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Many of you might or might not be familiar with Community Radio or the fact that there is a radio station dedicated to the community of Lucan. We are all familiar with our national broadcaster RTÉ radio and television and commercial stations like 98FM and Newstalk. Householders pay a tv and radio licence which funds the national broadcaster and commercial stations who also sell advertising to fund their operations.

Community radio does not receive anything from the licence fee nor sells advertising to run its operations. Community radio is licenced by Coimisiún na Meán (formerly BAI) to serve the community it broadcasts from which in our case is Lucan and its environs. We have been broadcasting in Lucan since 2006 from our studios in Ballyowen with 35/40 volunteers 68 hours per week irrespective of class, colour, or creed and is a non-profit organisation. We organise training courses through QQI in media expression level 3 and 4.

We support all community organisations in our area through mentions on the station and interviews. In order to keep on air, we need you our community to help us by putting a donation into our fund raising buckets outside our churches at all Masses- **Sunday 1st October St. Patricks, Esker. Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October St. Mary's and Divine Mercy Church Balgaddy Sunday 15th October.** We look forward to meeting you all and your support.



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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

Positive Ageing Week (PAW) 1 to 7 October 2023

The theme of PAW 2023 will carry on the theme of Challenging Ageism - Reframing How We Think, Feel and Act towards aging and older persons. Positive Ageing Week is an Age Action initiative to promote the agency of older people and to celebrate the contribution they make to our families, workplaces, communities and society as a whole. For 20 years individuals, groups, local authorities and businesses have been organising events to mark Positive Ageing Week.

PAW also marks United Nations International Day of Older Persons on 1 October the theme for which is “Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World.

More information is available on the Age Action website on

[About PAW – Positive Ageing Week 2023](#)

Setting up a Business

If you are thinking about setting up a new business in Ireland, you can find useful information in the self-employment section of citizensinformation.ie, including:

A step-by-step guide to setting up a business in Ireland

How to write a business plan

Employing people in your business

Understanding your tax as a business owner

It is important that you meet all the requirements when starting a business to avoid unnecessary delays, charges, and penalties.

If you are not an EU, EEA, UK or Swiss national and you want to open a business in Ireland, you must apply for permission. Read about coming to set up a business in Ireland as a non-EEA, UK or Swiss national.

Read more about becoming self-employed, or visit our page about sources of information on starting a business.

You can also visit your Local Enterprise Office for advice on how to start, grow and develop your business. There are 31 Local Enterprise Offices in Ireland who work with micro-enterprises and sole traders. Enterprise Ireland gives support and advice to larger start-ups and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) runs a free Start Your Own Business programme which can help you develop your business idea.

LEO has also published a 10-step-guide to starting your own business (pdf). This guide includes information on business development, assessing the viability of your business idea, the requirements for your business such as staff, and how to write your business plan.

Find out how to get funding to start your own business. You can also get information on business grants below.

Local Enterprise Office Dublin South

Ph: 01 4149215. E: info@leo.sdublincoco.ie
County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24. D24 YNN5

Opening Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9am - 5pm

Friday: 9am - 4:30pm; Saturday-Sunday: Closed



Murf Memorial

On the 2nd September last, friends and family of the late Ciarán (Murf) Murphy of Hillcrest, Lucan gathered for the first annual Murf Memorial Trophy played at Grange Castle Golf Club. Ciarán sadly and unexpectedly passed away on the 19th June 2022. Ciarán's brothers, Mark and Peter and colleagues from the An Post Dublin Mails Centre Golf Society decided to organise an annual golf tournament in Ciarán's memory.



The winning team was the Costello family from Leixlip who lifted the perpetual Murf Memorial Jug that night in Courtneys Bar, Lucan Village.

€720 was raised on the day and donated to the Family Heart Screening Unit at Heart House. Pictured is the winning team being presented with the Murf Memorial Jug by Ciarán's father, Fintan.

The Murphy Family would like to extend a big thanks to all participants and sponsors and are looking forward to the 2024 Murf Memorial.

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wed 4th Oct: Social Morning and lunch in the Spa Hotel, 10.30 – 2.15 approx.



DEMENTIA
REVIEW OF ALL TOPICS
DEMENTIA EVENING
INFORMATION & SUPPORT EVENINGS

Marymount Dementia Team will review all topics discussed during the year, including Dementia and Memory difficulties, Capacity Act, Visual perception, Nutrition and swallowing difficulties.

THURSDAY
5TH OCTOBER 2023

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

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Making it big time in Oz!

Massive congratulations to **Colm** and **Sally Clinton** on winning the best small business award in the whole of Australia for their glazing platform **Glass On Time** at an award ceremony in Sidney Australia on Thursday 22nd Sept. Colm originates from Esker Glebe, emigrated to Australia 35 years ago.

This is a huge achievement for them both and all their business associates. His family Mary Clinton,

Esker Glebe and his 6 siblings, Deirdre, Orla, Ronan, Adele, Una and Damien are so proud of his achievement.



Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills. It is lots of fun, with fantastic stories and accounts that are bound to engage and entertain. So come along on the night to find out more.



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, October 5th**, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, check out Lucan Toastmasters on Facebook, our website at

www.lucantostmasters.com or email us at vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com.

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

Back Car Park: Entrance to the back carpark has reopened for weekend Masses only.

Deepest Sympathy

to

Sr Geraldine on the death of her sister

Kathleen Courtney

recently in the United States.

May she rest in peace.



St. Mary's Readers' Roster October 2023

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

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

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.

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.*

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

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

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

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

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Christopher Coyle**, Willsbrook.

May he rest in peace.



NAGARHOPE

Last weekend's Nagarhope church gate collection at St. Mary's totalled €1986. Our sincerest thanks to all our donors. This money will go a long way to educating children at Nagarhope Basic School in Nepal. A huge thanks also to our collectors, to the parish for allowing us to do it and to the Newsletter for continued coverage.

Niamh Clandillon

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

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

Confessions: Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass only.

Tea/Coffee: Every Wednesday Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

All are welcome.

A Gift of Joy and Hope' (Pope Francis)

Would you Welcome more Joy and Hope in your Life?

You are invited to explore, with others, how joy and hope are possible even in these challenging times.

Where: Kairos,
125 Castlegate Way, Adamstown

When: Introductory Meeting,

Tues. 3rd October. **Time:** 11am

All Welcome! Enjoy a cuppa and chat too!

Sr Angela.



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



Calling all Singers!



We are looking for new singers to join our parish choirs in the parish of Divine Mercy, Lucan South. Our choirs are very welcoming and a great place to meet new people and enjoy singing together. The choirs are:

Childrens Choir: From 2nd class onwards, rehearsal Thursdays 6pm to 6:45pm.
Sing: 10:30am Sunday Mass every second week.

Teenage / Youth Choir: From 6th class onwards, rehearsal Fridays 7pm - 8:30pm
Sing: 10:30am Sunday Mass every second week.

Family Choir: All ages! Rehearsal Fridays 6pm to 7pm. Sing: 12 noon Sunday Mass.

Adult Choir: Rehearsal Monday 7:30pm to 9pm. Sing: 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass

Come to a rehearsal or talk to us after Mass!

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 Saturday 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.

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

Divine Bloom: On Saturdays directly after morning Mass, Divine Bloom will work on gardening and maintenance of the Church grounds. We will finish at 1pm with the usual tea/coffee & snacks and all are welcome. Please come and help to get the Divine Bloom Garden back up and running to the standard that we all had it.



Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding t's monthly Parent

Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 9th October 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.


Hail Holy Queen Conference 2023

Live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on Saturday 7th October.

Speakers include: Fr. Seán Maguire, Fr. Colum Power, Catherine McGowan, Fr. Freddy Warner. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading The Radio Maria Ireland App, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277



UCD PROTEIN & EXERCISE PROGRAMME FOR OLDER ADULTS



Are you 70+ and living at home?
Eating less than usual?
Want to get stronger?

What's involved?

- 12 week exercise class
- Protein drinks
- Dietary advice

Free of charge

Contact Catherine Fallon at UCD
01 716 3256
catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie

Anniversary

FRANK ARCHBOLD

2nd Anniversary – 1st October

We hold you close within our hearts
And there you shall remain
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again.

Loved and missed by Geraldine, Richard and Frances, Johanna and Rob, Louise and Daniel



Grandad Frank

Loved and missed by Sarah, Leah, Dylan and Ethan

Birthday Remembrance

MADGE FARMER

Ah Mam,
If we could we lay the table with cake and buns
A big pot of tea would be made
And shared with family and friends
To celebrate your special day
So when we close our eyes
We pray that neighbours, family
And friends who passed away are with you now
To celebrate your birthday away from home
Catch the kisses we blow up to the sky
So very missed and loved by all.
*Love from your heartbroken children,
grandchildren and great grand kids*

St. Therese of Lisieux

Today October 1st is the feast day of St. Therese of the Child Jesus which is not officially celebrated this year as it occurs on a Sunday. There are wonderful stories of cures and spiritual assistance which have come about through the intercession of St. Therese.

Marie Francoise Therese Martin was born in 1873 and became a Carmelite nun at the young age of only 15. She did not have a long life and passed away at the age of only 24 having written a remarkable autobiography *The Story of a Soul* which has been translated into many languages. St. Therese of Lisieux was canonised in 1925 and was declared a Doctor of the Church by Saint John Paul II, one of only four women to receive this honour. The others are her fellow Carmelite, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Catherine of Siena and St. Hildegard of Bingen.

For a lot of people, I think it is the simplicity of St. Therese's message that is most attractive and accessible. She recognised that God is present in the "bits and pieces of life" as the poet Patrick Kavanagh put it, and there is great importance in doing little things well. Not everyone is capable of great works and, even if we are, they will only be for a very small part of our lives. Instead, we should focus as Christian people in offering the simple work of our daily lives to God and realise that this is immensely important to him.

