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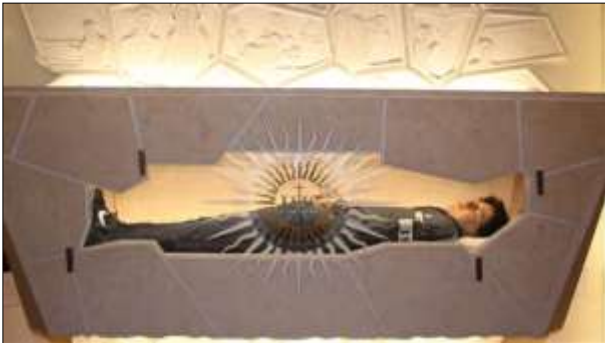
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Sunday 16th October 2022

A Discovery in Assisi

I wrote the following piece in September of last year. Unfortunately, because of a printing machine failure it just appeared in the online edition. As the feast of this young man occurs on October 12th I thought it opportune to reproduce it now.



I recently spent a couple of days in the wonderful town of Assisi in the province of Umbria in Italy. Assisi is of course a world pilgrimage site because of its most famous son St. Francis, and his companion St. Clare. Each year hundreds of thousand converge on this hilltop town to visit the various places associated with the saints, I have been among them on many occasions.

This time however I stumbled upon a church I have never visited before in a quiet side street. The church of Santa Maria Maggiore dates from the earliest centuries of Christianity and for a time served as the Cathedral of the city. I was intrigued to see a large number of teenagers filing in to the church on a continuous basis and curiosity drew me inside. The church houses the tomb of a young Italian teenager Carlo Acutis, who died at the age of 15. Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991, in London, where his parents were working. Just a few months later, his parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, moved to Milan.

As a teenager, Carlo was diagnosed with leukaemia. He offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church, saying “I offer all the suffering I will have to suffer for the Lord, for the Pope, and the Church.” He died on Oct. 12, 2006, and was buried in Assisi, at his request, because of his love for St. Francis of Assisi. His cause for canonization began in 2013. He was designated “Venerable” in 2018, and designated “Blessed” October 10, 2020. From a young age, Carlo seemed to have a special love for God, even though his parents weren’t especially devout. His mother said that before Carlo, she went to Mass only for her First Communion, her Confirmation, and her wedding.

But as a young child, Carlo loved to pray the Rosary. After he made his First Communion, he went to Mass as often as he could, and he made Holy Hours before or after Mass. He went to Confession weekly. He asked his parents to take him on pilgrimages — to the places of the saints, and to the sites of Eucharistic miracles. There was fruit of Carlos’ devotion in his life.

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A Discovery in Assisi *continued....*

His witness of faith led to a deep conversion in his mother, because, according to the priest promoting his cause for sainthood, he “managed to drag his relatives, his parents to Mass every day. It was not the other way around; it was not his parents bringing the little boy to Mass, but it was he who managed to get himself to Mass and to convince others to receive Communion daily.”

He was known for defending kids at school who got picked on, especially disabled kids. When a friend’s parents were getting a divorce, Carlo made a special effort to include his friend in the Acutis family life.

And he promoted Eucharistic miracles, especially through a website he built to promote them. On the site, he told people that “the more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven.”

When Carlo got sick, his life of faith increased, offering up his suffering for the Church, the pope, and for people who were suffering with illness.

And he was a gamer. Carlo loved playing video games. His console of choice was a PS2, which was released in 2000, when Carlo was nine. We know he only allowed himself to play games for an hour a week, as a penance and a spiritual discipline, but he wanted to play much more. Carlo was a modern young teenager with an extraordinary love for God, in death his influence is inspiring a generation of young people who see in this modern saint a shining beacon of faith.

He is the first Millennial to be beatified. Visit this website for further information <https://blessedcarloacutis.com/>

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

Lost & Found

Wrist Watch lost in Village on Saturday, Sentimental value.
Please phone 087 2777306.



Little Purse with keys inside found in St. Mary’s Church car park.
Claim from the Parish Office 01 6217041



Lucan Local History Presents



Lucan Spas and Hotels

Part three of Lucan Historian Joe Byrne’s

series of heritage talks on the fascinating history of Lucan Spas and Hotels will be in Lucan Library on Tuesday 25th October at 6.30p. This will be the penultimate talk on this theme covering the 19th century onwards, so don’t miss out on the opportunity to attend.

You can book a place through Eventbrite at lucanlibrarydublineventbrite.ie

Active Travel

The Main Street Clinic welcomes all initiatives which promote regular exercise whatever form it takes as long it is undertaken in a safe and healthy manner. The proposed “Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway” is welcome development for Cyclists as it is logistically challenging to create a safe cycling route into the Village due to the steep inclines and lack of green space. It is hoped that this proposal will safeguard the wellbeing of all active travel users as well encouraging people to become more active whether the cycle, run or walk.

