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Christmas 2022

It was lovely this year to see the return of the Christmas plays and carol services to our schools. Covid-19 had shut down so many of our traditional gatherings for almost three years. Christmas parties have reappeared and the coming together of family and friends is once again a big feature of the festive season. Perhaps our enforced distancing has given us a fresh appreciation of togetherness in all its forms; there is perhaps wisdom in 'hunger being good sauce' and not appreciating what we have until it's gone! Thank God, it's back!



An Advent tradition in Lucan

The Advent wreath is a symbol shared by many Christian traditions, its candles representing the four weeks of the Advent season leading up to Christmas. In Lucan, a tradition has developed where each of the four Christian Churches in the Village bring to each other a candle for the wreath bearing the name of their church. This candle is brought by a parishioner or minister and presented with greetings at Sunday worship. At the end of Advent the wreath burns a candle from all the churches in each church, a moving expression of shared faith.

O Come, all ye faithful!

One of our suspended Christmas traditions was our gathering on the Lucan Village Green on Christmas Eve. For many years past, members of the Lucan Churches of all traditions have gathered to read the Christmas story from the Scriptures and to celebrate it with Carols and song. It is one of those special occasions when denominational divides don't matter, and we gather to bear united witness to the reality that lies at the heart of all Christian faith – Jesus, the Word made flesh. This year we can gather again, and will be joined by the Lucan Concert Band who provide the music each year.

It offers us an opportunity for post-Covid thanksgiving, and we invite **all** to come and join in for Christmas 2022. We will gather at 1:00 pm on Christmas Eve and look forward to seeing many of you there. We will remember in a special way those who lost their lives during the pandemic and whose loss will be keenly felt at Christmas.



Philip Curran, St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Lucan

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Lucan Citizens Information Centre Christmas and New Year holiday arrangements

Monday 19 December 2022: Open 10am - 4pm (1-2 lunch hour)

Tuesday 20 December 2022: Open 10am -4pm (1-2 lunch hour)

Wednesday 21 December 2022: Open 10am -4pm (1-2 lunch hour)

CLOSED FROM THURSDAY 22/12/2022 TO MONDAY 02/01/2023 (INCLUSIVE)

Tuesday 3 January 2023: Open 10am -4pm (1-2 lunch hour)

Wednesday 4 January 2023: Open 10am -4pm (1-2 lunch hour).

Christmas and New Year holiday arrangements for the Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS) on 0818 07 4000

Wednesday 21st December: Open: 9am – 12pm

Thursday 22nd December: Open: 9am – 8pm

Friday 23rd December: Open: 9am-5pm

Saturday 24th – Wednesday 28th December: Closed

Thursday 29th December: Open: 9am – 5pm

Friday 30th December: Open: 9am – 5pm

Monday 2nd January: Closed

HELPLINES

Jigsaw www.jigsaw.ie – young people's health in mind - we are here to make sure that every young person's mental health is valued and supported.

Childline, www.childline.ie, phone 1800 666 666, free text to 50101

The HSE website Yourmentalhealth.ie or 1800 111888– for advice on how to mind your mental health.

Victim support – The Federation for Victim Assistance, www.victimassistance.ie phone 1800 277477

Aware – supporting your mental health - email support@aware.ie, Freephone 1800 804 848
Monday to Sunday 10 am to 10 pm

Treoir – Informing unmarried parents – phone 01 6700120 or 01 6700167

Gift vouchers - information on the legislation on gift vouchers is available on

Gift vouchers (citizensinformation.ie)



PEACE LIGHT OF BETHLEHEM

CEREMONY OF LIGHT, PEACE & HOPE

The Peace light of Bethlehem is a gift for all to receive at this very special time of year.
May this light shine on you when the road you travel is dark.

Join us on: **SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER 2022**

Where: **CHURCH OF OUR LADY'S NATIVITY – LEIXLIP PARISH**

What time: **COMMENCING AT 2.30PM**

with a short Carol Service, and then join us as we “Walk in the light” to Confey Cemetery (brief stop in St Mary’s Main Street and Confey Church on the way).

Bring a lantern & a (candle) to receive this special light from the Grotto in Bethlehem



“GOAL MILE LUCAN”

Christmas Morning
10am – 12 noon

Lucan Harriers A.C. Track

Everyone welcome!

Come along and enjoy an “active” start to the Christmas celebrations.

Contributions on the day
or see Goalmile.ie
for online donations and t-shirt, etc.

Local Info: 087-2132244

Thank you for your continued support

Our Christmas Issue

Next Sunday, 25th
December, will see our
Christmas Edition.



The first issue for 2023, will be for
January, 8th.

Lucan ICA

Greetings from ICA ladies. We had a lovely day in the Library on Saturday last.



Thanks to Mary, Fiona, Carmel and myself for nice display of our work which was greatly admired.



Thank you to the Newsletter staff for adding our notes each week and to Deirdre in the parish centre who welcomes us each week. We are now closed until Monday 6th February 2023.

***Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.
Pauline and all the members.***



Lucan Lions Club at SuperValu Lucan

Once again, sincere thanks to SuperValu Lucan for allowing Lucan Lions Club to have a strong presence in store during December in the run up to Christmas.



We greatly appreciate this support, as it enables Lucan Lions Club to help those less well off in our Community at Christmas time.

You can support Lucan Lions Club in SV in a number of ways:

By contributing a €2 donation at the till.

By purchasing tickets for our Raffle for Luxury Hampers, which are sponsored by SuperValu.

Contributing to our Luke the Lion Funding Box, and Placing food in our Food Appeal Trolley.

Many thanks for your ongoing support and we look forward to interacting with you in SV in the coming days.

Lucan Lions Club

Palmerstown Camera Club

At Palmerstown Camera Club we hold a weekly meeting in person, every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm in the Parish Hall. People interested in joining the club or even attending one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting secpcc@mail.com

Last week we had Ian Carruthers as a guest speaker. Ian is a specialist on Astro photography and he gave a great presentation.

On Saturday 10th December, Palmerstown Camera Club took part in a Craft Fair in Lucan Library where members had the opportunity to display and sell their pictures. A good day was had by all.



Michael Church & Walter Browne at Lucan Library.

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

Note for parishioners with the KBC or Ulster Bank

Just a gentle reminder, ahead of the banks' withdrawal from the Irish market, to update your new account details for your Family Offering by way of Standing Order.

Please contact Deirdre Dowling, Parish Secretary, [(01) 6217041 or secretary@lucanparish.com for the relevant authorisation form or with any queries you may have, in this regard.

Many thanks for your continued support of the parish. It is much appreciated.
Property and Finance Council



*Fr Philip blessing the new grotto last Thursday.
The statues were handmade in China.*

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

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

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Patrick Leonard**, Westmanstown, to the wife, family and friends of **Martin (Frank) Fahy**, Ballydowd Grove and to the husband, family and friends of **Adrienne Molloy**, Lucan Heights.
May they rest in peace.



Christmas Timetable

Confessions:

Monday and Wednesday of Christmas week:
10.30am to 11am

Saturday 24th: 10.30am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm.

Masses Christmas Eve:

6pm: Children's Vigil Mass with Blessing of Crib.

8pm: Vigil Mass

9pm: Vigil Mass

Please note there is **NO** Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

Masses on Christmas Day:

9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

There is **NO** Evening Mass on Christmas Day

Monday 26th to Saturday 31st

December: 11am Daily Mass in place of 10am.

Sunday 1st January:

Masses as normal Sunday

Vigil Mass: Saturday 31st December: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am and 12 noon

NO Evening Mass on New Year's Day

Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th January:

11am Mass Daily.

Friday 6th January –

Feast of the Epiphany – Holy Day:

Vigil Mass: Thursday 5th: 7.30pm.

Friday 6th: 11am and 7.30pm

Please note: Normal schedule 10am Morning Mass will resume on Saturday 7th January 2023

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,
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

Morning Prayers of the Church:

Monday to Friday: 8.40am.

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

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

Christmas Timetable

Confessions:

Monday and Wednesday of Christmas week:

10.30am to 11am

Saturday 24th: 10.30am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm.

Masses Christmas Eve:

5pm: Carol Service at Crib – For young children
– **NOT A MASS**

6.30pm: Family Mass of Christmas

9pm: Vigil Mass

Masses on Christmas Day:

9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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Friday 6th: 10am



**Aontas Youth Choir
&
Irish Soprano
Sandra Oman
Present**





**An Evening of Christmas Music and
Carols**



Joined by guest choirs from
Scoil Mhuire NS - Woodview
&
Lucan Community College



Sunday 18th December 2022
Venue: St Patrick's Church,
Lucan, Co.Dublin
Time: 5pm

Donations in aid of World Youth Day, Lisbon 2023
Refreshments will be served following the concert
No Admission fee





Christmas Cards for Sale St Mary's Parish Centre

in aid of

Peter McVerry Trust - Assorted
designs, pack of 10 - €5

NAGARHOPE - Pack of 12 for €5 (12
Brand new designs).

Also available from 191 Beech Park or
phone Niamh 087 0666891

Also available:

Christmas Novena Masses. €6

Church Art Calendars 2023: In the
Sacristy and the Parish Office. €2

Christmas Eve Village Green

Ecumenical Reading of the Nativity including Christmas Carols

With members of The Presbyterian, Church of Ireland, Methodist and Catholic Churches.

1pm

Come and join in celebrating our common faith.



Acknowledgement

TOM McDONALD

Kew Park.

We, the McDonald family, wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all who sympathised with us and attended in such large numbers at Tom's removal and Funeral. We are grateful to Fr. Philip Curran and Fr. Oliver O'Reilly for celebrating the Funeral Mass for Tom. A big thank you also to Antoin McGabhain for the wonderful music and to George Murphy and our two grandsons Richard and Tom for their participation.