In the context of parish life, this may simply be our morning and evening prayers, attending mass when it's possible for us to so whether that's in person or online. It is also about helping people in need, whether spiritual or material, and reaching out to those in our parish community who may require assistance.

Let us pray in the coming week that we may be inspired by the example of St. Therese of Lisieux and maybe take a simpler approach to life focusing on the smaller things that really matter to God and to those we can assist.

*Deacon Gerard,
Malahide-Portmarnock Parishes*

Adamstown Community College (ACC)

CAREER EVENT 2023

An invitation is extended to all organizations to participate in the career event, which serves as a fundraiser for the Ashling Murphy Memorial Fund.

Date: 21st & 22nd November
Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm
Location: ACC Sports Hall, Station Road, Lucan.

Register Now

To register for the career event email: guidance@adamstowncc.ie

Approval Number 2321

BAPTISM CANDLES

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



Lucan Drama –

1 Acts Festival Oct 25th to 28th

For all tickets (including dinner/theatre offer) please go to www.gr8events.ie

A sneaky peak.....

100 Love Letters I Never Sent (written by Adam Szymowicz) directed by James Goodman

A collection of spoken word love letters that vary in tone from sweet to bitter and from hilarious to outright confusing. The play is as expansive as love itself!

Another peek next week.



Celbridge Mill Community Centre

The Mill, Main St, Celbridge. Ph: 01 6288556
www.celbridgemillcommunitycentre.ie
celbridgemillcommunitycentre@gmail.com

Phone

Christmas Craft Fair Stands Required –
Sunday 26th November – stand/ stall holders welcome to apply for the return of our Craft and small business fair. Stands are only €40
Food vendors required also .

Indoor Short Mat Bowls Thursdays at 7pm –
Contact Des at 087 2769953

Pickle Ball – The new Indoor Racquet sport.
A hybrid sport that encompasses badminton, table- tennis, and tennis.
Why not come down and try it out?
Friday Mornings 10am

LUCAN LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER
QUIZ NIGHT
RAFFLE PRIZES
DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?
TEAMS €40 TABLE OF 4
Entry on the night!
FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER
8pm | Lucan Sarsfields
Contact Mattie 087 9006999 or Will 086 8047839

Minder & Toddler Group

Thursdays

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



St Joseph's Class of 1983 Reunion

Former pupils are planning a reunion night on **Friday 10th November** in Kennys. A chance to catch up with old friends and enjoy sharing memories of our school days. Finger food and '80s music 🎵📺

Admission is by ticket only (€20) and is limited to the Class of '83.

Tickets must be purchased in advance.
For more details please contact Olive Murphy at Olivemur@gmail.com





Well, we weren't waiting too long for Storm Agnes!

Thankfully there were no reports of serious injuries, though we got off light in this part of the country.

Incidentally,

Agnes was one of the storms named by Met Eireann. Agnes Mary Clarke, was an astronomer and science writer, who hailed from Kerry. She died in 1907.



Heart stopping!

That was the match between Ireland and South Africa on Saturday last. What a bruising encounter for both teams. Thankfully, Ireland came out on top, but Birdie is not the better of it yet! We need the two-week break as much as the Irish Rugby Team do.....



Items held over!

We regret that due to pressure of space, some items have been held over for next week's issue.

Lucan ICA

Monday 2nd Oct: Our Craft Group meet from 10am 'til 12.30pm. All the ladies are busy with their various crafts, delighted to be back after our extended summer break.

Tea Hostesses: Geraldine Archbold and Noreen Doolan.

We were well represented at the Federation Autumn Meeting in the Teacher Club on Saturday where there were lots of discussions and planning for the future.



The Vue Bridge Club

We would like to welcome

New Members

9.15am to 12.15pm

Every Tuesday

in

Springfield Hotel Leixlip.

Contact Yvonne 086-8592638



Please note: There is no payment for Sports Notices.

September Days 2023

And here we are 'midst Autumn's symphony of woodwind and river song when clouds lend us splinters of sunlight to greet equinox.

Lucan Festival events - for everyone involved individually and collectively who kept the festive spirit and energy going and to Joe Byrne, and John O'Brien for history made fresh "Thank You". The Buffalo Sculptures in situ on the ambassadorial lawn and that ancient unstable boundary wall as viewed from the interior walkway

One stormy morning with flitters of rain, we walked riverside to St. Catherines Park and passed young Cuchulann on the Black Avenue towards Stanfords Hill where we encountered *Caesar* and *Napoleon*, with companion donkeys happily browsing at Bleach Green - then a welcome restorative coffee close to home.

Those bronze sculptures by oak trees in the demesne were created by John Boylan SDCC, who restored the old wrought iron 'farmers gate' etc and is preparing the decorative bronze name pieces for trees etc, in the park.

The storm water drain near Tesco SC footbridge remains, and nearby inspection cover never lifts during downpour - crossing that bridge is often a watery misadventure! (Several attempts to clear this drain has thus far proved ineffective).