Several online submissions have raised the issue of the Green Link at the new Cemetery. Further enquiry has established that one of the 2012 planning conditions for the cemetery was the handing over of a parcel of land at the N4 end of the cemetery to SDCC so that the Council could create a green link path into Vesey Park by construction of a small bridge over the Griffen River. **This additional link** would have the potential to allow people to use this park which has been dormant for last 25 years following the construction of the N4.

It would also allow for the creation of a 5 park cycle/walk or run by connecting Griffen Valley Park, Arthur Griffith Park, Vesey Park, Liffey valley Park and St Catherine’s park by **the addition of this small green link path and bridge.**

Main Street Clinic broadly supports this Part 8 proposal but would link to see this **additional link** into Vesey Park followed through by SDCC under 2012 planning as set down by An Bord Pleanala.

Lucan Planning Council

The NTA have finally conceded a little bit, they intend to bring route C2 down from Adamstown towards Dodsboro shortly, with a frequency of two trips per hour. This C2 route will turn right at Shackleton junction traffic lights, then proceed towards Arthur Griffith Park, then via Foxborough, Pennyhill and Woodies. We have pointed out to the NTA that this would add twenty minutes to the journey. Also, it means a long walk for people with children and older people, and those with disabilities. A ten-minute walk to the bus stop plus an extra twenty minutes bus journey makes this an unattractive and less than practical option as it adds an extra half an hour for people to get to the city.

We believe there is surely room for a compromise: let one bus an hour take that route and one bus an hour go via Dodsboro onto N4, into the city, serving Hillcrest East and the cemetery. This is a win-win for everybody, no extra cost or extra scheduling required. There is no need for all the buses to the city to take the long way up to an extra twenty minutes. We continue to advocate on your behalf.

We also hear the residents of Leixlip, Ballyfermot and Blanchardstown have teething problems that can easily be addressed by face-to-face dialogue. The refusal of the NTA to meet local groups face to face can surely have no credibility now.

Next week we will update you on our ongoing efforts to restore the Blanchardstown hospital bus and to serve all of Lucan and avoid some people having to take three buses to get to our local hospital for regular blood tests and other routine visits.

*Caitriona McClean,
Lucan Planning Council.*

Date for your diary.....

Table Quiz

in aid of **NAGARHOPE**

**Friday NOVEMBER 18th
Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse**



Lucan Toastmasters

Are you as quiet as a mouse?

Do you hate speaking in public?

Do you want to make new friends?



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

We meet on alternate Thursdays in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests.

Come along on **Thursday next, October 20th**, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, check out our Facebook @lucan.toastmasters or website at www.lucantoastmasters.com

Lucan ICA

Monday 17th October: **Crafty Ladies** will be busy from 10am till 12.30pm, doing all their usual crafts.



Fiona Guinan has brought in a selection of Christmas crafts which we will work on over the next few weeks.

It's only 10 weeks till Christmas! OMG!

Tea Hostesses: Miriam Gavin and Marie O'Sullivan.

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

Venue - St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan

Day and time - Thursdays at 11.30 am, refreshments served at 1 pm approx.

Our club is open, we play bowling, Scrabble and cards or you can just have a chat.



Our members had a wonderful holiday in Spain and we are looking forward to our next trip to Wexford in November.

We have started up our choir again, the singing is very enjoyable and we will have music for our parties.

New members welcome.



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

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.

Invitation

Legion of Mary invite you to join them on a Thursday evening at 5.30pm in Room 4 in St Mary's Parish Centre for Rosary and Prayers.
All Welcome.

Scriptural Readings: We meet from **7.30-8.30pm** every **Monday** evening in the Bungalow opposite the church. The group will read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel to get a deeper understanding of the Word of our Lord.
All are welcome.

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*

Divine Mercy Devotion: On **Wednesdays after 10am Mass**. Everyone is welcome to participate in the devotion regularly or occasionally.
St Mary's Parish Divine Mercy Group.

Church Art Calendars 2023

For sale in the Sacristy and the Parish Office.
€2



Baptisms: Dates are bookable on line up to the end of **December 2022**. If you need to cancel a booking contact: secretary@lucanparish.com

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of *Gerry Colgan*, Castleknock and formerly of Lucan.
May he rest in peace.



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

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

St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses
THIS Saturday/ Sunday 15th/16th October.
Many thanks for your generosity.



Two of the most beautiful flower arrangements on our altar last Sunday.

You have to agree they are simply stunning.

