No amnesty for the unborn child……..

The motto of Amnesty International is ‘It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness’, and there is a strange irony in the fact that with such a noble and enlightened motto the majority of their expenditure in Ireland in current times is now spent on lobbying for abortion. (Ref: The Irish Catholic Front Page article Oct 12th) It seems that in the reasoning of Amnesty the unborn child is something other than human.

Although never a member I had always admired the work of amnesty campaigning for the rights of the oppressed, they were indeed a voice for the voiceless in many instances of oppression and human degradation and as such enjoyed the support of many right-thinking people, many of whom have in recent times left the organisation in the light of their present stance. Their espousal of the cause of abortion as a human right undermines the very principles on which they themselves were founded. Are there any more voiceless than those on whom they have set their deadly sights – the unborn? Why do they light no candles for these innocents? They will never benefit from my donations again.

What a strange objective for a ‘human rights’ organisation to seek abortion on demand at any stage – their stated objective. They accord no rights to the unborn stating that ‘human rights only begin after birth.’. Oh they do accept that governments might set limits to abortion legislation, but surely this position makes no sense if the unborn are other than human?

This skewed thinking validates the many appalling instances of abortion in parts of the world where female children are routinely aborted simply because they are female, and those with genetic defects such as downs syndrome are given no chance of coming to birth in the quest for ‘perfection’. The horrible prospect of designer babies might be nearer than we imagine since those who don’t meet the criteria could simply be disposed of.

The present campaign to repeal the 8th amendment to our constitution seeks to remove protection for unborn life and if successful would allow ever more strident and vociferous left wing agitators to begin the inevitable campaign towards abortion on demand. Once the principal is conceded the rest is up for debate. Professor William Binchy an eminent pro-life lawyer has described ‘abortion legislation as incompatible with the core values of human rights, which respect and protect the dignity and worth of every human being’. We cannot and should not be forced into legislation which would violate the foundational right of all other rights – the right to life.

We need to cherish both lives in the stories of unwanted pregnancies, both are precious to the God who created them both and are deserving of our support and protection.

Let’s cherish them both.

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.”
Jeremiah 1:5

Fr. Philip Curran
Citizens Information Centre
Ballyowen Castle Community Centre, Lucan
Ph. 0761 07 5090, Fax. 01 6217930
Email Lucan@citinfo.ie
www.citizensinformation.ie

Opening hours: Monday to Friday
10 am to 1 pm and 2pm to 4 pm
each day, convenience, please arrive before 12.30
p.m. in the morning, and before 3.45pm in the
afternoon, as we close promptly.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS)
0761 07 4000 – opening hours 9 am to 8 pm
Monday to Friday.

MABS (Money Advice and Budgeting Service) helpline and MABS mortgage arrears helpline are both on the same number 0761 07 2000.

Our services are free and confidential.

Free Legal Advice Clinic (FLAC) on Thursday nights from 7 pm to 8.30 pm. FLAC telephone and referral line 1890 350250. Please note that FLAC provides Free Legal Advice and not Free Legal Aid.

Know Your Rights: Benefits for Carers

Question:
I will need to take time out from work to provide full-time care for my father. What is available for people in my situation?

Answer: (October 2017)
There are several entitlements available to you. In order for you to qualify, the person you are caring for (your father) must be in need of full-time care and attention.

If you are working at present and will be taking time off to care, you may be eligible for carer’s leave of up to 2 years. You must have worked for your employer for a continuous period of 12 months to qualify for this leave.

While you are on carer’s leave, you are entitled to get credited social insurance contributions to maintain your PRSI record.

You are entitled to annual leave and public holidays in respect of the first 13 weeks of carer’s leave. Your employer cannot dismiss you or victimise you for exercising your right to carer’s leave.

You may also be entitled to Carer’s Benefit from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, if you have enough PRSI contributions to qualify.

