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Sunday 29th January 2023

St. Patrick's Parish Esker – Dodsboro – Adamstown

Some months ago, St. Mary's Parish held a Volunteering Sunday.



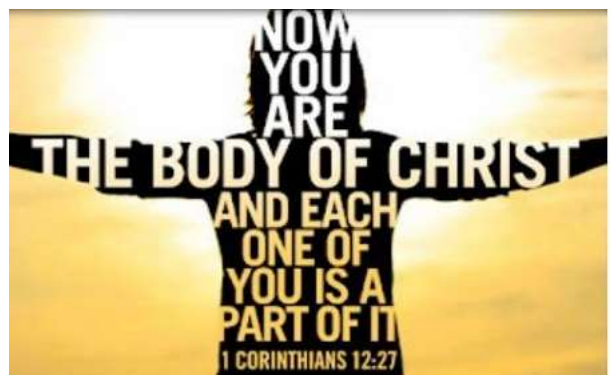
A member of the Pastoral Council spoke at all the Masses one week-end and threw out a general invitation to the congregation. This invitation was an invitation to be part of one of the many ministry groups that make up the parish infrastructure. That day proved a great success and we added several people to most of the ministry groups.

A similar exercise is about to be conducted in St. Patrick's Parish.

On Saturday / Sunday 28th/29th a member of the Pastoral Council will speak at each of the weekend Masses with a similar invitation addressed to the whole parish community.

In St. Patricks, there are a variety of active groups and ministries offering a diversity of areas in which parishioners can become involved. New blood in ministry groups is essential if a parish is to continue to bloom and grow. Ministry groups should ideally reflect the composition of the parish; they should have a gender balance, a diversity of ages and they should reflect the diverse ethnicity of our community. We especially welcome those from the new areas of the parish. For each of the groups some training and preparation will be provided and the extent of the commitment clearly explained. An information leaflet on each of the ministries will be available in the main porch. You are invited to take one or more of these home, and to give the matter some thought. If you then feel ready and willing to join one of the ministry groups you can complete the form on the back of the leaflet and return it on the following weekend, February 4th and 5th February. A box will be provided in the main porch for the forms.

Perhaps you have never had any involvement in the past, this could be your opportunity to change that. You can choose from many ministries e.g. Reading the Word of God at Mass, administering the Blessed Sacrament at Mass and to the housebound, preparing families for the baptism of their children, working with the bereaved at their time of loss in preparing the funeral liturgy, join a church cleaning group etc. etc. There really is something for everybody.



Philip Curran

Parish Priest St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Parishes, 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.



Opening hours:

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am - 12pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

Tuesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Thursday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS) is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8pm on 0818 07 4000

MABS – the Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over 20 years. MABS phone service is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm on 0818 07 2000

Women's Aid - 1800 341 900, 24 hours a day 7 days a week

Men's Aid 01 - 5543811 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Email hello@mensaid.ie

Postage

From 1 February 2023, the price of a standard domestic postage stamp will increase from €1.25 to €1.35. There will be no increase in the price of a standard international stamp (€2.20) or the Digital Stamp (€2.00).

What is Fuel Allowance?

Fuel Allowance is a means tested payment to help with the cost of heating your home during the winter months. It is paid to only one person in a household.

The Fuel Allowance season normally begins in late September of each year and ends in April. This year's Fuel Allowance season started on Monday, 26 September 2022. It will be paid for 28 weeks (until 10 April 2023).

The current rate of Fuel Allowance is €33 per week. You can choose to get the Fuel Allowance paid every week or paid in 2 instalments (lump sums).

To get Fuel Allowance you must:

Live alone (or only with certain people listed on our website)

Be getting a qualifying payment (unless you are 70 or over)

Satisfy a means test

These 3 conditions are explained in detail on our website along with comprehensive information on the Fuel Allowance.

You must also live in Ireland. You cannot get Fuel Allowance if your heating costs are provided in full as part of your accommodation.

Fuel Allowance income limit for people over 70

You should read how your income is assessed before reading this section.

You can have income of up to €500 per week, or €1000 per week for a couple and still qualify for Fuel Allowance.

Your capital (savings, property and investments) are also assessed. The first €50,000 of your capital is not included in the means test.

Note that if one person in a couple is aged over 70, you will be assessed for Fuel Allowance using the over-70 means test criteria.

Fuel Allowance income limit for people under 70

If you are under 70, you must be getting a qualifying payment to apply for Fuel Allowance (see 'Qualifying social welfare payments and pensions' on our website).

To qualify for Fuel Allowance, your total means from all sources must be less than the current maximum rate of State Pension (Contributory) including any increases that you might get for living alone and dependants, plus €200. This is called the assessable income limit.