Well done again to our Flower Fairies Geraldine, Hannah and Noreen.



cross  care

We would like to thank the parishioners of St Mary's for your most generous contribution to the recent Annual Collection for Crosscare Homeless Prevention and Food Poverty Support Service. Your contribution amounted to €3,340.
Thank You once again.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,
Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

Mass Time Changes from the 6th November:

We had changed our Sunday Mass times during Covid to leave an hour between the services for airing the Church but this is no longer required. From November onwards, starting with **Sunday November 6th** the Sunday Mass times in the Church of Divine Mercy will revert to **10.30am** and **12.00 noon**.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast

of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

To mark this special month we will **pray the Rosary before the 12:15 pm Mass every Sunday**. We will start the Rosary around 11:5am to have enough time before the Mass. So please come early for Mass and join us as we honour our Blessed Lady.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

A new branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society has opened in our parish the Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South Parish. We meet once a month and the next meeting is Tuesday 27th October 2022 at 7.30 pm here in the parish. The aim of the society is to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

All are very welcome and we look forward to seeing you all.

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.

Morning Prayers of the Church:

Monday to Friday: 8.40am.

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

Wednesday 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.

Visitation team for Holy Communion:

Pastoral care of the Sick is provided for all who suffer in any way in our communities. When a person becomes ill, receives a serious diagnosis or because of frailty is no longer able to attend Mass, our Ministers facilitate visitation of the sick at home or in a care setting when this is requested by families and permitted by public health authorities.

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

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



**Anam Cara
North
Dublin,
Parent
Evening for
bereaved**

parents on **Wednesday 19th October at 7:15pm** in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924. This organisation supports bereaved parents, and is 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.

This event is free.

Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

Funeral Mass

The Funeral Mass for
Marie Cowley
(Esker Lawns)



who died on January 26th 2021
will take place in
St Mary's Church, Lucan
on **Friday 21st October at 10am.**

Marie had donated her body to the
UCD Medical School for Research.

May Marie rest in peace.

Reflections October '22

And warm September stayed and shone
In the long afternoons
It lingered in the mists between
The trees and in still moorings.
We basked and thought of neverendings
While September slowly slipped
The seconds away.....
Ah but deep deep down and barely stirring
Winter's silent embrace awaits –
(after Mary McCabe)

A Spanish refection reminds us to
treasure the creators gift of trees:-

I am a tree

You who would raise your hand against me
Remember that I am the heart of your
hearth on cold nights.
The friendly shade from summer heat
The beam of your house
The board of your table
The bed on which you lie
The paper for your books
The timber for your boat
The handle for your hoe
The wood for your cradle
And the smell of your last candle.
Harm me not.



“And to wake at dawn with a winged heart
to give thanks for a new day”
Kahlil Gibran

Breda L.G. Thursday 11th October

Wind on the Hill



No one can tell me
Nobody knows
Where the wind comes from
Where the wind goes.

It's flying from somewhere
As fast as it can
I couldn't keep up with it
Not if I ran.

But if I stopped holding
The string of my kite
It would blow with the wind
For a day and a night.

And then when I found it
Wherever it blew
I should know that the wind
Had been going there too.

So then I could tell them
Where the wind goes...
But where the wind comes from
Nobody knows.

By A A Milne.

*(Requested by reader who recalled part of it from
a long time ago.)*

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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

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

Fire Safety Week starts on Monday 17th October

World Osteoporosis Day is on 20th October 2022

Budget 2023

Help with energy costs

€1.2 billion will be allocated for energy supports to help consumers with the costs of utilities in 2022 and 2023.

All domestic electricity customers will get €600 credit to help reduce electricity bills. The credit will be paid in 3 instalments of €200. The first payment will be made in November 2022. The second electricity credit will be made in January 2023. The third will be made in March 2023.

More people will qualify for Fuel Allowance. People getting Fuel Allowance will get an additional once-off payment of €400 in November 2022.

The 9% VAT rate for gas and electricity is extended to 28 February 2023. The reduction of 21 cent per litre tax for petrol, 16 cent per litre for diesel and 5.4 cent per litre for Marked Gas Oil are also extended to 28 February 2023.

€340 million will be available to help community groups, schools, health services, sports clubs and other organisations to pay energy bills.

New energy supports will also be available for businesses (see 'Employment and business' below on our website).

Tax: Income tax rates will stay the same (at 20% and 40%), but there will be increases to tax credits and changes to the income tax bands in 2023.

The standard rate income tax band (the amount you can earn before you start to pay the higher rate of tax) will be increased by €3,200.

The following tax credits will increase by €75 to €1,775: Personal Tax Credit, Employee Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit, The Home Carer Tax Credit will increase by €100 to €1,700.

Universal Social Charge (USC): The ceiling of the 2% USC band will increase by €1,625 to €22,920, so that the salary of a full-time worker on the minimum wage will remain outside the higher rates of USC.

