



# LUCAN NEWSLETTER



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## The Door of Humility



The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem stands over the place where tradition tells us that Christ was born.

One of the most striking features of the building is the doorway through which pilgrims must enter.

Great Cathedrals and Basilicas generally have massive doors, the doors of St. Peter's in Rome for example stand at over 7 metres tall. The Bethlehem door is tiny at just 1.3 metres and this means that every adult wishing to enter has to bend low, there is no other entrance.

Known as 'The Door of Humility' it is a powerful and symbolic reminder of the God who stooped down in order to take human flesh

and be born among us. Every person who has entered that sacred place through the centuries of its existence, from Kings and Prime Ministers to humble everyday folk, have bowed low; a fitting entrance to this sacred place.

In all the kaffuffle of Christmas we can lose sight of the great wonder that lies at the heart of the feast. Christmas should leave us gob-smacked, gob-smacked at the wonder of the reality of the 'Word made flesh', the Creator God who has reached out to us in the person of the babe of Bethlehem, the one who was later to declare "I came that you may have life, and have it to the full."

*Gospel of John Ch 10:10b*

*O come;  
Let us bow and  
bend low.  
Let us kneel before the  
God who  
made us.*

*For he is our God,  
and we the people  
who belong to his  
pasture.*

Psalm 95: 6-7



Wishing you all every Blessing and happiness of the Christmas Season.

Philip Curran  
Parish Priest – St. Mary's & St. Patrick's,  
Lucan.

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

[www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

Email – [lucan@citinfo.ie](mailto: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

**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

**Saturday 24th – Wednesday 28th December: Closed**

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

*Friday 30th December:* Open: 9am – 5pm

**Monday 2nd January: Closed**



### Upcoming public holidays: Christmas 2022

**Christmas Day**, Sunday 25 December 2022

**Saint Stephen's Day**, Monday 26 December 2022

**New Year's Day**, Sunday 1 January 2023

When a public holiday falls on a day which is not a 'normal working day' for that business (for example, on Saturday or Sunday), you are still entitled to benefit for that public holiday.

For example, you may get an extra day of annual leave, or an additional day's pay, or a paid day off within a month of the public holiday. However, you do not have any automatic legal entitlement to have the next working day off work. See 'Public holidays and your entitlements' on Public holidays ([citizensinformation.ie](http://citizensinformation.ie))

**SCAMS** - there is information on scams on the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission on [What to watch out for – CCPC](#)

### A Big Happy Christmas

to **Tadhg, Cormac and Róisín**, all in Melbourne.

Have a great day!

From all your friends in Lucan



## SOCIETY FOR OLD LUCAN (SOL)

SOL is the **local history group** for Lucan; open to everyone. Free to join - email

[OldLucan@gmail.com](mailto: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/>



### UPDATE ON OUR SOL E-BOOK ON ST. FINIAN'S & LUCAN CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN GRAVEYARDS

Unfortunately, there has been a delay in the contractor working on our planned "eBook" which was part of our Heritage Council project, which we mentioned in Aug / Sept.

This delay is outside our control, and we are working with the "Adopt a Monument" project guides to get this moving. The delay is disappointing as we'd hoped that interviews with interested parties would have been concluded, and the eBook ready by now.

You can still view our entry for St. Finian's here on the national database:

<https://historicgraves.com/graveyard/st-finian-s-esker-church/du-stfi> and if **you** have:

1. photos of gravestones from St. Finian's, and/or
2. Any memories of the graveyards in Lucan that you'd be happy to include in the publication.

Please get in touch with me ASAP and I can add your email to the list for the contractor to contact you? Our feeling now is that we may be looking at early to mid-2023 before the eBook will be ready.

### Annual Curragh Dog Walk

**Sunday 1 Jan 2023** at **12 noon** on the **Curragh Race Course**.

**In aid of Kildare Animal Foundation**

Meet in Trainers Car Park opposite the Curragh Race Course at 11.45am.



*You don't even have to have a dog but if you do, please make sure they are on a lead!!*

## Greetings from all at Lucan Newsletter

We wish all our readers at home and abroad a very happy Christmas, and a peaceful and very healthy 2023.



We thank all our readers, and those who contribute to the weekly edition.

Thank you to our **Sales Outlets** and **Advertisers** - we ask all to do your best to support local businesses!

Big thank you to our very reliable **Collation Team** who also distribute the publication each week. Thanks also to **Christy Gannon** who make sure we have our paper in time every week.

Thanks also to all who sent us Christmas Greetings, and passed on many nice compliments about our publication. Hope Santa brings you everything on your lists!

We look forward to hearing regularly from all our local clubs and organisations, in 2023, which hopefully will be a good year for all.