From January 2023

The assessable income limit for a single person is €465.30 (€200 plus €265.30).

The assessable income limit for a couple (where the qualified adult is aged under 66) is €642 (€200 plus €265.30 plus €176.70).

The assessable income limit for a couple (where the qualified adult is aged 66 or over and under 70) is €703.10 (€200 plus €265.30 plus €237.80).

If one person in a couple is over 70, the over-70 means test is used so the assessable income limit is €1,000.

Rate of Fuel Allowance

The current weekly rate of Fuel Allowance is €33.

You can get your Fuel Allowance paid weekly or in 2 lump sum instalments.

Check our website about how to apply for the fuel allowance.

Lucan Planning Council

Tony Brophy R.I.P.

We are very sad to note the passing of Tony Brophy our friend, Chair, and long-time member of the Lucan Planning Council.

Tony has been a member of the Planning Council since the mid-1990s and Chair for the last several years. He was central to all of the work that we did throughout the days of the Celtic Tiger and onwards when we were almost overwhelmed with planning issues and Tony's organisation and support kept us on track to be as productive as possible. He focused not only on major developments but on small planning applications that might have impacts on a small area.

He organised our meetings, followed up on work, and made sure that all planning issues were considered whilst making the meetings a pleasure to attend. Tony's tireless work helped to protect Lucan and the Liffey Valley and made our locality more liveable.



We have lost a good friend and a great community worker.
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

*Justin Byrne, Planning Secretary,
Lucan Planning Council*

Lucan Toastmasters

Is 2023 the year to finally conquer your fear of public speaking?



Do you have a speech or presentation coming up that you need help with?

Do you want to make new friends?

If so, then Lucan Toastmasters is the place for you.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the **Springfield Hotel, Leixlip** at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak!

Come along on **Thursday next, February 2nd**, where a warm welcome awaits you. For further details, checkout our Facebook 'Lucan Toastmasters' our website at www.lucantoastmasters.com or email us at vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet in **St Andrew's Parish Centre**, Main Street, Lucan, **on Thursdays at 11.30am.**

New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. No charge for your first meeting.

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

Lucan ICA

We had planned to go back to ICA on Monday 6th February but realize that it's the new bank holiday as well as St Brigid's day so will have to open on the following week **13th February in the Parish Centre**. If you could pass the word to ICA members that would be great.



Look forward to catching up with all members on 13th February.

Pauline



We are getting closer to our Elvis night. Tickets are flying out the door. Please book your tickets a.s.a.p. because when they are gone, they are gone!! Phone numbers are on the poster, tickets are also available from 191 Beech Park. We would like to thank people who have donated items for our raffle hampers, these are also gratefully accepted at the same address.

*Many thanks
Niamh Clandillon*

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

St. Mary's Readers' Roster February:

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

Christian Meditation:

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

All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

Scriptural Readings:

We meet from **7.30-8.30pm** every **Monday** evening in the Bungalow opposite the church. The group will read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel to get a deeper understanding of the Word of our Lord.

All are welcome.

Visits to the housebound:

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

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

After Saturday 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Baptisms:

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

Legion of Mary:

We meet every Thursday evening at 5.30pm in Room 4 in St Mary's Parish Centre for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

Coffee Dock Open:

Every Sunday Morning and Weekdays 10am to 12 noon.

All Welcome.



Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

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

Sr Geraldine.

Divine Mercy Devotion:

On Wednesdays after 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to participate in the devotion regularly or occasionally.

St Mary's Parish Divine Mercy Group.

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Anthony Speight**, Sarsfield Park, to the family and friends of **Anna Dignam**, Dodsboro Cottages and to the husband, family and friends of **Catherine Regan**, Chalet Gardens.

May they rest in peace.



St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at Masses

NEXT Saturday/ Sunday
4th / 5th February.

Many thanks for your generosity.

Thank You

Once again a huge thank you to all people who have left their spare wool for us into St Mary's Parish Centre. It was much appreciated and has been put to good use.

St Mary's Apostolic Workers.



Lucan Presbyterian Church

Main Street, Lucan, Co. Dublin

Sunday Morning Worship: 11am.

(There's tea and coffee after the service)

Lucan Presbyterian Church is a growing family of Christians who come from a variety of different church backgrounds, traditions and nationalities. Regardless of your age, background, experience or previous church connections you are welcome to come and visit us.

Contact: email: lucanpresbyterian@gmail.com

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

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

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

Tea/Coffee

Every Wednesday Morning
10.30am in the Parish Centre.



All are welcome

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

Prayers of the Church:

Monday to Friday: 8.40am.

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

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

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

Legion of Mary:

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

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

A new branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society has opened in our parish. We meet once a month and our next meeting is **Tuesday 31st January at 7.30 pm** in Divine Mercy Church. The aim of the society is to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

All are very welcome and we look forward to seeing you all.