Rent Tax Credit: If you are paying for private rented accommodation, you can claim a new Rent Tax Credit of €500 a year for 2022 and subsequent years. This tax credit applies to each tenant rather than each tenancy. For rent you pay in 2022, you will be able to claim this credit early in 2023.

Vacant Homes Tax: A Vacant Homes Tax will be introduced in 2023. It will apply to residential properties that are occupied for less than 30 days a year. The tax charged will be three times the amount of the Local Property Tax rate for the property.

Carbon Tax: Carbon Tax will increase by €7.50 per tonne of carbon dioxide emitted, from €41.00 to €48.50. This applies from 12 October 2022 for auto fuels but will be offset by a levy reduction so that it will not result in a price increase. For all other fuels, the Carbon Tax will increase from 1 May 2023. See 'Environment and climate' below, for examples of the price increases to common household fuels.

VAT (Value Added Tax): The VAT rate for newspapers (including digital editions) will be reduced from 9% to zero.

VAT will also be reduced to zero for: Defibrillators, Period products, Hormone replacement therapy (HRT) and nicotine replacement therapy medicines that are not currently zero-rated (such as patches and gels)

These VAT changes will apply from 1 January 2023.

The reduced VAT rate of 9% for the hospitality and tourism sector will continue until 28 February 2023.

Small Benefit Exemption: The Small Benefit Exemption will increase from €500 to €1,000. Employers can give two vouchers or gifts to their employees each tax year. This increase will also be applied for the 2022 tax year.

Tobacco Products Tax: A packet of 20 cigarettes will increase by €0.50 from 28 September 2022, with pro-rata increases on other tobacco products.

Bringing Drama to your Doorstep

As the evenings begin to close in, we in LDG are busy with preparations for another run at the home of drama in Lucan, the Lucan SPA Hotel. From Tuesday Nov 8th through to Saturday Nov 12th we will be presenting four one act plays for your delectation. That's four directors and four casts (along with all the other backstage work that supports the productions) all working hard to bring you an evening of engaging entertainment.



Tickets are 12 euro each with a discounted rate of 10 euro for OAPs. To book your tickets please text name, date/evening of the show and number of tickets required to: 086 3018982.

A dinner/show deal is available directly from the SPA Hotel. 2 course meal plus tea/coffee and a ticket for the show for the bargain price of 30 euro per person. To avail of this deal please contact the SPA Hotel directly on 01-6280494.

More updates to follow!

Lucan Drama Group - Can you Help with Sponsorship?

Lucan Drama group is looking for a sponsor. As your local drama group and having brought you drama for over 5 decades we have a pressing need to replace some of our (very worn) equipment. We need to purchase a stage (as opposed to constructing one using lengths of wood and wooden panels for every production) and update our, just about functional, lighting system.

If you think you can help please contact David on 085 7149623.

Lucan Special Olympics Club
are holding a

Table Quiz

in **Kenny's Pub**
on **Friday October 14th**
at **8pm**

A table of four costs €40.
There will be a raffle and spot prizes on the night.

We welcome everyone to what should be a fun event!



CHOOOL NEWS



Scoil Mhuire GNS Lucan Enrolment 2023

During the **month of October** Scoil Mhuire Girls National School are taking names of girls living in **St. Mary's Parish** for Junior Infants 2023.

Please email the school for an application form. The email address is application2023@smgnslucan.com

You will need to provide with the completed application form:

A scanned photocopy of your daughter's **Birth Certificate**

Your daughter's **PPS Number**

A **current household utility bill** (*proof of address*).



St. Mary's Boys' National School

are now accepting applications for **Junior Infants for September 2023**

**The closing date for enrolment is
Friday 18th November 2022**

The enrolment form can be downloaded from the school website

www.stmarysbnslucan.com



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Open Night: There was a fantastic turnout for Coláiste Phádraig's 1st full Open Night since 2019 last Thursday 6th October. Most of classrooms were open throughout the evening so that the students and parents could see the different subjects in action. The young primary school students got to actively engage with our own students and teachers in the science labs, art room, wood and metal technology rooms, the classroom-of-the-future, the numerous computer rooms as well as all of the other subject classrooms throughout the school.

A large number of our current students were also in attendance 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. They answered a lot of questions about the school from parents and their children in a mature, positive and informed manner and helped them navigate the corridors and different classrooms on view.

The Prefects were also in attendance and they were a tremendous help throughout as they took parents and students around and helped clear up afterwards.

We look forward to welcoming the next cohort of 1st yr students into the school in September 2023.



Awards: Well done to 1st yr **Daniel Emmanuel** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month* Award for September in recognition of his excellent manners, behaviour and application in all of his classes.