Meanwhile the rainwater drain near the Ballalley **did** clear rain after the last deluge - Bravo!

Happy Autumn Days - Brida L.C.

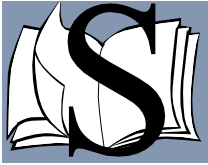
Every wonder.....

You know the indestructible Black Box used on airplanes - why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

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

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



CHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Coffee Morning for Harold's Cross Hospice

St Joseph's College Student Council held a Coffee Morning and Bake Sale on Tuesday, 26th September to raise funds for Harold's Cross Hospice. The smell of cake and freshly brewed coffee filled the air as students & teachers enjoyed homemade treats including cookies, chocolate brownies, pear and almond frangipane, lemon drizzle, chocolate raspberry cake, shortbread and cupcakes. All so delicious! Many thanks to the students and teachers who organised, baked, ate and donated for this very worthy cause! Over €650 was raised on the day! Thank you also to Ms. Banks for coordinating all!



Junior Gaelic Football



Congratulations to our Junior Gaelic football team who had their first match of the season against Lucan Community College. From the very start, the girls showcased their determination and skills on the pitch. Our midfield duo of Juliette Harford (4th Year) and Jodie McCarthy (4th Year) were able to dominate the centre of the pitch and create plenty of scoring opportunities for our forwards. Meanwhile the defenders maintained a solid backline against any attackers that came at them. Special recognition must go to Siena Hannon (3rd Year) who stepped up at half time when our goalkeeper, Grace O'Brien (3rd Year), came off injured. Final score was 5:15- 2:05. We look forward now to our next match against Scoil Chaitriona.

Beauty & The Beast Jr Auditions: We have had such an exciting week in St. Joseph's as the auditions take place for this year's TY Musical, **Beauty & The Beast Jr.** A huge well done must go to each and every TY student who stepped forward to audition, putting aside any nerves and inhibitions and really giving it their all! Between main cast, choruses, dancing groups, backstage and all section of production, there will be a role for everyone in the TY Musical! It was breathtaking to see the talent in the group that for many was undiscovered prior to this week! **Beauty & The Beast Jr. will take place** nightly in St. Joseph's from Thursday, 30th Nov – Sunday, 3rd Dec 2023. Information on tickets soon!

Skipathon for Goal: National Fitness Day landed in St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 27th September and it certainly saw all students & staff skip their way to fundraising much needed funds for Goal and their relief efforts in Morocco and Libya. All students and staff in the school were encouraged to skip 2,000 steps each. The Sports Hall was a hive of skipping ropes turning in all directions and formations as students hopped in and out with great accuracy and skill! Many thanks to Ms. Forde and Future Leaders Class 4A3 for organising all from early morning til home time!

1st Year Retreat

First Year students made their way to Glendalough, Co. Wicklow on Thursday, 28th September for their 1st Year Retreat. All students were accompanied by their Religion teachers and enjoyed a day of personal reflection, spiritual guidance and faith development in the very historic surrounds of Glendalough Valley.

Lucan Community College

Admissions to Lucan Community College

2024/25: The school admission policy and admission notice for 2024/25 school year are now available on our website www.lucancc.ie

Application forms will be available from Wednesday 4th October on our website and at the school office. We will also deliver some to our feeder schools shortly. Closing date for application for 1st year: 12 noon, Friday 27th October.

New Jerseys for Girls GAA Team: A big thank you to Schoolwear House for sponsoring a new set of jerseys for our girls Gaelic football team.

Parents' Association AGM: Our Parents Association AGM will take place on Tuesday 10th October. This year, we are delighted to welcome Paula O'Connor to give a talk to the parents about online safety and cyberbullying, "Don't Be Mean Behind Your Screen". Free tickets are available on Eventbrite.



LCA Class Enjoy a Trip to Baltinglass: The LCA group (Class Ronan) went to Baltinglass Outdoor Adventures Centre last Friday. They experienced water and land-based activities, from canoeing to wall climbing and zip-lining. It was a fantastic day out, full of fun and adventure with some overcoming their fears of height. They were so terrific and had an absolute ball. So much fun was had despite the constant rain. Canoeing and jumping into the river Slaney was definitely a highlight for all. Well done to everyone who came and got stuck in, it was a wonderful experience. Thank you to Mrs Geraghty for organising and taking the students as part of their Leisure and Recreation subject. And thank you to Mr Spillane and our SNA Carla, for joining the group on this terrific day out.

Transition Year Reptile Workshop: Transition Year Classes welcomed back our reptilian friends for an excellent workshop during the week.



First Year Wellbeing Walk: Our First Year Social Walk took place last Wednesday. Many thanks to the First Year Tutor team, Gluais leadership team and Year Head Mr. Carey for organising a great day out!