**The first issue of Lucan Newsletter for 2023 will be for Sunday 8th January.**

All items for inclusion should be at the usual addresses not later than 10pm, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**Lucan Newsletter Team**



Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year from the staff & volunteers at Liffey Sound 96.4FM! And a special thanks to Lucan Newsletter team for all the work you do during the year!

[www.liffeysoundfm.ie](http://www.liffeysoundfm.ie) or catch up on Facebook

**Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station!**



## Hillcrest Residents Association

Our Chairperson, Maria Murphy, and committee members of Hillcrest Residents Association wish all of our friends and neighbours a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a healthy 2023.

We would also take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at Lucan Newsletter for their help and support during the past year.

A special thanks, too, to the management and staff of the Lord Lucan for hosting our Meet the Neighbours coffee mornings throughout 2022. We look forward to another gathering early in the New Year.

*Rita O'Brien, Secretary*



## OÍCHE NOLLAIG

Don't blow the tall white candle out  
But leave it burning bright  
To show that they are welcome here  
This holy Christmas night.  
Keep the door upon the latch  
And leave the fire to keep  
And pray that they will stay with us  
When all the world's asleep.

*Mairtín O'Doireáin, Aran Islands*

# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

[www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)



### Christmas Timetable

#### Confessions:

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>:** 10.30am - 12 noon & 2pm - 4pm.

#### Masses Christmas Eve:

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

**8pm:** Vigil Mass

**10pm:** Vigil Mass (**correct time**)

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 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December:

11am Daily Mass in place of 10am.

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January:

Masses as normal Sunday

Vigil Mass: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am and 12 noon

**NO** Evening Mass on New Year's Day

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January:

11am Mass Daily.

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January –

#### Feast of the Epiphany – Holy Day:

**Vigil Mass:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>:** 11am and 7.30pm

**Please note:** Normal schedule 10am Morning Mass will resume on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**We wish all our parishioners every blessing and joy of the Christmas season.**

**We look forward to seeing you over the Christmas period.**

*Fr. Philip Curran, P.P.*

*Fr. Ubaldo Muhindo C.C.*

*Sr. Geraldine Smith – Parish Sister.*



### Christian Meditation

Every Blessing for a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. Keep on praying.



*Sr Geraldine.*

#### Parish Centre:

The centre is now closed until **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

#### St. Mary's Readers' Roster January 2023

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, the 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of January 2023 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.



**Deepest Sympathy** to the family and friends of *John Lysaght*, Lucan Lodge Nursing Home. *May he rest in peace.*



#### Lucan Presbyterian Church Main Street, Lucan, Co. Dublin

#### Christmas Service

**10.30am** (note time adjustment)

#### St Andrew's Church of Ireland

#### Christmas Services

#### Christmas Eve:

**6pm:** A Children's Christmas

**11.30pm:** Mid-night Eucharist (St Mary's Church, Leixlip)

#### Christmas Day:

**Holy Communion:** 9am and 10am

**Holy Communion:** 11.30am (St Mary's Church, Leixlip)

#### St Stephen's Day: **Holy Communion:** 10am

St. Andrew's celebrates 200 years of Christian worship in the heart of Lucan village. We extend a welcome to you to become part of our parish family. Here young and older can find a place of involvement and welcome.

Please consider being part of the experience of Christmas through the worship of our church community.

Services are available on our parish Facebook pages: [St. Andrew's Church, Lucan](#) or [St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)

## St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

[www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)

### Christmas Timetable

#### Confessions:

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December:

10am Daily Mass

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January:

Masses as normal Sunday

Vigil Mass: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December: 7pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January:

10am Daily Mass

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**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>:** 10am

We wish all our parishioners every blessing and joy of the Christmas season. We look forward to seeing you over the Christmas period.

*Fr. Philip Curran P.P.*

*Fr. John Hassett C.C.*

*Fr. Ubaldo Muhindo C.C.*

*Fr. Pius Faruna - Team Assistant*

*Fr Samuel Akubueni – Team Assistant*



## Thank You

A big thank you to Bernadette Cummins and her hardworking Red Cross Team for a very enjoyable Christmas Dinner and party last Sunday in the Springfield Hotel.

Great to be back again and we wish you all a Happy Christmas and Healthy 2023.

*Breda, Maureen and Sr Geraldine.*

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

### Christmas Timetable

#### Confessions:

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** 6:30pm – 7:30pm

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** 10:30am – 12 noon

#### Christmas Eve:

**5:00pm:** Children's Mass

**9:10pm:** Christmas Carols before Mass

**9:30pm:** Christmas Vigil Mass

**Christmas Day Masses:** 10:30am and 12 noon

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December:

Mass will be at 10am each day.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January:** 10:30am and 12 noon

### 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.*



### Christmas Appeal: Citywest Refugee Transit Hub

Thank you to all who supported this appeal. Your generosity, along with that of

others, will ensure that each person in the Transit Hub receives a present on Christmas Day.