Congratulations to **Conor Abbott**, another 1st yr, who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award* in recognition of his commitment to 1st yr soccer training and his excellent performance in the recent Dublin cross-country championships where he finished 3rd out of 200 competitors.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **Luke McGovern** ón gcúigiú bliain a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí Bealtaine mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt ach go háirithe agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge.

Basketball: Our u16 basketball team defeated Moyle Park 48-32 on Monday. Lewis Adjinakou starred for Lucan with an impressive 18 points, including a series of stunning 3 pointers, while Gabriel Sales added a further 12 points in an excellent team display. Having won their opening group game, our u19 team were defeated 50-34 by Moyle Park in their 2nd match. Michael Cunningham scored an impressive 16 points but it wasn't enough as Moyle Park took their chances to win quite comfortably in the end.

Football: Our 2nd yr football team had a friendly match last week against Lusk CS. Lucan dominated the game throughout, eventually winning on a score-line of 7-12 to 2-02 with Cian Kelly scoring an impressive 3-2. Brian Whelan (2-1), Aidan Doyle (1-1) and Ciarán O' Sullivan (1-2) also impressed the Lucan mentors.

Hurling: Our u16 hurling team made it two group wins out of two last Friday with an emphatic 8-18 to 2-14 win against Coláiste Cois Life. Conor Dillon scored a remarkable 3-10 in an exceptional individual display while Michael O' Brien added 2-2 and Callum Morris scoring 3-3 on the day. The win puts the team in a commanding position in the group and qualification for the knockout stages seems very likely at this stage.

Transition Year: Our 60 TY students enjoyed an eventful and action-packed 2 days of activities in Carlingford Adventure Centre last week. They arrived at the centre on Monday 3rd October at lunchtime. The students had some lunch together in the centre canteen before taking part in orienteering to allow them to get familiar with their surroundings. The students were taught basic map reading skills in order to find markers on the orienteering course through the forests and mountains of Slieve Foy.

After settling down in the centre for a good night's sleep the students enjoyed a healthy breakfast before splitting into two groups. One went hiking up to the forest to take part in "Ziptopia" which is a series of ziplines and obstacles high above the ground, an exciting challenge for all of the adrenaline-junkies! The other group went kayaking in Carlingford Lough, surrounded by the beautiful Mourne Mountains.

On Tuesday afternoon the students went for a brisk hike in the crisp Autumnal air before gathering for an enjoyable and competitive game of archery Combat, a high octane and fast paced group activity. Later in the evening they sat around a camp fire and sang some songs while others watched some Champions League action on TV.

St. Joseph's College

3rd Year Windfarm Trip: A total of four trips made their way on alternative days this week to a windfarm in Co. Offaly as part of their 3rd year scientific study of biodiversity and green energy. This gave the students a great insight into biodiversity and the view green energy in action.



Classics Trip: Our 6th year classics students returned safely on Saturday evening after their 4 day trip to the Italian capital of Rome. The students had a great time and we would like to thank the teachers that accompanied them on the trip.

Shoebox Appeal: St Joseph's College is once again taking part in the shoebox appeal for team hope in which they will bring in wrapped shoeboxes filled with presents for children living in Africa and Eastern Europe, spreading some magic into these children's lives. We are encouraging everyone, not just members of the St Joseph's School community, to get involved in the shoebox appeal. It really will make a huge difference in a child's life this Christmas.

Sport: Our Senior Camogie team started off their campaign this year with a 9-point victory over Dominicans. Well done to all the team and the management team of Mr. Kirwan and Mr.L. Quinn. Congratulations to our Former Student

Niamh Farrelly who was part of Irelands Women's Team that made history last night by qualifying for the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand next summer.

Transition Year: The musical rehearsals for the upcoming performance of Guys and Dolls is in full swing now with the final auditions set to be completed at the end of this week. We will be soon releasing information in relation to ticket sales, please monitor our website or social media sites for up to date information on tickets.

Antibullying and Friendship Week: Our student council ran an excellent antibullying and friendship week in the school this week. Each day the student council invited students to join them in making friendship bracelets that were distributed amongst the student body. The students set up a mural with the slogan kind words cost nothing

which students could add any kind messages to during the week.



6th Year French Trip: 34 students and 4 Teachers jetted off on Tuesday this week on a 4-day language trip to France. In this time they will visit the cities of Cannes, Nice and Monaco as well as having language classes they will enjoy wonderful cultural experiences along the way.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan
Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan
Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Lucan Community College

Guest Speaker for Business Studies students:

Trev Tilley, Senior Director, Strategy and Programme Management, PayPal visited 6th year Business and Accounting students on Tuesday. Trev gave a really informative presentation on PayPal linking it very closely to the LC business course and incorporated a question and answer session for students.