If you do not qualify for Carer’s Benefit, you may qualify for a means-tested Carer’s Allowance. If you get Carer’s Allowance, you may be entitled to a Free Travel Pass. If you live with the person you are caring for, you may also qualify for the Household Benefits Package.

There is also an annual Carer’s Support Grant of €1,700, formerly known as the Respite Care Grant, which is paid to full-time carers in June each year. Even if you are not getting any other social welfare payment, you can qualify for this grant if you fulfil the conditions.

Older Voices for Change invite you to
“Stop, Look, Listen, I Matter”
An important seminar on local hospital services for older people in Dublin Mid West
What can you expect from hospital services when you get sick?
What are procedures around admission, treatment and discharge of elderly patients?
How do you get information about your condition or that of your loved ones?
This is your opportunity to understand more about hospital services in your area and to ask questions!

Venue: Joyce Room, the Maldron Hotel, Newlands Cross
Date: Monday October 23rd
Start: 10.30am Registration and Tea / Coffee Finish: 1pm (a light lunch will be served)

Speaker on the day will include:
Professor Desmond O’ Neill, consultant geriatrician from Tallaght Hospital and renowned national commentator on the issues of ageing and care of the elderly.
Dr Rory Nee, consultant gerontologist from St James’s Hospital.

OVC is an advocacy group of older people from Dublin Mid-West who identify issues affecting the lives of older people in the community and advocate for change by bringing these issues to the attention of policy makers and service providers. The Group is supported by SDC Partnership.

Found
Glasses with brown frames, tortoise shell design, found on Friday last, on pathway at Liffey Bridge. Phone 0876849752
South Dublin Libraries
Development Plan 2017-2022

South Dublin Libraries are working on a 5-year development programme for the library service. As part of this process, we would like to speak with particular groups to find out what you think of your library service and how you would like to see it develop over the next 5 years.

In Lucan, the group we have chosen is Families and we would like to invite parents to attend the following:

**Focus Group for Parents**
**Wednesday 25th October**
10am—11.30am
Lucan Library, Supervalu Shopping Centre, Newcastle Road, Lucan.

If you are interested please email lucan@sdublincoco.ie or leave your name at library desk.

We also welcome submissions from all members of the public via:
- Public Survey: Online [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDCCLibraryDevelopmentPlanPublicSurvey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDCCLibraryDevelopmentPlanPublicSurvey) or printed copies at library desk
- Written Submission Email to: mbentley@sdublincoco.ie / Post to: Library Survey, South Dublin Library HQ, Unit 1 The Square Industrial Complex, Tallaght, Dublin 24

We want to hear from you! **Closing date: Friday 10th November 2017 at 4pm**

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Lucan Lions Club

“Serving Lucan Community since 1988”

Lucan Lions Club is seeking local volunteers for our annual Christmas Food Appeal.

They are required for a two hour collection shift at a local supermarket. Volunteers will be accompanied by a Lions member during collection time.

Proceeds from this project will be distributed to Lucan families in need a Christmas time.

**Venues:**
- Tesco, Lucan, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th November between 10am - 6pm.
- Supervalu Lucan Thursday 21st to Saturday 23rd December 10am – 8pm.
- Eurospar Lucan dates TBC.

Volunteers contact Ray 086-2394616.
Email: rbhome13@gmail.com.

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Lucan Live- new talk programme for Liffey Sound

Liffey Sound are launching a new daily talk programme next Monday the 23rd October. Join us on 96.4FM at 3 o clock each day for lively chat about both local and national issues.

If you would like to raise a topic or make a comment on any of these programmes please call 01-6219425.

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community radio station.

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Gaslight looking for those festive neighbours!!!

Gaslight, a production company here in Dublin, is currently producing a TV ad for a well-known Irish brand.

They are looking for neighbours who live side by side and are both planning on decorating their houses this Christmas.

Are there neighbours in Lucan who decorate their homes for Christmas, and would relish the opportunity to showcase them?

