our Soiree meeting last Friday with considerable disappointment that the stands that we have used to mount our framed photographs are no longer available. Without stands it will be impossible to have an exhibition so our members have gone away to put their thinking caps on to try to find a solution.



Enough of the bad news. This week Kay sent in some photos of some of the last of the Summer/Autumn blooms in her garden.

Butterflies are still plentiful and Joe got a photo of a beautiful Red Admiral in the grounds of St. Edmundsbury.

In northern Europe, the Red Admiral is one of the last butterflies to be seen before winter sets in.



Frances submitted a photo of the ruined Rattin Castle which is located near Milltownpass in Co. Westmeath. Rattin Castle was built in the late 15th or early 16th century to defend the Anglo-Norman territories once owned by Hugh de Lacy. The castle remained in the family's possession until the Rebellion of 1641 when it was forfeited. Students of Irish history will know that the rebellion of 1641 was a failed Catholic-led uprising whose demands included an end to anti-Catholic discrimination, greater Irish self-governance, and return of confiscated Catholic lands. The castle has been in ruins since the 18th century.

Until the next time stay safe!