He also gave students really valuable advice with regard to their future careers. A very informative and beneficial afternoon.



Sporting Success for Lucan Community College Siblings:

Amy Wade (4th Year) and Ryan Wade (2nd Year) competed at the WAKO World championships in Italy last week. Ryan won his first fight and got down to the last 16 and was very unlucky not to medal.

Amy came away with a World Silver medal in light contact and a World Gold medal in the team points sparring being the key member to take the win in the final. An amazing experience for both to represent their country and compete at the highest level. Congratulations from all in Lucan Community College!

Lucan Community College excels at Athletics!

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the Cross-Country race in Phoenix Park - Grace Hughes, Ferdia McDonagh, Rachel Jez, Clodagh Conway, Reka Kiss Kallo and Eve Clarke. Well done to all who competed on the day!



Junior Camogie returns at Lucan Community College:

Well done to our Junior Camogie team on their first outing against Maynooth Post Primary. The girls battled really hard but unfortunately the result didn't go our way on this occasion. And a special shout-out to Reka Kiss Kallo for an outstanding performance!

Leaving Certificate Appeals:

Congrats to Lucan Community College students who received upgrades to their results upon the completion of the appeals process. Best of luck on your new venture into third level and beyond!

First Year Admissions 2023:

Following our hugely successful Open Day, we would like to remind the parents/guardians of 6th Class pupils that the closing date for applications for First Year 2023 is 12 noon **Friday 28th October 2022**. Application forms for 1st Year 2023/23 are available on our website: www.lucancc.ie

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Cost of Living Support Payment Dates:

Starting from next week, lump-sum payments totalling €1.2 billion nationally will be made to provide people with immediate help to manage the cost of living. My colleague Minister Heather Humphreys recently delivered the largest social protection Budget in the history of the state, with a mix of lump sum supports and increases to weekly payments. Dates of payments are below, if you have any queries please contact my office.

Budget 2023 Measure Payment Dates:

Autumn Cost of Living Double Payment

Week commencing 17 October

Double Child Benefit Payment 1st November

€400 Fuel Allowance Lump Sum Week commencing 14 November

€200 Living Alone Allowance Week commencing 14 November

€500 Working Family Payment week commencing 14 November

Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway Public Consultation:

Reminder closing date for submissions is Oct 21st.

Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

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Autumnal Leaves – Foxborough and Earlsfort:

A number of residents have raised the need for leaf sweeps in their estates with me, with Foxborough and Earlsfort amongst them. Residents have since confirmed that the council's appointed contractor Oxigen have since conducted street sweeps.

Bus Services – West Lucan: Some concerns continue to be raised by Lucan commuters in the context of the new BusConnects service amid the changing / growing developments in West Lucan and beyond. Both my colleague Eoin Ó Broin TD and myself will be meeting with NTA officials in the period ahead. If you have specific route concerns or suggestions in this regard, please drop me an email.

Parking – Sarsfield: Delighted that SDCC have agreed to a section of double-yellow lines at the dishd kerb providing access for some residents via the small 'off-road' near the entrance to Sarsfield.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty - Independent

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"Not just at election time"

Works at St Joseph's College: Drivers are reminded not to park on the pavement along the road up towards Lucan Heights/Esker Lawns, especially during construction works. This is a hazard on several fronts; anyone doing so may be ticketed. Separately, I've requested replacement flexible poles for the damaged ones removed at the lay-by. Parking is tighter than usual and people are asked to behave responsibly in order to protect small children, wheelchair/buggy users and older residents who use this route to schools and the local church.

Antisocial behaviour: Reporting incidents to the Gardaí is hugely important in the allocation of limited resources for particular areas. This does not necessarily need to be a phone call to the local station. It is also possible to log via the email form for Lucan and Ronanstown stations on the garda.ie website.

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Liffey Valley Staff Car Parking Charges:

It was very disappointing to learn this week that the owners of Liffey Valley Shopping Centre have refused to reconsider the car parking charges that would apply for staff members. The charges are a major imposition to staff who could be facing charges up to six hundred euro a year for simply going to work. In the time of spiralling costs for workers these charges are wholly unjustified and are tantamount to a pay cut for low pay workers.

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Local Property Tax: Every year, South Dublin County Council must decide whether to vary the Local Property Tax by 15% in either direction. At this week's Council meeting, as leader of the Fianna Fáil group, I proposed that the tax be reduced by 15% for the coming year, which was supported by my colleagues.

Cost of living supports: contact me if you would like further information on cost of living supports which are available.

Lighting on Castle Road: I am pleased to see that the lamp extensions which I requested for Castle Road last year are making a difference to the lighting of the road and making people feel safer.

Footpath repairs: Abbeydale: I am pleased to see long overdue footpath repairs take place at the entrance of Abbeydale on foot of a representation.