If it’s up your street, contact: tessa@gaslight.ie

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St Mary’s Friday Photography Soirée

**5th Exhibition of Photographs**
St. Mary’s Parish Centre
Sunday 5th November 2017
St Mary’s Parish Office - email problem
Over the last few weeks we have had difficulties with our email, so apologies to anyone who hasn’t received a response. We now have a NEW EMAIL – secretary@lucanparish.com

Call for parishioners to accompany the Céilí Community Visitation Team
The Céilí Community plan to visit every home in St. Mary’s parish, between 13 and 17 November 2017, to extend a personal invitation to attend the preached Mission that starts on Saturday 18 November

This notice is a call for parishioners who would be willing to accompany the Visitation Teams. It’s not a speaking role! The Céilí Community team will be doing the talking!
If you can’t commit to the full week, there will be three ‘slots’ each day, one from 11.00 in the morning until 1.00, from 3.00 in the afternoon until 6.00 and then from 7.00 to 9.00 in the evening.
To sign up, please drop into the Sacristy and leave your contact details, we’d love to hear from you!
We are all in this together! God bless you in your generosity.

Fr. Philip Curran & Fr. Thomas Kennedy

Christian Meditation: We meet each Tuesday at 8pm in The Bungalow. Everyone welcome.
Sr. Geraldine, 6217158

Holy Communion for the sick and housebound:
If you wish to avail of this service or if you know someone who does, please contact one of the priests.

St Mary’s Back Car Park
The back car park is NO longer available for parking for the church or parish centre Monday to Friday. Even if the gates are open they may be locked at anytime by the school

St. Patrick’s Esker/Dodsboro/Adamstown
www.stpatickslucan.ie

Bethany Bereavement Support Group
This is a voluntary parish based ministry which aims to help and support those who have suffered a loss through bereavement or otherwise. Grieving is a natural process which can be helped by someone listening with empathy and understanding. We meet on the third Wednesday of each Month from 8pm to 9pm in the Pastoral Centre, St. Patrick’s Church. This is a free, confidential service and is available to everyone in Lucan and the outlying areas.
We can be contacted through the Parish office: Tel: (01) 628 1018 or 089 2507213, or Email: stpatrickschurchesker@eircom.net

Peace of Mind...
If you or someone you know is struggling with stress, tension, anxiety, mood disorders, anger, fear, sleeplessness, helplessness or hopelessness you are not alone. If so we have a way out for you.

Recovery Self-help Ireland is a support group for anyone who wants to re-gain peace of mind and reduce suffering. The members demonstrate a method by which they deal with the trivialities of everyday life without feeling overwhelmed by them. It gives you tools which empower you to overcome these problems.
Why not come along to our next meeting and try the method out. You can bring a friend.
Every Friday at 8.00pm in Room 4
St Mary’s Parish Centre, Lucan R.C. Church.
Dementia Care
Information & Support
Monthly Education Sessions

INVITE
Maureen Mc Nulty welcomes Families and Friends of Marymount, Professionals and Carers in the Community to our next session in our continued education program on Dementia Care.

"Legal issues which arise after a person is diagnosed with Dementia"
Also covering Assisted Decision-Making Capacity Act.2015.

Speaker: Consultant John Costello
Orpen Frank's Solicitors

Join Us
Monday 13th November 2017 at 7pm
Register your interest 01 8204500

We would like to thank the parishioners of St Mary's Parish for your most generous contribution to the Annual Collection for Crosscare Community & Homeless Services. It is with your help and support that we continue to reach out to the needy in the diocese.
Your parish contributed €5,665. For 2017. Thank You

ONE VOICE CHOIR are recruiting -
Seeking anyone who loves to sing, especially males and who love to socialise
No Musical Experience Necessary
Everyone welcome
Contact Caitriona on 083 3892546
Find us on www.onevoicechoir.ie

Celbridge Mill Community Centre
Phone: 01 6288556
- “First Light” – supporting suddenly bereaved Parents & Families of Teenagers – will host monthly meetings at our Centre. Next Meeting is on in November 7-9pm.
Phone Margaret at 01 8732711

Phil and Pat Colgan with Fr Tom and pilgrims on their recent visit to Medjugorje
Acknowledgement

SMITH (SR. STELLA)
Sr. Geraldine thanks Fr. Philip and Fr. Tom and all the parishioners for their wonderful support and kindness on the death of her sister, Stella. Thank you to all who attended the Funeral and the special Mass in Lucan; also to those who sent Mass cards and messages of sympathy. A Mass has been offered for all your intentions.

