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We all enjoy summer and good weather, and many of us journey abroad to ensure that we get our share of the sunshine of foreign parts. Sunspots attract tourists in their hundreds of thousands keen to wallow in the sunshine. This year however, we might find ourselves grateful for the climate that we enjoy here in rainy Ireland, and even content to enjoy it - despite the cloudbursts. Temperatures in the high thirties and even forties that are happening around the globe this summer, are perhaps more than we bargained for, and take us way beyond our comfort zone. The talk of global warming that we have

been warned about these past years has begun to manifest itself as something all too real that poses a real and present danger.

In 2015, Pope Francis devoted an Encyclical letter – ‘Laudato Si’ to the subject of Care for our Common Home. The Letter is divided into six chapters each of which can be read in about 30 minutes; it is both insightful and challenging, and deserving of our attention.

“Chapter One: What is Happening to Our Common Home” summarizes the scope of current problems related to the environment. Issues discussed include pollution, climate change, water scarcity, loss of biodiversity, and global inequality.

“Chapter Two: The Gospel of Creation” draws on the Bible as a source of insight. The Genesis creation stories are interpreted as enjoining responsible cultivation and protection of nature. Past attempts to justify the absolute human domination of other species are “not a correct interpretation of the Bible” (LS 67). The natural world is further portrayed as a gift, a message, and a common inheritance of all people.

“Chapter Three: The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis” explores social trends and ideologies that have caused environmental problems. These include the unreflective use of technology, an impulse to manipulate and control nature, a view of humans as separate from the environment, narrowly-focused economic theories, and moral relativism.

“Chapter Four: Integral Ecology” presents the encyclical’s main solution to ongoing social and environmental problems.

“Chapter Five: Lines of Approach and Action” applies the concept of integral ecology to political life. It calls for international agreements to protect the environment and assist low-income countries, new national and local policies, inclusive and transparent decision-making, and an economy ordered to the good of all.

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Lastly, “**Chapter Six: Ecological Education and Spirituality**” concludes the encyclical with applications to personal life. It recommends a lifestyle focused less on consumerism and more on timeless, enduring values. It calls for environmental education, joy in one’s surroundings, civic love, reception of the sacraments, and an “[ecological conversion](#)” in which an encounter with Jesus leads to deeper communion with God, other people, and the world of nature.

Laudato Si is free to download from the Vatican website, or available to buy from Veritas, Mid Abbet Street and Blanchardstown. It should give us all pause for thought – and action!

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals.index.html>

Philip Curran - St. Mary’s & St. Patrick’s

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open*

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

Our office will be open as usual during the months of July and August, however, if you require Reception service on Wednesdays, please phone in advance.

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

Travelling Abroad

COVID-19 rules: Each country has different entry requirements when travelling abroad. Most countries do not have any restrictions in place, but some countries may have. Always check before you travel.

Travelling to China

If you are planning to travel to China, you should consult the Department of Foreign Affairs Travel Advice. Currently, Irish citizens are advised to avoid non-essential travel to China.

If you are travelling to China, you should wear a face mask for the full duration of your journey. You should also ensure that you are up to date with all your COVID-19 vaccinations before you travel. There are no mRNA vaccines or other non-Chinese vaccines available in China.

Before you travel

Check travel advice and entry requirements for your destination

Check the travel advice and entry requirements for the country you are travelling to before you travel abroad.

www.dfa.ie/travel/travel-advice/

You might need a visa, this depends on your destination. You can find out if you need a visa on the Department of Foreign Affairs website.



Is your passport in date?

Check that your and your families’ passports are in date before you book. Passport Online is open to all applicants. You can get information on how to renew your passport or how to apply for your child’s first passport.

The latest passport turnaround times are available on the Passport Service's website.

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Women's
Collective
Ireland
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An Bainne Luaithe, Comhionannas,
Múinteoir, Taispeánú agus Clár
Programmaí atá Leasú, Fíricí,
Inaithneacht, Inneamh agus Taispeánú

8-WEEK PROGRAMME
STARTING OCT 2023

WOMEN In Leadership

Want to be a leader in your community or organisation?

Women's Collective Ireland Lucan are running a fully funded 3 hour once a week programme, is now recruiting for October. This is a limited opportunity with a small number of places available. Get in touch to register your Interest

Topics covered include:

Dare to Lead: A model of Personal and Professional Empowerment, Leadership Styles, Public Speaking.

Women's Voices: Feminist Analyses, The Personal Is Political: Invisible Power, Visible Exclusion, Community Structures, Voting Awareness, Local Government Structures, Making Women Visible. PLUS: Incredible Inspirational guest speakers!

Contact us: by phone/text or what's app on 089 611 2018/083 860 7847 or email lucan@womenscollective.ie

LOST

Gold Cross lost last Wednesday evening between Apache Pizza and Courtney's. My son got it from me for his 21st. Not the chain just the cross. Sentimental.

