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Sunday 26th November 2023

On the Threshold of the Year's End

This Sunday is the last of the current church year, the feast of Christ the King. The year ends so that we may start a new year in Advent rolling into the depths of the darkest days of winter until Christmas after the winter equinox on December 22. The chronological new year is close at hand also; a time for letting go and for new beginnings. We need to let go of the old in order to have space for the new life.

In Sunday's Gospel we hear of what is necessary in order to bring about the values of the kingdom of God on earth: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the prisoners, welcome the stranger and provide water to the thirsty. We see the needs expressed in the Gospel reflected in today's reality as we look in on disasters throughout the world where people suffer abjectly because of war and strife. Needs are evident in our own country for those are homeless, those who are prisoners of addiction and poverty, those who often feel unwelcome because of some difference and those who thirst for justice and basic rights.



Every word, action and attitude has some impact as we are all agents of freedom or imprisonment, sharing or hoarding, welcoming or excluding, preserving or destroying as bearers of light or darkness. We are beckoned towards light while enfolded in the darkness of current season. As the darkness currently increases, we know that light will follow in the new year. The best vantage point from which to see light is from the background of darkness with the sparkling light of the stars in the dark blueness of the sky as a perfect example.

Each day is an opportunity to bring about a little heaven on earth for ourselves and one another through expressed values that are enduring and lasting. We will be enveloped by material advertising and aggressive promotion in the next few weeks with pressures brought to bear on many for whom life is already a challenge. For those who are in a good space right now may they mindfully share light and for those who feel like they are in darkness now may they look towards a source of light, lean on others and walk in hope trusting that day always follows night. Taking on the challenge of the Gospel, and that of empathy with our brothers and sisters on life's journey, may we lift unnecessary burdens from the shoulders of those in need so that a beam of hope may light their path.

Cathy Burke

Catechist in Lucan Partnership of Parishes

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.

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

General guidelines for buying safe products for children

A toy is a product intended for children aged under 14 to play with. Equipment children use (such as sports equipment) that are not toys come under the General Product Safety Directive.

Toys that meet national and EU safety rules should:

Be strong and resilient (should not break easily)

Be made of materials that do not burn easily

Be made of non-toxic materials

Carry the CE mark

A child's product that contains detachable or small parts should be marked as unsuitable for children under 36 months. Bikes and go-karts should have adequate brakes and guards for chains and other moving parts. Bikes used on public roads should have certain lighting fitted as standard.

In-store credit

Some shops offer the option to buy an item and pay for it in instalments. This is sometimes called Buy Now Pay Later – BNPL.

When you buy goods or services from a business, there may be an option to Buy Now Pay Later. This may be provided by a different business that is a credit provider. You enter into an agreement

to repay the credit provider. It is important to check the terms and conditions of the agreement, including the fees and charges such as interest or late payment fees. The CCPC has further information on Buy Now Pay Later, including the “pros and cons”

What is the Christmas Bonus?

The Christmas Bonus is an extra payment for people getting a long-term social welfare payment.

A Christmas Bonus of 100% will be paid in the week beginning 4 December 2023 to people getting a qualifying social welfare payment - details on our website.

You do not need to apply for the Bonus, if you qualify you'll automatically get it.

The Bonus is normally paid with your social welfare payment.

Once-off double week in January 2024

A once-off double week for all weekly qualifying social welfare payments will be paid in the week beginning 29 January 2024. Payments that qualify for the Christmas Bonus will qualify for the once-off double week.

Who gets a Christmas Bonus?

A Christmas Bonus is paid to people getting long-term social welfare payments.

A full list of the qualifying payments is available on our website.

Fuel Allowance is not a qualifying payment for the Christmas Bonus.

How much is the Christmas Bonus?

In 2023, the Christmas Bonus is 100% of your normal weekly payment (including the Living Alone Increase, the Island Allowance and the Over-80 Increase).

If an Increase for a Qualified Adult is paid directly to your dependent spouse, civil partner or cohabitant, the Christmas Bonus is also paid directly to them.

If you are getting 2 eligible social welfare payments (for example, a One-Parent Family Payment and the Domiciliary Care Allowance or a half-rate Carer's Allowance as well as your primary payment) you will get the Christmas Bonus for both payments.

For Domiciliary Care Allowance (DCA), which is paid monthly, the bonus is 100% of the weekly DCA rate. The DCA portion of the bonus is calculated independently of other payments.



Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills.



Our next meeting is on Thursday 7th December at 7:45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip and guests are most welcome to join us on the night.

Do you want to **finally** conquer your fear of public speaking?

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

Do you want to make new friends?

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

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

Come along on **Thursday next, December 7th**, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, check out Lucan Toastmasters on Facebook or Instagram, our website at www.lucantoastmasters.com or email us at vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com

Lucan Active Retirement Association

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. No charge for your first meeting.

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

NOISE MUSIC

NOISE Music are looking for young musicians aged 14 – 18 in the Lucan area to take part in a free music project in Griffeen Youth Centre.

You will learn how to record, arrange, produce and mix your own music.

Your finished track will be released online.

Ideal for young people who are interested in making their own music and playing gigs.