Vouchers and cash have been used to purchase razors and socks gift sets for men and also caps, scarves and gloves for all. Our volunteers have spent three days wrapping individual gifts.

We will not be accepting any more at this stage. Your support has been very much appreciated.

*Catherine O'Loughlin*

## Acknowledgement

*Caught in an abyss of loneliness  
Cast your eyes upwards  
Focus on the myriad of tiny twinkling stars  
There in their midst you will find me  
Watching over you.*



### CIARÁN (MURF) MURPHY R.I.P.

On behalf of Deirdre, Fintan, Maria, Joe, Ettie, Marian, Aoife, Mark, Peter, Ciara, Gráinne, Cormac and our extended families we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who sympathised with us on Ciarán's untimely passing.

We wish to thank Doctor Boyd, Medical Staff in both the Mater and James Connolly Hospitals who cared for Ciarán. Cunningham's Funeral Directors for their courtesy and consideration throughout. Fr. Pius, Columba Faulkner, Ian Brabazon May Clifford and the entire Parish Team for the thoughtful and reverent way they assisted us. Thanks also to Eamonn Walsh, Uilleann Piper for being with us at St. Patrick's Church, Esker.

We are indebted to the Staff of DMC (Dublin Mails Centre) for taking us under their wing throughout those days, to Ciarán and Deirdre's work colleagues and to the many retired members of An Post for the strength, comfort and the love they shared with us.

Special mention to Ciarán's work colleagues and friends, who carried him shoulder high to St. Patrick's, also to those who travelled from near and far to pay their respects. We want to thank our neighbours and friends for the kindness, nourishment and support they continually extend to us.

**Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine.**

**Under the shelter of each other people survive.**

Mass will be offered for all as a mark of our appreciation for your kindness throughout.  
Le gach-dea ghuf inniu agus i gconaí  
*The Murphy and Reddy Families*

## Anniversaries

### TERESA (TEASIE) GREENE 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 19<sup>th</sup> December

In loving memory of Teresa (Teasie). Also **Bill** who died 6<sup>th</sup> November 2004. R.I.P.  
Late of Finstown, 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*



### MICHAEL - JOE RYLE 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 29<sup>th</sup> December

Late of Airlie Heights, Lucan.  
Dad, it's hard to believe  
That a quarter of a century has gone by  
Since you passed away  
And yet remembering you sitting on a chair,  
Chatting away, is just like yesterday  
May Dear God always surround you Dad  
By his loving care above, as you rest  
Please God peacefully in his eternal love.  
Remembering too this Christmas and always your  
loving wife, our wonderful caring Mother  
**Maureen Ryle**. May you rest in peace Mam. Also  
your baby grandson **Darragh Michael** R.I.P. and  
your brothers **Fr. Kevin Ryle** and  
**Fr. Sean Ryle**. May they R.I.P.  
*Dad you are lovingly thought of always and  
deeply missed by your loving family*

### TESS KEOGH 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

Those we love don't go away  
They walk beside us every day  
Unseen, unheard but always near  
Still loved, still missed and very dear.  
*In loving memory and in our thoughts always  
Gus, Peter, Ray, Trudy and all your family*

## Christmas Remembrance

### LUKE (LOUIE) O'HANLON

To remember our Dad and husband of Sadie,  
recently deceased (19<sup>th</sup> September 2022) on this,  
our first Christmas without him.  
Forever in our hearts.  
*He is dearly loved and very much missed by his  
wife Sadie, children Ayn, Aidan and Fiona, their  
spouses Stuart, Sue, Brendan and his beloved  
grandchildren, Hannah, Leah, Grace, Isobel,  
Ella, Luke, Aoife and Daire*

### MARY O'NEILL 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas away from home

Late of Dodsboro.  
Those we love don't go away  
They walk beside us every day  
Unseen, unheard but always near  
Still loved, still missed and very dear  
Thinking of our beautiful Mam  
Forever in our hearts.  
Also remembering our late **Father Benny**, brother  
**Bernard** and sisters **Mary** and **Margaret Mary**.  
*From Rose and the O'Neill Family*



**Happy Christmas** to all our Readers! Hope you all have a lovely peaceful time.

We send special greetings to Lucanians all over the world – you'll find them in every corner of every continent these days, and all are in our thoughts at this special time.



This Lucan lady (*She doesn't want her name mentioned*), is spending Christmas visiting family in Alaska of all places – near enough to the North Pole! As you can see, she got a job straight away, clearing the snow from the driveway.

**Plays and Christmas Carols** – some of us got to enjoy plays and carols in the various local schools. It's wonderful to be nearly back to normal with live audiences at such events, after all the work which has gone in to them by pupils and teachers. Happy Christmas to all of you!