Liona O'Toole – Independent. P.C.

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Local Property Tax reduction: I supported the reduction of the Local Property tax by the maximum 15% at his week's full council meeting. Huge thanks to all those from the Lucan area that took the time to send in submissions which enabled me in my decision on such an important issue.

Additional Yellow Box: Many residents in the Somerton area requested a number of safety measures to be introduced and I continue to work on these matters. I can confirm that council management agreed to installing a yellow box junction on Newcastle Road at the Somerton exit/entrance.

Lucan Pool: The Chief Executive advised me that issues with the contractor and a completion date have yet to be finalised. The crane that's been in place for some time and the costs involved is the contractor's responsibility. I will continue to provide updates.

Lucan Library

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Parenting Talk: Practical Techniques to help a child's communication with Jennifer Grundulis, Senior Speech and Language Therapist. CATTs Tues. 18th Oct. at 11am (Online)

Booking via Eventbrite: Practical Techniques to help a Child's Communication Tickets, Tue 18th Oct. 2022 at 11:00 | Eventbrite

Arts and Crafts Workshops for Children with Elena Buttner. Thurs. 20th Oct. 3.30pm - ages 6-8 year olds, Booking via Eventbrite from Thurs. 13th Oct. at 3.30pm. Thurs. 27th Oct. 3.30pm - ages 9-12 year olds, booking via Eventbrite from Thurs. 20th Oct. at 3.30pm

Events for Babies and Toddlers: Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles Thurs. 27th Oct. at 10am. Bookings via Lucan Library Eventbrite, from Thurs. 20th Oct. at 10am

Storytime for Under 6s: Every Wednesday at 3pm. Special fancy dress Halloween Storytime on Wed. 26th Oct. at 3pm. All welcome!

Lucan Library Book Clubs Monthly meetings:

Wednesday Evening: 26th October, 7pm

Monday Lunchtime: 24th October, 12noon

Lucan Library Classic Movie Night:

Tues. 18th Oct. 5.30pm

TTRS at Lucan Library: Touch-Type-Read-Spell is available from Lucan Library from September. Contact us to learn more about this learning support, and how you can avail of a TTRS course free of charge. Phone us at 01-6216422 or email lucan@sdblincoco.ie for more information.

Exhibition:

Sharon Casey, local artist, 8th – 28th Oct.

Part 8 Drawings for the M4 Bus Priority Measures - on display from 14th Oct- 11th Nov.

Please note: All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum.



Those Bins!

Shock and awe this week as some people received notices from the bin companies to have their bin out for collection by 6am on the day – some of us will be exhausted before we're half way through the day!



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Reports and Ads. etc may also

be left at the usual addresses:

St. Mary's Parish Centre

Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.



Castletown House, Celbridge

Halloweenie Trail

25-28 October (Tuesday-Friday) @ 2:30pm

Book your spot on our Halloweenie trail, suitable for Kindergarten

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/427056265787>



Halloween Tour

25-28 October (Tuesday-Friday) @ 5pm & 6pm

Book your spot on our Halloween tour.... if you dare!

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/427078582537>



Morning Soirees in the St Mary's Parish

Irish Conversation Wednesdays: 10.30am to 11.30am: Tea and coffee for like-minded people

who want to engage in conversation as Gaeilge. Whether you know the basics or you are

advanced, all are welcome to join and take part

Photography - In the Parish Bungalow

Fridays 10.30am to 11.30am:

Whether you are experienced or just like taking photos bring along your camera and get tips on how to capture the perfect image, while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Adult Hurling Report

It was semi-final Sunday in the adult hurling championships and Lucan had all three Junior teams in action. The outcome was mixed fortunes as the Junior As had a great win over Good Counsel/Liffey Gaels to secure a place in the Junior A Final and promotion to Intermediate grade for next year. However, the Junior Bs and Junior Cs both lost out to Faughs and Thomas Davis respectively. Both performed very well in difficult conditions and with a bit of luck could have made the finals also. But it is the end of a long and generally progressive season for both these teams and they will be looking to go further next year after a well-deserved winter break.

Senior Hurling Management

Our Senior hurling manager, Cathal Fenton, has decided to step down from the position. Cathal led Lucan to a historic first ever senior league title this year with a memorable win over Ballyboden in the final. They qualified for the knockout stages of the championship also but lost out to Ballyboden at the quarter final stage. The Club would like to thank Cathal, and his management and backroom team, for their commitment through the year and a significant contribution to Lucan hurling. The process is now commencing to put a management team in place for the coming year and anyone interested in being considered, or wishing to nominate someone, should contact Directors of Adult Hurling, Vincent O'Connor (087 2075835) or Paul Stapleton (087 2058572).

