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Sunday 15th October 2023

The Church is not a museum for saints but a hospital for sinners

We had a family wedding earlier this year and I was delighted to celebrate the wedding and assist the bride and groom in organising the ceremony. They went to a great deal of effort to plan readings, prayers of the faithful, flowers and all other aspects of the ceremony as well as making sure that as many of their friends as possible were involved. They also organised a very enjoyable wedding reception which had a great focus on attention to detail.

I thought of this when reading today's Gospel. The King had similarly put in a great effort to have an elaborate wedding for his son but, to his dismay, many people who were invited did not turn up. So, what does he do? Go ahead without them? No, he decides to invite people from the highways and byways who would not normally be included on the guest list. And so, it is for the church. Many of the Jewish people chose not to accept Jesus's invitation, so he then goes and extends it to others, and let's remember that we are their descendants.

Who do we invite to the wedding feast? Who are the people who are currently outside of our Christian community that we might like to include? Perhaps young people, young families and those who are excluded and marginalised.

We should ask how we can reach out individually and collectively as a parish community. Sometimes we think that great strategies are needed but often all that is needed is a simple personal invitation. We need to be a welcoming, inclusive, and friendly community who respond to the heartbeat of the Gospel just as the wedding guests did in our Gospel reading today.

Pope Francis once described the church as not a museum for saints but a hospital for sinners. I think this is the point that Jesus wants to make in our reading today. Let us pray in the coming week that we will be open to God's invitation in the different circumstances of our lives and that we will be able to respond to it.

Deacon Gerard - Permanent Deacon of the Diocese working in the Malahide-Portmarnock grouping 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

World Osteoporosis Day is on Friday 20th October 2023.

Osteoporosis is a condition that affects the inside of bones, even though on the outside a person can look perfectly fine. It causes bones to become fragile, and so break more easily.

Information & Support (irishosteoporosis.ie)

BUDGET 2024

Budget 2024 was announced on Tuesday, 10 October 2023. The Budget sets out an overall package of €12.3 billion. This is made up of a package of once-off measures worth €2.3 billion, a core budget package of €5.2 billion (€4.3 billion current and €0.9 billion capital expenditure) and non-core expenditure of €4.5 billion for 2024 (plus €0.3 billion in additional capital funded from windfall receipts).

Our website has information on the main changes in taxation, cost of living supports, supports for energy costs, social welfare, health, housing, education, employment and other areas. It is an overview and not a complete statement of all the measures announced in Budget 2024.

Some of the changes announced in the Budget come into effect immediately or before the end of 2023. Others take effect from the beginning of January 2024 or later in 2024. Many others have to be finalised before coming into effect. Some

elements of these measures may change when the legislation required to bring them into effect is enacted.

Once-off payments in winter 2023

Once-off payment of €300 to people getting Fuel Allowance (November 2023)

Once-off payment of €400 to people getting the Working Family Payment (November 2023)

Double payment of Child Benefit for each child (December 2023)

Once-off payment of €100 to people who get an increase for a qualified child (one payment per qualified child)

Once-off payment of €200 to people getting the Living Alone Increase

Once-off payment of €400 to people getting Disability Allowance, Invalidity Pension, Blind Pension, Carer's Support Grant and Domiciliary Care Allowance in November 2023, (you will get one payment only, even if you qualify for more than one of these payments or you are caring for more than one person).

Christmas Bonus

A Christmas Bonus of 100% will be paid in early December 2023 to people getting a qualifying social welfare payment.

Social welfare weekly payments

The maximum rate of all weekly social welfare payments will increase by €12 with proportional increases for qualified adults and people on reduced rates of payment (January 2024).

The weekly rate for a qualified child will increase by €4. It will increase from €42 to €46, for children under 12 years of age. It will increase from €50 to €54 for children aged 12 years and over (January 2024).

A once-off double week for all weekly qualifying social welfare payments will be paid in January 2024.

Universal Social Charge

The reduced rate of USC for medical card holders is being extended until 31 December 2025.

Reduced rates of USC apply to people who have a full medical card whose income is €60,000 or less a year.

Carbon tax

Carbon tax will increase by €7.50 per tonne of carbon dioxide emitted, from €48.50 to €56.00. This applies from 11 October 2023 for auto fuels. The increase will apply to all other fuels from 1 May 2024.

Lucan ICA

Monday 16th October: We meet as usual from 10am till 12.30pm to continue working on our different projects like card making, jewellery making, crochet, knitting and embroidery.

Tea Hostesses: Patricia Harding and Mary Rudden.



All Guilds are asked to have a meeting this month to discuss the structures and planning for the future of the I.C.A. We have decided to hold this meeting on Monday morning at 10am sharp, in the Parish Centre, Room 4. First of all we will have a Committee Meeting from 10 till 11, and afterwards we will have the meeting with all members and have a vote our decisions to be send in to the Dublin Federation.