**Bocelli and a Lucan man!** We spotted Lucan man, Jamie Hennessy, with Andrea Bocelli's backing singers on last Saturday's Late Late Show. Nice string to have to your bow, Jamie!

**Another Lucan Voice!** Wishing Eva Norton, First Year student at Lucan Community College, the best of luck in her audition for *The Voice Kids* which will be shown on ITV and Virgin Media One on 26th, 27th and 28th December. Here's hoping that the judges like Eva's singing as much as all of us in Lucan do!

## House of Christmas Lights Dublin



Weston Crescent in Weston Park is where you'll find a wonderful Winter wonderland. Well worth a visit – donations may be made to the **LauraLynne Children's Hospice**.

## Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

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 and happy New Year to everyone at the Lucan Newsletter and to all our members.*

## Lucan Planning Council

Thanks very much for turning out a cold morning last Saturday for our public meeting on the 25 route and the hospital bus to Blanchardstown in spite of slippery paths and a severe cold spell.. We appreciate the support of those who could not make it too, and thank you for letting us know.

We appreciate also the support from the new estates and the volunteers who have come forward for the next stage of the campaign.

Once Christmas is over, we will let you all know when you can collect copies of the agreed letter for widespread signature and will be looking for further volunteers at that point. We note that Jack Chambers TD on the Blanchardstown side has been promoted to Super Junior Minister in the Department of Transport, we wish him well and look forward to his continued support.

Wishing you a safe and joyful Christmas and a peace in the New Year.

*Caitriona McClean 086 3898327*

## Laying the Table

One of my earliest memories is of learning **to lay the table**. This was a daily ritual in our house, for the kitchen table was central to our family life. This ritual was a thrice daily occurrence, for it was laid for breakfast, dinner and tea. All of us children, 6 in total, were patiently shown how to set the table prior to meal times, while my mother was busy cooking our meal. This then became our duty; overseer was our Great Grand Aunt Anna Bridget (Smullen) Cosgrove, who was an integral part of our family and household. Aunty Bee was how we youngsters addressed our great grand Aunt.

Let me firstly describe the kitchen table, it was a solid rectangular wooden table central to our family life. This was where my mother did her preparatory work before cooking the dinner. Here she spread an old newspaper on the table to gather the potato and vegetable peels before cooking. Thus, our first job was to clean the table top before we spread the table cloth evenly over the smooth wooden surface. Next it was the plates and cutlery. We learned that the larger plates were for the adults and descended in size and order to a bowl and spoon for the youngest. Our Delph and cutlery were an assorted colourful lot, including one or two with the Willow pattern much loved by Mammy and Aunty Bee.

We had a rhyme to show us how to lay the table in order, we began at the head of the table and then turning to our left saying Daddy, Mammy, Aunty Bee, Imelda, Colette and little Marie-a (mé féin) adding Joseph, Veronica and Carmel as they arrived. I



should also mention that laying the table also included placing the chairs around the table. This again was an assorted collection including a piano stool and a bench where three could sit, here you had to be mindful that the person in the middle had to be seated first to steady it or else it tipped up, Ooops a daisy!!!

There was regularity about our meals which always began by saying Grace. Our meal was accompanied by a melodious chat, mostly about the news of the day or how school went; the phrase *has anyone anything strange or wonderful to tell us* started the conversation going. This practise is still replicated by my siblings and I in our own homes, as best we can.

Happy Days, Happy Times. Happier still at Christmas time, with the best table cloth adorning the table. The addition of TK Red Lemonade and Orange, Christmas Crackers and homemade Plum Pudding with custard or ice cream, meant we could truthfully proclaim our meal a Christmas feast. Yum, Yum.

Thinking back, I believe love and leading by example, are probably the greatest gifts we can pass to future generations. Christmas evokes many memories in our hearts, it evokes memories of times past when love and laughter lightened and enriched our days. A world we embraced with vigour, hope and trust.

Let our hearts this Christmas embrace all our loved ones, those past and present. Let each heartbeat pulse with love for our families, friends and neighbours.

Remember, as we silently hold the pain of missing loved ones, to celebrate having them within our hearts, never to be forgotten.



*mgm Nollaig 2022*





# SCHOOL NEWS



## St. Joseph's College

**Carol Service:** We were delighted to be able to return to our first in-person carol service in two years on Monday. It was great to gather together as a school community for our annual carol service which is a highlight of the year. A huge amount of organisation goes into organising this event, well done to all involved in particular the students, the religion department, Ms. Mellett and Ms. Kearney.