The Parish office can be contacted at 01 4572900.

Bingo:

Bingo every **Wednesday at 7.30pm** in the St. John Paul Room Divine Mercy Church. Doors open at 7.00pm. *All welcome.*

Wednesdays tea/coffee morning:

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

St Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan: Sunday: 9am and 10am.

Wednesday: 10am

St Mary's, Leixlip: Sunday: 11.30am. **Tuesday:** 10am

Services are available on our parish

Facebook pages: [St. Andrew's Church,](#)

[Lucan](#) or [St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)

Pilgrimages

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2023

Direct flights from Dublin

15th May or 18th October for 9 nights was €825 now €775. Single room supplement €180.

15th May or 18th October for 7 nights was €775 now €715. Single room supplement €140.

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

Camino de Santiago.

[Breakthrough Cancer Research](#) are taking on the Camino Ingles from the 15th-22nd May 2023.

Enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help us Make More Survivors. For more information please contact Mary@breakcancer.ie or phone 021 422 66 55 for more details.

Anniversaries

EOIN COLLINS

1st Anniversary - 1st February

Late of Lucan Heights and New York.

Forever in our hearts and prayers.

*Deeply missed by his loving mother,
sisters and brothers and extended family and
friends*



MARIE COWLEY

2nd 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

Till we meet again, rest in peace.

*In loving memory from her husband and all
the members of the family*



MARY ANN MARTEN

28th Anniversary - 31st January

Late of Dodsboro.

Will those who think of her today

A little prayer to Jesus say.

*Loved and missed always by Tony, Kathleen
and family*

Esler Active Retirement Association

Hi Everyone,

Hope you're all well. Unfortunately I didn't send notification to the Newsletter last week about our AGM but I think most of our members received the details via WhatsApp anyway. So, our AGM will take place next Wednesday 1st February 2023 in St Andrew's Church Hall at 1.45pm promptly. Please make sure you are all in attendance for the AGM and please arrive at 1.30pm to facilitate same. The current Committee are all stepping down/moving positions within the Committee, so you can have your say about new Committee members and please place your votes.

We had a great crowd today, the hall was buzzing and the craic was mighty. We did bowls, whist, scrabble and keep fit to music and we enjoyed some refreshments as we chatted to one another. Four new members joined and if anyone wishes to join our club, just turn up and we'll make you very welcome.

1.30pm at St. Andrew's Church Hall in Lucan Village.

Marian Egan (Club Secretary) 086 1269043

Lucan Senior Citizens

Social Morning: Wednesdays 10.30am to

12.30pm at St. Mary's Parish Centre.

New members always welcome.

Totus Tuus Eucharistic Conference 2023

Is live on Radio Maria Ireland from **2pm on Saturday 4th February.**

Speakers include Fr. Columba Mary Toman Op, Fr. Patrick Cahill O.J.S.S, Fr. Patrick Lagan (Derry Diocese), Maura Murphy (Holy Family Mission).

Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at

01 4373277.

Alzheimer Social Club



Every Wednesday

1.30pm - 3.30 pm

JOIN US!



St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan road, Lucan

Contact - Adrienne Mc Avinue

phone number- 086 838 1215

email address -amcavinue@alzheimer.ie

Our Club is a social gathering where people can access information and support, meet other people as well as to exchange ideas and experiences.

Accord Marriage Care

Relationship and Marriage Counselling

"If you can't talk to one another, talk to us".

Accord Marriage Care, Lucan.

Phone: 6010844.



St. Mary's Camera Soiree

Last Friday's hands-on session on Photoshop Elements was a great success and as a result the group decided that they should continue with these hands-on sessions for the time being. Consequently, they have deferred their planned visit to the Farmleigh Gallery at Farmleigh House to see a retrospective photographic exhibition entitled "The Man Who Sees Through Shadows" by Ireland's most celebrated contemporary photographer Mick Bunn until sometime in February. This exhibition which is presented by the Office of Public Works runs until 19th March 2023. As well as Photoshop Elements the group last Friday looked at Light Room and is now experimenting with some of the free software such as GIMP that is available for the processing of digital photos.

This week, Conor submitted photos of a fox, and of Highland cattle in St. Catherine's Park. I came across an article in the Irish Times of 13th December 2013 about the arrival of these cattle which are described as gorgeous looking and, despite their magnificent horns, gentle giants. Until next week stay safe.



Hillcrest Residents Association

We wish to invite residents to our next **Meet the Neighbours Coffee Morning** which will be held on **Thursday, 2nd February**, at **11a.m.** in the **Lord Lucan**, Finnstown Shopping Centre.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone as we head into the new St. Brigid Public Holiday weekend.