We sympathise with Mary Shanagher on the death of her Mother-in-law, Mary Shanagher Snr. May she rest in peace.

Hillcrest Residents Association

We are very pleased to see that another one of the issues raised at our Deputation Meeting with SDCC in October 2021 - the installation of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Hillcrest Walk and Dodsboro Road - is becoming a reality.

A date for your diary: our **Annual General Meeting** has been arranged for 7.30pm on Thursday, 16th November 2023 in the Ball Alley. Hoping to see you all there. All residents in attendance will be entered into a draw on the night.

Maria Murphy, Chairperson

Lucan Planning Council

Buses, Public Transport, and Traffic.

Many thanks to all who signed the petition at our stand at Supervalu over the past few days, and those who supported our door-to-door campaign. Numbers are indeed swelling, as we continue to work on your behalf to bring workable solutions to the attention of decision makers in the Government and the NTA. Local knowledge and putting forward workable specific solutions can make public transport a real possibility for all. We expect to meet Junior Minister for Transport Jack Chambers over the next number of weeks, and we will keep you informed as to our progress.

Caitríona McClean

Lucan Lions Club

LUCAN LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER
QUIZ NIGHT
PRIZES
RAFFLE
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

Donations - thank you to all our generous supporters who contributed to our recent collection for Ukraine families. We are most grateful for the sum of €1,200 collected.

Spectacle recycling - We are delighted to report that around 5000 pairs of spectacles have been recycled as part of this campaign, the details of which were set out in the Newsletter in recent weeks.

New Members: Lucan Lions Club are always on the lookout for new members. Our next meeting will take place in the Spa Hotel on Tuesday 14 November at 8.00 pm.

We are grateful to SuperValu Lucan for their ongoing support for the Club.

Mattie McCabe, PRO

Bewley's Big Coffee Morning Social

A big thank you to all my neighbours who supported a recent Coffee Morning for Hospice and donated so generously for this worthy cause. I'm delighted to tell you that **€430.00** was donated to our local St. Francis Hospice. Hopefully we will make it an annual event.

*Thank You,
Bridin O'Connor.*



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

Annual Mass of Remembrance

Our Annual Mass for all our departed relatives and friends will take place on

Thursday 9th November at 7.30pm.

At this Mass the names of those from our parish community who died in the past 12 months will be especially remembered. The names of all those on the November list of the dead will automatically be included.

November Altar List of the Dead:

Envelopes for the November Altar List of the Dead are available in the Church Porches. Please return to the Sacristy when completed.



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 parish church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral).

Divine Mercy Lucan Devotion St Mary's.

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.*



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

Deepest sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Dave Murray**, Sarsfield Park and to the family and friends of **Vincent Gale**, Sarsfield Park. *May they rest in peace.*



St Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

THIS Saturday/Sunday
14th/15th October.

Many thanks for your generosity.

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.*

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **THIS Saturday/Sunday**
October 14th & 15th

Thank you for your generosity.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

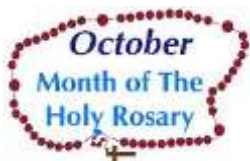
www.lucansouthparish.net



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



For the month of October in memory of Our Blessed Lady the youth ministry will pray the **Rosary after 12pm Mass on Sundays**

and of course everyone is very welcome to join.

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. 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.
Next meeting will be on the 8th November at 10.40am.

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.

Bingo: Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome to play for big prizes.

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

Meditation Meet-Up

Christian Meditation Ireland are hosting a **Meditation Meet-Up** for all who are interested in Christian Meditation or in finding out more about it. It will take place in **Balally Parish Centre, Dublin D16 E032** on **Saturday, 21st October 2023** from **10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** with Guest Speaker **Dr Noel Keating**.
See www.christianmeditation.ie

Are you called to help spread the Kingdom of the Sacred Heart through a life of Eucharistic Worship and Monastic Stability, Conversion of Life and Obedience? The Church needs you!



"All my desires go out in petition, asking for Adorers in spirit and in truth, whom the Father seeks...."

.. Mother Marie Adele Garnier

Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, of Montmartre, Order of St Benedict
Vocations Weekend

28th-29th October 2023

St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh

For more information please contact Mother Prioress on 021 4811354 or email cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com

www.benedictineadorerscobh.ie

www.tyburnconvent.org.uk

Quote:

*I love the light for it shows me the way,
Yet I will endure the darkness for it shows me the stars.*

From Divine Word Missionaries Calendar

Acknowledgement

KATHLEEN COURTNEY

I would like to thank most sincerely my neighbours, friends and everyone for their expression of sympathy to me on the death of my sister Kathleen recently in the United States.

Your kind thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated.

God bless you all.