If found please contact Lisa 086 3774887



Kathy Nugent

"Loves Golden Era"

Lunch-time Concert

at

National Concert Hall



**Wednesday 26th July 2023
at 1.05pm**

Tickets available @ NCH.IE
and 01 4170000

Final Summer Issue Next Week!



Next week's issue, **Sunday 30th July** will be our final publication before our 3-week summer break.

Notices for events for the **month of August**, including any for **Heritage Week**, should be with us by next **Wednesday night, 26th July, 10pm** at the latest.

From starvation to a degree in Mathematics

Letter received by John and Mary Coyne, who have just returned from Malawi:

"Am Mwayi Mtambo aged 18.

Am coming from a family of two children, both girls. I raised up with my grandparent due to my mother's illness since I was in standard six.

I attended my secondary Education at Luwanga secondary school where i got 15 points at MSCE exams. I applied for many courses from different Universities.

I appreciate you John and Mary Coyne for supporting me from one up to now. Lucky enough I have been selected to go to Chancellor College in Zomba district to study Bachelor of Education in Mathematics as a secondary teacher, of which it cost k350,000 per year. And it is a course for 4 years.

I thank Madam Florence for being with me in all My situations until I did all my best and finally got selected to start My tertiary education at Chancellor.

Mwawi"

The sign on the door says
"Girls can do anything".

So true
We are so proud
of her!



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



NOTICE: Back Car Park

The entrance to the back car park from Lucan Heights Road is closed until further notice.

Access can be made on

Saturday/Sunday ONLY through the Girls Primary School.

Enter front Church Yard, turn right and then left and drive to end and turn right through red gates.

Christian Meditation:

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

All welcome,

Sr Geraldine.

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.

Scriptural Readings:

There will be **NO** meeting until September.

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.

Baptisms:

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

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.

Divine Mercy Devotion:

During exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy with devotions, is prayed every Wednesday morning in St. Mary's parish church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral).

Divine Mercy Lucan devotion St Mary's Parish Lucan.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

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

Coffee Dock Open:

Every Sunday Morning and Weekdays 10am to 12 noon. *All Welcome.*

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of *Helen Roche*, Bewley Avenue.

May she rest in peace.



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: **No Vigil Mass**

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.

Confessions:

Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass only.

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: **6pm.**

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

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

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

Catholic Faith Formation for Children:

Would you like your children to know more about God and the Catholic Faith? We are thrilled to invite your children to a programme that would help them to understand and appreciate their faith. They will explore their faith through age appropriate, interactive activities, discussions etc.

When: Starting from September 2023

Where: Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan

Age groups: Between 6-12 years and 13-17 years.

Also open to all children of neighbouring parishes and there is no fee.

If you are interested, please contact the Office 01 457 2900 or E: catechislucansouth@gmail.com

Home Visits Holy Communion:

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

Legion of Mary:

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 welcome.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.45pm and after Saturday evening Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

The aim is to pray for vocations and also try to help seminarians financially. We also assist seminarians throughout the world spiritually. We would gladly welcome new members. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month for 1 hour.

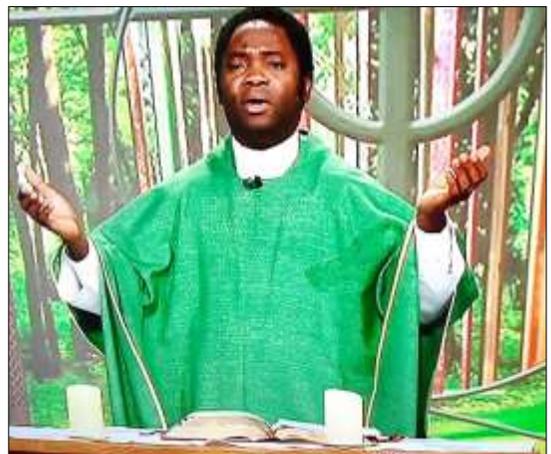
Wednesdays tea/coffee morning:

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

Bingo:

Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30pm.

All welcome to play for big prizes.



Last Sunday's Mass from the RTE studio was celebrated by Fr Pius with a choir and congregation gathered from the Association of African Priests and Religious and the African community in Ireland.

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](#)

Birthday Remembrances

Ger Carey

22nd July

Late of Beech Park and Beaver St. Dublin 1.
Of our much loved son, brother, uncle and
granduncle.

First Birthday Ger away from home.

As the song goes Ger

I held first, I loved you first

You were my first born

59 years ago

It does not take a special day

To bring you to our minds

A day without the thoughts of you

Is very hard to find

I hope Ger you are all together

Having a great time

Where all the rivers run free

Love you forever Ger

You are always in my heart

And forever on our minds

Miss you so much sweetheart

Until I get there

*Mam, Dad, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces and
grandnephews and nieces. xxxxx*



Jemmers Condron

Happy Heavenly Birthday to my loving
husband **Jemmers** who would be 82yrs
on Saturday 22nd of July.