Rita O'Brien, Secretary



St. Brigid's Day is almost upon us – the beginning of Spring! This year, our new bank holiday falls on Monday 6th February.



MARYMOUNT CARE CENTRE

WHAT IS DEMENTIA?

DEMENTIA CARE
INFORMATION & SUPPORT

Our monthly sessions are intended for all people interested in or Affected by Dementia.

THURSDAY
2ND FEBRUARY 2023

EDUCATION CENTRE
MARYMOUNT CARE CENTRE
7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

BOOK NOW

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Westmanstown, Lucan, Co. Dublin
rita@mmcc.ie

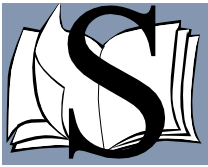
St. Blaise' Feast Day falls on 2nd February. In days of old, this was a big event with people having their throats blessed to protect them from illness.

Another sign of Spring – lots of Easter Eggs on the supermarket shelves. Were they a bit late this year?

Lucan's St. Patrick's Day Parade

entry form will be published in next week's edition, so get the thinking caps on!





SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Class Freeman Careers Trip

Class Freeman went on a trip to Liberties College of Further Education on Friday to explore their future career and training options. The students had the opportunity to talk to teachers about the courses on offer and visit the various practical rooms.



Barista Classes for our Transition Years

TY's received Barista training this week with the help of the Dublin Barista School. New skills were learned which many students will find useful as they take part in work experience in the coming weeks! Thanks to Ms Higgins for organising.



Junior Girls Basketball

Our Junior Girls Basketball team started their new year campaign against Rathcoole HFCS on Friday last. The girls came up short 17-14 but put on an

excellent display for their first away game. Scorers on the day included Aisling Fleming and Ella McGrath. Thanks to our new TY coaches Anete Salna and Dina Sulaiman for their work with the girls. Well done to all involved!

Mock Exams

Mock exams take place from the 23rd January – 3rd February in Lucan Community College. We wish our 3rd and 6th Year students the best of luck in their exams.



Join your foroige club in Lucan

hang out with friends in the community

contact

adunola.olugboun@foroige.ie

www.foroige.ie

Table Quiz & Raffle

in aid of

North Kildare (Leixlip) Arch Club

(a voluntary social club for people with disabilities)

St. Mary's GAA, Green Lane, Leixlip

Friday 24th February 2023

8 pm, tables of 4 €5pp



All support is greatly appreciated

St. Joseph's College

Camogie: Huge congratulations to our senior camogie team who were victorious in the senior a Dublin camogie championship final on Friday last against Mount Sackville on a score line of 2-08 to 0-7 points. This was a fantastic victory for this group who lost out in last year's final against Friday's opposition. This is one of the most talented groups of camogie players we have had in the school and the 6th years will leave having won the minor, junior and senior camogie championships over their 6 years in St Josephs which is a fantastic achievement.



Concern Debating: Huge Congratulations to our Senior Concern Debaters for reaching the last 32 of this year's All Ireland Debating Competition. Once again, this is a wonderful achievement by this group of committed debaters. Well done to Mr. Smyth also for all his hard work with this group. We wish them well with the next round of the competition.

Entrance exam: On Saturday the 28 January we welcome our incoming First Year students to St Josephs to do their entrance assessment, no preparation is required for this assessment and we look forward to seeing you all on the day.

2nd Year Parent Teacher Meeting: We held our 2nd year Parent Teacher Meeting on Tuesday last; it was great to meet with all the parents to discuss students' progress since the start of 2nd year.

Taize Prayer Service: Our 6th year students took part in the Taize Prayer service on Wednesday prior to the commencement of their Mock examinations. This annual tradition is an important day in our school calendar. A huge Thank you to the Religion Department for all of their work in organising this service and to Fr. Tom for allowing the use of the Church for this service.

Mock Exams: Best of Luck to our 3rd and 6th year students who begin their Mock Exams this week, the exams will run in the school from the 26 January until the 10 February 2023.

Transition Year: Our Transition Years are doing work placement over the next two weeks; this is great experience for the students to get and insight into the world of work. We would like to Thank all of the businesses and organisations who have opened up their doors to allow our students to have this invaluable experience.

Cross Country: Best of Luck to our Students who are taking part in the West Leinster Cross Country competition this week.

5th Year Ice Skating: On Friday our 5th year students are travelling to Dundrum Town centre to enjoy a day out at Dundrum on Ice. We wish them well and hope they have an enjoyable day.

Junior Cert Chill Out: On Friday our 3rd year students are being treated to a chill out day prior to the commencement of their mock examinations the following week. This

involves the students voting on their preferred movie and watching it in their base classes. There will even be a sweet shop for them to enjoy with popcorn. This is a great treat for the group prior to their examinations. This was organised fully by Ms. Wards Future leaders event management class, who are putting their new found skills into practice.