Every Friday 5-7pm at Crosscare, Griffeen Youth Centre, Lucan (Similar sessions every Tuesday in Tallaght. Email below to sign up)

Cost: FREE and all equipment is provided for each session.

Email: NoiseMusicSouthDublin@gmail.com to sign up.

Follow Us: @NoiseMusicSouthDublin on Instagram.

https://instagram.com/noisemusicsouthdublin?igshid=OGQ5ZDc2ODk2ZA%3D%3D&utm_source=qr

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€5 for Pack of 10

Available from 191 Beech Park
Also available from the Parish
Office.

Or contact 087-0666891

St Mary's Camera Soirée 11th Exhibition of Photographs

St. Mary's Parish Centre

**Saturday 25th November
6pm to 8pm**

**Sunday 26th November 2023
10.30 to 13.30**



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



Thanksgiving Mass

“The Parish Pastoral Council are organising a **Mass of Thanksgiving** for all parish volunteers to acknowledge and celebrate the great work that is done by so many different groups in enhancing the life of the parish, making it a warm and welcoming place for all.

The date for this Mass is

Sunday December 3rd at 12 noon

and there will be light refreshments afterwards in the parish centre.

All volunteers both past and present are invited and most welcome to attend.”

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Saturdays. (*funerals permitting*) from 10.30am to 11.30am. **All welcome.**

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

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 Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral). *Divine Mercy Devotion St Mary's.*

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.*

Legion of Mary: Meeting every Thursday 5.30pm in the **Parish Bungalow** for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

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

St Mary's Scripture Reflection: Every Monday Evening 7.30 – 8.30pm in the Bungalow. **JOIN US** - You are Welcome to come any Monday. We reflect on the Gospel Reading of the following Sunday.

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

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.

Coffee Dock Open: Every Sunday Morning and Weekdays 10am to 12 noon. *All Welcome.*



CHURCH ART CALENDARS FOR 2024

Now available at the Parish Office and Sacristy. Cost €2.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Mary Wyatt**, Castle Riada. *May she rest in peace.*



Koins for Kids

Just a note to say thanks to the people of Lucan for our most recent donations.

Nearly €370 was handed over to Koins for Kids and

60 kgs weight of foreign coins of all denominations and currencies. There was a huge selection of foreign notes too for which we are very grateful.

Your generosity knows no bounds, thank you all so much.

Donations can as always be left in St Mary's Parish Centre, the Sacristy or by contacting the undersigned.

Damien Douglas, Koins for Kids, 087-9519222.



Medjugorje Mass 2023 St Mary Church, Lucan

**Monday 4th December -
Mass at 6.15pm**

(Rosary and Prayers at 5.45pm)

Available online at lucanparish.com

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

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje

Every Thursday, in the Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions

7.30pm: Holy Mass

After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy
Chaplet, Benediction.

All welcome

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.

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 1pm** for private prayers.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

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



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Mass Times: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

Adoration: Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am. All are welcome.
(a time for quiet reflection).

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, and after Thursday 10am Mass.

Tea/Coffee: Every Wednesday Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome.*



Youth 2000 Ireland

"Youth 2000 Ireland are having their annual Christmas retreat in

Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare on:
8th - 10th December for ages 16-35.

This promises to be a special retreat!! Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! There are free buses leaving from all over the country to the retreat. Donation only. Find out more and register now on www.youth2000.ie"

The Annual All Night Vigil to Knock 2023

December 7th Thursday
coming back Friday morning
December 8th

The bus will be stopping in
Lucan on the way to Knock.

*For further information please phone
Nora Griffin on 018404247 or 0863292329*



Christian Meditation Ireland

Christian Meditation Ireland are hosting a **Morning of Prayer and Meditation** with Fr. Laurence Freeman, Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation.

The event will take place in Balally Parish Centre, Dublin D16 E032 on **Saturday, 2nd December 2023 from 10am to 1:30pm.**

No previous experience necessary.

See www.christianmeditation.ie for booking details.

Anniversaries

JENNIE MORRIS

5th Anniversary - 25th November

Late of Lucan Road, Chapelizod.

Mother

Remembering with sadness
The day you left this earth
But overjoyed, to have shared
Our lives with you from birth
A very special mother
With a kind and gentle heart
We know you're watching over us
So we will never feel apart
Over the rainbow with Dad.
*Sadly missed by your loving daughter Jane and
son-in-law Dessie, sons Joseph, Billy, Harry
and Jerri*



Nanny

We smile when we see rainbows
When we hear your special song
And though we miss you every day
Our journey will go on
We hold you in our memory
And speak your name with joy
We picture you still dancing
With that sparkle in your eye.
*Love and miss you every day, your grandchildren
Karen, Lisa, Kevin, Breda, Andy and Rachel
xxxxxx*

Granny Bus

When we think of our great Granny Bus
And remember happy days
The fancy cakes and lemonade
Treasured memories of your ways
The stories that you told to us
Of your childhood long ago
Hold a special place within our hearts
That we're never letting go.
*We will miss you always, your great
grandchildren, Laura Jane, Daniel, Nikki, Kelsie
and Craig xxxxx*



PATRICK KILDUFF

25th Anniversary

Chapel Hill.

In loving memory of our dear brother Paddy.
"Silent thoughts of times together
hold memories that last forever".
Remembered by all the family

PETER BRADY

2nd Anniversary - 23rd November

Your life was one of kindly deeds
A helping hand for others needs
Sincere and true in heart and mind
Beautiful memories left behind
How dearly we loved you
And prayed you might live
But Jesus just beckoned
And we had to give
May God of love and mercy
Care for our loved one who is gone
And bless with consolation
Those left to carry on.
*Sadly missed and loved always, Patty, Caroline,
Peter, Declan, Denise and Garret*

DYMPNA MURRAY-FENNELL

6th Anniversary - 1st December

Describing her country childhood and those brief
pauses when her family would reminisce, my
mother wrote,
"But the past would soon have to give way to the
pressures of the present. There were endless farm
chores to be done, cows to be milked, calves to be
fed, missing animals to be tracked down."
While I may be far removed from the farm, I
know well what she meant but despite all the
distractions my mother stays with me both in my
heart and in my mind and never more so than this
time of year.
Remembering her with love, Michael



Anam Cara
South Dublin,
the organisation
that supports
bereaved parents,

is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for
bereaved parents on **Monday 4th December at
7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown
Way, Tallaght.** This event is free and open to all
bereaved parents regardless of the age your child
died, the circumstances of their death, or whether
their death was recent or not.

BAPTISM CANDLES

Available from St. Mary's Parish
Centre or Sacristy. **Cost €5.**



Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 29th November: Christmas Floral Demonstration with Margaret Murphy, in St. Mary's Parish Centre from 10.30 to 12.30.



Some of our members on our recent outing to Rathwood.



Lucan ICA

Monday 27th November: The ladies are all busy preparing for Christmas with knitting and crocheting.



Many thanks to all who supported our craft fair, especially our members, and to Kennys for their generous voucher. The ladies are now talking about next year!

Tea Hostesses are Noreen and Geraldine.

We send our best wishes to the T.Y. Students with their forthcoming musical *Beauty and the Beast*, on Thursday 30th November.

Pauline.



Watch the Birdie!

Birdie is looking forward to visiting **St. Mary's Camera Soiree Exhibition** this weekend. Sounds exciting!

Congratulations

to Lucan's **Abby Shiels**, Dublin Ladies Goalkeeper, on winning her first All Star Award. No doubt there will be many more awards for this superstar!



Chess Class for Seniors

Have you always wanted to learn chess but never got round to it? Me too! I am trying to get a beginners chess class up and running aimed at older people, including myself, and I need to ascertain if there is enough interest. It will be more social and fun than competitive - no pressure to compete at the next World Senior Chess Championships. The prospective teacher is a Candidate Chess Master and qualified teacher.



If you feel you meet the age criteria and want to learn chess, text me or phone me at 087 392 0931.

Joanna.

Thank You!

I wish to thank all the people in Lucan who came to my assistance when I fell in the Village, opposite the Vincent de Paul Shop, on Tuesday afternoon, 14th November.

Margaret.



SCHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Science Week at St. Joseph's!

Science Week brought great excitement to St. Joseph's last week. Everyday there was a science riddle for each year group with a prize for the winner! Dry ice was delivered and students enjoyed seeing the phenomenon of dry ice and how it works. We had a great turn out for our science quiz day for senior students. Mr. Doherty Declan made origami frogs in lab 84 with juniors at lunchtime. Ms. Cannon demonstrated dissections galore in lab 101 at lunchtime! Friday is stem challenge time. All week junior students were working on designing and creating an idea that will prevent an egg from cracking when dropped from a height! Science jokes were announced every day and everyone had a good chuckle!

Flag Day Awards in Leinster House

Congratulations to Síofra Gough (2nd Year) and Fatma Wael Hassan Ismail Hassan (LC '23) who visited Leinster House on Monday, 20th November for the Annual Flag Day Awards. Organised by the Thomas Francis Meagher Foundation, each recipient of the Award has created a piece of art, poetry, visual arts or literature to express their interpretation of what the Irish Flag means to them in 2023. Síofra won the award for Best Entry 'As Gaeilge', and Fatma won 'Best Video/Audio Clip'. Well done girls!



Beauty & The Beast (Jr)

Preparations for Beauty & The Beast (Jr.) are in full swing at St. Joseph's. We cannot wait to welcome our audiences next week. Our opening night is on Thursday, 30th November and will run for four consecutive nights at 8.00pm until Sunday, 3rd December. Tickets can be purchased from the school Front Office or directly from our website! (www.stjosephslucan.com). Tickets will be Adults €20.00, Students/Seniors €15.00. Don't be disappointed when tickets sell out! Any queries, please ring 01-6281160.



Fundraising Calendar for St. Vincent De Paul

Joey's Tidy Towns Calendar 2024 will be available and on sale from Friday, 1st December. All proceeds from the calendar sales will go directly to the Lucan Conference of the St. Vincent De Paul. Many thanks to our sponsors Eamon Costello (Kerry) Ltd. and Lucan District Credit Union for sponsoring our calendar this year. Calendars are €10.00 each and will be on sale from the school reception & from Centra, Lucan Village from 1st December.