Sr. Geraldine



Anniversaries

GRAHAM KELLY

2nd Anniversary

31st January 1977- 14th October 2021

We remember you in the morning
In the night when we look at the stars
A song, a place, in a prayer
You are always with us
Gone but not forgotten.

Mass 12 o'clock in St. Mary's on Sunday 15th October.

Your Dad Hugo, Mam Hannah, sister Jo-Anne and all his dear loved ones in Cork



THERESE MALONE

1st Anniversary - 17th October

Late Hillcrest Park, Lucan and Mount Temple, Co. Westmeath.

Gone are the days

We used to share

But in our hearts

You are always there

The gates of memory

Will never close

We miss you more

Than anyone knows

With tender love and deep regret

We who love you

Will never forget.

We would like to say a huge "Thank You" to all our family and friends who have supported us over the past year by calling in, phoning and supporting us when we needed it most.

From Michael, Declan, Ciaran, Christine, Rachael, and grandchildren



QUEENIE O'SULLIVAN

16th Anniversary

Memories are something

That no one can steal

Death is a heartache

That no one can heal

Some may forget now

That you're gone

But we will remember

No matter how long.

Also remembering our Dad Dick, brothers Joey and Kevin and recently deceased Alex.

Loved and missed by your loving family xx

Birthday Remembrance

PADRAIC O'ROURKE

70th Birthday - 8th October

Late of Roselawn.

'Happy Birthday Padraic'.

Thinking of you always our beloved Padraic

And especially today

On this your 70th Birthday.

Lots of love always.

Your wife Christine, son Andrew and daughter-in-law Annie, granddaughters Aoibheann and Siomha, sisters Miriam and Winnifred, family and friends xx

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



**Congratulations to Lucan
Lucan Tidy Towns Group** on
securing a Bronze Medal in
this year's competition. Well
done to all concerned.
See report on page 12 of this
issue. Unfortunately, due to

pressure of space, we have had to hold some of
the report over for next week.

Another big night this Saturday as Ireland take
on the All Blacks in one of the quarter-finals of
the Rugby World Cup, after a great battle with
Scotland last weekend.
Dare we dream!

How was Budget 2024 for you? I suppose it's
hard to please everybody, but your heart certainly
goes out to all those with big mortgages and
child-care worries

We had a lovely little blast of heat early this
week, but it's probably safe enough to put away
the summer wardrobes now as winter looms!

**Apologies to the sender of last week's letter re
Ring Buoys!** Below is a reprint with the correct
heading!

Manmade Lakes in Griffeen Park

I was wondering if a question could be put to the
local councillors to try and get some life buoy
rings put in place or a small bit of low fencing/
rope around the perimeter by these lakes.

The water is quite deceptive from the
path with the wildlife growth and I
feel that as a matter of safety it would
be a benefit to get these in place.



I have over recent weeks on two occasions seen
owners struggle to get a dog out and I would fear
that a young toddler might get into difficulty.

While I know the water depth is not deep, we all
know that it only takes a little bit of water for a
child to get into difficulty.

(Contact details with Lucan Newsletter)

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 18th Oct:

Pink Fun Morning

in St. Mary's Parish Centre 10.30 to 12.30.

All proceeds to Breast Cancer Research.

Please wear something pink if possible.

We have lovely Raffle and Bingo Prizes!!!

October gave a party



The leaves by hundreds
came -
The Chestnuts, Oaks and
Maples,
And leaves of every name.

The Sunshine spread a carpet.

And everything was
grand,

Miss Weather led the
dancing,

Professor Wind the band.



The Chestnuts came in yellow,

The Oaks in crimson dressed;

The lovely Misses Maple

In scarlet looked their best;

All balanced to their partners,

And gaily fluttered by;

The sight was like a rainbow

New fallen from the sky.

Then, in the rustic hollow,

At hide-and-seek they played,

The party closed at

sundown,

And everybody

stayed.

Professor Wind

played louder;

They flew along the ground;

And then the party ended

In jolly "hands around."



By George Cooper



Minder &

Toddler Group

Thursdays

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



Lucan Toastmasters

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



Our next meeting on Thursday 19th October is a contest evening where club members will compete for a coveted spot in the Area Finals later this month. 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.



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 break at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.

Lucan Drama

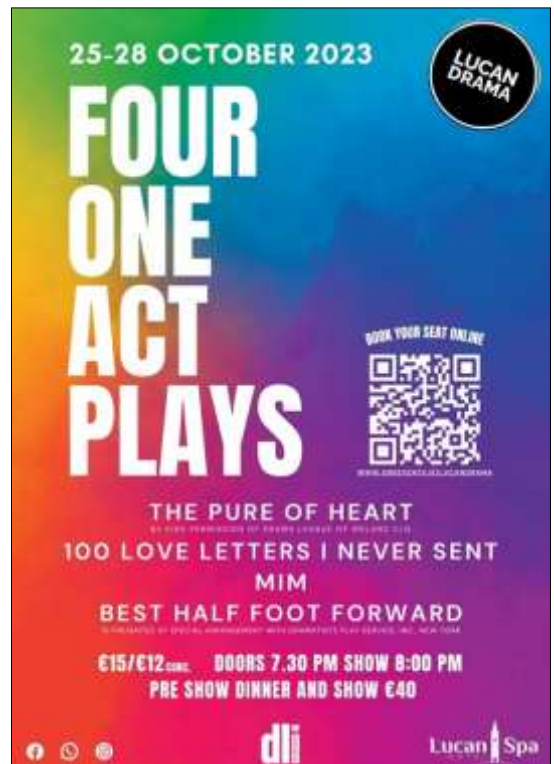
Another Sneak Peek.....

The Pure of Heart (by John B. Keane) directed by Donal Downes

Taken from the biblical passage (Matthew 5:8) The Pure of Heart is a story of adultery, hypocrisy and a suspicion of outsiders. Another John B. Keane play that explores the humour and darkness of the Irish psyche.

For tickets please visit www.gr8events.ie

Final sneak peek next week.



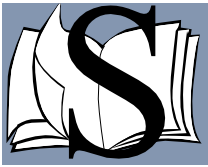
We wish to thank all the Parishioners of St. Mary's Parish for their generous contributions to our bucket collection at all

masses last weekend. We collected €792.78 which will help with the cost of running the station.

This coming weekend we will be in Divine Mercy Parish Lucan South on Sunday morning, we look forward to been there.

Pat Quinn, Chairperson,

Liffey Sound Community Radio Lucan.
www.liffeysoundfm.ie.



SCHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Bronze & Silver Gaisce Adventure Trip to Wicklow!



A huge well done to all of the 86 TYs and 15 5th Year Gaisce students who completed their Gaisce Adventure Journey last weekend. It was a great achievement to have 101 students hike in the Glendalough & Glenmalur Valley of Co. Wicklow with the Bronze students walking almost 30km and the Silvers in 5th Year completing 54.5km - a big thank you to all the teachers who accompanied the students and looked after everyone over the three days.

St. Thomas' JNS

**Enrolment for Junior Infants
September 2024
Now Open**



Details at

<http://stthomasjns.com/Page/School-Admission/3622/Index.html>

St. Mary's BNS

Junior Infant Enrolment

We are now accepting applications for enrolment for Junior Infants in September 2024.

Applications can be downloaded from our school website at www.stmarysbnslucan.com

**Closing date for applications will be Friday
17th November 2023.**



Lucan Community College



Welcome to our New Language Assistant:

Welcome to our new Language Assistant Lina Khazzani to Lucan CC From Belgium. We are delighted to welcome her to our French department!

German Exchange: Our 32nd German Exchange Programme launches today! Our TY students are excited and looking forward to meeting our friends from Gymnasium Muenchberg - virtually - from 6th-13th October, before travelling to Berlin on Sunday 12th November.

A Huge Thank You to Tesco Ireland: A huge thank you to everyone in the local community who voted for Lucan Community College in the Tesco Community Fund. Mr Foley collected a cheque for €873 from Sandra in the Tesco Hillcrest store today. We are currently in the Community Fund in Tesco Adamstown. Many thanks to Tesco Ireland and our local community for continued support.

History Class Trip: Class Rathlin in 3rd year enjoyed a walking tour of Dublin City Centre with Mr Doyle and Ms. Flanagan. The trip started off at Collins barracks to explore both History and Geography at the National Museum of Ireland. Students then went onto explore urban change in Smithfield.



Vacancies in Lucan Community College:

Lucan Community College are recruiting. If you are interested in joining our vibrant and supportive school community please see current vacancies on <http://educationposts.ie> for more information. Closing date Friday 13th October. Visit our website <http://lucancc.ie> to see what we offer here in Lucan Community College.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Open Night: There was a fantastic turnout for Coláiste Phádraig's Open Night last Thursday 5th October, with well over 700 parents/guardians and prospective students in attendance on the night. They got to meet the staff and teachers, visit the classrooms and check out the fantastic array of modern, state-of-the-art facilities that the young students may soon get to enjoy. A big attraction on the night was the new school building which was officially opened in a lovely ceremony held at 6pm in the new school library. It was attended by lots of special guests, including past-pupils and former teachers, management and admin staff of the school, parents, current students, members of ERST (Edmund Rice Schools Trust) as well as our recently retired principal Mr. Brady. The new building will allow us to cater for the huge demand for places in the school and help alleviate the pressure on families seeking secondary school places in the Lucan area.