*From your loving wife Philomena
(Philo) sons Paul and Jay, extended
family.*



Joe McCahill

20th July 2023

14th Birthday away from home

No cards today, no presents either,

Oh how we wish we could see
you on your special day.

Instead we will think of you
in happier times,

When we were all together.

Instead we send a million hugs
and kisses to our lovely Dad.

Always loved, always missed,
Never, ever forgotten.

Happy Birthday Dad.

*Your loving daughters Patricia, Mary and Laura,
Sons in law Enda and Barry and adored
grandchildren Jordan, Stephen, Leah, Arthur,
Ruby and Annie xxxxxxx*



Lucan Planning Council

LPC welcomes the news that South Dublin Co. Council has begun negotiations for the purchase of Lucan House and grounds to be used as a public amenity. This is wonderful news, LPC has always lobbied and worked for the protection of all Liffey Valley landscapes, especially in the Lucan catchment area. With the support of our local Councillors, Lucan Demesne was opened and St Edmundsbury is protected in the County Development Plans. The population of Lucan is now approaching 60,000 and growing fast, it is vital that the St Eds lands continue to be protected to meet the future recreational and sporting needs of the area.

The recent changes to the Lucan bus routes by The National Transport Authority, especially the discontinuation of the No. 25, 239 and Connolly Hospital services has caused serious inconvenience for many elderly residents. A new W4 bus service from Tallaght stops in some areas of Lucan but only goes to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, a 30 minute walk from the Hospital. LPC has a plan that would restore these services but that NTA are not prepared to meet us face to face to discuss our proposals. We are currently asking residents to sign a petition to the NTA to meet us to discuss our plans for improving traffic and public transport in Lucan.

LPC is also concerned that S.D.C.C. has not disclosed its plans for alterations to the Lucan Village Green area that are due to begin shortly. To date no discussion has taken place with Lucan residents on the matter. Many locals are concerned that the unique character of our lovely village may be lost. LPC will support any changes that will make the village more attractive for locals and visitors. A pedestrian bridge from Main Street to The Green has been mentioned. The works should not commence until the Council reveals its plans and gets the approval of the local community. Nobody wants a repeat of the Village Park fiasco.

*Joe Byrne
Chairman, L.P.C.*

Esker Cemetery Sunday

The Annual Mass and Blessing of Graves
will take place on

Sunday 3rd September at 3pm

(Weather permitting)



Wet, Wet, Wet is July 2023!

At least we are not complaining about the heat like other parts of Europe and further afield. Let's count our blessings!

Below is a nursery rhyme from days of old:

Whether the weather be fine,
Or whether the weather be not,
Whether the weather be cold,
Or whether the weather be hot,
We'll weather the weather
Whatever the weather,
Whether we like it or not!



Brilliant Dubs! Despite all the wind and rain, our **Boys in Blue** didn't disappoint on Saturday last, and it must be said that Monaghan put up a great show – one to watch out for in the future.

Our Girls in Green! As we go to press, our **Girls in Green** are doing their bit in Sydney, against Australia. We have our contacts at this game, so looking forward to reports!

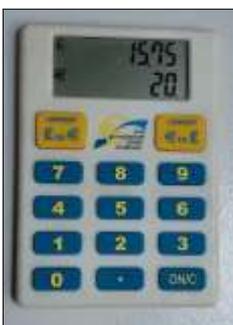
Hurling on Sunday! It doesn't feel right having the All Ireland Finals so early in the year, but I expect we'll get used to it like everything else. Good luck to Kilkenny and Limerick in the Hurling Final – looking forward to an exciting game!

The things you come across when looking for something else!

We're all familiar with rummaging through the cupboards, and coming up with what we now regard as little

treasures. Such was the case when the above item saw the light of day once again.

Back in 2000/1, homes were issued with this clever little calculator to help us in our transition from Punts to Euros. This one is still working, and as you can see, €20 was the equivalent of £15.75.



Adult Education Service

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2023.

These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours, 1 morning per week. The following subjects are available in the autumn term:

- Spanish for Beginners
- Wellbeing
- Introduction to Microsoft Excel
- Working with Microsoft Word
- Digital Presentation Skills
- Reception and Frontline Office Skills
- Developing Communication Skills
- Payroll: Manual & Computerised
- Medical Terminology



For more details, contact lizgaffney@ddletbaes.ie or call (01) 6283557.

MARYMOUNT CARE CENTRE

NON-COGNITIVE SYMPTOMS AND PALIATIVE CARE

DEMENTIA EVENING

INFORMATION & SUPPORT EVENINGS
Marymount Dementia Team will welcome ANP Edel Carey and Una Molloy from St Francis Hospice to explain Non-cognitive symptoms of dementia and Paliative Care.

THURSDAY
3RD AUGUST

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

BOOK NOW

+353 1 820 4500

rita@mmcc.ie

LUCAN FESTIVAL

The Italian Ambassador H.E. Mr Ruggero Corrias and his wife Ms Vania Lorenzo have once again graciously allowed the grounds of Lucan House to be open on **Saturday 9th September** as part of our Festival.

This year there will be no pre-paid tickets, entry only on day from 12.30.

Tickets €6, children 12 and under free with adult. Card reader available.

This event is our only fund raiser.



Look forward to seeing you there.

Joe



Numerous huge Buffalo sculptures are located throughout the grounds and these together with Dinosaurs (with their keepers) and Birds of Prey will keep your minds occupied after you look at the various historical items.



There will be lots of other entertainment throughout the grounds.

First 5

Go leor scéalta agus spraoi le h-aghaidh gach aon leanbh atá chun tosú ar scoil in 2023!

Píoc suas Mála Leabhar **SAOR IN AISCE**
'Leabharlann na nÓg' dóibh sa leabharlann i do cheantar féin

Bags of stories and fun for every child starting school in 2023!

Pick up their **FREE** Little Library Book Bag at your local library

Primrose Hill Garden

is open for

Summer Flowers

and also **Tree Walks**

Some 6 acres in all!



Top of Primrose Lane, Lucan.

Adults €6.00. Children free.

Heritage Week
August 12th - 20th

Summer Holidays, 1950's style



Oh what a beautiful morning,
Oh what a beautiful day sang
I, as I sat in our back garden
appreciating the wonder of
nature, the greenness of our
grass, the height of the
sunflowers as they stretched
higher than the garden wall,

the roses in bloom displaying their petals in shades of white and yellow and the fuschia bush showing promise of a colourful display of blooms.

As I sat, I thought back on the garden of my childhood where cabbage, potatoes, lettuce and other vegetables were planted and nursed to grace our table and assist my father's weekly wage in providing for our family needs. The Ireland of the 1950's was a different entity to the Ireland we know today. My father was a fitter with CIE, serving his apprenticeship in Broadstone Railway before Inchicore became the hub for CIE Railway works. A perk of being an employee of CIE



Railway was that you received special passes and reduced fares, known as privileges, for you and your family to travel. My father had a 2 week holiday every year and it was then that our

family took full advantage of the travel perks. We became day-trippers, making journeys to Ireland's cities and towns using our passes and visiting beaches using our privileges.

Among the cities we visited were Galway, Cork, Waterford, Belfast, Sligo and Limerick. It was an early start for all of us, leaving our house to catch the 22 bus into Dublin around 7am and making our way to Kingsbridge (Heuston) Station if we were travelling to Cork, Limerick or Waterford, Amiens Street (Connolly) Station for Belfast or Drogheda and Westland Row (Pearse) Station for Galway, Mullingar or Athlone.

On these journeys we would wear our Sunday best and bring light refreshments for

the train journey. We chatted, played games and window gazed out on the green fields, the cows, sheep grazing and the hinterland of Ireland. We ooh'd and aah'd as we crossed the Shannon in Athlone, marvelled at Donnelly's Hollow and the Devil's Bit, while we formed a sense of the Ireland that lay beyond our own home patch and parish.



The train journey that we looked forward to most of all was our visit to Auntie Madge in Enniscorthy. My Auntie Madge was a telegraphist with CIE and following postings in Kingsbridge and Ballinasloe Train Stations she was sent to Enniscorthy. Here my Auntie Madge married a local man Kevin Sheehan and thus Enniscorthy became her forever home. We, the Kenny children, were delighted to have country cousins, thus our annual train journey and visit to Enniscorthy was the highlight of our summer holiday.

The Wexford train departed from Westland Row (Pearse) Station. We knew all the stations along the route, stopping first in Dun Laoghaire and then Bray before we got clearance to travel onwards through the tunnels to Greystones. The journey through all three tunnels was dark and scary but yet it was a highlight of our trip. We knew all the stations we passed through, becoming familiar with Avoca and the Meeting of the Waters. In those days we passed through Camolin and Ferns before arriving in Enniscorthy Station, where my cousins were waiting, like a guard of honour, to meet us. My cousins are Anne, Gerard, Patricia, Mary, Delores, Martin, Finola, Terence, Gráinne and Sinéad. Then we walked up St Senan's Road to their house in the foothills of Vinegar Hill where Auntie Madge and Uncle Kevin and the hens waited to greet us.



Our seaside trips were when the privileges were used, these privileges allowed us travel for a reduced fare. Our favourite seaside was Claremont Strand, Howth. A different type of planning was needed for these excursions.

Over

The night before we set out, sandwiches were made and bags were packed which included all the picnic requirements including cups, milk, tea and sugar. Then the swimming togs (describing 1950's swimming togs is best left to the imagination) and towels, a bat and ball, raincoats, calamine lotion and plasters were added and we were all set to go. Once again an early start was made, usually we arrived in Howth around 11am and headed for the beach intent on getting a good spot in the shelter of the sand dunes. We started with a dip in the sea, followed by our picnic which included sandy sandwiches and Marietta biscuits. On a point of information there was a hut on the beach where you could purchase a Teapot of boiling water for 6d (pence) and a deposit of 6d, the deposit was refunded when you returned the Teapot.



Rounders, Queenie Eye O and Red Rover were some of the games we played, while making sandcastles and burying feet in the sand were also part of our seaside adventure. Come 4 o'clock we were all rounded up and bags packed for our return journey to Dingle Road. Often we would walk down the Howth quayside to check the fishing boats, where my mother bought fresh fish straight from the fishermen, before boarding the train for Amiens St (Connolly) Station.

Pleasantly tired after our day at the seaside, is how I would describe the Kenny children, on our journey home. We knew we could look forward to more weekday adventures before my father's holiday was over and he returned to Inchicore works and the Wagon Shop.

mgm July 2023

Life is What You Make It

(*across*)

Is from the pen of **Michael Moore**, and is published in *Pen to Paper*, a collection from **Lucan Creative Writers Group**, who meet in Lucan Library.



Life is What You Make It

I've never had much luck in my life, I felt differently when I walked this character dressed in builder's overalls and headed in my direction. Without a second glance, he picked myself and two friends up and headed to the checkout. We were soon on our way to an old-style Georgian mansion.

My last outing was probably a few months ago when I was taken to a house where they were adding on an extension. When the chap went to fit me, he realised I was just a single light switch and not a double. I was put to one side and sat in his toolbox until, eventually, I was returned to the store for exchange for credit.

Today, I felt this was really my lucky day at last. Don't get me wrong; I was more than happy to sit on the shelf watching the world go by. But my expectations were high as we arrived at our destination. The house had wealth written all over it. My friend, the double switch, was soon wired up and ready for his permanent service in a large dining room – happiness is! The other double switch was headed for the master bedroom, with all its trimmings and breadth – taking views of the surrounding countryside – the lucky duck.

I was starting to get excited because I reckoned I was earmarked for the smaller bedroom, which had a beautiful ensuite. I thought to myself, "I could be happy here". But no, I was tucked into his pocket as we made our way down a dark corridor. We reached a door that opened to a flight of stairs. With the aid of a torch, we proceeded down the stairs to the basement. It was fairly packed with what looked like junk. Crestfallen, I was soon screwed to the wall and fully functioning, ready for what lay ahead.

Without dimensions, life can be a four-letter work. Like me – a switch – you go on and off, you live, you die. The dimension comes from what we do with the life we are given. And that is what makes the difference between life and living, I wanted to do so much in life, to plan, to experience, to do! I wanted to live.

Over the next few months, the basement too underwent major renovation and was transformed from a junk room to a study, where the owner retreated to read and write and get away from the turmoil of life. I knew then that my switch was not yet on – my real life was just beginning.

Lucan Citizens Information Centre *cont'd...*

Do you have travel insurance?

You should get travel insurance for yourself and your family. If you have a travel insurance policy already, or travel insurance is included in your health insurance policy, you should check that you are covered for hospital treatment for COVID-19.

You should bring your European Health Insurance Card with you if you are travelling to the EEA or Switzerland. You cannot use your EHIC in the UK. But you can still get the healthcare you need. You will need to show your Irish passport to the GP or hospital. Make sure that it is in date, it must be renewed every 4 years and each family member needs their own. An EHIC does not replace travel insurance.

Ireland and Australia have a reciprocal health agreement. This means that Irish visitors to Australia will receive emergency services and assistance towards the cost of prescribed drugs and medicines on the same basis as persons ordinarily resident in Australia.

Irish citizens travelling in the UK are entitled to access healthcare through the Common Travel Area.

Driving abroad

If you plan to drive while abroad, make sure that your Irish driving licence is valid and that you bring it with you.

Some countries outside the European Economic Area (the member states of the European Union, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) may require you to hold an International Driving Permit (IDP) in addition to your Irish driving licence.

See the IDP application form (pdf) for a full list of countries that recognise the permit.

Always make sure you are properly insured for driving while overseas.

Get more information on driving abroad from the Road Safety Authority.

While abroad

Make a note of the address, telephone number and opening hours of the Irish Embassy or Consulate in the country you are visiting. In countries where there is no Irish diplomatic or consular representation, you may seek emergency assistance from embassies or consulates of other European Union countries. On its website, the Department of Foreign Affairs provides advice on

what to do to stay safe while abroad and what to do in an emergency.