Thanks to Tom's friends in Active Retirement, Lucan Men's Shed and all the 25 card clubs.

Month's Mind Mass Sunday, 18th December at 7.00pm.



R.I.P.

ADRIENNE MOLLOY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Noel and the Molloy family, on the sad passing of Adrienne.

For many years before the computer age at Lucan Newsletter, both she and Noel had a hand in laying out our annual block advertisements.

May she rest in peace.
Lucan Newsletter Team



Anniversaries

SHAMIE BOLGER

1st Anniversary - 16th December

In loving memory of our beloved husband, Dad, and granddad **Shamie Bolger** whose first anniversary occurs. Also remembering at this time our beautiful, beloved daughter/sister and aunt **Georgina Bolger** whose first anniversary occurred 30th August 2022. Separated in life, united in Heaven. Rest in Peace.

When we remember happy times
The thoughts we hold most dear
Are the times we shared together
The days when you were here
If only we could see you Dad
For just a little while
To hold you close and hug you
And see your great big smile
But God would never grant this wish
As he would surely know
That if we ever had you back
We would never let you go.
Not a day goes by we don't think of you both.
Always in our thoughts and prayers.
No one could fill the void you both left.

Very sadly missed and always lovingly remembered by Mam (Philly), sons James, John, and families



Anniversaries

JOE DAWSON - 39th Anniversary

NANCY DAWSON - 13th Anniversary

Deep are the memories
And precious they stay
No passing of time
Can take them away.

*You are missed more and more each year
by Janet, Lorraine and family*

TERESA (TEASIE) GREENE

15th Anniversary - 19th December

In Loving Memory of Teresa (Teasie)
Also **Bill**, Died 6th November 2004. R.I.P.
Late of Finnstown, Lucan.

The flowers we place upon your grave
May wither and decay
But the love for you who sleeps beneath
Will never fade away.

Always remembered by their loving family

MARY O'BRIEN

I remember the good times
And all of the happiness we shared
These memories are mine
To keep locked safely in my heart
Love and miss you so much Mary
Sleep tight kiddo.
Love always Phyllis xx

PATRICIA O'BRIEN

41st Anniversary

Our dear mother.
The tears are still being shed now
We said our last goodbyes
It's not the same without you Mam
Since that day you died
You left so quietly, without a fuss
And broke the hearts of all of us.
Also remembering her sister **Joan** who died
10/12/1981, my father **Martin O'Brien** who died
8/5/2011 and my sister **Ann** who died 18/6/2009.
From your sons and daughter, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren

CHARLIE SMITH

12th Anniversary - 21st December

Late of Hillcrest Grove, Lucan.
Today comes with sad regret
It brings a day we'll never forget
You went so quietly without a fuss
And broke the hearts of all of us.
Sadly missed by your loving wife Pauline, daughters Lesley and Paula, grandchildren Dylan, Luke, Amelia and Abi

SOCIETY FOR OLD LUCAN (SOL)

SOL is the **local history group** for Lucan; open to everyone. Free to join - email OldLucan@gmail.com to be added to our members' mailing list where full details of projects are shared.

Facebook group; "*Society for Old Lucan (SOL)*" & Twitter:

@Soc4OldLucan. Website:

<https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/>



NEW SOL BLOG POSTS ONLINE:

1. Gothic Lucan: part 1 by Jonathan Cully:
<https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/2022/11/30/gothic-lucan-part-1-by-jonathan-cully/>
2. Gothic Lucan: part 2 by Jonathan Cully:
<https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/2022/12/06/gothic-architecture-part-2-by-jonathan-cully/>
3. A 15th C will concerning St. Finian's, Esker by Helen Farrell:
<https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/2022/11/25/a-will-from-1474-st-finians-esker-lucan-by-helen-farrell-sol/>

Finally, with the changes afoot at Finnstown House, it might be a good time to revisit my post from 2018 on locating the medieval castle at the core of the Georgian House, see:

<https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/2018/06/05/finnstown-castle-update/>

The blog post above is a good reminder that many of Lucan's buildings and sites appear to date from a certain period, but often contain far, far older parts or origins. Esker House (the original Esker Manor, where the Chinese Gospel Church is now based) is another such site that looks ostensibly like a Georgian farmhouse, but has much older 16th century components still extant, and is perhaps even older than this.

Esker House was the site of the Royal Manor of Esker dating back to King John's times in the early 13th century. A law court was held in this building where local legal cases were heard, presided over in the 16th century by the great-great-Grandfather of Patrick Sarsfield, Sir William Sarsfield. Sir William was an Elizabethan knight. Intriguingly, some historical records of this law court still survive and can be read here:

Curtis, Edmund. "The Court Book of Esker and Crumlin, 1592-1600." *The Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland*, vol. 19, no. 1, 1929, pp. 45–64. *JSTOR*, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/25513505>, and Curtis, Edmund. "The Court Book of Esker and Crumlin, 1592-1600 (Continued)." *The Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland*, vol. 19, no. 2, 1929, pp. 128–48. *JSTOR*, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/25513523>.