Lucan Community College

Basketball success for TY student:

Congratulations to Transition Year student Alanna Fennell on being selected for the Ireland U17 Women's Academy Selections by Basketball Ireland. Alanna has made a fantastic



contribution to Basketball throughout her time in Lucan Community College.

We wish Alanna all the best in her future with Basketball Ireland.

The Theatre comes to Lucan Community

College: Last Friday, our Third Year students were visited by Marcus Bale from Cyclone Rep who performed a very entertaining and engaging version of The Merchant of Venice for our third year students. Some of our students even took to the stage to help perform some of the roles. The one-man-show was a fantastic opportunity to allow students to revise their Shakespearean drama for their English Junior Cycle course.



Christmas Concert: Rehearsals are well under way for the annual Lucan Community College Christmas Concert. This year's concert will take place on Thursday December 14th at 7pm. We look forward to welcoming you to our school community for a night of festive songs, musical performances, and mince pies!

November Assessments: November assessments take place this week in Lucan Community College. Please see the school website for most recent information.

Public Speaking Competition: Well done to our Fifth Year public speakers Alannah Carroll, Angeline Dabatos and Sarah Nolan on their excellent performances at the first round of the Soroptimists Public Speaking competition last weekend. Thanks to Ms Hickey for assisting the students with the competition!

Fundraising for Lucan Community College:

We are actively looking for funding to run events and teams for our wonderful students! If you are a local business or individual who would be interested in sponsoring a school team or event, please contact us at the email address:

fundraising@lucancc.ie



School Rugby: This week the students of Lucan Community College took part in a Rugby Blitz and Tag Rugby competition. Many thanks to all students who took part in the blitz!

PART-TIME SCHOOL CLEANER

Contract type - Temporary, Fixed Term

14 hours per week, 2 hrs 48 mins approx. per day Mon-Fri

€15.48 per hour approx.

Applications are invited from motivated individuals to undertake cleaning duties at the Lucan Community College. You will be required to carry out a range of cleaning activities in accordance with college procedures and using your own initiative where necessary. Duties include the use of powered cleaning equipment to ensure the premises are kept in a clean and hygienic condition.

Closing date for receipt of Applications:

Wednesday 6th December 2023 Curriculum Vitae should be sent to: Ms Gráinne Malone (Deputy Principal), Lucan Community College, Esker Drive, Lucan, Co Dublin. Email

admin@lucancc.ie or phone 016282077

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Soccer: Our **u15** team advanced to the 2nd round of the Leinster Minor Cup on Tuesday after defeating Oatlands College 4-2. Alex Clare (2), Josh Kenny and Leo Kane scored the goals in an impressive team performance.

Basketball: Our **u19** basketball team qualified for the Eastern League Plate semi-finals after defeating Castleknock College 49-45 last Wednesday in a dramatic and exciting contest. Lucan recovered from a 1st 1-4 deficit (12-22) to claim the victory thanks mainly to a stunning final 1-4 (that they won 24-10) with Alseny Bah and Lewis Ajinakou scoring the majority of the points in this period.

Our **16 team** also advanced to the Plate semi-finals after defeating Coolmine CS 68-62 on Friday. It was a real team performance with numerous players contributing to the scoring which is key to their success. The team then defeated Coláiste Pobail, Setanta 61-32 in the semi-final held on Monday. The Plate "A" Final will be held in the Obalte Basketball Hall in Inchicore on Friday 1st December. The venue will evoke some great memories for the majority of the panel who won the u14 Eastern League and All-Ireland titles there earlier in the year.

Staff news: There was a great turnout in Brady's pub in Maynooth on Friday night as staff, family and friends gathered together for a night of nostalgia and chat, great food and drink as well as some high quality karaoke singing and dancing to celebrate Mr. Brady's retirement. After serving as principal from 2014 until 2023, Mr. Brady deserved a good send-off and he certainly got that as it was a brilliant night's entertainment for those in attendance. We wish Mr. Brady a happy retirement and we assure him of a very warm welcome whenever he returns to Coláiste Phádraig.

Music: Our Music Club put on a piano recital in the 1st yr area at lunchtime on Monday as part of Coláiste Phádraig's Inclusion Week celebrations. Freddie Molly played *Vampire* by Olivia Rodrigo and "The Chain" by Fleetwood Mac Jayron Sarmiento brought a great energy to proceedings with some lively self-penned jazz pieces on the piano while 3-time Talent Show prize-winning David Farrelly performed *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Suspicious Minds* and *Human Nature*. It was a lovely occasion that entertained those in attendance and it created a brilliant lunchtime atmosphere in the school.

Model UN Club: Last weekend, our school Model UN club sent two teams of students to the

Rathdown School Model United Nations Conference, RADMUN, representing Australia and Jamaica. The event was held over two days, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th November. The event is run entirely by students, under the guidance of Rathdown's MUN Director. There were 19 schools attending the conference, representing almost 50 countries. The students took part in a role-playing activity that simulates the real work of the United Nations. Each country had a member in each of the different committees, such as E&E (Energy and Environment), H&Y (Health and Youth) etc.