Practice Hike: Well done to all the Transition Year Students and the 5th Year Students who took part in the Gaisce practice hike on Saturday last. They did excellently to hike to Djouce Mountain in what was challenging conditions.



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Soccer: Hard luck to our senior soccer team who were beaten 3-2 by Castleknock Community College in the Dublin Metropolitan League Regional semi-final last Thursday. Tyler Doherty gave Lucan the lead with a powerful header from close range mid-way through the 1st half. An unfortunate own goal levelled the scores before half-time. In the 2nd half, Castleknock went 3-1 up before Tyler grabbed his 2nd of the game with a drilled finish from the edge of the box. Lucan pushed hard for an equaliser but Castleknock were resolute held on for the win.

Our u15 team advanced to the Dublin West League semi-final after defeating Holy Family Rathcoole 2-0 last Friday. Sam Deegan opened the scoring in the 1st half with a crisp close range finish. Ben Lawless scored Lucan's 2nd goal after a typical clinical right-footed finish across the keeper into the far post. Lucan were rarely troubled in defence and they eased to victory in fine style.

They were out again in action on Tuesday when they faced Palmerstown CS for a place in the Leinster Minor Cup 3rd rnd. Unfortunately, a physically imposing Palmerstown team scored three set-piece goals in a 3-1 victory to knock Lucan out. Lucan fought hard throughout and created plenty of opportunities against a deep lying defence but they came up just short on the day. Cillian Murphy scored the team's only goal as he curled the ball around the keeper into the bottom right hand corner.

Football: Hard luck to our u16 football team who were beaten 6-16 to 2-11 by Scoil Chaitríona in their final group game of the Dublin Junior Football League on Tuesday. Scoil Chaitríona hit a hot streak in the 1st half scoring 3 unanswered goals in quick succession to open up a commanding lead that in truth they rarely looked like relinquishing. Shane Wallace had a fine game for Lucan as he scored 8 points while Michael O' Brien and Reece Kelly scored the team's goals. The team finished with 3 points in the group stages (after 1 win from 3) which was not enough to secure a place in the knockout stages of the competition.

Basketball: Our 1st and 2nd yr basketball teams began their Eastern League campaigns last Friday with the 1st of their respective group stage matches against Drimnagh Castle. It proved to be a day of contrasting fortunes with our 1st yrs losing 21-3 while our 2nd yrs won 35-18 in impressive style. Hasan Al Mani scored Lucan's only three points against strong opponents and

our 1st yrs will have learned a lot from their first match together with three more matches to play. Our 2nd yrs, coached by TY student Alseny Bah, produced a dominant display to ease to victory in their match. The team opened up a 9-2 lead by the end of the 1st 1-4 with thanks to some impressive baskets from Lucan's influential point guard Lewis Adjinakou, Cian Kelly and Aaron McCormack, who excelled with rebounds. They moved 23-8 clear by the end of the 3rd 1-4 and continued to control the game in the final 1-4, with Jack Horan and Jack O' Dwyer impressing late on with some nice baskets.

Religion: As part of Catholic Schools week, a poster competition was held based on the theme "Walking together in faith and love". There was a huge number of high quality posters submitted and after serious consideration by the judges, the winner was 1st yr Aaron Jobin, who's creative, colourful and artistic representation of the theme impressed everyone. Aaron won a lunch voucher for his efforts and his poster was framed and put up in the main entrance to the school for all to admire.



Poster Competition winner with Mr. Tarpey

Exam News: Our 3rd and 6th yr students began their mock exams next week and which will go on until Friday 10th Feb, at which time they will have a well-earned mid-term break to recover from their exertions! The 6th yrs begin on Monday while the 3rd yrs start on Thursday.

Prefects: Our 6th yr cohort of prefects, who had served as prefects up until last week, were treated to a delicious meal in Cosmos, Liffey Valley last Friday. Mr. Keane, who worked with them throughout the year, was also in attendance. The students are now fully focusing on their upcoming exams in June and we wish them well.

Women's Collective Ireland – Lucan

New Term Brochure for January 2023

If you would like a copy of our brochure, contact us: email lucan@womenscollective.ie
WhatsApp/Phone: 083 860 7947/ 089 611 2018

Community Development: This is an 8-week program to Develop and build women's confidence providing them with the skills, tools and belief in themselves to consider taking on a role within their community. Enabling collective action on issues which are important to them.