The building was given a special blessing by Fr. Ubaldo (from St. Mary's Church, Lucan) before the ceremony of the official opening of the new building took place. There were 7 different coloured ribbons in-keeping with the theme of the occasion which was "Partnership and Inclusion". 1st yrs Cian McCarty and Adeolu Adebomi cut the 1st two ribbons. Mr. Emerson, a former pupil and current teacher, cut the 3rd. Mrs. Nwoke, a parent of two current pupils, cut the fourth while Ms. O' Leary cut the 5th. Rose Martin, former long-serving secretary in the school and a current member of our Board of Management, cut the 6th while Gerry Berry from ERST cut the final ribbon and declared the new building officially open. There was plenty of food and refreshments for all afterwards, served by our wonderful Parents Association. There was no time to mingle for too long though as the Open Night began at 7pm with the car-park almost full by this time already!

The parents and children were very hugely impressed with the airy, spacious, modern classrooms and the fabulous library that has been stocked with hundreds of new books in different languages (to cater for the diverse nature of our student population). A large number of our current students were also in attendance for our Open Night and they proved to be excellent ambassadors for the school as they spent time engaging the primary school students in the different subject areas and made sure they felt welcomed and valued.

English: All 6th yr Higher Level English students attended a poetry workshop in the school library last Tuesday with award winning Clondalkin poet Colm Keegan. One of his most engaging poems is entitled "Ireland is..." where he describes his experience of living in Dublin in the modern age. He opened the workshop by getting the students to compose their own Ireland is... poems and he got some really interesting and well-written responses from our lads. The students then moved on to develop their own poetry and some very bravely offered to read the poems out in front of the group. Colm was really impressed by the students' honesty, skill, creativity and passion for writing.

Football: Our 2nd yr football team won their opening Dublin League group match 7-09 to 5-06 against Kingswood CC last Wednesday. Max Campbell and Jack McCarty scored two goals apiece while Aaron Wall, Daniel Godson and Hugh O' Neill each scored a goal to help Lucan to a deserved victory.

Our senior footballers were beaten 4-16 to 1-06 by Ballymahon, Longford on Monday in their 2nd and final Leinster League group match. Tyler Doherty scored the Lucan goal with Luke McGovern (0-3), Michael O' Brien (0-2) and Killian Costello (0-1) getting the other scores. The team have now been eliminated from the competition but they still have the Dublin League to compete in.

Basketball: Our 16 basketball team were beaten 63-49 by Adamstown CS in their 3rd Eastern "A" League group match last week, which meant that they can no longer finish in the top 2. They can however still qualify for the Plate competition with a victory against Coláiste Chiaráin in their final game. Our u19s gained their 1st win of the group stages as they defeated Adamstown 60-57 in a dramatic and exciting encounter with Lewis Ajinakou scoring an impressive 30 points. They too face Coláiste Chiaráin this week in their 4th and final group match.

Tidy Towns Competition Results 2023

The results of the National Tidy Towns Competition 2023 were announced last Friday. Two of our members attended the event which took place in Croke Park. Abbeylax is this year's overall winner with a score of 376 marks. So how did we in Lucan fare? Well we achieved 354 marks which was an increase of 12 marks on last year. Once again we were awarded a bronze medal.

We were very pleased with the detailed report which we received which indicated that the adjudicator/s had really spent time in and around our village. The comments were constructive and informative. There were many positive comments which we thought warranted an even higher score than we achieved. We are in the process of analysing the results, going through the report in detail. We will then work on a plan for 2024.

Here are some of the adjudicator's comments:

We are delighted to welcome the hardworking tidy towns committee from Lucan to the 2023 competition. It is pleasing to see that the 5 members on your committee are assisted by the further 15 volunteers but noting that Lucan is a large town, a higher level of engagement might be expected. Consider going on a recruitment drive as bigger numbers of committee members and volunteers would enable you to tackle both a greater range of projects. It is great to see that there is a junior tidy towns group in Lucan and that local TY students regularly get involved in planting and other projects. Consider delegating responsibility for the monitoring and maintenance of some of your projects to them as this will enable you to spread your workload and to foster ownership of your projects to younger age groups in your area.

It was a pleasure to visit Lucan and see its many attractions that include its riverside location, fascinating heritage buildings and attractive open spaces. Aside from the magnificent single span Liffey bridge, there were lots of fine examples to be seen in your urban village centre with the Muintir na Tire Building, the Methodist Church, the School Masters House, the Garda Station, the Presbyterian Church all catching our eye.

We would also like to compliment the many shops and local buildings in Lucan – all of whom appeared to have made notable efforts to ensure that their buildings looked their best for adjudication. Unfortunately, it is not possible to list all good examples, but a number stood out and they include; Courtneys (with its distinctive thatched roof), Dublin Formal Wear, Ryan Village Café, Sabbatinis, the River Café, the

Lucan District Credit Union, Seasons on the Weir Restaurant, the Artisan Pantry, Fresh & Juicy, Femme Fatale and Power & Smullen.