Travel tips

These are some other tips to help with your journey.

Check if you need any vaccines or immunisations before you travel (At least 8 weeks in advance). Make a note of the 24-hour emergency number of your bank so you can cancel your credit card or debit card if it is stolen.

Check your mobile data allowance with your mobile phone service provider. (For travel outside of the EEA).

Do you need to bring a special adapter to plug in your electrical devices?

The Department of Foreign Affairs in Ireland provide travel advice to Irish people planning a trip overseas.

The HSE has information on preventing illness and infection while abroad.

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre provides advice for travellers on how to avoid illness on its website.

The World Health Organization has information and advice regarding health and international travel.

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Celbridge Mill Community Centre

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Pickle Ball – The new Indoor Racquet sport. A hybrid sport that encompasses badminton, table- tennis, and tennis.

Why not come down and try it out?

Friday Mornings 11am / €5 and now due to demand **Sats in July 12-1.30pm.**

Mother and Baby Morning Meetings

Thursdays at 10.30am – Contact 0852280692

Indoor Short Mat Bowls returns in August on Thursdays at 7pm – Contact Des at 087 2769953



Hurling

The serious business of the season began this weekend with the opening rounds for the hurling championships and it was a very positive start for Lucan with two wins from two - the Seniors having a good win against champions Kilmacud Crokes and the Junior B's comprehensively beating Naomh Fionnbarra - see reports below. The Junior B's and Junior C's commence their campaigns this Monday evening away to St Finians and St Marks respectively. This will be the first time Lucan field a fifth adult team in the championship so a significant milestone for hurling in the club.

Senior Hurling Championship: Lucan Sarsfields 1-18 Kilmacud Crokes 2-11. O'Toole Park, Friday 14th July 2023

Lucan seniors had a positive opening to their championship campaign with this deserved win over defending champions Kilmacud Crokes. Playing against a strong breeze, Lucan started well and a goal from Ben Coffey in the 6th minute set them on their way. The game was tense and tight for most of the first half with scores hard to come by on both sides. Crokes got through for a goal in the 24th minute after a couple of great saves by Cillian Murray and several chances to clear the ball from the Lucan defence. This gave Crokes the lead and they held it by 2 points at the interval, 1-8 to 1-6. Four placed balls from Sean Harkness and well taken efforts from Kevin Fitzgerald and Colm Walsh accounted for the other Lucan scores.

Junior B Hurling Championship: Lucan Sarsfields 2-31 Naomh Fionnbarra 3-7. 12th Lock, Sunday 16th July 2023.

Lucan Junior A's had a very comprehensive win in their opening championship encounter. A sprightly Mick May was on fire early on putting over a string of points from distance and had 6 scored by half time. Killian Boylan got an early goal and a couple of points, as did Shane Donohue as Lucan had the game effectively won by half time, leading 2-16 to 0-4. The game got a little more scrappy in the second half as the pace dropped but Lucan remained in control with Peter Kelly calling the shots at centre back. Evan Lombard picked off some nice points as did Ciaran Keane to keep Lucan well ahead and always comfortable, despite a couple of late goals by the visitors. Lucan will face tougher tests



ahead but will be pleased to have got the campaign off to a winning start.

Football

Lucan Sarsfields 2-9 v 0-17 Ballyfermot 11/07/23. AFL6 19.30. Ballyfermot

This was a dead rubber for Lucan. A final league fixture to be fulfilled. Maybe a chance to try a few things. Ballyfermot on the other hand, needed a victory to avoid relegation play off. To any neutral observer this would have sounded like the most rabid of championship games. There was a definite whiff of cordite. 30 players finished on the pitch. The only explanation is that the ref forgot his cards. Both teams were very fortunate to finish with their full complement. Flailing elbows, kicking (bodies not balls), sliding tackles, trips, and don't get me started about the verbals!! Lucan lost, in the end. A game they really should have won, but a whole raft of positives to be taken. They do say you learn most from your defeats. Hopefully that proves to be the case.

Lotto

We had a Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €20,000.

Congratulations to Claire Joyce

The Numbers were **2, 7, 8, 27.**

The lucky dip prizes go to, Karen Boylan, Gerry Bellew, Tony Rigney, Darragh Hunt and Donal Down.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €1,000. The draw is sponsored by John Ryan Accountant led by Josephine Donohue

Tá €1,000 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 20th July, 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.

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>.

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

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

New National Champion in Harriers

Lucan Harriers have a new National Champion and a new National Record holder in the weight throw (heavy hammer) set by Katriona Power on Saturday at The Morton Stadium in Santry.

The previous National Record was 10.32 metres, but Katriona beat that in style with each one of her throws, and the best of the lot was her 11.58m throw which was by far the best of the day, and the best ever thrown in the age category in Ireland! Getting better with age. Well done young lady.