NEW PODCAST ON CORKAGH DEMESNE IN NEARBY CLONDALKIN

Corkagh - The Life and Times of a South Dublin Demesne is a new podcast by Turtle Bunbury, commissioned by South Dublin County Council and supported by the Heritage Council under the Heritage Stewardship Fund 2022.

Listen on Spotify here:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/7CZvVTz2n9kbcDUuukBNqm>

Wouldn't it be great to get something similar done for some of our heritage sites in Lucan...?

YOUR VIGILANCE MATTERS IN LUCAN! TAKE ACTION....

There's a lot of development and change in Lucan at present, and some of our historic buildings are:

Protected Structures (SDCC enforces their protection)

Recorded Monuments (generally older monuments, protection enforced by the National Monuments Service, and visible on the Historic Environment Viewer here:

<https://maps.archaeology.ie/HistoricEnvironment/>

Buildings listed on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (also on the Historic Environment Viewer

<https://maps.archaeology.ie/HistoricEnvironment/>

A building can be a Protected Structure/Recorded Monument and be listed on the NIAH.

If **you** see an historic local building that you feel is damaged, at high risk of dereliction or damage, or you are concerned a monument has been interfered with, please report it immediately? Don't assume someone else has reported an issue. Be proactive in helping save Lucan's heritage!

Please contact SDCC's Architectural Conservation Officer, Irenie McLoughlin for guidance on any Lucan building at imcloughlin@sdublincoco.ie OR your local councillor or representative in SDCC, see <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/our-council/councillors/> who can raise a question at the SDCC Local Area Committee Meetings.

Please keep us in the loop if you are reporting any buildings or monuments at risk oldLucan@gmail.com by BCC or CC. Thanks.

Recent actions by SOL followers in the last 2 years have helped save a piece of historic wall along the old Esker Lucan-Newlands Road which has been incorporated into the new cemetery boundary, and saved Airlie House from destruction from fire, which has resulted in the loss of many old buildings around Lucan in the last few decades. Sadly, despite reporting the Farm Manager's house in St. Edmondsbury in good time, it was still destroyed by fire due to vandalism, so it is an example of how vulnerable these heritage structures can be.

Notes continued next week.....



Just a week to go to the big day!

Lucan Newsletter will publish for Sunday 25th, so make sure to get all relevant notices in to us before next Wednesday night.

Between the cold and the fog

and the little bit of snow this past week, we got a real taste of the North Pole. Might be nice to visit, but Birdie would find it too cold up there!



This little fellow brought cheer to hardy walkers in Lucan Demesne – plenty of shelter up there for our feathered friends. Photo by John Cummins.

St. Thomas' JNS.

**Enrolment for
Junior Infants
September 2023
Now open!**



Details at

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

Please complete and sign an Expression of Interest accompanied with:

A copy of your child's birth certificate
Your child's PPs Number

And a current household utility bill.

(Proof of address)

www.stthomasjns.com



SCHOOL NEWS



Griffeen Community College

Under16 East Leinster Champions

A nervous energy could be felt in the air around Griffeen Community College on Friday last, the 9th of December. Our Under 16 Boys basketball team were preparing to head off to the National Basketball Arena, Tallaght. It was their first final and the opposition were Clonkeen College, Deansgrange. It would be a tough battle but the school had faith in the boys' talents and were confident in their abilities.

We were off to a rocky start and the first and second quarter were not kind to the GCC boys. It seemed that we were going to be playing catch up for the remainder of the match. However, with a never give up attitude, our boys dug in and, as the whistle blew for the beginning of the third quarter, the comeback began. The defensive strategy employed for the fourth and final quarter proved decisive and the GCC boys romped home to victory, with the final score at 48 to 39.

It was a monumental win for GCC and the first time the school was successful in bringing home the silverware. Hopefully, for GCC, it is a sign of things to come.

Griffeen Community College Team: Dylan Brennan, Pearce Brennan, Dean Brennan, Grantas Piekus, John Olayinka Shotunde, Daniel Adeoti, Ezra Oni, Danilo Savovic, Tunmise Hamzat, Darragh Mc Gowan, Samuel Victor Shotunde, John Akonbobola, Kieran Marco Martir, Dru Sweeney.



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Awards: Well done to **Conor Linnane** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month Award* for November in recognition of his excellent behaviour, good manners and pleasant demeanour in class and around the school.

Congratulations to TY student **Conor Dillon** who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award* in recognition of his brilliant displays for the school's hurling teams, including a brilliant display in the u16 Junior Development Shield Final.



Comhghairdeas freisin le **Mobashir Ahadmansih** ón gcúigiú bliain a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí na Samhna mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge.