Anniversaries

CAROLAN (BRIAN)
8th Anniversary – 22nd October
Those of you who think of Brian today
A little prayer to Jesus say.
Remembered today by Helena, Stephen, Alan, Louise, Vicky, Ellie, Hannah, Alfie and Frankie

CALLAGHAN (BART)
17th Anniversary
My Bart, my love, my friend
I know you walk beside me every day
Bart, precious people are very few
Nothing on earth can ever replace
The sound of your voice or your smile.
I love you my Bart.
From your wife Phyllis xxx

DELANEY (MARY)
4th Anniversary
Happy memories we keep forever
Days we never forget
We shared all the laughs
And the fun that we had together.
All our love, Anthony, Mena, Ann, grandchildren and great grandchildren xxx

DELANEY (MARY)
All those years gone without you
And it still doesn’t feel real
Your heart was made of gold
We still sing your songs
I miss you so
But God has you now.
Love from your sisters Phyllis, Patty

GIBSON (BRIGID)
24th Anniversary – 21st October
Today is a day of memories so sad
Of a Mam we miss and wish we still had.
Sadly missed by your loving son and daughters and grandchildren

Anniversaries

O’BRIEN (JOYCE)
2nd Anniversary – 22nd October
A daughter is a special gift
One you think will stay
You never think the time will come
When she is called away
You left us quietly without a fuss
And broke the hearts of all of us
God took your hand and whispered low
Come with me Joyce, it’s time to go.
Sadly missed by your Mum, Dad, Darren, Karl, Izabela, Emmly, Grace
Always remembered and loved.

O’HARA (JIM)
4th Anniversary – 19th October
God called your name so softly
That only you could hear
And no one heard the footsteps
Of angels drawing near
The golden gates stood open,
God saw you needed rest;
His garden must be beautiful
He only takes the best.
Sadly missed by your loving wife Chrissie, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren xx

Desperate Volunteer Appeal

North Kildare (Leixlip) Arch Club is a voluntary social club for adults with disabilities. We are based in Scoil Eoin Phoil Hall, Green Lane, Leixlip- 7pm to 9pm on Wednesday evenings during the school year. Contact Valerie at northkildarearchclub@gmail.com

North Star Swimming Club is a voluntary swimming club for people with disabilities. We swim on a Sunday afternoon from 1.45pm to 2.30pm and 2.30pm to 3.15pm in St. Raphaels swimming pool, Celbridge. Contact Valerie at northstarswimmingclub@gmail.com

Sadly due to a lack of volunteers we are unable to provide the best quality service to our members.
Esker Active Retirement Association
Hi to all our members.
Well this week, our walking football was really good. Stephen’s warm-up exercises are something else! He has our heart rates raised up quite high before we even start to play. We’re all getting very competitive and there’s a good bit of tackling going on guys so we’ll have to rein that in….. and some of us will have curtail the running as well…. after all, it is walking football. We had our usual games of scrabble, whist and bowls and everyone seemed very happy.

Our trip to Westport: Coach will do first pick-up at 10:15am on Monday morning at Woodies carpark followed by second pick-up at the Spa Hotel at 10:30am.

Remember our club will be closed on Wednesday 25th October as most of our members will be on our trip to Westport. Marian (Club Secretary) 086 1269 043

Lucan I.C.A.
Tues 24th Oct: Craft Morning 10am – 12.30pm. Various crafts on the go. Members are enjoying the Christmas Tree Bauble Class with Mary C – bells, ball and tinsel to liven up our lives after all the winds.