Call for Sponsorship: Our newly established Hockey team are looking for a sponsor to help us on our journey to establishing hockey within the school. Started and propelled by enthusiastic students Ruby, Keelah and Ana in 2021, with the support of Mr. Branagan, Girls' Hockey has grown from small training sessions with an excellent volunteer coach (David Armstrong, Glenanne Hockey) and the support of Weston Hockey club, to a 2-team (Junior and Senior) hockey group with training sessions led by students who are the next leaders in this sport. We have been using our PE tops for jerseys and have



relied on borrowing kit and equipment for matches and training up to this point. To further establish this sport, we are looking for a willing sponsor that can help us get one kit for our girls, short-corner masks and goalkeeper equipment which will mean we can be more independent in our running of the sport. So if you want to be part of driving girls' sport forward at Lucan Community College, please get in touch by emailing karlbranagan@lucancc.ie

Coláiste Phádraig CBS



Basketball: Our u19s and u16 basketball teams played their opening games of their Eastern League A campaign last week. Having won the 2nd yr All Ireland B title last yr, our school was obliged to enter all teams in the “A” competitions this yr. The seniors unfortunately faced perhaps the strongest school team in Ireland in Colaiste Eanna (who won the u16 and u19 All Ireland “A” titles last yr) in their 1st match. With several Irish internationals and a 6ft 10inch forward, the Rathfarnham side were just on another level as they cruised to an emphatic 88-15 victory against a game but somewhat shell-shocked Lucan team. Our 16s also faced an exceptional Colaiste Eanna team in what was a very high standard encounter. An unfortunate injury to key man Aaron McCormack early in the 2nd 1-4 was a devastating blow to the Lucan team who were just 7 points behind at this stage. Colaiste Éanna dominated the remainder of the match eventually winning 66-37. Aaron (6 points), Noah Dolan (6), Lewis Ajinakou (10), Cian Kelly (4), Joel Mananga (4), Ciaran O’ Sullivan (5) and McKenzie Knowles (2) scored the Lucan points. Both teams were in action again on Tuesday as they faced Moyle Park in another double-header. Our senior team were involved in a much more competitive game but a disappointing 1st 1-4, which saw them down 21-9, proved crucial as Moyle Park won by 14 points in the end on a score-line of 60-46. Alseny Bah (12), Paisley Amadasun (14) and Precious Ameke (4) were

among the Lucan point scorers. With two more games to play, the team are determined to finish the group stage strongly and see where it leaves them.

Our 16 renewed their rivalry with Moyle Park (who they beat twice in big 2nd yr finals last yr) with Aaron unfortunately still injured. His absence was once again keenly felt as Moyle Park won an enthralling encounter 65-57 to gain a small measure of revenge for their double heartbreak last season. Lewis Ajinakou scored a phenomenal 30 points for the team but like the seniors, the 1st 1-4 proved crucial as Moyle Park established an 8 point lead (20-12), a margin that they eventually won by. A brilliant 3rd 1-4 saw Lucan close to within 2 points and the teams were level 3 times in the final 1-4 but Moyle Park finished strongly to score the final 8 points of the match and claim the win. Like the seniors, the 16s have two more matches remaining in the group stages with both games must-wins if they wish to finish in the top 2 and qualify for the 1-4 finals.

Religion: The traditional first-year student multi-denominational service and ceremony was a heartfelt event held at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 26th Sept. It was organised by the Religion Department to welcome and bless our five new first-year classes. Father Ubaldo presided over the ceremony, which featured the symbolic lighting of five candles, each representing one of the first-year classes. This act symbolized the beginning of their educational journey at Colaiste Phadraig and the light of knowledge that would guide them throughout their studies.

It was a meaningful and memorable occasion that fostered a sense of community and spirituality among the students and their families, expressing gratitude to St. Mary's Church and Father Ubaldo for their support and guidance. Well done to the 16 1st yr students who volunteered to do the readings, prayers of the faithful, presentation of gifts and the lighting of candles at the ceremony. They all did a sterling job!

Soccer: Our senior soccer team advanced to the 1st rnd proper of the Leinster Senior Cup after a 4-2 win against Malahide CS on Monday. A dominant 1st half display saw Lucan race into a 4-0 lead with Tyler Doherty claiming a hat-trick and Eoin Maher scoring the other goal.

Malahide came out for the 2nd half determined not to go down without a fight. They pulled a goal back from the penalty spot and grabbed a 2nd soon after to make for a somewhat nervy end to the game for the home side but our seniors held on for a deserved win.

Lucan Library – October 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.

TTRS (Touch, Type, Read, Spell) at Lucan Library. These sessions are for children aged from 8-12 yrs who have literacy difficulties or have difficulties in typing, writing or spelling. The 6-week block of classes take place on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm and act as an introduction to the programme. Please contact the library in person or by phone to express an interest in enrolling or for more information. Lucan Library, Supervalu Shopping Centre, Newcastle Road. Phone: 01-6216422

Red Line Book Festival 2023. South Dublin Libraries' Red Line Book Festival returns! Find out all about it at www.redlinefestival.ie. Lucan Library is delighted to host 3 events:

Wednesday 4th October (4-week course)