Given that there is such an abundance of high quality heritage structures and buildings in your area, we agree wholeheartedly with the suggestion in the 2022 adjudicators report that a heritage trail should be developed as a means of raising awareness of them among local residents and visitors. Perhaps you could advise us next year if this is under consideration?

Our visit revealed that there are many high quality landscaping schemes in Lucan and the work on entrance planting on approach roads is particularly impressive. The landscaping on the eastern approach (i.e. coming past the Hospital) was a highlight of our visit. We enjoyed seeing the entrance planting at the welcome stone here with shrubs, montbretia and verbena. The long shrubbery bed beside St Edmundsbury Hospital looked lovely and we admired the wonderful variety of plants that a mix of shrubs, orpine, wallflowers, loosestrife, lavender, hydrangea and common daisies.

The extensive shrubbery bed opposite Ballydowd Grove looked great with its roses, hebe, shrubs, orpine and red claw while the large planted bed opposite Roselawn was among the most impressive in your area – with its wildlife area (complete with bug hotel) and plant species that included seaside daisies, hebe, sage, lambs ear and lavender.

Report continued in next week's issue!



Red Line Book Festival 2023

South Dublin Libraries Red Line Book Festival is back from 16th to 22nd October!

There's something for everyone in this literary festival. Popular names such as John Banville, Francis Brennan, Catherine Ryan Howard, Nicola Tallant and the "Aisling" series authors Sarah Breen and Emer McLysaght. A Decade of Centenaries Conference featuring speakers such as David McCullagh, Liz Gillis, Turtle Bunbury and lots more. Workshops for adults on various topics. Events for children and families.

Check out the full programme on www.redlinefestival.ie!



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club will take place on **Thursday November 23rd at 9pm** in the Function Room at the Clubhouse. All proposed motions, recommendations and nominations for Officer Positions on the Executive should be submitted to me, Club Secretary, by **9th November, 2022**. All submissions must be made in writing or by email. They can be left in the post box in the Club café, posted to the Club address or emailed to: secretary.lucansarsfields.dublin@gaa.ie More details and the nomination form for officer positions can be found on the web.

Hurling

A very positive weekend for our minor hurlers with all three teams progressing to the championship quarterfinals. The Minor As had a big win over St Jude's, while the Minor Bs were comfortable 9 point winners over Castleknock. Both teams top their group with three wins from three. The Minor Cs didn't have a game this weekend but results elsewhere ensure they progress as group runners-up.

Next Sunday is a big day of championship action. The Junior As play Whitehall in the Junior B Championship semi-final at 11am on Sunday morning at 12th Lock (tbc).

Then all roads lead to Parnell Park in the afternoon for the senior championship semi-finals. Lucan play Na Fianna at 4pm, with the other semi-final preceding that at 2pm. We would ask all members and supporters to come along and provide the "16th man" to help get our lads into the Championship final.

Our Junior Bs and Cs are also in championship action on Sunday afternoon against Na Fianna (home) and Garda (away) respectively.

LGFA

Lucan Sarsfields first and second teams were in action on Monday and Wednesday, both were successful in shield semi-finals and both losing the coin-toss for home advantage in the finals, the first team away to Clann Mhuire and the seconds to Westmanstown. While the A's won their final, Commiserations to the B team who were narrowly beaten.

Dublin Ladies Gaelic Football Association, GO-AHEAD Intermediate Shield Semi Final, Monday 2 October 2023, 12th Lock.



Lucan Sarsfields v Clanna Gael/Fontenoy.

Storm Agnes forced the pitches to be closed last week and so the game was rescheduled for Monday night. Final Score Lucan Sarsfields 3-11, 0-10 Clanna Gael/Fontenoy.

Dublin Ladies Gaelic Football Association GO-AHEAD Intermediate Shield Final Wednesday 4 October 2023. Clann Mhuire v Lucan Sarsfields.

A two day turnaround from the semi-final and an away fixture under lights in North County Dublin, Clann Mhuire with All Ireland Winner, Carla Rowe, had qualified for the Shield final with a 7-9 to 3-13 win over Parnells. Full Time Score Clann Mhuire 3-10, 5-15 Lucan Sarsfields.

Lucan Sarsfields Junior 6 South vs St Brendan's. Semi-Final

An unusually warm Sunday in October was the scene for the Junior C South Football Team Semi Final V St Brendan's GAA, Grangegorman. Final score 3-13 to 3-16. Roll on the final. Huge thanks to the side line support, hope to see more of you there for the final on Sunday week - venue tbc.

Social. Tickets are now available at €40 per person for the Lucan Sarsfields Christmas Gala which takes place on Saturday 2nd December at the Clubhouse. This promises to be a great night, starts at 7.30pm sharp with a Prosecco Reception followed by a 4 Course Meal followed by Live Band – DESIRE. This is a Social Event at the Club NOT a Fundraiser.