Wed 25th Oct: We have a talk and presentation on Gardening with Sandra Cosgrave. We ask for a good attendance of members.

Thurs 26th Oct: Some of our members will teach Transition Year Student how to crochet at 10am. Meet in St. Joseph’s front hall.

We would like to thank the talented Mr. Michael Grant who gave us a very interesting presentation on photography. We will all be able to take better photos from now on …. and we know how to get rid of the wrinkles – in the photographs, I mean!!!

There was a time when Ophelia was only associated with Shakespeare’s Hamlet, but not after last Monday! Luckily, here in Lucan, we got off very light compared to other parts of the country, with just a few trees down.

We must commend the Met Service for their coverage of the event, and it was good to see the Government take charge, and no doubt save lives in the process.
Shame on those swimmers and surfers who put the lives of our Emergency Services at risk.
Legislation shouldn’t be needed to prosecute such bad people – Lock them up and throw away the key!!!

There were many locals have received phone calls from very strange numbers on their mobile phones in recent weeks. Eg. +231 33 044301. Don’t answer, and don’t ring back! It will cost you a lot of money.
If you Google these phone numbers, you will find they are coming from places like Liberia, Tunisia etc. They are scams!!! So look at the number before you answer the call!

Ireland take on the Danes in the qualifiers for Russia! Both matches, at home and away, take place in November – Here’s hoping!!!
Woodville Downs Residents’ Assoc
(Incl Esker Lane)
Closure of N4 Slip road westbound and Cycle lanes
During the week we discovered that four more submissions as part of the statutory Public Consultation process were not included in the initial final report. We continue to await access to the new list of submissions to ascertain if there are others missing from report. A missed submission highlighted that comparison cycle usage (zero) of junctions at peak hours were not included when referring to the volume of vehicles using this right junction at the same times. Despite being unhappy with responses to questions put in submissions, we do not have the right to reply/question SDCC’s responses.

Of note early information in relation to the new Clonburris development of in excess of 8000 housing units factor in the Outer Ring Road as one of it’s proposed traffic routes for the anticipated daily 9000 car journeys into/out of this development. This is not including current building in Sommerton/Dodsboro/Clonee road etc. Anybody stuck in recent traffic backlogs in and around Lucan general area should wonder if a complete gridlock for our area is acceptable.

We understand that a Section 139 made by a councillor has been submitted for the Area Committee meeting on Tues 24th, which we understand would force the SDCC County Manager to bring this proposal to the full Council which we hope would reject this project. We would expect that all our elected councillors will follow through on both their stated support to the opposition of these plans and secondly to the almost unanimous public opposition to this project. Lucan residents can not accept a third access road onto the N4 to be closed to any traffic.

Contact: woodvilledowns@hotmail.com

Lucan Senior Citizens
Halloween Party
Wednesday 25th October
10.30 – 12.30
St. Mary’s Parish Centre

Letter to the Editor
Cycle Lane Proposals by South Dublin County Council
I write about the Council’s proposed cycle lane on the Texaco slip road and down the Outer Ring Road to the old Lucan Road.

A public consultation process has recently finished and out of the 197 submissions made, all bar one objected to the proposals. Also, most of our Local Councillors are opposed, mainly because it would see the right turning lane on the Woodie’s bridge being removed. Yet bizarrely, the Council still propose to press ahead with this. How undemocratic is that?

The Council Executive recently made a presentation to our Local Councillors addressing the main points from submissions received, but, conveniently omitted concerns raised about (a) the danger of a cycle lane in the middle of three busy traffic lane s on the Texaco slip road, (b) the removal of between 6 and 17 semi-mature trees in front of the Woodville Estate and (c) the setting back of the bus stop into the Woodville green area which will make it even harder for 250 householders to exit Esker Lane, as well as those exiting Ballydowd Grove.

People weren’t actually objecting to the aesthetics of the proposals but the actual impact on Communities in Lucan. The number of submissions was impressive and they were from all over Lucan (special thanks to residents of the Westbury Estate for all their submissions).