Brendan Behan at 100 - with historian Roslyn Hickey (ONLINE). Celebrate the Centenary of the Birth of Brendan Behan with an Introduction to his Life and Works, including his masterpiece, 'Borstal Boy'. Roslyn's sessions are always delivered in an informal and participative manner. Please attend all sessions. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/brendan-behan-at-100-tickets-723333137887>

Saturday 21st October, 2pm – 3.30pm

Crime Writing Masterclass with author

Catherine Ryan Howard. Open to writers at all levels/stages. Learn how to interrogate your idea, plot the perfect murder and prepare your work for submission to agents and editors. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite: [Crime Writing Masterclass with Catherine Ryan Howard Tickets, Sat 21 Oct 2023 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/crime-writing-masterclass-with-catherine-ryan-howard-tickets-sat-21-oct-2023-at-14:00-eventbrite)

World Mental Health Awareness Day - Tuesday 10th October, 7pm. Amanda Dempsey, from GROW Organisation. Get your life back on track by joining a Grow Peer Support Group.

A safe environment where people can have the healing opportunity to share their story around their Mental health and Wellbeing. Feel encouraged and supported by people who have lived life experiences of mental health challenges. All welcome.



Wednesday 18th October, 11am

Supporting Dyslexia at Home

(ONLINE talk) by Jennifer Grundulis,

CATTS. Covering 4 broad topics: supporting the literacy skills of a child with dyslexia at home / supporting homework and study / boosting self-esteem / fostering a home-school bridge. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Saturday 30th September:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/supporting-dyslexia-at-home-tickets-725200402927>

Quiet Time at the Library. Lucan Library is introducing Quiet Time at the library on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm until 8pm.

Irish Classes for Beginners – Adults

Wednesday 18th October, 7pm (6-week course) Irish Classes for Beginners with Patricia Fogarty. Please register at the library desk (in person or by phone).

Hallowe'en Magic Show. Tuesday 31st October 12.30pm (sharp). The Magnificent Magician Carl Campbell brings his high-energy, jaw-dropping magic show to Lucan Library. Enjoy really cool magic tricks and illusions along with audience participation! All welcome!

Events for Younger Children:

Storytime: Our regular Story-Time continues on Wednesdays at 3pm. All welcome!

Musical Tots with Karen Donnellan: Saturday 7th October at 10.30am. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Saturday 30th September at 10.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-at-lucan-library-with-karen-tickets-721250127547>

Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles: Thursday 26th October at 10am. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Thursday 19th October at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-at-lucan-library-with-sarah-sparkles-tickets-723542975517>

Coder Dojo Club. Wednesday 18th October, 4pm to 5pm. 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 from Wednesday 11th October at 4pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/coder-doj-at-lucan-library-tickets-726832283927>

My Little Library Bag. If you have a child who started school this September, bring them to the desk to collect their bag containing 3 free picture books.

Book at Bedtime for Pre-School Children

All children aged between 0 and 4 years can receive a free book for bedtime!



Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

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Dodsboro - District Shops / Centre Enhancements:

This week we received very welcome news to deliver enhancements in and about the Dodsboro District Shops location. Whilst this is at the early stages, it is expected that the area will benefit from a facelift that will involve reconfiguring car parking, removing bollards, introducing seating, bike stands and more.

Castlegate - Playground Resurfacing: This week I had a motion agreed with Council officials confirming that badly needed playground resurfacing works at Castlegate, Adamstown will be completed upon appointment of a specialist contractor. In addition, I have argued for more substantive upgrades to be included as part of next year's budget.

Willsbrook Estate: Together with my Sinn Féin colleagues, we have just completed a door-to-door knock with residents in Willsbrook over two days. Thank you to all those that I spoke with and for the time offered, while raising local concerns.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

01 401 3416. Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

Bus Service: At a meeting with the NTA this week I raised capacity on the C spine. They have undertaken a capacity review on the C spine and additional capacity is proposed on Routes C3 and C4 which will come into effect in late October. I will continue to work for extra buses on the C1 and C2.

Adamstown: Excitement levels were high in on Saturday as Minister Darragh O'Brien officially opened The Crossings. It was great to chat with so many residents and see the kids enjoying the funday.

Child Benefit: I've been campaigning for the extension of child benefit to all full-time students up to 19-years-old. Child benefit stops once a child turns 18, but nowadays many sixth-year students are 18 or 19. I am very hopeful that this rule can be changed as part of Budget 2024.

Cllr Joanna Tuffy - Labour

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Esker Graveyard - construction of new

Columbarium Wall: I sought funding in this year's Council budget for 2023 for the building of a Columbarium Wall in Esker Cemetery. This is something I have pressed for since the last local elections. I am pleased with the update I received from this week's Local Area Meeting of the Council. The CEO of the Council confirmed that a provision of €150,000 is ring-fenced in the revenue budget for 2023 for the construction of a Columbarium Wall. A design has been prepared for the layout of the Columbarium Wall and surrounding hard and soft landscaped areas. Tender documents are being finalised and it is expected that the tender for construction will be advertised in the coming weeks. It is expected that construction works will commence on site before the end of the year.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Bus Service: Adequate provision of public transport is something I continue to work on and here are some of the updates I wanted to share:

I've raised the many concerns about lack of capacity on the C1 and C2, especially on Saturday services.