**Student Extravaganza:** On Tuesday we held our annual Student Extravaganza, this is one of the highlights of the year in St Josephs, were students get to showcase their talents. The student council have been busy organising this event, with a huge amount of material pre-recorded and edited prior to the show. These include dances, TikTok's and of course the ever-popular teacher skits. The students enjoyed the shows immensely with the seniors seeing the show first and the juniors watching the show second. The theme of this year's show was the Late Late Toy Show which even included the most popular segment of the

show with the toy cars, bikes but in this instance, it was the teachers on these toys rather than kids much to the enjoyment of the students. Well done to the Student Council and Ms. Banks for another wonderful Student Extravaganza.

**Christmas Fair:** A big well done to our Transition Year groups who traded in the Christmas fair, there was some fantastic entrepreneurial skills on display and some great business ideas. The fair was thoroughly enjoyed by the students and staff. Well done to everyone involved with over 30 different businesses this year it was definitely a success.

**Camogie Semi-Final:** Well done to our Senior Camogie team who had a fantastic victory against Naas in the championship semi-final on Monday. It was a hard-fought game but our girls eventually came out with the victory. They now look forward to a county final after Christmas.

**Christmas Message:** We would like to wish all our Students, Staff, Parents and Guardians a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. We will be closed from Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of December until Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of January.



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**Instagram:** @stjosephscollegelucan

**Website:** [www.stjosephslucan.com](http://www.stjosephslucan.com)



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**English:** Mr. Sweetman's 6th Year English class, also accompanied by Ms. O'Brien, braved the elements last week to undertake a Patrick Kavanagh walking tour of Dublin. The group visited Kavanagh's former house on Pembroke Road, where he lived for 15 yrs and where he wrote a lot of his most beloved poetry. The highlight of the tour was a stroll down a leafy Raglan Road, (culminating in a bag of delicious Beshoffs!) while sitting on the various benches, commemorating Kavanagh, along the banks of the canal. Kavanagh famously found tremendous solace beside the Grand Canal and he often sat there contemplating his life. The bench with a bronze life-sized statue of Kavanagh sitting on one side, almost beckoning for someone to sit down beside him was inspired by Kavanagh's well known and much loved poem "Lines written on a Seat on the Grand Canal, Dublin".

The purpose of the trip was twofold, as each student also disseminated Care Packs to homeless people, and other people in need, as they walked around the city. The idea for the care packs was prompted by the class studying the film "Rosie" as part of their Comparative Course, and each pack was paid for and packed personally (some even included personal notes and well wishes) by each student.

Mr. Sweetman, Ms. O'Brien, and the class group were very grateful to Paula and Gerry in McDonald's, Lucan Shopping Centre, for their generous donation and contribution of forty €5 vouchers, which ensured that every recipient of a care pack was able to get a hot meal on a very cold, wet, miserable day.

**Gaeilge:** As part of their extensive literacy and numeracy programme, The Irish Department are holding a monthly "beach-litriú" (spelling bee) to promote Irish literacy among the students. The 1<sup>st</sup> of these was held in room 2 last week. Nine talented 1<sup>st</sup> yr students had qualified for the final from a series of heats that were held in class. Room 2 was packed for the final with enthusiastic and somewhat tribal supporters in attendance to cheer on their favourites! They certainly created a raucous but supportive atmosphere and they contributed greatly to the occasion.

Eventually the nine was whittled down to three, with Daniel Emmanuel emerging as the overall winner having spelled "Seoltóireacht" correctly. Conor Gilmore finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Liam Dunne in 3<sup>rd</sup>. All three received lunch vouchers as prizes. The next Beach- Litriú will be held in January.



**Geography:** The students of 2Air went on a walking tour of parts of the River Liffey last Monday. Accompanied by their Geography teacher Ms. Winters, then students walked up by St. Edmundsbury on a crisp, frosty morning and examined the features of erosion deposition. They then came up by Lucan Weir and learned some information about Lucan Bridge, the widest single-span stone arch bridge in the country. Ms. Winters told them of the past and present land uses and the students were full of interesting and challenging questions! The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and followed up the trip with a write-up for their Geography assignment.

**Science:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> yr Science students were given a CBA (Classroom Based Assessment) task as part of their Christmas exams. While the majority of students did a PowerPoint presentation in front of their class, Jack McCarthy decided to build a cell model, a 3 dimensional structure showing the different parts of the plant and animal cell. Jack spent many weeks diligently and painstakingly building his model, showing parts such as the nucleus, vacuole, cytoplasm, cell membrane, mitochondrion, cytoplasm and chloroplast. His model made such extremely complex material much easier to understand. Jack's science teacher Mr. Dunne was hugely impressed with the finished model while the principal Mr. Brady described it as one of the best projects he has ever seen in the school so high praise indeed. He is sure to get a very high mark anyway so well done to Jack on his fantastic work.



**Christmas wishes:** The staff and management of Coláiste Phádraig would like to wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our students, as well as their parents, families and loved ones.