Harriers wearing the Green Vest: Brilliant news also came from Dunkerque in France with Izzy Cuffe, wearing the Green Vest finishing a fantastic 2nd in the FISEC Games 1500m with Ireland sweeping the podium! A wonderful achievement for this young Lucan Harriers Athlete. Everyone at the club is very proud of you. Also coming from the same group in the club a big congratulations to Saoirse Fitzgerald who has been selected to represent Ireland at the European Youth Olympics in Maribor, Slovenia from the 24th to 29th of July. Saoirse will compete in the 800m and medley relay. The Medley Relay is 100m, 200m, 300m, 400m. Watch this space and Lucan Harriers Social Media over the next few weeks for updates. Lucan Harriers has really made its mark on the national teams over the last few years, long may it last and wishing continued success to all our club members in the green vest.

Annual 5 K Summer Championship: We had our annual summer Club championship in Griffeen Park last Tuesday the 11th July. Three loops of the park covering a 5k course. Well done to our 2 winners of our 2023 club championships Dylan Wright in an remarkable time of 16.11 and the wonderful Anne Whelan in a very impressive winning time of 21.49. Great to see so many Lucan Harriers turning up to race, cheer, steward, photograph and make the

evening a huge success. A special thank you to Damien O Sullivian, men's Captain for organising who along with Sinead Farrell also arranged post-race refreshments. This Tuesday we have our handicap race, last over the line last Tuesday goes off first. So Dylan and Anne will be the last to go in their respective race.

Endurance Racing: On Sunday 9th July our endurance athletes were at it again in Grey Abbey Co. Down at a 6hr Endurance event. 2 Lucan Harriers in action Ellie O Neill and Jer O Sullivan. Elle O Neill describes the event, "*This was a trail race with a loop of 5.5km. I had hoped to run 50km, but I had greatly underestimated the terrain and mud!!!! I had to work hard, but I clocked 8 loops in under 6 hours, 45.2km. So delighted with the marathon. Unexpectedly I found another Lucan Harrier in the starting lineup, Jer, so the club was well represented. Beautiful day, a warm welcome, exciting course, kept me on my toes.....Need a new pair of trail runners, mine have holes in*" Senior Men's Jer O Sullivan also completed 8 very tough loops of this rough terrain. Well done guys!

Leinster Championship: Medals for the recent Leinster Championships were presented to Colin O Gara 800m and James Crowley 5000m, medals were unfortunately unavailable on the day in Carlow at the end of May.



Fiat Lucan Harriers 5 mile race Sunday 3rd September: Preparation for our 5-mile race continues and entries are now picking up, over 150 entered already. We have had great interest in the couch25mile initiative. With over 35 people signing up for this so far, entries still open fthis. For €50 you get race entry, a race tee, a summer training programme on the track on Monday and Thursday and Lucan Harriers membership until 31st Dec 2023. It's fantastic value, not surprising we have had great interest. You can preregister for this or turn up on the night and ask for Vinny or John. Further details on the Lucan Harriers website and social media channels, also see myrunresults.

POLITICAL NOTES

Cllr. Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

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Castlegate Park – Playground:

The playground in Castlegate Park has fallen into poor condition, with the play surface in need of repair. Furthermore, residents have contacted me on several occasions regarding damage to play activities. I am requesting that the Council carry out an inspection with consideration for substantive upgrades.

Adamstown – Raised Paths:

The condition of paths generally in Adamstown is giving rise to concern, with numerous locations now experiencing raised, loose, and missing cobble block. These represent serious trip hazards. I have requested that the Council give an undertaking to conduct a detailed survey of all areas within their charge.

Sarsfield Park – SF Door Survey:

The local Sinn Féin team and I are in Sarsfield Park this weekend to conduct a consultation in respect of the Council's proposed 'Age-Friendly Housing Development'. This will help to inform our survey to officials, based upon the direct feedback from residents.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Passport applications:

Many have contacted me regarding their passport applications. If you're having difficulty or delays with your application, you can send me an email and I will make representations on your behalf. You can also check www.dfa.ie/passports/contact for further details and updates.

Sports Capital and Equipment Programme 2023:

Applications are now open. Eligible applicants should take note of some new features under the 2023 Sports Capital round, including: - Maximum grants for local projects increased from €150,000 to €200,000;- Maximum grants for regional projects increased from €300,000 to €500,000; and- new rules on providing similar access to facilities for men and women. So, to all eligible applicants, I encourage you to read over the updated 'Guide to Making an Application' and to submit your applications by 8 September 2023!

Details 🙌 <https://bit.ly/3XPo7Ea> As always I am available to assist any club/group with the process.

Caroline Brady – Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner –085 2551602

info@CarolineBrady.com

Derelict Sites: Further to queries regarding derelict sites, South Dublin County Council under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 have powers including requiring owners or occupiers to take appropriate measures on derelict sites, acquiring derelict sites by agreement, or compulsorily, and applying derelict sites levy on derelict sites. To report a derelict site to SDCC, contact the Enforcement and Licensing Section by email at info@sdblincoco.ie or by telephone at 01 4149000.

APP Fraud:

Scammers trick people into willingly transferring money to them, in a scenario where you willingly provide your bank/card details, refunds are not protected by the EU's PSD2 directive. This type of scam is increasing because it's easier to get you to make a transfer than hack your account. Action is needed to protect victims, as demonstrated by the €16.8m cost of this fraud in 2021 to victims.

Advice Clinic:

Clinic for this week is rescheduled to 2pm Saturday 29th July 2pm Online Zoom Meeting ID: 821 7850 1056 Passcode: 613506 or join by phone (01) 6533895 Alternatively I am available on my mobile.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

78 The Orchard, Lucan. 01 401 3416

Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

Capital Projects for Lucan:

Last week South Dublin County Council provided an update on large projects in the Lucan area.

Projects to be completed or to start in 2023 include Airlie Park (open in August), the long awaited Lucan Swimming Pool (end of October), Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway (start in October) and the Village Enhancement Works (start in November).

Cycle for Sophie:

Well done to everyone involved Lucan Cycling Club, Kenny's of Lucan and the Brady family

Lucan No Name Club:

Lucan No Name Club are looking for volunteers, please email lucannonameclub@gmail.com for more information.





Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Dianchúrsa Lúnasa – Gaeilge

Dianchúrsa Lúnasa August Intensive Course

14th of August - 31 August 2023
2 classes a week for 3 weeks
18:30 - 21:30

Tosaitheoirí / Beginners
€150

Bunrang / Refreshers
€150

Meánrang / Intermediate
€150

Ardrang / Advanced
€160 (leabhar san áireamh)

6 Sráid Fhearchair, Baile Átha Cliath 2, D02 VH98

Registration & Full information at www.cnag.ie/courses

Conradh na Gaeilge

Farmleigh Events

Music in the Bandstand

Sunday 23rd July – 2.00 – 4.00pm

St. Georges Brass Band

Sunday 30th July – 2.00 – 4.00 pm

Blanchardstown Brass Band.

Located on the fountain lawn behind Farmleigh House

Irish Defence

Forces Open

Day will take

place at

Farmleigh

Estate on

Saturday 29th July, from 11am to 5pm.

Serving members, veterans and all members of the public are welcome to attend this free family day.



Lucan Library

And once again... Remember to ask at the library desk for your **Summer Stars Reading Card** and collect rewards for the books you read! Let's get Lucan reading this summer

Saturday 29th July 10.30am - 3.30pm
Heartstopper Watch Party for ages 12+ (Young Adults)

Join us for a watch party of our favourite YA book-to-screen adaptation, Heartstopper by Alice Oseman! 1 day, 8 episodes, popcorn included! All welcome.

Lucan Library Classic Film Club

Tuesday 25th July at 5.30pm.
All welcome, enquire at library desk.



Lucan Library Knitters Club

Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new members welcome.

Castletown House & Parklands

Sunday at Castletown Series:

Myths and Legends

Sunday 23 July at 3pm, Biodiversity Garden, Free Event

Booking essential. Email: casltetown@opw.ie

Bring your little ones to our Biodiversity Garden to hear the tales of Irish mythology and legends.

Why not bring a picnic too, and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

St Mary's Brass and Reed Band

Stable Courtyard, **Sunday 30 July at 2pm**

DODSBORO GOLFERS ANNUAL OUTING

Venue : Lucan Golf Club
Date : Friday 25th August
Tee Time : 14:00 - 16:00
Entry Fee €40 Per Person (Golf & food)
Members & Visitors Welcome
Contact Joe Curtis (089-425-4684)

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Because of the terrible weather last week there was very little opportunity to get out and take photographs. Up until the last minute I feared that for the first time since the work of the Camera Soiree began to appear on the back of the Newsletter there would not be sufficient photographs for this week.

In response to my appeal Donal had to resort to submitting some more macro-photos from his visit to the Victory Garden in Balbriggan the previous week.

Joe submitted a couple more from his trip to Lake Garda including one that some members of the group believe is Joe paragliding! Despite not using an engine, paraglider flights can last many hours and cover many hundreds of kilometres. Joe also submitted a photo taken in Malcesine, which is a commune on the eastern shores of Lake Garda.



At the last minute Paddy came to the rescue with lovely photographs taken along the Strawberry Beds, in Kilcock and in Maynooth. We are all delighted to have Paddy active again in photography after an enforced absence of many months.



Finally, apropos of nothing at all to do with photography does anybody else think that our trees, bushes and shrubs are looking quite stressed because of the weather this year. I think the foliage of the chestnut trees in the grounds of the Italian Embassy is looking particularly sad.

Stay safe until next week!