During committee session, resolutions were put forward on how to resolve the committee's respective issues, the resolutions were debated, amendments were submitted, and the resolutions were finally voted on. Alex D'Alba, representing Australia in ECOFIN, put forward a resolution that very nearly passed, but unfortunately fell short by two votes.

After committee, the general assembly was held, in which all countries debated a number of the resolutions that passed.

Our Club members attended the Awards Ceremony on Saturday evening but they missed out as the vastly more experienced schools claimed the top awards. However, our students thoroughly enjoyed their participation at RADMUN and everyone learned a lot from it. They are all looking forward to the next conference in February.

Athletics: Well done to 2nd yr Conor Abbot who qualified to be on the Dublin Cross Country team at the u14 All Ireland Championships in Gowran, Co. Kilkenny at the weekend. The Dublin Team won both County and Provincial Gold medals at this prestigious event and Conor also won an individual medal by finishing in 11th place in a time of 11mins 17secs (in a strong field of 161 top class competitors.)

Science: As part of our Science Week celebrations last week, Maynooth University hosted an online Zoom masterclass in Astrophysics and Cosmology for our senior classes. Our students showed great interest and submitted interesting and intelligent questions for the Q & A session afterwards. It was also a great opportunity for our students to get some valuable information on the Physics Courses in Maynooth and also hear about student life on campus. The masterclass was part of the school's Science Week celebrations. Our TY students ran a science table quiz for 1st and 2nd yrs and they did a great job organising and conducting the quiz.



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 January / February 2024. 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. This can lead to QQI qualification.

The following subjects are available this term:

Spanish for Beginners

Office Procedures

Wellbeing and the Internet

Data Entry

Developing your Business English

Language Skills

Working with Microsoft Excel

Working with Microsoft Word

Work Experience

Medical Terminology

Bookkeeping: Manual & Computerised.

For more details, contact

lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie or call (01) 6283557.



EmpowerHER Safety Talk: Nighttime Running & Walking

Join Us for an Evening Dedicated to Your Safety!

Date & Time: Wednesday 29th November at 7.30pm

Location: Adamstown Youth & Community Centre

What to Expect:

•Safety Tips & Techniques:

Learn practical tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience while running or walking in the dark.

•Community Support:

Connect with fellow women in the community, share experiences, and build a network of support.

Why Attend?

•Empower Yourself:

Gain the confidence and knowledge to navigate nighttime activities with a sense of empowerment.

•Safety First:

Equip yourself with essential safety strategies to reduce potential risks.

•Community Bonding:

Foster a supportive community of women who prioritize safety and well-being.

For enquiries contact: 01 503 1644 or 087 279 5274

Let's light up the night with confidence and strength!

#EmpowerHERSafetyTalk #NighttimeSafety

#WomenEmpowerment #SafetyFirst



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SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2023
4PM
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ADULTS €10
CONCESSIONS €5
CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE

QUIZ NIGHT

supporting
Mental Health Reform

When: Wednesday, 13th December @ 8PM

Where: Courtney's of Lucan, K78 HF83

€10 per person (max 4 per table)
Raffle on the night
Great cause, great prizes!

Lucan Library – December Events

Please Note: 1. All events and activities are free of charge. 2. All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum. 3. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required.



Winter Craft Fair, Saturday 16th December 10am – 4pm. A wonderful variety of crafts and goodies for sale in our Winter Craft Fair. Perfect for those last-minute Christmas gifts! Family entertainment, festive music and a Very Special Visitor - a day at the library not to be missed!

Thank You Thursday! Thursday 7th December
We want to say a **Big Thank You** to all of you who have used the library this year! Save the date – Thursday 7th December. More details nearer the time! Everyone who uses their Library Card in Lucan Library on Thank You Thursday can be entered into our special Christmas draw.



Lucan Gospel Choir: Lucan Library are delighted to welcome Lucan Gospel Choir for festive tunes on Tuesday 19th December 7.15pm – 8pm. All welcome!

Poet's Perch – Tuesday 5th December, 7pm
Calling all potential poets! A new poetry group led by amateur poet Natalie Ryan begins on Tuesday 5th December at 7pm. Please bring along a poem to share with the group.



Festive Fun for Children – activities for all ages. Treats for Santa with the Cool Food School. Saturday 2nd December (please book for the correct age group). 11.30am – 12.30pm: For ages 6-8 years. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite. 1pm – 2pm: For ages 9-12 years. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite.

Art and Creativity with Elena Buttner

Thursday 14th December, 3.30pm – 4.30pm - Christmas themed Art and Creativity Workshop for 9 – 12 year olds. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite.

Events for Younger Children (booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite)

Clap Handies! Rhyme and Sign Storytime for parents with babies/toddlers, with Claire Glynn – Wednesday 6th December, 10am
Musical Tots with Karen Donnellan – Saturday 9th December, 10.30am
Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles – Thursday 21st December, 10am

Coder Dojo Club - Wednesday 20th December, 3.30pm - 4.30pm. No previous coding experience needed, just enthusiasm! Those aged 8-12 must be accompanied by an adult and please bring an adult library card for Wi-Fi access. Booking essential via Eventbrite.