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €5,000. The Numbers were **12, 13, 15, 27.**

The lucky dip prizes go to, Benny Dolan, Adrienne Doherty, Catriona Montgomery, Aoife Doyle and Mary Brennan.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €5,400. The draw is sponsored by Clandillon Motors. and will be led by Shay Hurson.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



Intermediate Shield Champions 2023



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.

Cailíní F14 - Camogie

Maith sibh na cailíní faoi 14 nuair a bhuaigh siad a gcluiche ceathrú ceannais Camógaíochta i gcoinne fhoireann iontach Naomh Mearnóg B D'oibrigh na cailíní le chéile agus choinnigh siad orthu ag troid go dtí an fheadóg dheiridh. Tá moladh speisialta ag dul do Amelia Misiejuk a bhuaíl an sprioc don bhua.

Buíochas mór le Sadhbh Ní hEarchaí agus Muirinn Nic Giolla Phádraig as imirt leis na cailíní faoi 14.



Cailíní F8 - Camogie

An-bhródúil as na cailíní ar fad. Rinne siad obair foirne iontach ó thús go deireadh na gcluichí. Bhíodar lán de fhuinneamh agus na scileanna ag teacht ar aghaidh go hiontach. Bhí cosant an-láidir le feiceáil inniu. Na Cailíní Abú - Na Gaeil Óga Abú!



Buachaillí F8 - Iomáint

Thug buachaillí F8 sárthaispeántais uathu i gcoinne Naomh Pádraig i bPáirc Glenaulin. Taispeántais láidir ón dá thaobh, le sár scileanna á thaispeáint acu. Ba mhaith linn buíochas speisialta a ghabháil le [@carepluspharmacy](https://www.carepluspharmacy.com) as trealamh garchabhrach nua iontach a bhronnadh orainn.



Buachaillí F15

Tá an CLG slán, cinnteoidis go bhfuil an Ghaeilge slán freisin. Bhí slua dona buachaillí F15 i dTeach an Ard-Mhéara, áit a raibh siad mar aoíonna ag imeacht forbairt cinnireachta do mhic linn 3ú leibhéal ó fud fad na tíre. Níl sé ró-fhada go dtí go mbeidh cuid acu ag glacadh páirt ina leithéid!



The Vue Bridge Club

We would like to welcome
New Members

9.15 am to 12.15 pm

Every Tuesday

In
Springfield Hotel, Leixlip.

Contact Yvonne
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Fireworks in Parks: I am extremely concerned at the increase in fireworks being discharged in our parks over the past few weeks. This is highly irresponsible and dangerous behaviour, especially when residents and families are enjoying our public spaces. I have raised it directly with the Superintendent in Lucan Garda Station, having observed it myself in Hermitage Park last week to request further Garda visibility in our parks. If you observe people engaged in this, please contact your local Garda Station.

Lucan Special Olympics: Well done to Lucan Special Olympics Club on the great crowd at their annual fundraiser table quiz! I was happy to be able to sponsor a spot prize on the night!

Leaf Collection: The Council is providing a leaf collection service from now until January 2024 (including a road sweep and collection of bagged leaves).

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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Further delays to the Lucan Swimming Pool:

It was announced this week by SDCC that there will be further delays to the completion of the Lucan Swimming Pool. The council stated that the facility will be ready in the first quarter of next year. This has been a long running saga where the people of Lucan are losing out in the protracted construction of the swimming pool. It's unacceptable and the local authority need to investigate why it's taken so long in the project's completion.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Budget 2024: Budget 2024 is a €14 billion package, helping people, families and businesses with the cost of living while setting aside funding for generations to come. Inflation is moderating, but the cost of living continues to rise. Cutting income tax and USC, helping with energy costs, increasing pension and social welfare payments, reducing childcare and school costs and helping business with wages and energy are just some of the measures announced this week. For a full summary of the Budget get in touch.

Choláiste Phadraig CBS: I was honoured to attend the official opening of Choláiste Phadraig

CBS new building. This rapid build provides 8 new classrooms, a special educational classroom as well as a fantastic new library. Congratulations to the principal and to the board of management on getting this new building up and running.

Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

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Bus Services – West Lucan: The National Transport Authority gave a presentation and facilitated limited time for question & answers at this week's Council meeting. I used this opportunity to highlight service deficits felt by residents in Dodsboro, Hillcrest, Woodview, Airlie and Woodview Heights and asked for a commitment to look at service levels here.

Hedge Pruning - R136 Outer Ring and Adamstown Link Road: I have repeatedly asked for pruning along the 2km length of Adamstown Link Road and along the R136 Road up as far as Grange Castle Business Park to improve accessible and safer walking and cycling.