Of course, most people are in favour of new cycle lanes, but not at any price! The proposed cycle lane would still end at Esker Lane as there is no room for it beyond there. It would be very difficult for parents to encourage children to cycle to school when the cycle lane would end at such a crowded spot so far from schools. The Council has hinted that it could be extended in future. But where could it go? The road is 9.5m wide, so two very narrow traffic lanes (less than 3m wide) and two cycle lanes (2m wide) cannot fit. Such a scenario would see the removal of the bus lane which would hardly be a welcome development!

Let’s hope our Councillors can stop this most undemocratic process when they meet the Council on the 24th October.

Yours sincerely,
John Kelly
Woodville Lawns
Lucan Community College

Lucan CC girls hone their skills in Leinster Rugby’s development day

Students from Lucan Community College were treated to a Rugby gift from heaven as Leinster Rugby put on a day of sport to encourage more girls to get involved.

Leinster Rugby, in conjunction with former Ireland ladies rugby captain and Lucan Community College PE teacher, Fiona Coghlan, organised a development Day for Lucan CC’s Senior Girls Rugby Team in St Mary’s RFC.

The day was packed full of games as Leinster Rugby organized a full tournament for the students. The day featured a 7-a-side competition, played on half a rugby pitch with each game lasting for 7 mins a half.

Lucan Community College played games against Tallaght CS, St Wolstans, Mount Temple and Wesley. For a number of the girls this was their first time to play a competitive game, but it didn't take them long to find their feet and after the first game were eager to keep going and learning about the game.

Lucan Community College came away winning two of the four games. During the break in games the team had the opportunity to further develop their skills with drills being run by Leinster Branch Development staff.

As a school we would like to thank Fiona Coghlan and Leinster Rugby for providing this amazing and encouraging experience for our students.

Coláiste Cois Life

Fáilte chuig na cailíní agus buachaillí nua a thosaigh Coláiste Cois Life an bhliain seo. We are now into the second month of the school year and can see that you are all settling in nicely.

Tá imeachtaí spóirt agus eachtraí éagsúla tar éis tosú anois sa scoil. Our successful wins last week include:

Senior Rugby Team: Congratulations to the Coláiste Cois Life senior rugby team in their win last week against Lucan Community College. Ar fheabhas lads!

Girls u/16 Camogie: Well done to the u/16 Colaiste Cois Life camogie team in their win against Lucan Community College last Wednesday. Tosú maith cailíní, maith sibh!

Debating Team: Cois Life’s debating team had their very first debate this year last Thursday. Coláiste Cois Life agus St.Joseph’s College Lucan a ghlac páirt. Bhí go leor ruaille buaille ann agus d’eirigh go han mhaithe leis na beirt foireann. The motion was ‘To end hunger, the world must embrace GMOs’.

Turasanna: Go raibh maith agat as ucht Coláiste Uisce i gcontae Maigh Eo. TY students went for a few days and had a fantastic time. They learnt many new skills such as archery, windsurfing and how to live without a phone 24/7! Bhí sé deacair ach rinneamar é! A dTuismitheoirí, this is a great place for kids to practi ce their Gaeilge in a fun environment.

Chuaigh scoláirí eolaócha ó bhlian a 4 go 6 chuig UCD an seachtain seo chaite chun bhaladh le daoine agus rudaf a fhoghlaim faoi spás. Many astronauts and astronomers were there and the students got to speak with them and ask questions. D’fhoghlaim siad fíú cad a tharlaíonn nuair a faigheann duine tinn i spás!
During the month of **October**, Scoil Mhuire Girls National School are taking names of girls living in St. Mary’s Parish, for Junior Infants 2018.

Please ring the Secretary to make an appointment to meet the Principal (Phone: 01-6280056).

You will need to provide your daughter’s **Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate** and a **current household utility bill (proof of address)**.

**School Website:**
www.scoilmhiregnslucan@scoilnet.ie

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**St Joseph’s College**
This week, 50 Transition Year students in Saint Joseph’s college went rafting down the Liffey River. We rafted for eight kilometres from Lucan to Palmerstown and it was so much fun! We went in groups of between six and nine people. We had so much fun jumping into the river, sliding down the different weirs, singing and bonding. It is just one example of the amazing activities that are available in St. Joseph’s for Transition year students.

It was an amazing experience and will definitely be remembered as a great day by all of the students and teachers that took part!

*Erica Flynn 4A4*
Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Theatre trip:** 25 of our 6th yr English students and 11 teachers enjoyed their once-in-a-lifetime trip to The Globe Theatre in London on Saturday to see a production of Shakespeare’s “King Lear”. The students experienced the play in the most authentic way possible as they stood in the “yard” of this world renowned open air theatre for the entire 3 hour duration of a boisterous, heart-felt production. The students were surprised when many of the actors brushed right by them in the yard as they entered and exited scenes! Everyone was very impressed with the set-up and the standard of acting which really brought the play to life for them at the home of Shakespeare. The students also got to spend time exploring London with some students taking in famous tourist sites such as Westminster Abbey and Big Ben. The group were grateful to all the teachers who supervised them throughout, especially Mr. Sweetman who organised the whole trip.

**Friendship Week:** The Guidance and Careers Department and Art Department organised a number of activities last week to celebrate Friendship Week in Coláiste Phádraig. All 1st yr students received beautifully designed friendship bracelets from Transition Year students. They then placed their individual hand print on a friendship tree designed in Art class as a symbol of their commitment to mutual respect, well being, friendship and anti-bullying. The 1st yrs then attended a Friendship Breakfast cooked by Ms. Melia with their Year Head Ms. O’ Neill and class tutors. 5th yr student Kevin Crehan then gave a workshop to all 1st yrs on the issue of well being and anti-bullying. Kevin had trained with Jigsaw (a confidential support service for young people) in youth mentoring to prepare him for these workshops. A guest speaker from Jigsaw also gave a talk on mental health to 5th yrs, 2nd and 3rd yr students attended a 90min presentation from Humour Fit on the theme of peer pressure and substance abuse. TY students lip synced a well being song and put it up on the new school website. Poster and poetry competitions were held for all year groups on the theme of friendship. Well done to the students for embracing the spirit of the events with such enthusiasm and respect.

**Soccer:** Our u17 soccer team advanced to the 2nd rnd of the Leinster Junior Cup after defeating St. Mark’s Tallaght 6-1 last week. Thomas Oluwa, Adam Wells, Liam Kane, Othman Mefflah, Kyle Robinson and Eoin Massey grabbed the goals in an impressive team display. Almost 100 students and 10 teachers travelled to the Aviva Stadium recently to cheer on the Boys in Green to a 2-0 victory in their World Cup 2018 qualifier against Moldova. The group were grateful to Bank of Ireland who arranged free tickets and free travel for all as a reward to those who students who opened bank accounts in the Build a Bank Challenge (which was in aid of the school’s Zambia trip).

**Hurling:** Our u16 hurlers advanced to the knockout stages of the Dublin League “A” competition after completing their group matches last week. After defeating St. Aidan’s Whitehall 3-17 to 0-3, the team, missing 5 key players, were beaten 7-27 to 0-4 by a rampant Ard Scoil Rís. A full strength team then faced a must win clash against St. Fintan’s Sutton. Lucan hurled beautifully throughout to win on a scoreline of 0-23 to 0-19 with Cathal Shanahan, Colm Walsh, Matthew Dunne, Henry Keogh, Colm Behan, Evin Dowling and Brian O’ Sullivan all performing well to seal the win.

**Football:** Well done to our u14 football team who defeated Coláiste Cois Life 6-17 to 3:10 last week in their opening Dublin League Group match. Séan Foley impressed for Lucan with a personal haul of 5 goals and 3 points while Liam Garrigan, