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Sunday 20th November 2022

St Mary's Open Day for New Volunteers Sunday November 27th 2022



The last two years of Covid greatly disrupted parish life and we are seeking to reengage with all of our parishioners. A parish is more than a church building. As Pope Francis says, “a parish is a family of families”. Here in St Mary’s we strive to be a living, vibrant parish that welcomes and nurtures all members of our parish community. Part of our Mission Statement says that this community is “lived out in the love and service of one another, especially those in need”.

There are many different volunteer groups and ministries in St Mary’s and each and every one of them is in need of new members. Many volunteers have been serving in these groups for a long time, are happy to continue to do so but also recognise the need for new members to come forward and join these groups. New people bring new experiences, a fresh perspective and most importantly their own unique gifts and we are asking all parishioners to consider volunteering to enhance the life of the parish. We are appealing especially to our teenagers and younger people to come forward.

If you look at the parish booklet and on the parish website, you will see the various groups, too many to be all named, but they include, Ministers of the Eucharist and of the Word, Choirs, Hospitality team, Altar servers, St Vincent de Paul, Justice and Peace, Divine Mercy, Bible Study Group, Funeral team, Coffee Dock, Baptismal team, Altar linen and Flowers etc, and they are all looking for new members. They need you.

After the **two Masses on Sunday November 27th**, you will find these groups in the parish centre, eager to give you further information on their work and they would be delighted to welcome you to their group. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be there also.

Please call over and consider sharing your talents, skills and ideas for the future development of St Mary’s.

St Mary’s Parish Pastoral Council

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

Adult Safeguarding Day took place on Friday

November 11, 2022: The event is an initiative of Safeguarding Ireland – and supported by the HSE – in partnership with a wide reach of organisations across the health, social, financial and justice sectors. The aim is to raise a greater awareness and understanding of safeguarding with respect to 1) preventing adult abuse and 2) responding to adult abuse.

This year's emphasis is on preventing abuse by supporting the decision making of all adults and responding to abuse by reporting the immediate risks or ongoing concerns. This event is an initiative of Safeguarding Ireland, actively supported by the HSE, and sees a range of information events held around the country by various organisations.

More information is available on Adult Safeguarding Day 2022 - Safeguarding Ireland

Living Alone Increase: The Living Alone Increase is an extra payment for people on social welfare payments who are living alone.

Budget 2023: Living Alone Increase: It was announced that people getting the Living Alone Increase will get a once-off payment of €200 the week starting 14 November 2022.

Rules: If you are 66 years or over and live alone, you will qualify if you are getting one of the following payments: State Pension (Contributory), State Pension (Non-Contributory), Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Widow's /Widower's Pension under the Occupational Injuries

Benefit Scheme, Incapacity Supplement under the Occupational Injuries Benefit Scheme, Deserted Wife's Benefit. You will also qualify if you are under 66, live alone and are getting Disability Allowance, Invalidity Pension, Incapacity Supplement or Blind Pension.

Living Alone: To get the increase in your payment you must live completely alone. However, there are some exceptions.

Granny flats: If you are living in an extension of a family member's home, for example, in a granny flat, you can qualify for the increase if you can show that you have facilities to cook and eat alone. You must also have your own living/dining and sleeping accommodation.

Sheltered accommodation: People who live in sheltered accommodation may qualify if they are regarded as living independently within the institution. The Department of Social Protection provides a list of hostels/homes where Living Alone Increase is payable. You will not qualify if you share dormitory accommodation with others, or have round-the clock supervision or nursing care. People who live in nursing homes will not qualify as they cannot be regarded as living completely or mainly alone.

People who can stay with you

You can also qualify as living alone, if you:

Are aged or infirm and have a friend or relative to stay for security reasons at night-time only. The friend or relative must not contribute to the household financially.

Live alone during the day but stay with relatives or friends at night or if you live alone during the week but have a relative to stay at the weekend (the living alone condition is satisfied as long as the relative has a permanent home address elsewhere).

Live alone but occasionally take in paying guests (for example, during a local festival). However, if you run a bed and breakfast business (even for part of the year) you will not qualify.

Allow a person(s) who is not an employee or not an immediate family member to stay in your home rent free and you would be living alone, but for that person. Are renting for a period of at least 28 consecutive days to a person(s) from Ukraine covered by the Temporary Protection Directive and you would be living alone, but for that person.

People who live in nursing homes will not qualify as they cannot be regarded as living completely or mainly alone.

Telephone Support Allowance: Since 4 June 2018, if you're getting the Living Alone Increase together with the Fuel Allowance, you will automatically qualify for a Telephone Support Allowance of €2.50 per week. It is paid separately from your primary payment and is intended to help with the cost of communications and/or a home alert system. As this allowance is paid automatically to people who qualify, you do not need to apply for it.

Your Intreo Centre or local Social Welfare Branch Office will be able to answer any questions on the above.

Lucan ICA

Monday 21st November: Craft Group continue their projects in preparation for Christmas. Hostesses for teas are: Fiona Guinan and Carmel Lyons.



Last Wednesday nine of our ladies were delighted to teach Crochet to Transition Year students from St. Joseph's Secondary School, in a new venue this year – The Canon Despard Centre, lovely big room. The girls were lovely and so eager to learn, it was a pleasure to teach them a new skill – a hobby for life.



I want to thank all our members who donated filled shoe boxes and those who gave donations for Doris O'Donoghue's Christmas Campaign for the Hope Foundation Children's Charity. I handed over 25 boxes and money to Doris on Tuesday for which she is most grateful. In total she has collected 41 boxes.

Some of our members went to the Spa Hotel for dinner and to watch the Lucan Drama Society's latest productions which were wonderful and enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to Frank Colgan and his staff for a lovely dinner.



Congratulations to our member Maura Kennedy on completing her magnificent patchwork and candlewick quilt. It's a credit to her. We hope to have a display of our crafts in Lucan Library on Saturday 10th December.

What a Week of Drama!

Well what a blast that was, such excitement and such enjoyment. Everybody involved with Lucan Dramatic Society got stuck in and did our best to present you with an entertaining evening. As always there are many supporters, without whom, the show would not be possible. The staff at Lucan Newsletter and Liffey Sound FM for allowing us to get our message out there, all those local businesses who supplied us with the prizes for our raffles and of course our ongoing heartfelt thanks to Frank Colgan and the whole team at the SPA Hotel for the use of their fantastic venue. And of course the people of Lucan supported us in great numbers, as you always do. All the hard work pays off when the audience settles in and joins with us on whatever magical journey the drama may take us on.



Congratulations to everyone at Lucan Dramatic Society for putting on a great show and a little special nod to our individual award winners, Catherine Collins, Joe Dignam Brady and Jack Flanagan - all chosen by our audience members.

Everyone at Lucan Dramatic Society would like to pass on our sincerest condolences to Mary Mulhall and family on the recent passing of Mick. May he rest in Peace.



Hillcrest Residents Association

We wish to invite residents to our next **Meet the Neighbours Coffee Morning** which will be held on **Thursday, 1st. December**, at 11a.m. in the Lord Lucan, Finnstown Shopping Centre.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone as we head into the festive season.



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

Rosary:

Please join us in reciting the Rosary immediately after the morning Mass for Personal Peace and Peace in the World at this difficult time.

Christian Meditation:

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

St. Mary's Readers' Roster December 2022:

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, the 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of December 2022 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

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

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.

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.*

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.*

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.*

Christmas Novena Masses

Available from the Parish Office.

For Sale Church Art Calendars 2023

In the Sacristy and the Parish Office. €2

Baptisms:

Dates are bookable on line. If you need to cancel a booking contact: 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.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Teresa Hayes**, Willsbrook, to the husband, family and friends of **Phyllis Lawless**, formerly of Lucan and to the family and friends of **Joe Fitzgerald**, Lucan Heights.
May they rest in peace.



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

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 23rd November: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre 10.30 – 12.30.



Found

Keys found in Beech Park.

Please call to St. Mary's Parish Office to claim.

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

Annual Mass of Remembrance

The Annual Mass for those who have died since last November will take place on



Friday 25th November at 7.30pm.

Morning Prayers of the Church:

Monday to Friday: 8.40am.

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

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

A new branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society has opened in our parish the Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South Parish.

We meet once a month and the next meeting is **Tuesday 29th November 2022** at 7.30 pm here in the parish.

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.

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.

Bingo:

Every **Wednesday** night at **7.30pm** in the St. John Paul Room Divine Mercy Church.

Doors open at 7.00pm. **All welcome.**

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.

St Patrick's Esker Folk Group



We are currently seeking musicians and singers to join their group. In particular guitar players.

Practice is every Wednesday evening at 8.30pm in St Patrick's Church, Lucan.

Enquiries to Dave at 087 7867781



Lovely to see Fr Philip celebrate Mass on RTE 1 last Sunday together with Lucan Gospel Choir and parishioners from St Patrick's.

Well done to all.

Acknowledgements

PETER BRADY - 1st Anniversary

Peter's First Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday 20th November at 12 noon in St. Patrick's Church Esker.



It's hard to believe that a year has passed since Peter passed away. The Brady and Dobbs family would like to acknowledge, once again, the support and sympathy we received from Peter's friends, neighbors, colleagues and everyone in the community. The love you have shown our family is enormous and we are eternally grateful for your support during this difficult year. The special memories you shared with us and the wonderful stories of how Peter may have helped you gave us the strength to find peace. To this day we are still hearing your memories and beautiful stories of Peter's kindness and generosity. Our family thank you dearly for your prayers, your support, and for the memories you shared with us.

A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Thank you from Patty, Caroline, Peter, Declan, Denise and Garret

MICHAEL KINSELLA - 1st Anniversary

Lil and Joe, on this the first anniversary of our beloved Michael's sudden passing. We offer our thanks to our wonderful families, neighbours and friends who helped us at this awful time. Thanks to all who called to the house, attended his wake and Funeral service, sent messages of sympathy and online condolences. To his many friends and workers in Sky. Special thanks to Geraldine and all my friends in the Seniors Club. To Lucan Active Retirement Association. Thanks to my wonderful doctor, Dr. Lombard and his team. Also, Aidan Dunne's Pharmacy.

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when life is done
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright sunny days
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When life is done.



Anniversaries

MICHAEL ANDERSON

11th Anniversary - 16th November

In loving memory of my dear brother.
Silent thoughts of times together
Hold memories that last forever.
*Loved and remembered always,
Frank and Ann xxx*

HUGHIE DIGNAM

35th Anniversary - 20th November

Finnstown Cottage, Lucan.
Never forgotten, your son Joe

BABY CONCHÚR McCABE - 11th Anniversary

We know you soar with angels now
And that your heart has wings
We know you're watching over us
Whatever this world brings.
We know you were a gift from God
And that you're safe above
We know we will see you again
And once more feel your love.
We know you live in Heaven now
And that we must go on
We know our hearts will ache for you
Until our time is done.
To our most beautiful baby boy Conchúr
"We hope you can feel our love
And keep your eyes on us
From somewhere up above
Until we can hold you in our arms again."
*Mammy Bridín, Daddy Richard, little sister Réaltín and
baby brother Faolán McCabe xxx*



BABY CONCHÚR McCABE

Conchúr, your memory is our keepsake
With which we will never part
God has you in his keeping
We have you in our hearts.
Always missed and never forgotten.
*Nana Magsie, Grandad Mattie, Uncle Alan and Auntie
Cammy, Auntie Helen and Uncle Ciarán and little
cousin Nora*

Birthday Remembrance

BILL MORRIS - 99th Birthday

17th November (10th away from home)

We will raise a glass and sing a song
To mark your 99th year
For although you're gone our love lives on
And that's why we will cheer.
Happy 99th Birthday, Dad
Love and miss you every day.
Your loving daughter Jean and son-in-law Dessie

Happy Birthday **Granda Bill** on this your
99th Birthday.

November's calendar is always marked
In a very special way
Look over all your family
And join the celebration
Sing and dance with all you knew
From every generation.
Happy Heavenly Birthday Granda.
*Love always, your grandchildren,
Karen, Lisa, Kevin, Breeda, Andy and Rachel
and great grandchildren Laurajane, Nikki, Daniel,
Kelsie and Craig xxxxxxxxxx*

SOCIETY FOR OLD LUCAN (SOL):

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



Facebook group; "*Society for Old Lucan (SOL)*" & Twitter: @Soc4OldLucan.

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

Free Online Local History Resources: May be of particular interest to Junior Cycle Students for Cba's.

LUCAN DEMESNE TOURS IN 2023

With huge thanks to the Italian Ambassador to Ireland, HE Ambassador Corrias and his family, SOL have been given permission to run regular guided historical tours of the demesne grounds for the public. We organised and met a core group of SOL members in October who are interested in becoming guides in 2023, and we had a test-walk in the grounds, which went well.

Since then, we received an excellent online training session from Sandra Murphy, Guide Supervisor with the OPW for Castletown House, Emo Court, Doneraile, and Annes Grove, that has helped us in developing our stories, and information for our tours. Jonathan Cully is working on a digital site map of the points on the tour, based on Joe Byrne's original site map; many thanks to Joe for sharing this.

We expect to run these tours every 6 weeks during the year (weather willing) and some will be open for general booking, others will target local schools, clubs and groups.

We are very excited to see this new opportunity develop for Lucan and delighted that so many SOL members stepped forward for this. It will really help raise awareness of Lucan's rich heritage and history. More to follow in early 2023.

SOL 2023 CALENDAR & LUCAN PRINTS ON SALE: CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS!

Like what we do? Support our work by buying our SOL 2023 Calendar (€10 for A4 and €8 desktop) containing colour photos taken by followers of different parts of Lucan. Calendars on sale in Lucan Library (many thanks to Maeve and Tony for stocking our calendar) with a limited run, so stock up now for Christmas gifts. The calendars are especially suitable for postage to overseas Lucanian's.

Lucan Library Christmas Fair is taking place on Saturday 19th November and Paul Butler will be selling the SOL calendars, mounted full-colour photographic prints of Lucan, and copies of the new 2nd edition of Stephen Callaghan's work on the memorial transcriptions from the Church of the Blessed Virgin, Lucan village (which is located to the rear of O'Neill's). The prints make fantastic Christmas presents and as they are already mounted and a standard size, are easily & cheaply framed. The memorial transcriptions book is an excellent source for local history projects and indeed, we hope that people may use the book as a source of inspiration for their own self-directed research into Lucan's past inhabitants. The new edition contains two "new" gravestones as well as other updated details. Many thanks to Stephen for the time and dedication he has given to this project, which is of a very high standard.

What makes our calendars special is that not only are the photos interesting aspects of our local heritage (and often less well-known), but they are also all taken by members to help the annual fundraising effort, co-ordinated by Paul Butler, SOL. Monies raised in previous years paid for the restoration of a decorated 16th C. window in St. Finian's Church, Esker, as well as paying for work on the SOL website, in order to add lots of material that has been written by members which is planned to take place in the coming weeks. We are very proud of all that has been achieved by our group so far.



Presentation Day this Monday the 21st November – we send greetings to the Sisters in Lucan and around the country. In the good old days, the girls of Lucan got the day off from school each year!

Checktheregister.ie Log on to this site to make sure you are on the voting register, and also to update your details.



The Late Late Toy Show is coming our way, on Friday next, 25th November. If you are aware of any locals featuring on this show, drop us a line!

A.C.R.A. Bus Connects

My name is Tom Newton, Transport Officer for ACRA the body that represents Residents Associations. This body has received many complaints about Bus Connects from the few areas so far where they have made changes. The complaints are mainly from the Elderly, Users with a disability, and women with children.

The impression given, these people will not be with us long, the usually stay at home, so why provide a short-term solution for them. In the circle of life these will always be with us and rightly so, they too are just as entitled to a quality bus service, as many don't drive, cycle, or have difficulty walking, so why take their bus away or force them to wait to change to another bus. No organisation should be allowed to treat these people like this. Bus services are for all not just the able body person. By facilitating these people will have no negative effect on the public transport system.

These problems can be solved quite easily, but the NTA refuse to consult, is it their pride that is stopping them. So far, they only talk to politicians and even fool some of them, to believe what they are doing to these people is right. Democracy is for all that just the able body person. These problems mentioned above will affect us all in time if we are fortunate to be still around. We call on people to help us in our efforts to treat all people fairly and have these simple problems addressed.

Tom Newton 086 3127364

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

*Venue - St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan on **Thursdays from 11.30 am to 2.30 pm.***

We play cards, bowls and Scrabble or you can just have a chat. Refreshments are served at 1pm approx. New members are welcome.

Our visit to Wexford went well, good company, good food, a few sing-songs and a visit to Johnstown Castle were enjoyed as well as some shopping.

We are looking forward to a Chaerobics session on Thursday 24th November.



Importance of knitting skills in primary school and in sustainable fashion, and the cocoa lady

A Chara,

Hundreds of Lucan primary school children who engaged with senior citizens during the Lucan Festival voted for introducing knitting in the classroom and so I took the opportunity recently to pass on their interest in introducing knitting for both boys and girls in primary school, and I raised also the matter of bringing back the cocoa lady whom we learned from the senior panel provided cocoa and biscuits in the morning to any child who wanted it free of charge before school started.

I met the Minister for Education who was most interested in the views of children, and is adamant curriculum development must meet the needs and interests of children in a forward-looking manner. I made the point that sustainable fashion is very much a topic of interest and might be developed as a JC subject which could feed into climate and sustainable living which the Minister is considering introducing at LC level. Minister Norma Foley was very receptive to the views of Lucan children, and said it was absolutely important to listen to the views of children.

I also raised the matter of asking Bords of Management to help develop a school ethos that ensures children with special needs are included in play dates and in birthday events.

*Le dea ghúí,
Caitríona McClean,
6 Weston Ave*

Scoil Mhuire, Woodview Hts. / Airlie Hts.

Enrolment for
Junior Infants September 2023
will be open from
November 7th to 28th.

All details will be available on our website
www.scoilmhuire.ie





SCHOOL NEWS



'Lowering the Voting age to 16' in one of the Committee Rooms. A great day was had by all!



Lucan Community College

German Exchange: On Sunday last, a group of 5th and 6th Year students along with their teachers Ms Clarke and Ms Cormac travelled to Germany as part of the German Exchange Hybrid programme with partner school Gymnasium Münchberg in Berlin.



For the last 31 years, Lucan Community College have held a successful partnership and friendship with Gymnasium Münchberg, and after two years of a virtual exchange it was wonderful to rejoin our friends in Germany once again. Students practiced their German language skills, embraced German culture, and were hosted by the Irish Embassy in Germany courtesy of Ambassador Nicholas O'Brien. Many thanks to Ms Clarke and Ms Cormac for their hard work and dedication in organising an experience of a lifetime for the students!

Who Do You Think You Are? A big thanks to professional genealogist Nicola Morris from Timeline Ireland for an excellent and engaging talk to our TY History students about her job, how to research family history and her participation in TV series 'Who do you think you are'.

Fifth Years take to the Oireachtas: Fifth year students from Ms Mulhern's Politics and Society class travelled to the Houses of the Oireachtas on Monday to get a tour of the Dáil and the Seanad. Students were delighted to be able to debate

Parents' Association 2022-23: Our school community here at Lucan Community College relies on the help and support of our Parents Association members and wider parent community. The Parents' Association meet at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of every month in the college (during term time) and all parents are requested to attend as many meetings as possible to strengthen the role of the PA.

We would like to thank our outgoing members for their work with the Parents Association: Simone Furtig Rytterager, Chrissy Skelton, Laura Hogan, Fiona Reade and Karen Colgan. For more information, please contact the PA by email at lccparentassociation@gmail.com or through our Facebook page, Parent's Association – Lucan Community College.

Homework Hive: Did you know we offer free homework support to junior students in Lucan Community College? To support our first and second year students as they approach exams, we offer a Homework Hive Study to these year groups. The goal is to help students get organised, better manage their homework and to improve their study skills.

The Homework Hive runs on Wednesday afternoons from 1:15 pm until 2.00 pm. There is a rota of experienced teachers on hand to offer advice and support. For more information please visit the school website: www.lucancc.ie

Transition Year News: We would once again like to thank local employers and business for their support in facilitating Transition Year students on their recent work experience module. Since returning to school, the transition year students have been taking part in Develop Me workshops where they have been engaging with problem solving, team building and working outside the comfort zones, all vital components for their futures ahead.

St. Joseph's College

Presentation Day: Presentation Sisters and friends of Nano Nagle, all over the world, celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple on the 21st November each year. Our school is a proud Ceist school and on Wednesday we gathered once again as a school community to celebrate the work of Nano Nagle.

Science Week: This week in school we celebrated science week in school, the science department ran various competitions throughout the week including the very popular naming of Mr. Quinns frog who is a new addition to our school community. The student council organised various events for students during the lunchtimes during the week and interesting science facts and jokes were read out over the intercom to celebrate all things science.

Term Exams: Our term exams will take place next week, all information for students can be found on our website and app. We wish them the best of luck.

Stand Up Awareness Week: Belong To's Stand Up Awareness Week is a time for post-primary schools, youth services, and Youth reach in Ireland to join us and take a stand against homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying. This week in our school community we took the opportunity to take steps to make spaces safe and supportive for LGBTQ+ young people. Our wonderful student council had an array of posters and infographs spread across the school and on the digimedia, as well as announcements and emails sent out about a queer person/significant moment in queer history each day of the week.

On Friday 18th we will have a non-uniform day, each year group will wear a colour of the rainbow flag as a celebration of the LGBTQ+ community.

3rd Year Parent Teacher Meeting: Our 3rd Year Parent Teacher Meeting will take place on Thursday the 17th of November. It was great to meet with Parents over zoom to discuss students' progression.

Sport: Well done to our Senior Gaelic team and Senior Camogie team who both had impressive wins over the last week. The Camogie team now move into the semi-final stage of the competition with this victory.

Senior Debating: Our Senior debating team were back in action this week when they faced Deansrath Community College on Tuesday evening. The group performed excellently and we wish them all the best as they await the result.

CAO Parent Talk: A talk with the Guidance department took place on Tuesday the 15th of November. This talk will take place online and it was very informative for the parents and students who attended. Well done to the guidance department for delivering this webinar.

Joey's Tidy Towns Calendars: Joey's Tidy Towns students are delighted to have our fundraising calendar on sale once again, in aid of St. Vincent de Paul. Our Green Schools & Tidy Towns students




have been very busy capturing many images of local sights, scenes of nature and places of interest in Lucan & surrounding areas. The calendars will be on sale from 1st December from

Centra in Lucan and in the school at €10.00 per calendar. Many thanks to our sponsors My Vet & Lucan District Credit Union. Orders can be placed by emailing stjosephslucan@gmail.com.

Transition Year Musical: Guys & Dolls has certainly arrived in St. Joseph's College! We are delighted to hear the songs & dialogue on our corridors and observe the scenes of the well-known Broadway Musical in our Sport hall, as we prepare for the return to the stage after a two-year absence! Guys & Dolls will take place from Thursday 1st November – Sunday 4th December 2022, nightly at 8.00pm. This will be our 31st Annual Musical at St. Joseph's and we would love to see past-pupils, families, neighbours and friends of St. Joseph's return to the delight of the stage & our performing TY students once again! Tickets can be purchased online with the link to Eventbrite on our website and our social media sites or simply call to the school office! We will have a colourful programme each night, wonderful raffle prizes and guarantee of a brilliant production! Hope to see you then! Keep an eye on our social media sites both Twitter and Instagram to get a sneak peak of the show and to meet the cast.

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Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Awards: Well done to Transition Year student **Alex D’Alba** who won the *Mark O’Neill Student of the Month* Award for October in recognition of his excellent contribution to this year’s Talent Show as well as his maturity, helpfulness and positivity in all TY activities.

Congratulations to 2nd yr **Lewis Adjina** who won the *Sports Star of the Month* Award in recognition of his brilliant displays for the school’s u16 basketball team.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **Henry Greene** ón dara bliain a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí Dheireadh Fómhair mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge.



Soccer: Our u15 soccer team were defeated 2-1 by Luttrellstown CC last Friday in their opening group-stage match of their Dublin Metropolitan League campaign. Lucan had to play without their 3rd yr players, who were sitting their Christmas exams, but the team, comprised entirely of 2nd yrs, produced a valiant display against the defending u15 League champions and could count themselves unlucky not to get something from the game. Luttrellstown went in front mid-way through the 1st half and doubled their lead against the run of play early in the 2nd half. Lucan pulled a goal back with 10mins remaining when the impressive Aidan Doyle scored with a wonderful right-footed half volley. They pushed hard for a deserved equaliser but their opponents defended resolutely and held on for a narrow win to claim the 3 points.