Food collection: Food items have been collected over the past number of weeks for Lucan Lions Club and the response has been heart-warming. The collection as a great success and there was enough food brought in probably for at least ten large hampers. A generous cash donation was also given to Ms. Casey by a parent and this was much appreciated.

The food and money will be delivered to the Lucan Lions Club later this week by Ms. Casey and they already have families lined up to receive the hampers in time for Christmas. Ms. Casey would like to thank all those that contributed, both students and staff, so generously to the appeal while we would like to thank Ms. Casey for organising, promoting and co-ordinating this annual collection.

Football: Our u16 football team opened their Dublin Junior League campaign with a dramatic 2-12 to 2-11 victory over Coláiste Choilm, Swords last week, with the winning goal being scored by Dara Garrigan in the last seconds of the game!

Hurling: Our senior hurlers began their Dublin Senior Hurling Championship campaign with an impressive 2-15 to 1-04 win against Skerries CS last week. It was a commanding performance from the team as they hurled beautifully throughout and took their chances well to record an emphatic and thoroughly deserved victory.

Inspection: A Computer Science Inspection took place in the school on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December. Over the course of the two days, the Inspector visited six lessons and had meetings with the Principal and Deputy Principal as well as meetings with the Computer Science and Coding teachers. He also held a focus group meeting with ten students who gave their views



on the provision of Computer Science and Coding in the school.

At the end of the two days, the Inspector provided oral feedback to the Principal, Deputy Principal and teachers. The school is compliant with Child Protection and Anti-Bullying guidelines. All areas of inspection were in the very good or good categories which are the top two categories. A report will be published on the Department of Education website in the coming months.

Mass: All 2nd and 3rd yr students attended Christmas mass celebration in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday. Fr. Ubaldo delivered an excellent celebration and we are very grateful that he took the time to do so. Well done to the students that volunteered to do some readings, they all did very well. It was a lovely occasion and enjoyed by all in attendance.



Canteen Competition:

Over the last few weeks the canteen staff have been running a competition for students to name a cuddly toy sloth which they had on display in the canteen. They received a large number of creative and inventive suggestions and eventually selected two winners. 5th yr Tharun Pynadath came second with his suggestion

'Slowpy' while the overall winner was 6th Conor Henson who cleverly suggested *Slow Patrol*. The winners received free lunches for their efforts.

TY: Our Transition Year students have returned from their two-week work placements around the city. They gave presentations via PowerPoint and Google Slides in class on Monday on their experiences in their various workplaces. The students had a wide array of interesting placements such as working in a bar in Spain, shadowing and assisting a barrister in the High Courts, helping out in Celbridge Snooker Club, various local Primary Schools, Baldonnell Airport, a Doctor's surgery, the FAI, Accountancy and Computer Firms.

The students also went ice-skating on Wednesday in Blanchardstown, home to the largest ice-rink in the country. They spent the morning gracefully gliding and skating across the ice rink like seasoned professionals, performing various impressive jumps and spins on the way (or so they claim anyway!). Luckily for the less graceful and nervous beginners, fibre-glass weighted skating penguins were on hand (like stabilisers on a bike) to guide them tentatively across the ice.

St. Joseph's College

Humour Fit: On Wednesday our 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students attended the Humour Fit anti bullying workshops, the humour fit theatre company tell the story of a teenage boy and shows the audience how unknown to themselves they have become involved laughing at the names and taunts and acting like bystanders in a yard or canteen. This is pointed out at the end as they are reminded of the moments they found funny meant they took an active part in bullying Peter. It is an excellent workshop which captures the audience from the outset.



6th Year Ice Skating: On Thursday our 6th Year group got a well-deserved day out when they travelled to Blanchardstown shopping centre to go for an ice-skating trip as a whole year group. They even got a couple of hours in Blanchardstown Shopping Centre to do a little bit of early shopping centre.

5th Parent Teacher Meeting: We held our 5th year parent teacher meeting on Tuesday evening, it was great to meet with the parents and the students to discuss their progress.

TY Christmas Fair: On Friday the Transition Year students held the annual Christmas Fair. This fair gives the students the chance to start a business, create a business plan, market their product and finally trade at the Christmas fair. There were over 14 businesses in this year's fair with some fantastic products.

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German Trip: Our German trip had a great time in Berlin, they travelled around the German capital, enjoyed a few walking tours and even got a visit to the Christmas markets.

Senior Soccer: Our Senior Soccer team are due to play Skerries Community College in the last 16 of the Leinster Cup on Friday the 16th of December. We wish them the best of luck in this game.

Tidy Towns Calendar: The St. Vincent De Paul National Christmas Appeal will be taking place this weekend (10th & 11th December) at

masses in local parishes.

In St. Joseph's, we have our Tidy Towns Calendars on sale to support St. Vincent De Paul at this time.

Please do consider supporting this fundraiser if possible. Students are asked to bring €10 per calendar in an envelope to Ms. Bligh. Calendars are also available from the Front Office & Centra, Lucan. Orders can be emailed to stjosephslucan@gmail.com.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com



Thank You

Thank you to the two ladies who helped me when I fell near Tesco on 2nd December last.
Rosaleen

Adult Education – Lucan Community College

Lucan Community College Adult Education programme is back with our Spring Term starting 16th & 17th January. We have a wide variety of evening courses. All of the information and online enrolment is available on our website www.lucancc.ie

We will be hosting an in-person enrolment 9th & 10th January in the college from 7-9pm. Come and join us on Monday and Tuesday evenings for Fitness Class, Cookery, Tai Chi, Yoga, Pilates, Spanish, Italian, Irish, French, Guitar, Ukulele, Gardening, Sewing for Beginners, Film Studies, Ballet for adults, Irish, Crochet, Beauty Therapy, Creative Writing, Knitting, Art - Drawing, Water colours & Acrylics, First Aid (PHECC) and Theatre & Acting Skills.

Seasonal flowers –

Another lovely creation at Lucan Senior Citizens recent Christmas Flower Arranging event.



Lucan Active Retirement Association

Our Christmas party on Thursday 15th was very enjoyable - thanks to everyone who made it a success.



We will reopen after Christmas on **Thursday 5th January** at 11.30 am in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, with our usual activities of bowls, Scrabble and cards, with light refreshments at 1pm approx.

A date for your diary - our AGM will be held on Thursday 19th January, 2023.

Happy Christmas to everyone at the Lucan Newsletter and all our members.

A Vital Ingredient for Christmas fare.....

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cakes, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.

Happy Christmas and lots of love to you and yours!

POLITICAL NOTES

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Foxhunter site:

I was pleased to learn this week that the planning application for a distributor warehouse at the old Foxhunter site was refused by South Dublin County Council. This decision is the correct one, and is consistent with the County Development Plan which was recently adopted.

Lucan Core Bus Corridor:

I will be hosting a webinar on the Lucan Core Bus Corridor Scheme to answer questions and to outline the changes that it will involve in the first week of January. If you would like to attend, please let me know.

County Capital Plan:

As part of the County Capital Plan presented to councillors this week, I was pleased to see significant funding for the 12th Lock Master Plan, planned innovation and enterprise centres at Adamstown and the 12th Lock as well as provision for expansion for existing allotments plots.

Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Area Committee meetings to be webcast:

Delighted to report that following a motion I had passed recently; the council will extend webcasting to Area Committee meetings from January 2023. Anyone wishing to view an Area Committee meeting live can log in from the Council meetings page on www.sdcc.ie. If you would like to view a section of the meeting again, the archives allow you to view the meeting at your leisure and allows you jump to a specific agenda point.

HSE invite: as Lucan continues to struggle with the demands of GP's and many other HSE services I had a motion passed asking that the HSE attends our area committee meeting to present us with updates, future plans, etc.

Old School House: official response: The council have continued to engage with the property agent with a view to concluding the sale asap.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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Lucan Swimming Pool:

Completion of the Lucan Swimming Pool is now looking like the middle of next year. There has been significant delays due to a plethora of construction issues.

Grand Canal Greenway Extension:

Work is to begin on the 12th Lock Grand Canal Greenway extension in February of next year. The greenway will extend to Hazelhatch and due to be completed in six months.

Happy Christmas:

I would like to extend my Christmas greetings to all the readers of the Lucan Parish Newsletter.

Paul Gogarty

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Lucan Swimming Pool:

CEO says he would not be optimistic that current March/April 2023 target will be met. SDCC has written to the successful tenderer, but as of now we have not been given any details about the new management company.

Griffen Community College:

The Minister replied to my query saying that it is still the intention to commence the tender to build the new school by the end of the year. The tender process will take 8-10 months and 70 weeks for the completion process after that. See report on my website.

Wall breach opposite Maxol:

Design report promised end of November still not delivered. Hopefully an update at Area Committee meeting on 20th.

C2 route:

The promised route via Lidl and Shackleton Drive delayed further as parts of road not wide enough due to construction.



ACRA Rail Failure

The extra train trips on the Lucan Adamstown line are very welcome. There are sufficient trains on this line for an hourly service all day to Grand Canal Dock via the city centre. Unfortunately, we are let down by the regulator NTA by not insisting the service is planned correctly.

There are sufficient trains, but there is no train serving Adamstown station to Grand Canal Dock from 2.35 PM until 19.00 PM, a gap of almost four and a half hours. During this time six trains pass through Adamstown to Grand Canal Dock without stopping, four of them start their inward trip from Hazelhatch station less than five minutes up the way. These trains have a stopover for more than ten minutes at the Hazelhatch station. Two other trains during this time start their inward trip from Newbridge and also stop at Hazelhatch but don't stop at Adamstown.

All these trains could depart two minutes earlier to allow them stop at Adamstown. This would give an hourly service all day through the city centre. Is Lucan been let down again or is the NTA asleep at the wheel with their strange decisions.

Tom Newton Transport Officer ACRA (body for Residents Associations)

Help Wanted

By Timothy Tocher

Santa needs new reindeer.
The first bunch has grown old.
Dasher has arthritis;
Comet hates the cold.
Prancer's sick of staring
at Dancer's big behind.
Cupid married Blitzen
and Donder lost his mind.
Dancer's mad at Vixen
for stepping on his toes.
Vixen's being thrown
out—
she laughed at Rudolph's nose.
If you are a reindeer
we hope you will apply.
There is just one tricky part:
You must know how to fly.



My Lovely Horse Rescue

Doing a clear out?

We would love, love,
love, your old (*but clean*)
duvets, blankets, and
towels to keep our dogs
snug as bugs over the
Christmas period.



We will have collection points in Dublin and Meath this Sunday 18th December where we will be parked up ready to take any donations you have for us.

**Pet Depot Tallaght at 10.30am.
B & Q Liffey Valley, at 11.45am
Supervalu Enfield at 2pm.**

Thank You

On Friday Dec 2nd while on his way to a doctor's appointment, our brother suffered a fall in the village. Two ladies and a gentleman came to his assistance and managed to bring a wheelchair to him.

Our family are very grateful for their assistance, thankfully he suffered no injuries.

Lego at the National Library of Ireland!

The library recently unveiled a wintery makeover of their large-scale Lego model.



Well worth a visit if you're in the city over Christmas. The model in the main entrance hall on Kildare Street throughout 2022.

Visiting hours:

Monday, Thursday & Friday, 9.30am - 5pm
Tuesday - Wednesday, 9.30am - 7pm
Saturday - Sunday, 9.30am - 5pm



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Aussie Rules: Wanderers from Australia visited us last week. They participated in both an U-15 and U-16 compromise football games and generated a great buzz across the club on the evening. Special thanks to Robbie O'Connell and John Costello who did much of the organising, Jackie for organising the food and looking after everyone on the evening and to the host families for looking after the Australian boys on the night. A great weekend for all involved.

U15 Football: Special thanks to current Dublin footballers Daire Newcombe and Harry Ladd for coming down to present the 2021 Division 2 Cup Football and 2022 Division 1 Féile Shield winners' medals to our U-15A football squad and 2022 Féile runners up medals to our U-15B football squad. The boys really appreciated it and it was a great evening at the club.



Junior C Football: Our Junior C men's Football Team are looking for a coach to assist with their development. Training is on Wednesday evenings with games on Sunday afternoon. If you have experience coaching and are interested in assisting this young and promising team please contact Michaela Caseley @ 0868508553

Academy: Another great year finished for our Academy on Saturday with a great morning of fun, including Santa sack races, beanbag snowballs, building football snowmen as well as real ones and of course a visit from Santa! Thanks as ever to all our brilliant teenage coaches and to Alan, Donal and Ciara who coordinate the Academy.



Jackie not only runs the Café, but puts constant work into supporting the Academy (particularly for this week) and of course Kieron, Naomi, Zara, Colette, Triona, Niamh and especially Mick for their roles this morning, thanks to all.



Club Christmas Party and Draw

This Saturday 17th December 8.30pm we are hosting the Club Christmas party in the clubhouse accompanied by live music from VOCL, all members welcome. Christmas Draw will take place at 10pm. Still time to purchase tickets from the club bar or Café and online.

The cafe will be open on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday night from 6-8pm so people can return Christmas Draw tickets. The bar will also open from 7.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday night.

Sold tickets can be dropped to the Bar/Cafe and must be returned before Thursday 15th December.

Supervalu Christmas Draw: Last week the winner of a €50 voucher was Debbie Murphy. This Thursday another €50 voucher is up for grabs, all you have to do to be in with a chance to win, is link your Supervalu card to your Sarsfields membership. Details on the club website here http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/news_detail/10082759/

Lotto:

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €10,200. The Numbers were **14, 15, 19, 27**.

This week's Lotto was a double draw as, Michael Claffey, Mick Casey Jr., Margaret Doyle, David Hargadon and Tommy Flannery were the 5 lucky people drawn to win a Turkey.

The 5 lucky dip prizes go to, Stiofán Ó Conghaile, Sally O'Mahony, Edel Mooney, Maria Clarke and Tony Rigney.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€10,600**. The draw is sponsored by Newcastle Golf Centre and will be led by Cormac Gordon.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin

SPORTS



LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

BIG NEWS!

After a fantastic Indoor and Outdoor season in 2022 Kate O'Connell has been selected for the Irish Senior Women's 4x400m Squad for 2023. The squad are targeting qualification for the World Championships in Budapest in August. Congratulations and best of luck Kate.



National Uneven Age and Novice XC Championships – Conna, Co. Cork – 4th December 2022

Lucan Harriers travelled in force to Cork on Sunday for the last of the National Cross-Country Championships of the year. To say that the course was 'testing' was an understatement, however, it was a brilliantly organised event by St. Catherine's AC with some excellent racing throughout the day. We had over 40 Lucan Harriers taking part with many making their debut at Nationals.

Our U11 girls were first up, and we had Doireann Ni Fhiaich and Cara Clandillon running, with both representing Dublin. Both girls ran really well for their first outing at Nationals with Doireann finishing an excellent 28th and Cara a really good 89th out of a huge field of 172. The Dublin team just missed a county team medal finishing in 4th.

In the U11 boys we had a team of 5 running with 3 of the boys moving up from U10. Seimi Anglim ran an excellent race finishing in 33rd. Seimi was also part of the Dublin team who finished 4th county. There were really solid runs from our other 4 athletes with Adam Doyle in 143rd, Fionn Burke in 144th, Sean Scallan in 153rd and Michael Finlay in 160th with the team finishing in 18th place.



Our U13 girls were next up, and the ground was already starting to get very heavy. Poppy Lyons Kennedy was our first scorer running really well to finish 45th, Poppy was also part of the Dublin team who won silver in the county team competition. Issy Lyons Kennedy was next in 51st, another great run just behind her sister. Saoirse Scallan, who ran most of the race in her socks having lost her spikes in the mud, did really well to finish 101st with Grace Hughes (111th), Millie Brazil (151st) and Gracie Wren (154th) all supporting the team well with our club team finishing a very solid 11th.

Our U13 boys were led up by Conor Abbott who had an absolute stormer of a run to finish a brilliant 19th. Conor was also part of the Dublin team who won county gold and provincial silver. We had very strong runs also from Conal Fitzgerald (52nd), Daniel Abbott (78th), Elliot King (126th) and Donal Butcher (151st), with the first 3 having moved up from U12. The team finished an excellent 8th place out of 18 teams.

Rachel Jez led home the **U15 girls'** team with an excellent 39th place finish out of her age (Rachel was also part of the Dublin County team who won gold). Rachel was supported by Eve Clarke in 69th, Muireann Ni Bhuachalla in 99th, Elena King in 125th, Eva Collis in 128th and Ana Jones in 142nd all having solid runs with the team finishing a creditable 11th out of 15 teams.

David Coakley showed a welcome return to form on Sunday with an excellent 25th place finish in the **boys U15**. David really got stuck in and the very muddy conditions didn't seem to affect him at all. Ferdia McDonagh was next in 44th place which was a great run considering he had fallen twice during the race. David and Ferdia were supported by very good runs from Donnacha Mac Fiaich in 84th, Joe Bracken in 89th and Eoghan Maye in 136th and the team pulled out an excellent 6th place finish out of 17 teams.

Since finishing 4th last year (and only missing out on a medal on countback) we had targeted this race for our **U17 girls** knowing a medal was there for the taking if we could get them to the starting line healthy. Unfortunately, that didn't happen with 2 of the girl's sick for most of the week and it was only heading to the start line that they had decided to run. Luckily, they did run and with Aisling Fitzpatrick having a brilliant run to finish 21st it set the team up well. With Saoirse Fitzgerald (37th), Maggie Jez (47th), Izzy Cuffe (75th), Sadhbh Ni Bhuachalla (77th), Katherine Kilcullen (94th) and Eilish Tomney (107th) all having excellent runs it meant the team finished a fabulous 2nd place. Aisling and Saoirse were also part of the Dublin team who won the County Team competition and finished as 3rd region.

Mati Wanic was our lone representative in the **U19 boys** and running his best race ever Mati finished an excellent 24th and was part of the Dublin Team who finished 1st county and 3rd region.

Aoife Coffey ran brilliantly in what was a very high-quality **women's novice race**. Aoife ran conservatively for the first half of the race and picked a number of athletes off in the second half to finish an excellent 7th place. Aoife was part of the Dublin team who comfortably won the county team title.

Our last competitor of the day was Dylan Wright, who finished an excellent 53rd out of a field of 200.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

We did not meet last Friday in the interests of the safety of our members because of the bad weather. We have certainly had a blizzard of warnings in the past week, but very little snow! One wonders are these warnings part of a plot to condition people not to either think for themselves or take responsibility for their own actions? (It reminds me of the concept of “cocooning” in the early days of COVID.)

This Friday we are meeting in the Parish Centre for tea and mince pies as it is our last meeting before Christmas. The Soiree will be back in the Centre on Friday 14th January.

Despite the weather our members were out over the weekend taking photographs. There were more photographs of Christmas lights around Lucan.

Joe submitted a view of a wintery grounds of St. Edmundsbury taken on Friday morning. This view has featured a number of times this year as the seasons have rung their changes. It is fascinating to look back on them.



Michael B was in the city and submitted a photo of “The Liffey Viking Boat” that is illuminated at night and can be seen on the river Liffey between the Halfpenny Bridge and O’Connell Bridge. It is part of the Dublin City Council “Dublin Winter Lights” but I have been unable to find out on any website dealing with the event anything about the artist who created the work.



Until next week stay safe!