Additional capacity will be put in place on C3 and C4 routes from mid-October. A new S4 service (connecting Liffey Valley and UCD) in November. Please continue to share your feedback with me so I can share with the NTA.

Minister visits Adamstown: I was delighted to welcome Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Housing, Heritage and Local Government to Adamstown to open the Crossings urban village and public space last Saturday.

Ciorcal Comhrá Choláiste Cois Life: Bhí deis agam bualadh insteach ag Ciorcal Comhrá Choláiste Cois Life ar an gCéadaoin (9.30-10.15).

Bhí sé iontach an Ghaeilge a fheiceáil á neartú i measc an phobail!

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

Phone: 085-7211574. Email: ginokenny@oir.ie

Capacity Issues on the C1 and C2 Lucan Buses: I have been contacted by a number of residents in regards to C1 and C2 bus services particularly at peak times. The issue is at certain peak times buses emanating from Lucan and the City Centre are full after a number of stops. I have written to the NTA highlighting this issue and have requested that a review be conducted around capacity at these times. Public transport alternatives that are reliable and accessible are extremely important.

Cost of Living Protest Saturday 7th October 1pm

Parnell Square: Next Saturday the Cost of Living Coalition is organising a Pre-Budget demonstration against the ongoing high cost of living.

Cllr Paul Gogarty - Independent

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

E-mail: info@paulgogarty.com

Industrial dispute over: The industrial dispute leading to Councillor queries not being responded to is over, but a backlog remains.

Lucan schools: Reminder - I've done up a comprehensive list of local primary and secondary schools on my website. This provides maps and contact details for all local and some surrounding schools as well as an update on the current situation regarding new school buildings and correspondence with the Minister for Education. Search under "Lucan schools".

Road safety issues: Got to discuss my motion on the need for more hedge trimming along cycleways and paths at Tuesday's Area Committee meeting. Have also raised need to revisit junction works on Griffeen Road as not working. Tried to raise safety issues opposite schools beside pool site but time was limited and will follow up on my written queries not being answered.

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Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



The Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club 25 Card Drive resumes on **Friday 13th October** 2023 and will continue to 10 May 2024 in the Clubhouse Bar. **Date:** Friday 13th October. **Time:** 8.00pm Sharp. 1st Prize: €50 (if 12 or more players, 2nd Prize if 3 or more tables. **Entry:** €5 per person Everyone is welcome - from beginners to those who played years ago and would like to resume playing so please spread the word! Members are also welcome to bring friends. Call Bill Ryan at 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery at 087-7469143 for further information

Football

Plenty of action last weekend for adult football. Our Seniors had a tense encounter in O'Toole Park against Whitehall Colmcille to avoid relegation from Senior 1. The match ebbed and flowed for much of the game even when Lucan broke away to the end only to be pulled back in the dying moments to a 2 point victory. Final Score Lucan 1-12 Whitehall Colmcille 1-10. Our Inters didn't have the same success though as they travelled to Jude's for a relegation battle and we well beaten 2-8 to 2-19. The junior A's hosted Peregrines in AGP to secure their place in the championship for next year match finished 2-13 to 0-10. We have 2 exciting semi-finals to look forward to as our Junior Bs and Junior Cs have made it to the Semis of their championships.



Congratulations to Abby Shiels, winner of the 2023 ZuCar Golden Gloves award while playing in goals for the county.

Dublin Ladies Gaelic Football Association – Go-Ahead Intermediate Championship Group A. Wednesday 20 September 2023 Rush.
St Maurs 1-11- Lucan Sarsfields 3-5.

Coiste na nÓg / Juvenile -U13A Camogie

Under 13A Camogie team wearing their new jerseys on the weekend in a fine 5-2 to 2-1 win over Fingallians in the Cup. The girls would like to thank Unique Roofing for their kind sponsorship it's much appreciated.



Healthy Clubs

Lucan Sarsfields Healthy Club were delighted to receive news today that we have been awarded Silver Healthy Club status. This is in recognition of the club's policies, partners, activities and environment being aligned with supporting the holistic health of our members and community. Sars Stars team training is back up and running and is a very important Healthy Club initiative. We have also run initiatives this year with Alone and older members of our community. We are currently planning a pre-Christmas lunch for senior citizens in November and hope to host some talks in the club related to positive mental health before Christmas. If any members would like to help out with Healthy Clubs or have suggestions on Healthy Club activities please contact us @ lucanhealthyclub@gmail.com

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €4,200.

The Numbers were **1, 4, 13, 19.**

The lucky dip prizes go to,

Aíne Byrne, Séamus Clandillon, Chris O'Grady, Ruth McKenna and Avril Mullins.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €4,600. The draw is sponsored by Dual Print Ltd. and will be led by Séamus Clandillon.



Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Dublin Half Marathon

Great turnout over 20 Harriers in the Ph Park for the half marathon on Saturday including 5 sub-1.30. A lovely morning, a tough course as most Phoenix Park runs are.

Over 6000 runners filled the Park, Well done to all the harriers who took part great to see so many turn out:

Times as below:

Enda Connolly 1.18.43. Will Byrne 1.20.56
Robbie Clarke 1.23.58. Gary Farrell 1.26.45
Ryan Rafter 1.28.04. Emmet Quinn 1.36.10
Colin O Gara 1.37.28. Aidan Montague 1.37.31
Jason Barrett 1.53.35. Joe Dempsey 1.54.35
Teresa O Rourke 1.56.35. Juan Pablo la Torre 1.57.28. Helen Mc Ginnity 2.05.32.
Martin O Keeffe 2.07.18. Noeleen Donegan 2.09.03. Irene Foley 2.10.12. Emma Broderick 2.10.21. Lhyne Ganadin 2.12.24. Kim Jones 2.21.49. Josie Dignam 3.32.43.

Rathfarnham 5k Dublin Championship

Medals all round. James Crowley 19.11 M050 silver. Breda, Mary, Anne O50 Dublin champions. Breda Smyth 050 Dublin Champions 20.11. Anne Whelan 050 Dublin silver 21.25. Mary Browne O65 Dublin Champion 20.58. Jim Dwyer silver M070 36.20.

One of our Younger Athletes Aoife Coffey in her first race since July finishing top 10 in the senior race in an impressive time of 16.57.



Berlin

Marathon - Congratulations to Jer O Sullivan he just keeps on running marathons and ultras, lost track of how many he's done. He probably has himself too. Running with the world

elites, just pipped by Eluid Kipchoge in Berlin, Jer ran a very impressive 3.23. Next up Lisbon in 2 weeks and Venice two weeks after that.



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.

Acadamh Na Gaeil Óga

Beidh Acadamh Na Gaeil Óga ar siúl Dé Sathairn ar a 10am agus 11am do na cailíní agus na buachaillí is óige sa chumann. Tuilleadh eolais: 0861954176

Cailíní F8 – Camogie

Camógaíocht dúinn in aghaidh Naomh Peregrine. Bhí na cailíní tharr barr arís.. Tá na scileanna ag dul ó neart go neart!

Maith sibh arís a chailíní!!

Na Gaeil Óga Abú!!



Buachaillí F8 Agus F11 – Iomáint

Dhá chluiche comórtasach i gcoinne Trinity Gaels le roinnt scóranna agus bloic álainn ag na buachaillí f8 agus f11.

Sár-imirt á thaispeáint ag Eoin Keogh, Sean McLoughlin, Conor Sheehan agus James Hickey. Beirt chúl báire den scoth in Evan Foley agus Orin Crowe agus sár cosaint ó Shayne Lynagh.

Cailíní F8 – Camogie

Na cailíní F8 ar an Domhnach i gcoinne Erin go Bragh... Arís bhíodar chomh maith ó thús go deireadh. Scileanna ag teacht ar aghaidh seachtain i ndiaidh seachtaine. Spórt, Spraoi, Cairdeas agus Gaeilge - céard eile a bheadh ag teastáil!!!



Rónán Mac Aodha Bhuí: Tá muid faoi bhrón i ndiaidh Rónáin. Craoltóir den chéad scoth lán craic agus spreagadh. Is minic a bhí baill éagsúla ó Na Gaeil Óga ar an aer leis agus muid ag iarraidh teacht ar imreoirí agus lucht tacaíochta sna chéad bhlianta, nó ag plé gaiscí ar an bpáirc (agus go leor eile). Braithfidimid uainn é. Suaimhneas dó agus comhbhrón lena mhuintir ar fad agus a chairde fud fad na tíre.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The Soiree's plans for their next exhibition have been put on hold until the issue around the availability of suitable stands in the Parish Centre has been resolved.

This week Paddy submitted photos of views taken along the banks of the river Liffey and Josie submitted photos of the Mansion House, St. Mary's Church in Leixlip and the Royal Hospital Kilmainham gardens (now the Irish Museum of Modern Art).



The Royal Hospital Kilmainham is the oldest classical building in Ireland and was based on Les Invalides in Paris. It was erected between 1680 and 1684 by charter of King Charles II as a home for old, sick and disabled soldiers. The beautiful gardens were originally used for medicinal purposes but over time they became the private gardens of the Master of the RHK. In recent years, the OPW has carried out works in the Gardens to restore them as formal gardens appropriate to bygone times.

According to the Discover Ireland website St. Mary's Church in Leixlip has been a site of Christian worship for more than 800 years. The present tower dates from the 12th century. The rest of the building dates from the 18th and 19th centuries.

The then Dublin Corporation purchased the Mansion House in 1715 as the official residence of the Lord Mayor. It retains this purpose to this day. The First Dáil assembled in the Round Room in January 1919 to proclaim the Irish Declaration of Independence. Two years later, in 1921, the Anglo-Irish Treaty was ratified in the same location.



Until the next time stay safe!