Congratulations to 6th yr Luke O’ Brien who was named in the Republic of Ireland’s u18 International squad for their trip to Croatia this week. The team will take on Croatia, Denmark and Sweden as part of a prestigious week-long tournament.

Transition Year: Our TY students went biking in Ballinastoe, located in the heart of the wild Wicklow Mountains, last week under the guidance of Biking.ie (who provide mountain bike education and training in Ireland). The students had a brilliant time out in the fresh, crisp Autumnal air, biking a popular looped route through the mountains with spectacular views of the Irish Sea and Lough Tay. The trail accessed many different types of terrain from open

heather moor land on the top through thicket spruce and Scots Pine on the lower section, through areas that have been used in some well-known films such as “Braveheart” and “Into the West”. The students then hiked up Lough Tay (aka the Guinness Lake), nestled between Djouce Mountain and Lugga, covering 6km on the way, before they then enjoyed a lovely lunch in a spectacular setting. There were some tired legs and aching muscles on the journey home but this was a small price to pay for such a rewarding day!

Hurling: Congratulations to Lucan Sarsfields u19 hurlers who won the County A Final at the weekend after defeating Kilmacud Crokes 3-20 to 1-13. Well done to three of our 6th yrs, Liam Garrigan, Joseph Dunne and Michael Cunningham who played so well.

Inclusion Week: Coláiste Phádraig will be holding an Inclusion Week in the school, beginning on Monday 21st November. There will be a specially chosen theme for the week centred round the importance of inclusivity, respect, tolerance and acceptance. Ms. Ryan’s art students will be decorating the school with posters and bunting while a Pride Balloon will be on display in the main Foyer. Six TY students, Sean McDonagh, Jack Mulholland-Morris, Wasi Nasr, Aidan O’ Flynn, Ben Gilson and Ryan Sundaram volunteered to act as Inclusion Week Organisers and they have already put in a lot of time and effort into getting things ready for the week. There will be a huge number of activities across the school throughout the week, including guest speakers, poster competitions, LGTBI language and terminology workshops, quizzes, food tasting from various countries and talks on the various World Religions, to give but a taste of the interesting and interactive events being lined up for this very important week in the school calendar. Coláiste Phádraig is a safe, supportive and inclusive place and we are very proud of the rich diversity among our students.

Well-being: Every week the Irish Department has a *Focal na Seachtaine* (Word of the week) to as part of its literacy programme. So far this year, the words have been chosen to tie in with the school’s extensive Well-Being Programme. Some of the words of the week so far have been centred around mental health such as “Meabhairshláinte” (Mental Health), “Comhairleoir Gairmthreorach” (Guidance Counsellor), “Strus” (Stress) and “Aclaíocht” (Exercise). This week’s *Focal na Seachtaine* is **Folláine** (Well-being). The Irish teachers are using this week regularly with their students and employing enjoyable AFL techniques (Assessment For Learning) to encourage discussion of the term and the type of activities that promote well-being (as Gaeilge ar ndóigh!). Some of the classes are keeping a Dialann Folláine (Well-being diary) for the week to remind them of all the positive things and events in their lives that sometimes get taken for granted.

POLITICAL NOTES

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Fuel Allowance:

From January 2023 up to 80,000 over 70s households will qualify to receive the Fuel Allowance as there will be an increase to the means thresholds. Income allowed has been increased to €500 p/w for single persons and €1,000 p/w for couples. Fuel allowance payment is €924 paid across 28 weeks from September every year. Those already in receipt of the allowance (some 370,000 households) received a lump sum of €400 this week to help with energy bills.

Griffeen Community College:

I was delighted to welcome a very impressive group of student council from Griffeen Community College into the Dáil last week.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty - Independent

“Not just at election time”

Tel: 087-2752489. E-mail: info@paulgogarty.com

Canal to Lucan cycle plan:

This generally excellent plan passed last Monday. It could have been improved if we had more time to discuss in detail and get tighter commitments from management. But aside from Cllr O’Toole, nobody else local showed an interest in deferring. And so, a vote was held six days after the Chief Executive’s report on submissions. We had SIX WEEKS to make a decision. There was much resentment towards my tabling 30+ motions to try and improve the plan. While the CE report had already amended the location of the crossing opposite Lucan BNS and there was an agreed wording to examine the route to Vesey Park, way more could have been done.

Search “cycle” at www.paulgogarty.com for a detailed report, plus link to the webcast of the meeting, where you can make up your own mind about the debate.

Liona O’Toole – Independent. P.C.

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Collection of Leaves:

I have assisted residents with the removal of leaves from their estates/footpaths. If you would like to arrange for your area to be included in a leave sweep you can contact me via details above.

New Boules Area:

Lucan gets a brand-new boules ‘petanque’ court located in Griffeen Park, next to the Hockey pitch. If you are interested in getting involved and would like to help set up Lucan’s first Boules team, you can get in touch with me anytime. Huge thanks to Owen, local resident, for working alongside council management throughout the planning and construction process.