Book at Bedtime for Pre-School Children

All children aged between 0 and 4 years can receive a free book for bedtime! Ask at the desk and take a moment to register your child with their first library card.

TTRS (Touch, Type, Read, Spell)

Places are available for our Touch-type, Read and Spell (TTRS) classes. The 6-week block of classes take place on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm and act as an introduction to the programme. For children aged from 8-12 who have literacy difficulties or difficulties in typing, writing or spelling. Please contact us to express an interest or for more information.

South Dublin Volunteer Stand, Thursday 14th December 2pm - 4pm. If you're interested in getting involved in volunteering, visit the South Dublin Volunteer Stand at the library to find out more about opportunities in your area.

Lucan Library Classic Film Club - Tuesday 12th December at 5.30pm. All welcome.

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Monday Lunchtime Book Club – 18th December, 12noon. *Junior Book Club* - Wednesday 20th December, 3.30pm. *Wednesday Book Club* – 20th December, 6.30pm. *Young Adult Book Club* – Saturday 2nd December, 3pm.

Lucan Library Knitters Club - Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new members welcome.

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group - Thurs 7th and 21st December, 10am – 12noon. New members welcome

Exhibition: Irish Christmas Traditions

Cllr. Paul Gogarty

"Not just at election time" Tel: 087-2752489

Web: www.paulgogarty.com

Bus User Survey: I've been raising bus issues for years with the NTA and other agencies. Trying to effect change has been difficult because the NTA is not accountable to anyone. Successive Governments and Ministers for Transport have farmed out bus decisions to this unelected agency and while the NTA gives occasional briefings to Councillors or makes presentations at Oireachtas committees, there is no sense of anyone really being listened to. Perhaps meaningful data will have a better impact. This is why, after consulting with several bus drivers working local routes, I have devised a detailed survey for Lucan and west Dublin. I call it "**Bus Correct**". Please do the survey at www.bit.ly/buscorrect. It takes 5-10 minutes, depending on what additional comments you make. Anyone who prefers to do this over the phone instead, text me for a callback.

Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner. Tel: 0858317982.

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Hillcrest: I have received a number of complaints regarding the roundabout at the junction of Hillcrest Drive and Hillcrest Green and poor visibility, I have made a request for this to be repainted.

South Dublin County Council Annual Budget:

Last Thursday we passed our Annual Budget of almost €340 million for the year 2024 for our county. This included an extra €1 million for the tree maintenance programme, €650k for teen space programmes, 20K for the development of a space finder app which will give access to available disability parking in the county at the touch of a button, additional funding for sensory spaces in the county, an extra 15k for the Women's Caucus to encourage female participation in politics and our community through training and delivery sessions and events to further enhance opportunity in local government.

Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

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Road Repainting – Canonbrook / Esker Drive:

During a recent engagement with residents in Canonbrook and Esker Drive, several issues were raised. Amongst concerns, pedestrian safety during drop off / pick up at the nearby schools was highlighted. Council officials have responded to my requests to repaint the road markings.

Bottle Banks – Griffeen: Recently, the bottle banks have been re-arranged and moved in further

from the cycle track. Councillors met with officials last week and some safety concerns regarding motorists' drop-offs was discussed. Work is however incomplete, and officials have indicated a preference to review the current arrangement in its entirety in six months.

Road Safety – Foxborough: Following several contacts from residents within Foxborough Walk, Lane, Glen, Row and Heights, I'm delighted that traffic management officials have finally agreed to my request to introduce double yellow lines at the junction of Foxborough Walk and Road.

P Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Men's Shed Funding: Minister Humphreys has allocated €1 Million to supporting Men's Sheds with their running costs such as heating, electricity, utility and insurance bills, each Shed can apply for up to €3,000 euro.

St Joseph's College Musical: Best of luck to the students and staff at St Joseph's College with their production of Beauty and the Beast next week!

EmpowerHer Safety Talks: An information session providing practical tips for a safe experience while walking and running at night. Lucan Community Garda will be in attendance. Ballyowen Castle CC – Mon 27th at 19.30 Adamstown YCC – Wed 29th Nov at 19.30

Know Where You Stand: This week my annual Know Where You Stand guide to Budget 2024 will be delivered to your home. If you haven't received yours or would like an extra copy, contact my office directly.

N Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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Lucan Bus Services: In recent weeks People Before Profit organised two public meetings regarding issues around capacity of certain bus services emanating from Lucan and the city centre. Several issues were raised particularly on capacity of the P29 and the C-Spine services routes at morning peak time which are often full or difficult to get a seat. I will be putting these issues with the NTA in the coming weeks.

Lucan Stands with Palestine: Over 100 people attended a public meeting in Adamstown Community Centre on the issue of the ongoing slaughter in Gaza. We decided to start a campaign of awareness and a boycott campaign of Israeli goods which are stocked by big supermarkets in the area. We have identified several products which are stocked and have called on the supermarket in question to remove them from their stores.

Political Notes cont'd after sport...