Results:

Junior A Hurling Championship Semi-final,

Lucan Sarsfields 2-18, Good Counsel/Liffey Gaels 0-8. 12th Lock, 9th October 2022

Junior C Hurling

Championship Semi-final, Lucan Sarsfields 0-9 Thomas Davis 2-6

Annual Remembrance

Mass: The Annual Club Mass to remember members and relatives of members, who have passed away during the last year, will take place on Thursday 17th November at 8pm in the Clubhouse.

AGM

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

Cúpla Focal Club

Every Monday from 8 to 9pm we host a beginners and advanced group who wish to improve and practice their Irish in a fun way. Learn 20 new words and 20 new phrases each night. If interested please email mograda48@gmail.com or text 0872331983. No cost, a donation if desired to Nagarhope. Fáilte roimh gach duine

Ladies Football Celebration

On 22nd October from 8pm onwards, the Ladies Football section are having a night in the Club bar to celebrate over 30 years of ladies football and the 20th anniversary of their Leinster Championship. They hope to have a display of photos over the years, so if anyone has any photos they would like to share, please contact Tracey Walsh 087 9735665. All are welcome on the night, particularly anyone who has played Ladies Football for the Club.

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €6,200.

The Numbers were **2, 6, 8, 10.**

Lucky Dip prizes go to, Kieran O'Neill, Joe & Margaret Byrne, Paula Murphy, Sam Egan and Louise O'Neill

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€7,000.**

The draw is sponsored by John Ryan Accountant Services and will be led by Cormac Gordon.

The draw will be held on Thursday 13th October, at 9pm and is streamed from Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse, on our Facebook page.

Make sure your entry is submitted before 6pm on the evening of the draw to be included in that week's draw.

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link:

<http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>



SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

The Cross Country Season returned on the same weekend that others were finishing out their longest runs in preparation for The Dublin Marathon.

A big day of cross country in Tymon Park on Sunday with the Juveniles off this morning followed by the Seniors and masters in the afternoon.



Aoife Coffey, Alex O'Brien, Dylan Wright, Brian Beatty, John Healy, Damien O'Sullivan, Ciaran Porter, Breda Smyth and Pat O'Dwyer

Some great early season performances at the Dublin novices. Well done to everyone who got out in the wet and windy conditions today.

Lots of 20 mile plus runs this weekend as the training now enters the taper (winding down) stage. Well done to everyone on reaching this stage.



Amanda Ryan, Sinead Farrell, Jacinta Linehan, Trish Gough and Kathleen Trunk. Ran the Longwood 3/4 Marathon, as part of their marathon training

Members had the choice of 2 3/4 marathons one locally starting and finishing along the canal and another in Longwood Co. Kildare. Lots of other routes of people's own choosing were undertaken also. The event on the canal also included a half and 10k.

Meanwhile in London Robbie Lynch ran the Royal Parks London Half Marathon. There were also 3 club members running marathons on Sunday. Jason Barrett and Eoghan Harford in Chicago and Henry Langton in Austria at the Graz marathon. Jason running a very impressive 4 hrs Eoghan doing 3 hrs 47 min and Henry 3 hrs 44 mins. I'm told the atmosphere in Chicago was electric, it is one of the major 6 Major City marathons, Jason has Toyko Marathon in March on the horizon next.



A number of the Ladies in the club also did the **Great Pink Run** locally, I'm told there was coffee and cake after also. Well done to all who took part and raised funds for Breast Cancer Ireland, a fantastic cause.

Few more busy weekends ahead with the Dublin marathon, less than three weeks away and Juvenile events getting into full swing.



Aine Maguire and Kim Jones ran the Fastlane 10k in Clondalkin

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

At our meeting last Friday we made good progress in our preparations for our next exhibition which will be held in the Parish Centre on Sunday 13th November from 10am to 1.30pm. To ensure an exhibition that is to the standard of our previous ones it was decided to move the date of the exhibition out by one week. So put Sunday 13th November in your diaries.

This week Paddy and Donal seem to have been in competition with each other as they both submitted photographs taken in Manor Kilbride, Blessington County Wicklow which is a favourite place for landscape photographers. The river is the Shankill which sweeps down from the mountains to join the river Liffey.



The main feature of the area is the quaint Church of Ireland church of St. John, built in 1834 and which overlooks the river Liffey. According to the Wicklow Heritage website the building of the church was financed by an organisation called the Board of First Fruits, a body established in the early 18th century under the auspices of Queen Anne, a sister-in-law of William of Orange to provide funds for the construction and refurbishment of Protestant churches throughout Ireland.

Some of the Board's revenue came from the tithes, a compulsory tax levied on farmers and much resented by the majority Catholic population.



Until next week stay safe!