Start Date: Tuesday 31 Jan 2023 Venue: Ballyowen Community Centre Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm €10 registration €2.00 per week (Places Limited)

The Magic of You: 8-week Personal Development programme with fun & creativity course content: Simple Mindfulness • Self-Compassion • Building Self Confidence • Managing Stress • Decision making • Using Affirmations • Setting Goals • Vision Boards
Start Date: Tue 31 Jan 2023

Venue: Adamstown Community Centre
Time: 10.00am -12.00pm
€10 registration €2.00 per week (Places Limited)

Yoga: Are you looking for a midweek lift join us for Restorative Yoga and meditation. Restorative yoga is a restful practice that is all about slowing down and opening your body through passive stretching. **Start Date: Wednesday 1st Feb 2023**

Venue: Ballyowen Community Centre
Time: 10.30am -12.00pm
€30 for term - Non-Refundable (Places Limited)

Crafty Byrds: Come along to learn a variety of arts and crafts. Have a cuppa, chat and make some new friends. **Start Date: Thursday 2nd Feb.** Venue: Ballyowen Community Centre
Time: 10.00am -12.00pm. €10 registration €2.00 per week (places are limited)

Women's Group: A social women's group for 60's and over is starting. Come along to connect with new friends and like-minded people. Special events, workshops or classes may also be provided based on the group's interest.

Start Date: Tuesday 7th Feb
Venue: Ballyowen Community Centre
€2.00 euro per week (Places Limited)

Monthly Reading Circle: always open to new members. Come join our book club. Each month the group reads a book and holds a session to review the main points and discuss the issues raised, but mostly to have a chat.

Venue: online/Ballyowen Community Centre
Time: 7.30-8.30 pm

LUCAN LIBRARY



Smartphone Workshops
Need a little help with your phone?
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At Lucan Library

February 1st @ 7pm:

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Presented by **John Miller** (*in-house Financial Adviser with Lucan District Credit Union*)

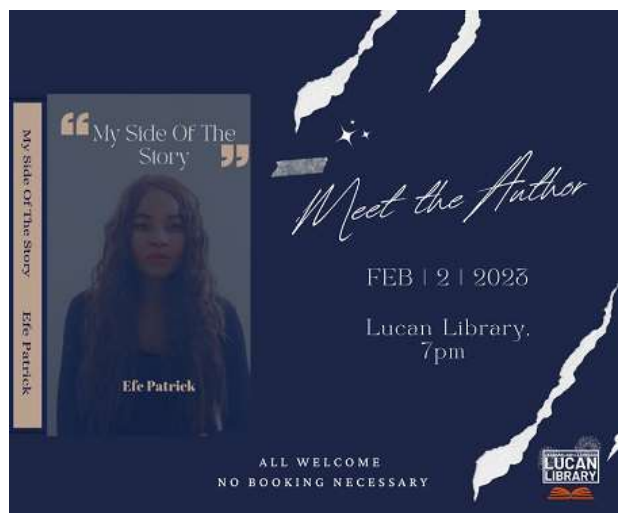
Feb 8th @ 7pm:

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Political Notes

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Frosty Weather / Roads & Paths: Recent sharp cold weather snaps have resulted in poor conditions for both pedestrians, cyclists and motorists in many parts of Lucan, especially given the ‘hilly’ nature of approaches to the village. I have sought assurances from the council – though 700t of rock salt was spread, and whilst most main roads were gritted, council trucks continue to have difficulty delivering such a service into estates. Moving forward, a commitment has been given to review salt policy and to endeavour to make salt more accessible to members of the public in estates worse effected.

New Bins – Adamstown Lucan: In October 2022, the council agreed to several new public litter bins. I have continued to press for the actual installation of these for Adamstown and elsewhere. I raised this by way of an official question at the January local ‘Area Committee’ meeting held on Tuesday of this week.

Emer Higgins – TD

78 The Orchard, Lucan

01 401 3416 Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

Redress for apartment construction defects:

Unfortunately, there are quite a few apartments in our area that are plagued by construction defects, through no fault of the owner or the renter. I have been engaging closely with impacted residents in the area as well as the construction defects alliance and I really welcome that we now have a plan for providing redress to those living in defective apartments. The proposed measures will ensure people who have already paid or are paying towards remediation costs will be included and buildings posing the highest risk will be prioritised for remediation first. For more info get in touch.

Comhghairdeas!; Congratulations to Adrian Dragomir from 6th year in Adamstown Community College who won runner-up individual in the BT Young Scientist for his project AL-energy.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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Liffey Valley Workers Against Car Park

Charges: Next Monday Liffey Valley workers will stage a protest outside Hines Real Estate

Management against the continued imposition of staff car parking charges. These charges were introduced last October and were tantamount to a pay cut. Annual amounts that a worker will be paying to park their car at Liffey Valley can be in some instances over six hundred euro. People Before Profit will continue to support the workers against this unjust charge.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Kishogue Station: I've consistently pushed for the re-opening of Kishogue Station since elected in 2019. Having frequently contacted the NTA, and having raised it with the Council, I got confirmation recently that the station should open by end of 2023. I will continue to push to have this important local infrastructure open as soon as possible.

Cluain Rí Park: Great to see new gates being installed at Cluain Rí Park on Ballyowen Lane. I committed to improving the look and security of this park when elected. Having secured the upgrade of footpaths, overdue tree maintenance and now new gates, it has improved.

Public Realm Improvement Plan 2023: Happy to see some items I requested in this plan, such as path upgrades in Hermitage Park and Ballyowen Park and flower boxes at Lucan Bridge. Full details are on my social media channels.

Paul Gogarty

“Not just at election time”

Tel: 087-2752489. Web: www.paulgogarty.com

Next phase of cycleway link: I raised the spur from Cherbury Park bridge to Lucan Demesne via Vesey Park. Was happy to hear that the design company for the new cemetery has provided updated information on plans to link to the river, part of the planning conditions.

Lucan swimming pool and leisure centre.

At the last meeting we were told things are progressing for a summer opening, but this is not 100% certain. New management company Aura Leisure are required to provide dedicated space for Esker Boxing Club and have been put in contact with Naoínra Mhairín to explore options to provide suitable space for childcare operations. Space for other former users has also been requested. SDCC says it will arrange an opportunity for local Councillors to meet with Aura representatives when they have their operating team in place.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole, Independent

Peace Commissioner

087-2795274. lotoole@cllr.sdblincoco.ie

www.lotoole.com

Bus Shelters: At this week's area committee meeting I had a motion passed requesting that the council management and the NTA examine how the lighting at bus shelters can be improved. If you know of a bus shelter that lacks adequate lighting and needs to be examined, do get in touch.

12th Lock Masterplan: It's planned to present councillors with a presentation of the 12th Lock Masterplan at the March full council meeting. Council management and designers have been liaising with local councillors and relevant stakeholders and it's hoped that a part 8 draft plan will be published soon after.

Griffeen Valley Petanque Club: Delighted to see this new sports club formerly set up and funded by South Dublin Sports Partnership and Public realm, do check out the new facility in Griffeen Valley Park (Newcastle Road) the back of the hockey pitch!

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Irish Blessing.*

LUCAN COMMUNITY GAMES

Upcoming Events 2023

Tuesday 7th February – Chess



Tuesday 14th February – Art



Tuesday 21st February - Handwriting



Tuesday 7th March - Quiz



Wednesday 13th March - Draughts



All above will be held in Lucan Library at 17.30

March – Swimming TBA

April – Talent TBA

May – Athletes TBA

€10 Registration Fee
Events Free (ex-Swimming)



Register your interest at
lucangames@gmail.com

Must be U16 as of 13th July and from
Lucan



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Team News

Inter County for Lucan continued with Chris O'Leary, John Bellew, Ronán Smith and Paul Crummey all featuring in the Walsh Cup on Saturday's win against Westmeath. Abby Shiels also featured in the Dublin football panel beating Meath 1-11 to 0-8 in the opener of the league last Saturday. U16 Dublin Camogie kicked off the Leinster All Ireland Series with four Lucan stars lining out, Isabel Cuffe, Chloe O'Shea Rachel Johnson and Sadhbh Ni Buachalla, well done girls!

Looking forward, we have plenty of representation in the Colleges competitions that are kicking off soon, we know our players will do us proud and then return to the books to avoid the summer repeats, we all know that school is important but Hurling and Football are importanter (sorry, the old jokes are the best!)



Healthy Clubs - Ireland Lights Up

Well done to everyone who came out for Lucan Healthy Clubs 2nd week of Ireland Lights Up. Please join us for our next walk this Wednesday from our clubhouse at 7pm. Just sign in and walk and enjoy the company along the way!



Irish Life Healthy Clubs Every Step Counts challenge is still open for entry. Our club can be

in with a chance to win vouchers for new kit from O'Neill's, please download the MyLife app in the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) and search MyLife by Irish Life.

Club Awards

Nominations are being sought for Club Person of the Year for 2022. Please complete the form to propose a club member. Nominations should be submitted by Monday 30th January. The award will be presented at the Annual Adult Awards Night in the club on the revised date of Friday 17th February.

Nagarhope

Please support Nagarhope's fundraiser, *'Elvis and the Way it Was Orchestra'*, in the Spa Hotel on Friday, 10th February, to help fund the rebuilding of Nagarhope Basic School in Nepal. For tickets please contact 087 0666891, 087 9225103 or 191 Beech Park, Lucan.