Canal Loop:

Huge thanks to everyone who made a submission on the Part 8 plan. Following a very long heated debate on the Chief Executive report, I voted in favour of the plan. Full meeting can be viewed via this link: sdcc.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/712333

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Amendment to Misuse of Drugs Act (Cannabis Regulation Bill 2022):

Next week I will introduce a bill on the decriminalisation of cannabis for adult personal use. I have long believed that using the criminal justice system to prosecute people for personal possession of any drug continues to be a failure. Resources that take up police and court time would be better spent elsewhere. I believe this will be a start of a discussion on bringing to an end to a system of criminalisation, a system that serves nobody. Here’s an article where I lay out the arguments for cannabis regulation. [The burning issue: Should cannabis be legalised? \(irishtimes.com\)](http://www.irishtimes.com/news/cannabis-regulation-should-be-legalised)

Lucan Lions Club

Lucan Lions at SuperValu

Lucan: It is that time of year again, when Lucan Lions Club will have a significant presence at SuperValu in the run up to Christmas. We will have our Christmas Food Appeal Trolley and SuperValu will sponsor our Monster Christmas Draw. Tickets will be on sale over the period 15 to 17 December. We are extremely grateful to Manager David Howell and his SuperValu colleagues for supporting us in such a meaningful and significant way. The proceeds from these endeavours will be distributed to those less well off in our Community over the Christmas period.



RIP:

We would like to express our sincere condolences to Carmel, Brian, Elaine and the extended Shanley family on the recent death of Benny Shanley, a former Lucan Lions Club member. We remember Benny as a true gentleman and a loyal, hardworking and professional member of our Club.

Lucan Lions Club has had fantastic support from the Lucan Newsletter in publicising our wide range of fundraising and other activities over the years. We are saddened to hear of the recent death of Mick Mulhall, husband of Mary Mulhall and we extend our sympathy to Mary and her family. We also would like to extend our sympathy to Rose Fitzgerald and her family on the 1st anniversary of the death of her husband Vincent. Mary and Rose have helped the Club over many years and our thoughts are with them in their difficult times.



Adult Hurling: A super weekend for Lucan hurling as we captured two championships that underline the depth of talent emerging into the adult ranks. On Saturday, our U19s put on a great performance to comprehensively beat Kilmacud Crokes and capture the U19A title - only our fifth ever 'A' hurling championship at adult level. Then on Sunday our U17B's captured the 'D' championship with a dramatic win over Ballyboden after extra-time. Well done to all the players and mentors involved with these two teams and we look forward to all these young men progressing to play for adult teams in the years ahead.



U19A Hurling Championship Final: Lucan Sarsfields 3-20, Kilmacud Crokes 1-13. 12th Lock, Saturday 12th November 2022.

Lucan Team/Scorers: Cian Canavan, Jack Doyle, Michael Cunningham, Shane Coffey, James Finn, Finn Bruton, Alex Hickey, Liam Garrigan (0-2), Jack Behan (0-2), Cathal Doody (0-1), Matt Coogan (1-0), Hugh Cuffe (0-4), Sean Harkness (0-7, 0-5f), Joey Dunne (2-1), Brendan Kavanagh (0-1). Subs introduced: Conor Hylands (0-1), Michael Young, Joey McSweeney, Conor Sheary.

U17 D Hurling Championship Final: Lucan Sarsfield 1-13 Ballyboden SE 2-8.

Lucan Team/scorers: Joshua Murphy, Cian O'Driscoll, Sean Corry, Christopher Hylands, Sean Mac Gowan, Aidan Barry, Oisín Sharkey, Michael Lynch (0-1), Daire Collis (0-1), Isaac Kenny (0-1), Niall Melvin (0-7f), Daragh Kenna, Eoghan O'Connor (1-0), Sean Kearney, Sean Teehan (0-3). Subs introduced: Ronan McGrath, Charlie McHugh, Ryan Donnelly. Panellists: Daniel Mahon, Conor Smullen, Liam Fitzpatrick, Reuben McCormack, Callum Conway, Ross Murray.

U10 Hurling Blitz: Our U10 hurlers had a very enjoyable morning of hurling at Castleknock GAA club on Saturday morning. 6 Lucan Sarsfields teams played games against hosts Castleknock, Waterford

giants Ballygunnar (Waterford), St. Oliver Plunketts/Eoghan Ruadh, Na Gaeil Oga and Maynooth. All our games were enjoyable, competitive, packed with skill and played with great spirit. Thanks to Castleknock for welcoming us to their blitz and for being such great hosts.

Senior Camogie Management Team: Dermot English and his management team have decided to step down from their position as Senior Camogie management. Dermot claimed a Leinster League Division 1 title this year with the team. Over the last two years Dermot has introduced several young players to Senior Camogie and leaves us in a strong position to continue our progress. Our Director of Camogie, Ollie Mahon, will launch a formal process in the coming weeks to identify Dermot's successor. Thanks to Dermot and his team for your hard work and commitment over the past two years.

Senior Football News: Happy to confirm the appointment of David Clare as the new Senior Football manager with immediate effect. David was very keen to get involved with Lucan Sarsfields and will bring with him a wealth of management experience from Meath, Kildare and Dublin. The club would like to thank David Herlihy & Garvan Ware for managing the recruitment process and we wish David the best of luck in his new role.

AGM: Club AGM will be held in the clubhouse on Thursday 24th November at 9pm

Feile Fundraiser: Just a quick reminder to ask your parents that if they have any Sarsfields or Dublin clothing, helmets, hurleys, bags etc sitting forgotten at the back of the wardrobe, it might be a good time to do a clear out! Our 2023 Feile teams are looking for them as a fundraiser.

All we're asking you to do is notify them (only Sarsfields/Dublin gear, no general clothing), ask them drop them into the café and Jackie will sell them with the money going to the Feile teams.

Supervalue Christmas Draw: Last week saw the first draw and winner of a Turkey & Ham, congratulations to Rory Harkin. This Thursday a 50 euro voucher is up for grabs, all you have to do to be in with a chance to win, is link your supervalue card to your Sarsfields membership. Details on the club website here

http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/news_detail/10082759/

Lotto: No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €8,600. The Numbers were **3, 8, 11, 27.**

Lucky dip prizes which go to, Paul Flynn, Grainne Hannon, Ted Mulligan, Sinead O'Neill & Jackie Foley.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€9,000.** The draw is sponsored by Red Island Interiors and will be led by Séamus Clandillon.





Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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Tá urraitheoirí féilire á lorg ag Na Gaeil Óga faoi láthair. Más maith leat fógraíocht a dhéanamh do

chomhlacht agus cuidiú linn, cuir r-phoist chuig pobal@nagaeiloga.ie.

Na Gaeil Óga are looking for sponsors for our calendar. If you would like to promote your business and help us at the same time, send an email to pobal@nagaeiloga.ie.

An Mol Óige

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Cruinniú Cinn Bliana

Reáchtálfar Cruinniú Cinn Bliana Na Gaeil Óga Dé Domhnaigh an 4 Nollaig ag 6.30pm – ionad le dearbhú – fáilte roimh chách!

Buachaillí F10

Maith sibh a bhuachaillí F10 - bhuigh an dá fhoireann gach cluiche i mblitz iománaíochta Chaisleán Cnucha



Well done to our two under 10 hurling teams who won all of their gamers in the blitz in Castleknock.

Club Siúil

Tá Club Siúil ar ais! Seol r-phost chuig pobal@nagaeiloga.ie le tuilleadh eolais.

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Club Siúil is back! Email pobal@nagaeiloga.ie for more information.



SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

The highlight of the weekend was Mary Browne wearing the Irish Green vest at the British and Irish Cross country international, in Santry. A cross country race with athletes representing their countries, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. Mary was 2nd lady home in the Irish team and her team finished in the bronze medal position. Eileen O'Brien was also on the squad for her category race. The combined Irish team of men and ladies masters (O35) won the event.



The O60 cross country team - Niamh O'Sullivan, (Kerry), Mary Browne (Lucan Harriers), Anne Tobin (Trim AC) and Winifred Gavin (Derry)

We also had Aoife Coffey as part of the UCD team which won bronze in the University Road relays in Maynooth on Friday. Dylan representing UCD and Mati Wanic representing Trinity put in strong performances also.

The annual Run in The Dark took place in the City this week, the 5 K was won by Lucan Harrier Benjamin Caullier in a time of 16.18, a fantastic time by this young man. We also had Tony Keaney competing in the 5 K in a very impressive time of 23.40

News of our track development, there will be a very visual difference happening in the coming weeks. Our throwing cage will be erected which will allow us to train for discus and hammer events. It will also allow us to hold throwing competitions during the Summer track and field season.

Remember we are always looking for new senior members, we cater for runners/joggers/walkers of all abilities. Our next Couch2 5K program will be starting after Christmas, don't let that stop you joining us before Christmas we are a friendly bunch. Unfortunately all our juvenile sections are full and have waiting lists in operations.



Tony Keaney 5k Run on the Dark

The Camino in Dublin



A talk by Cathy Scuffill

**On Thursday 1st December, at 7pm
in Lucan Library**

Tracing the historic links between Dublin and the famous Camino de Santiago in Northern Spain. Centred on the ancient parish of St. James, travelling pilgrims made the final leg of their journey through the city of Dublin, before embarking on ships to Spain.

This route is still in existence today, and is passed without notice by Dubliners and tourists, as they go about their daily business. This presentation tells the story of such connections in Dublin.

You can book a place through Eventbrite at lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Well St. Mary's Camera Soiree's 10th Photography Exhibition in the Parish Centre is over. It was great to see such a large crowd viewing the work of the members and to hear the very complimentary remarks as they went along.

IN case you did not get to see the exhibition or have not viewed it on our YouTube Channel a random selection of some of the photographs that were in the exhibition are reprinted in this weekend's newsletter.



Lucan's main street at 6am



If you want to view the entire exhibition on line the YouTube link is <https://youtu.be/Q-CRt7PtICU>.

Until next week stay safe!