Hopefully 2023 brings joy and happiness to all.

*Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi shéan is faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.*



## Lucan Community College

**Supervised study:** Supervised study starts back after Christmas on Monday, January 9th. Registration forms can be collected from Mr. Foley in B1 and should be returned no later than Thursday, January 5th. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis and the fee is €195. Discounts are available for multiple siblings doing study.

### BT Young Scientist and Technology

**Exhibition:** Best of luck to Alba Cooney Mercadal (Class Clarke, TY) whose project entitled 'The Colour Of Sound & it's Effect on the Brain' will be exhibited at the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition at the RDS from the 11th-14th January. All 1st year students will be supporting Alba on Thursday 12th January 2023. Final reminder for payment for the trip to be made, details given to students previously.

**Diversity Team Competition:** Huge congratulations to Ellen Birnie in 2<sup>nd</sup> year, who won the recent competition organised by our Diversity Team. This wonderful entry by Ellen represents what 'Care' looks like in Lucan Community College.

**St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal:** Once again, the students, families and friends of Lucan Community College showed their generosity during our annual St. Vincent de Paul collection. We raised a brilliant €2,300 through our secret bag collection in school last week and from our Christmas Concert which was held in the school on Thursday 8th of December. We would like to thank our prefect team for giving up their time to collect and count the donations and also for their promotion of this worthy cause among the student body. On Friday 16th of December, a presentation was made Mary and Paul from the St. Patricks Conference Lucan by the 6th year prefect team and organising teachers; N. Walsh, M. Feeney, A. Hackett and A. Bolger. Thanks to everyone for their kind donations for this worthy cause which supports local families. Well done to Class Willow who collected non-perishable foods and made four hampers in aid of St. Vincent de Paul. Representatives from the class presented them to Mary and Paul from the local SVP conference on Friday also.



### A Christmas Carol – Junior Drama:

Congratulations to our Junior Drama students who took to the boards last night for their opening night of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. The students, who were all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years, looked and sounded like professional actors as they told the time old story of Ebenezer Scrooge and his (spoiler alert) Christmas epiphany.

The cast were amazing, from the back stage crew to the actors. Particular mention must go to Naomi Darcy's performance, who captured the mean spirited and selfish characteristics of Scrooge so well. Naomi was supported by a spectacular cast of Eva Norton (Bob Cratchit), Roisin Offenhausen (Fred), Niamh Duddy (Ghost of Christmas Past), Emma Kelly (Ghost of Christmas Present) and Sean Curtis (Ghost of Christmas yet to come).

Other standout performers included Matilda Hill (Jacob Marley), Lucia Packham (Tiny Tim), Moira Elises (Mrs Cratchit), Mia Cooke (child Scrooge), Sophie-Belle Ellul (Fezziwig), Niamh Dempsey (Fan), Giorgia O'Toole (Sweetheart of young Scrooge), Rachel Donnelly (Gentleman visitor 1), Nokutenda Zakaria (Gentleman visitor 2) and Jessica Madu (Ben Benjamin).

Huge credit and thanks must also go to our talented directors, Ms. McLoughlin, Ms. O'Neill and Ms. Nolan. The directors were aided by our very own maestro school play maestro, Mr. O'Connor. Thanks also to Ms. Denham for her work in creating the set and Ms. Freeman for her front of house co-ordination.

The future of drama in the school looks very bright with this talented bunch of budding thespians.



*Wishing everybody a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!*

## Lucan Senior Citizens

The group enjoyed their Christmas Party at the Spa Hotel, where all came together for a nice festive lunch.



*We extend Christmas Wishes to all our members, and look forward to seeing everyone in 2023.*

## Koins for Kids

We would like to thank all our benefactors for all their help and donations to our worthy cause.



Every coin, cent, note of whatever currency all goes to help us achieve our target of €1,000,000 to purchase equipment for the New Children's Hospital.

This is a Season of Thanksgiving. We thank you all for everything you have given us so far. Have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

A sincere thank you to the Newsletter staff for all your kind help and support over the years. Also thanks to the Parish Office and Sacristy staff for their help and support in facilitating the collection of donations left with them.

*Damien Douglas  
Koins for Kids.*



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL THANK YOU

Happy New Year to all our loyal supporters. Throughout 2022, you continued your financial support of our work through the parish website, to the sacristy or parish office, and to individual committee members. For this, we thank you all sincerely.

Reduced numbers at masses didn't seem to lessen our Christmas appeal, as you all went out of your way to continue your support. Because of this, we were able to make Christmas less stressful for many families in our area.

Sincere thanks to the Newsletter staff for their continuous coverage.

Thanks to Fr. Philip, Fr. Ubaldo, sacristan Mary and parish secretary Deirdre for their encouragement and extra help in taking in donations; special thanks to several of our local schools—principals, staff, parents and students, who ran fundraisers for us.

Thanks to various local organisations who also ran fundraisers for us during the year. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir. May you all have a happy, holy, peaceful Christmas and God's blessings throughout 2023.

*St. Mary's Conference, Lucan.*

# Political Notes

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### Happy Christmas!

Happy Christmas to all! Thank you to all involved in the production and distribution of the newsletter, especially Rose, Mary and Anna for their hard work. I look forward to continuing to work on behalf of residents of Lucan in 2023.



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### Lucan – Community Gardens:

I recently raised the issue for the need for community garden spaces, whilst highlighting the benefits they provide. The council have met with the planning team to discuss the Adamstown SDZ and the demand for community garden space has been included and outlined. If Community Groups or individuals require information or support in accessing community gardens, they can seek advice via the public realm department in SDCC.

### Adamstown – Mural:

Having pursued a project to deliver a wall mural reflective of the diverse multi-cultural community and at a suitable location (*suggestion being Adamstown Link Road bridge*) I was delighted to learn this week that this will now go ahead. The successful tender has been awarded and the art mural team are expected to begin work in January.

### Festive Greetings / Beannachtaí na féile:

Guím Nollaig shona agus athbhliain faoi shéan is faoi mhaise daoibh do 2023!

## Emer Higgins – TD - Fine Gael

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### Beannachtaí na Nollag

There's no doubt it's been another challenging year for many. Thankfully this Christmas will be the first "normal" one in recent times. I really hope that you get an opportunity to enjoy it and to spend it with your loved ones.

Huge thank you to the Lucan Newsletter staff for their hard work and dedication to this brilliant publication.

Wishing all my neighbours in Lucan a safe and peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Some emergency contacts just in case you need them over the Christmas holiday period.

Lucan Garda Station 016667300

South Dublin County Council After Hours 01 457 4907

Electricity Emergency (e.g. power lines down) 1800 372 999

Report a Phone Outage (Eir) 1800 773 729

Irish Water 1800 278 278

Gas Networks Ireland 1800 20 50 50.

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### BusConnects:

I will be hosting an information session on the changes proposed as part of the Lucan Core Bus Corridor in Ballyowen Community Centre at 7:30pm on Thursday 5 January. You can review the planned changes at [www.lucanscheme.ie](http://www.lucanscheme.ie). If you would like to attend in person or online, feel free to let me know.

### Tree Maintenance Programme:

At this week's meeting of the Lucan Area Committee, we adopted the recommendation of the new Tree Maintenance Programme 2023-2025. I was pleased to see many estates where I have raised the need for maintenance feature on the list. Contact me for more information.

### Email newsletter:

You can access the latest version of my email newsletter at

<https://www.shanemoynihan.ie/your-december-2022-community-update/>

### Nollaig Shona:

I would like to wish the Lucan Newsletter Team and Readers a very Happy Christmas and every best wish for the New Year!

## Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

### AGM

Wednesday 11th January 2023

7.30pm

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

ALL WELCOME!



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



**Camogie:** Lucan Sarsfields Under 12 Camogie team were lucky enough to have been asked to play at half time in the All Ireland Senior Camogie Final between Loughgiel Shamrocks and Sarfields of Galway last Saturday evening in Croke Park. On a bitter cold evening under the lights of Croke Park Lucan Sarsfields took to the field to play Drumraney from Co. Westmeath. The Lucan girls played a super game with great performances by all players and won by a score of 2-0 to 0-0 with 2 excellently taken goals by Caoimhe Buckley and Maebh Maloney. The whole evening was a fantastic experience for parents, mentors and most importantly the players and it is a night that will live long in the memory for all involved. It was a great way to finish off 2022 and an early Christmas present for the girls of Camogie Under 12 on a night they will never forget!



21st Valeo Hamper Valeo Foods Daragh Roche  
22nd Musgraves Hamper Rosa Brava  
23rd White Shark Gaming Headphones Harvey Norman Barry Rafferty  
24th Jam Tiny buds Harvey Norman Yvonne power



*Colm Farrell presenting Kieran Murphy with his cheque*

**Club Christmas Party and Draw:** A big thank you to all our Sponsors, Supporters and our Christmas Draw Committee, Jo, Michaela & Sara for all their efforts generating support for this year's draw, culminating in a great night in the club.



*A big congratulations to our winners:*

- 1st €2,000 Cash SuperValu Lucan Kieron Murphy
- 2nd €1,000 Cash Blackrock Health, Hermitage Clinic Claire O'Neill
- 3rd €1,000 Cash Kenny's Bar Michelle Lee
- 4th Miele Vacuum Ben Murphy Kevin Porter
- 5th Full Car Valet Toyota Liffey Valley Louise McKiernan
- 6th €250 Cash Quintain Ciaran Henry
- 7th €200 Cash REA McDonald William Eakins
- 8th €200 One 4 all Voucher Lucan Self Storage James Cavanagh
- 9th €200 Cash Total Solutions Ciaran Nestor
- 10th €200 voucher Lidl Aoife O'Connor
- 11th €200 cash Clandillon Motors Dearbhla Flynn
- 12th €200 voucher EZ living Interiors Liffey Valley Jane Gleeson
- 13th €150 voucher Seasons on the Weir Louise Fitzpatrick
- 14th Wine hamper Power & Co. Fine Wines Charlie Keher
- 15th €100 voucher Dunnes Stores Lucan Gavin Carroll
- 16th €100 voucher Collins Butchers c/o Fintan Dunne Oisín Corcoran
- 17th €100 voucher Circle K Edel McEnery
- 18th €100 cash Dorteck Louise Deans
- 19th €100 voucher Stagg Cycles Ella Dawson
- 20th Motorola Smart Phone Lyonscomm.ie Caroline Belton



**Supervalu Christmas Draw:** Last week the winner of a €50 voucher was Alan de Lacy. 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/](http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/news_detail/10082759/)

**Lotto:** No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €10,600.

The Numbers were **8, 11, 24, 25.**

**The 5 lucky dip prizes** go to, Josephine Donohue, Sean & Grainne O'Lanagaín, Lorraine Byrne, Kevin Porter, Mary Flannery.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€11,000**. The draw is sponsored by REA McDonald Auctioneers and will be led by Mary Flannery.

*Tá €11,000 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine: Beidh sé beo ón Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook.*

*Déan cinnte go bhfuil d'iontráil curtha isteach agaibh roimh 6 i.n. oíche an chrannchuir, chun í a chur san áireamh sa chrannchur na seachtaine sin.*

The draw will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, at 9pm and is streamed from Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse, on our Facebook page. 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>

## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

The Annual Goal Mile will be taking place on the Lucan Harriers track this year from 10am to midday on Christmas Day. This is the 40<sup>th</sup> running of this event and is a major fundraiser for a fantastic cause.

The great support from the Local Lucan Community for the GOAL Mile, it is massively appreciated and has a huge impact on the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable communities. Last year GOAL supported 18 million people in 14 countries around the world, helping communities whose lives had been shattered by conflict, disease and climate change. Support on this scale simply wouldn't be possible without events like the GOAL Mile.



### Launch of Goal Mile

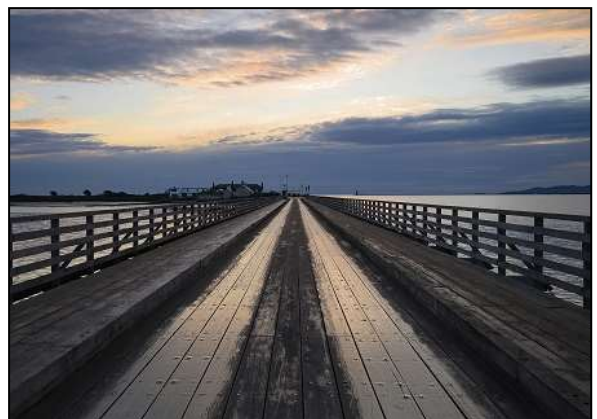
**Happy Christmas** from all at Lucan Harriers, see some of you on Christmas morning. Remember we are always looking for new senior members. Our juvenile groups have a waiting list in operation.

## Palmerstown Camera Club

At Palmerstown Camera Club we hold a weekly meeting in person, every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm in the Palmerstown 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](mailto:secpcc@mail.com).



On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December, members of Palmerstown Camera Club visited North Bull Wall for a sunrise shoot. Sadly nature let us down as there was not much of a sunrise. However a good morning was had by all.



*Early morning on the bridge by Gerald Phelan*



*Dublin Port by Michael Church*



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The Soiree had its final meeting for 2022 last Friday and will meet again in the Parish Centre on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

This week the “back page” is devoted to the photographs Conor took of the city lights from the unique vantage point of his kayak on the River Liffey.

Perhaps the most interesting photo is that of the Diving Bell. According to the Dublin Port company website the Diving Bell was used in the building of the Port's quay walls from 1871 to 1958 and was a ground-breaking piece of engineering innovation in its day.



It was designed by the port engineer Bindon Blood Stoney. Among his other achievements were the building of the Boyne Viaduct in Drogheda, the construction of O'Connell Bridge, and the building of many of the Port's quay walls including Sir John Rogerson's Quay and North Wall Quay Extension.



*May I wish all readers of the Newsletter a peaceful Christmas and all the best for 2023*

*Until next time stay safe!*