Residents Engagement – Hillcrest: Together with the Lucan Sinn Féin team, we are back in Hillcrest conducting a courtesy call. Recently, we have spoken with residents on Westbrook Park, Meadowview Grove and Hillcrest Close. If I can be of assistance, please get in touch!

Cllr. Paul Gogarty

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

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Ukrainian Modular Housing Plan: Check my website under "modular" for a very detailed update on the plans for 136 pre-fabricated homes at Backweston near Tubber Lane. People have been asking about the construction work off the Celbridge Link Road for a while now and more information has been made available in recent weeks. These homes are scheduled to be finished by next April, will be of a high quality, well-insulated build and will be in situ for three years under emergency Government legislation.

There was a briefing in Adamstown Community Centre on Tuesday for residents living closest to the site and several issues were raised, including the provision of education, childcare and health services for the families to be accommodated here as well as for newer Adamstown residents already waiting for the shortfall in such services to be addressed.

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Political Notes *cont'd...*

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Ardeevin: I have made further representations regarding upgrades and resurfacing of Ardeevin Avenue.

Lucan Swimming Pool: Shared frustration regarding further delays with the build. We are awaiting an update at Lucan Area Committee on the 24th October. I have sought an update from the county's Law Agent regarding penalties for missed timeframes.

Local Property Tax Exemptions: Did you know, as per [revenue.ie](http://www.revenue.ie); Properties purchased, adapted or built for use by incapacitated person may be exempt from Local Property Tax (LPT). More information can be found on <https://www.revenue.ie/en/property/local-property-tax/lpt-exemptions/incapacitated-persons.aspx>

Constituency Clinic: Thank you to those that came along to constituency clinic hosted by Frances Fitzgerald MEP and I last Friday, as always, please feel free to get in touch.

Caroline Brady - Fine Gael Peace Commissioner

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In recent weeks, I have had the continuing privilege of engaging with many of you in our community, and in particular meeting with family carers who are an essential part of our community's backbone.

Budget 2024 has a host of positive changes to improve supports provided to our local family carers.

€400 Lump Sum Payment (November 2023) to those currently receiving the Carer's Support Grant.

€12 Increase in Carer's Allowance

€10 Increase in Domiciliary Care Allowance

Increased Income Thresholds: The income thresholds for Carer's Allowance are being raised significantly to €450 for single individuals and €900 for couples. This will result in more family carers becoming eligible for the full Carer's Allowance.

If you need any additional information please do not hesitate to make contact.



Lucan Charity Coffee Morning

Join Miss Dublin Central Courtney Smith at
Kenny's



Local girl Courtney Smith (19) from Lucan (proudly sponsored by Lucan Credit Union) will be hosting a **Coffee Morning Fundraiser in Kenney's Lounge, on Friday, 20 October 2023.** This event will be held between **1.00pm – 3.00pm** and she would like to invite everyone along to take time out of a busy day and catch up with your family, friends for chats and coffee. Courtney will also be taking part in this year's Runamuck Challenge on Saturday, 21 October where she will be testing her very own Mental and Physical strength and hopefully leaving with a big smile.

Courtney is representing Miss Dublin Central at this year's Miss Ireland Final. Miss Ireland uses its reign to raise awareness and fundraise for charitable causes under the Beauty with a purpose title which is at the heart of the Miss World organization.

In recent years the Miss Ireland Franchise has raised over €300,000 for various different charities such as Temple Street, Laura Lynn, Alzheimer's Ireland, Pieta House and this year they are proud partner with the Julian Benson Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The charity is raising funds to build a home from home for Cystic families in Ireland. This will provide a safe and warm space for families whilst their loved ones are sick in hospital.

Courtney has also chosen to raise funds for Pieta House, a charity very close to her own heart.

All cash and online donations on the day are very welcome. All proceeds raised will go directly to Pieta House and Julian Benson Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

We are still trying to resolve the problem arounds exhibition stands so no news yet on the date of our next exhibition. Not wishing to build up the group's hopes but we are pursuing a line of enquiry that might bear fruit and maybe there will be some good news next week.

This week Kay submitted some nice photographs from her garden this time focusing on late autumnal colours. A particularly nice one, not from her garden, was still life of fruit in a bowl!



Joe and Frances seemed to have been competing with each other photographing mushrooms. While the photos are nice the advice of everyone in the group was not to eat them!



Donal had been away in France for a while and this week he sent the group a present of a photograph of some umbrellas. He said that he had been thinking of us and felt that we could have done with a few of these. He was in St. Cyprien, a town with a population of about 11,000 located in the Pyrénées-Orientales department in southern France, adjacent to the northern Spanish border and the Mediterranean Sea. According to Wikipedia St-Cyprien was the site of a camp housing some 70,000 Republican escapees from Spain at the end of the Spanish Civil War.



Until the next time stay safe!