Membership

Membership for 2023 is now open. Our number 1 priority is players' welfare and we'd like to remind parents and adult players that players need to be registered and paid members of the club in order to be covered by insurance. This includes training and challenge matches as well as official club games. Any unregistered players that train or play matches are doing so at their own risk and accepting that they will cover any medical costs that may result from injuries.

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €12,600. The Numbers were **4, 6, 22, 23**.

The 5 lucky dip prizes go to, Stagg c/o Mick Roche, John O'Connor, Kevin Fitzgerald, Nora Clarke and Louise Fagan.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€13,000**. The draw is sponsored by REA McDonald and will be led by Gerry McAndrew.



Is féidir libh ticéadaí a cheannacht ar líne leis an nasc seo: Tickets can be purchased online at the following link: #

<http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfield's GAA Club.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Multi-disciplined events are back with the 2021 Naas Duathlon National Series returning to Punchestown. Our very own Will Byrne and Gerry Byrne taking to the start line. 3K run 20K cycle finishing with another 3K run around the track. Will finished 15th and Gerry 123th from a big stacked field and both scored very highly in their respective age categories earning points towards the Duathlon National Series. Well done Gents great achievement.



Will Byrne

All aboard - Tymon Meet and Train Sunday 22nd Jan. Report courtesy of Hilary McGee. Round 2 of the Meet and Train league took place in picturesque Tymon Park, surrounded by the Dublin Mountains today. Picturesque Tymon Park, surrounded by the Dublin Mountains.

A hop, skip and a stone's throw from Lucan, the numbers certainly showed up to represent the club with success, 16 in total. Hosted by Sportsworld running club and refreshments provided on the day by Brothers Pearse club, a culmination of teamwork to host 126 eager women, 25% more than the last event, the New Year effect perhaps!! The Meet brought a few more members to the fore with Lucan fielding 16 runners. Orla McWeeney ran well from the off and moved into a top 10 position

early on, eventually finishing 7th overall. Next came Lorraine Heffernan, fresh from her outing at the Dublin, having picked up a few places in the second lap. Anne Whelan in her second cross country in as many weeks finished soon after. Claire Joyce battled well to finish Masters, having a great start to the year. Mary Browne followed strongly. Ana Babu made light work of the course as did Síle McIntyre, in her first showing in the league, running with ease. Next to cross the line was Bernie Stapleton, who acquitted herself well in her first cross country in a few years in these parts, being a frequent runner at BHAA XC events in nearby Cherryfield Park! One place separated Lhyne Ganadin and Sinead Farrell, both relishing in cross country events of late. Aileen Coughlan ran consistently to finish her second race of the league showing no signs of fatigue. Olivia Meyler Thomas, enthusiastic as ever ran strongly to complete her second Meet and Train of the season. Anne McGrane captained and had a great finish, closely followed by Fiona Allen. Diane Argaud ran effortlessly to complete the 2 mile course as did Winifred Ryan smiling all the way!

Results. Cross Country Race 2 January 22 2023. 7th Orla McWeeney 12.59. 16th Lorraine Heffernan 13.39. 24th Mary Browne 14.03 27th Anne Whelan 14.11. 29th Claire Joyce 14.14 42nd Ana Barbu 14.45. 59th Síle McIntyre 15.23 83rd Bernie Stapleton 16:40. 93rd Lhyne Ganadin 17.08. 94th Sinead Farrell 17.16. 95th Aileen Coughlan 17.18. 100th Olivia Meyler Thomas 17.31. 103rd Anna McGrane 17.39. 104th Fiona Allen 17.42. 108th Diane Argaud 18.11 120th Winifred Ryan 20.34





Assisi



Orvieto

Saint Mary's & St. Patrick's Parishes Proposed Pilgrimage to Italy 2023/24

St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Parishes are considering the possibility of organising a pilgrimage (7 nights, half board) under the spiritual direction of Fr. Philip Curran, P.P. in October 2023 or the spring of 2024 to shrines of Italy located in Tuscany and Umbria and is currently in discussion with Travel Agents regarding costs and dates.

The proposed pilgrimage would visit:

Assisi, birthplace of *St. Francis* and *St. Clare*, burial place of *Blessed Carlo Acutis*;

Orvieto, where the Corporal of **Bolsena** is on view in the cathedral. Bolsena is the location of a Eucharistic miracle that happened in 1263.

Siena, St. Catherine and location of a Eucharistic miracle that happened in 1730;

Volterra, site of a Eucharistic miracle that happened in 1472.

Florence, (patron St. John the Baptist) site of Eucharistic miracles in 1230 and 1595.

To gauge the likely level of participation if you are interested you can leave your contact details (without any obligation at this stage) with:

Deirdre in St Mary's Parish Office telephone 01 6281487

or email secretary@lucanparish.com

and you will be contacted when more detailed information is available.



Florence



Siena