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



5 Former Chairpersons where seen reminiscing following the club Mass!



Hurling

A busy weekend for our young adult hurlers with our two U21 teams and three Minor teams all in action at the business end of championships. There were semi-final wins for our U21As (v Naomh Barrog) and our Minor As (v Vincents) and both advance to play Kilmacud Croes in their respective 'A' Championship finals. Our Minor C hurlers had a good quarter-final win away to Kevins. However, there was disappointment for our U21Bs and Minor Bs who both lost out at the semi-final stage to Ballyboen and Fingallians respectively. Great credit to the Club pitch committee who worked hard to have the 12th Lock pitch playable for the two 'A' semi-finals, despite weeks of bad weather.

U21 A Championship Semi-final:

Lucan Sarsfields 3-17 Naomh Barróg 0-15.
18/11/2023, 12th Lock.

U21 D Championship Semi-final:

Lucan Sarsfields 0-16 Ballyboden St Endas 3-14
18/11/2023, AGP3

Minor A Championship Semi-final:

Lucan Sarsfields 1-13 St Vincents 0-15.
19/11/2023, 12th Lock.

Minor D Championship Quarter Final:

Kevins 1-5 Lucan Sarsfields 3-8.
19/11/2023, Dolphins Barn.

Juvenile/Coiste na nÓg, Div 6 U14

Camogie Final 19/11/2023, IT
Blanchardstown, Lucan Sarsfields B v Na Fianna B.

In an unexpected surprise Santa visited the club to celebrate with the cup, while Rudolf was left outside trimming the pitch to help PJ who hurt himself playing football.



Social

Thank you to everyone who attended our Seniors Sunday Lunch. We had a great fun crowd and they really helped make a good atmosphere and added to the craic! Thanks to Paddy Ryan and the Deadman's Inn for the catering. We were asked to pass on many compliments to the chef! Also, to Paul for the lovely singing and great song choices. He had everyone singing along or up dancing. Shane Moynihan has also been a great supporter of healthy clubs and came up to sample the good cheer and donated a hamper for our raffle. Desserts were all homemade by a great bunch of ladies from the club and as usual we had help from the minor girls' teams. Thanks especially to Pat and Rebecca who helped set up, serve up and clean up! It was a great way to start off the Christmas season and to get to connect with the community. Lucan Healthy Club is all about promoting wellbeing for everyone. If anyone has any suggestions for our next initiative or would like to join up with Healthy Club, please contact us. Lucanhealthyclub@gmail.com

The Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club 25 Card

Drive Fridays 8.00pm Sharp. 1st Prize: €50 (if 12 or more players, 2nd Prize if 3 or more tables Entry: €5 per person.

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €7,400.

The Numbers were **8, 22, 26, 27.**

The lucky dip prizes go to, Mary Gannon, Teddy O'Connor, Josephine & Tony Donohue, Tony Rigney and Tom Kelly.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €7,800. The draw is sponsored by Dual Printing Ltd and will be led by Josephine Donohue.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.





Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Fáilte chuig Nuachtlitir Na Gaeil Óga, áit a bhfaighidh tú an t-eolas is déanaí faoi gach rud atá ag tarlú inár bpobal bríomhar.



Buachaillí F13 - Iomáint

Comhghairdheas leis na buachaillí F13 - buaiteoirí an Sraith san Iomáint - Maith sibh agus gach moladh tuille le JoAnne, Kevin, agus Cormac. Freisin mo buíochas le Steve Donohoe agus Eoin Ó Masúin a thabhairt tacaíocht leo.



Buachaillí F11 - Peil

Bhí sé iontach féachaint ar chluiche dúshlánach comórtasach ar maidin. D'imir na leids go han-mhaith i gcoinne foireann láidir, agus thug sé léargas dúinn ar cad a tharlóidh an bhliain seo chugainn. Bhí cúpla scór álainn ann, roinnt iontach cosanta agus cúl báireacht, agus níos tábhachtaí fós, obair foirne den scoth. Níl ach cúpla lá fágtha ag an bhfoireann seo mar fhoireann F11, agus tá súil agam go mbeidh mothú maith ag na leids ar cad a bheidh le teacht an bhliain seo chugainn.

Bhí na cóitseálaithe an-bhródúil as a bheith ag obair leis na leids le cúpla bliain anuas, agus tá siad ag tnúth leis an mbliain F12 amach romhainn.

Cailíní F8 - Peil

Bhí an cluiche deireanach don séasúr ag na Cailíní F8

inné. Bhíodar ar fheabhas ar fad. D'imir siad óna gcroí amach. Ní fhéadfaimis a bheith níos bródúla astu. Tá siad ag teacht ar aghaidh go hiontach. Gach uile dhuine díobh ag feabhsú an t-am ar fad. Ba mhór an pléisiúr é a bheith ag obair leo ar fad. Leanfaimid ar aghaidh ag traenáil ar feadh cúpla seachtain eile roimh bhriseadh na Nollag. Má tá suim ag éinne teacht suas chugainn - tar i dteagmháil. Tá fáilte mhór roimh imreoirí nua an t-am ar fad. Bígí Linn!

Buachaillí F11 - Iomáint

Míle buíochas le gach éinne as páirt a ghlacadh inár gcéad blitz maidin Satharn. Tá mé cinnte go n-aontóidh sibh go léir gur imir na lads cluichí den scoth.

Ba é an Satharn an chéad cheann de go leor laethanta iomaíocha eile don fhoireann seo agus iad ag bogadh ar aghaidh ó fhoghlaím conas imirt go glacadh páirt i mblitz.

Buíochas go háirithe do na cóitseálaithe ar fad a thóg na páirceanna, a bhí mar réiteoirí (Shannon freisin) a mhol na cluichí agus a d'eagraigh na féiríní.

Tá súil agam gur bhain

na buachaillí go léir taitneamh as.

Cruinniú cinn bliana

Bígí linn don chruinniú cinn bliana ar an 26ú ag a 7 i nGaelscoil Naomh Pádraig. Bí cinnte go bhfuil sibh ann ionas go mbeidh bhur smaointí agus tuairimí á chloisteáil againn.



POLITICAL NOTES cont'd....

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Safety Forums: I tabled a motion for a Community Safety Forum in our area at last week's budget meeting. Unfortunately, it didn't receive full support, leading to the motion's fall. The objective is clear foster open dialogue and collaboration for a safer neighbourhood. Consequently, we agreed to bring the matter our Joint Policing Committee. This provided me with the opportunity to discuss the issue with Commissioner Drew Harris. Additionally, we are exploring the concept of satellite station in Adamstown. My efforts have reached a significant point – a submission is underway to be sent to the Minister for Justice emphasizing the necessity for new towns to be considered in any changes to our community and policing forums. This collective effort for safety aims to address concerns, share ideas, and pave the way towards a more secure community. As always updates will follow.

Cllr. Joanna Tuffy, Labour Party

Representative. Phone 087 392 0931

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all social media links at linktr.ee/joannatuffy

Affordable houses for sale at Clonburris:

25 affordable three-bedroom houses at Parkleigh, Seven Mills, Dublin 22, go on sale this weekend. These houses are subsidised by South Dublin County Council under the affordable housing scheme and are being made available, with some exceptions, to first time buyers. Purchasers may be able to avail of the help to buy scheme. These houses are close to the Fonthill Train Station and are part of the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone. Applications can be made between 12 noon on the 24th November and 4pm on the 15th December. For detailed information

see <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/housing/affordable-homes/>

Caroline Brady - Fine Gael - PC

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Be Winter Ready Leaf Clearing: Following requests from residents in Hillcrest, I spoke with SDCC and can confirm that Hillcrest, Greenpark, Westbrook, and Meadowview are scheduled for a leaf clearing service.

Enhanced Social Welfare reforms: Welcome news from Minister Humphries for parents, extension of Child Benefit to 18-year-olds in full-time education from September 2024; Extension of Parent's Benefit from 7 weeks to 9 weeks from August 2024, and Working Family payment thresholds to increase by €54.

Christmas Craft Fair Nov 26th

Our annual Christmas Craft Fair returns after a 4 year break. We are expecting up 30 indoor and outdoor stands comprising of Arts, Crafts, Festive Food, and array of small businesses selling and promoting their products.

The 1 day fair will take place on **Sunday 26th Nov 11am - 6pm** in our Function Hall, at **Celbridge Mill, Main St. Celbridge.**

Santa will take some time from his busy schedule to drop in and chat with the children and attendees and stand holders.

Among the exhibitors will be Artists, Handbags, Florists, candles, Wood turning gifts, decorations, foods and educational toys etc.

Lucan Golf Club 2024



**Applications for Tee Box Sponsorship
Now Open.**

If interested, please contact:

Paul Hennessy, Sponsorship Secretary

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Minder & Toddler Group

Thursdays
in **St. Mary's Parish Centre,**
from **9.30am to 11.30am.**



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The big days have finally arrived. The 11th exhibition of St. Mary's Camera Soiree, setup by our Parish Secretary, Deirdre, back in 2013 is happening in the Parish Centre this Saturday from 6pm to 8pm and this Sunday from 10am to 1.30pm. The members of the group look forward to meeting their old friends and supporters in person once again. About 40 photographs will be on display, the work of 13 photographers. To facilitate friends and relations who are not able to get to the Parish Centre this weekend the exhibition will be available to view on line on our YouTube channel at the following link from the afternoon of Sunday 26th November - <https://youtu.be/zQLravbFBKc>. We would like to express our thanks to our friends in St. Andrew's for allowing us the use of their stands to mount the exhibition.

It is over 200 years since Nicéphore Niépce first managed to fix an image that was captured with a camera. An exposure of at least eight hours was required and the earliest results were very crude. With the passage of time new materials reduced the required camera exposure time to seconds, and eventually to a small fraction of a second. Digital cameras in the 1990s revolutionized photography and during the first decade of the 21st century traditional film-based photochemical methods were unfortunately increasingly marginalized.



This week the battle of the mushrooms continues with photographers submitting photos with and without them.

In a moment of sanity Joe has submitted a beautiful misty scene from St. Edmundsbury taken last Sunday morning.

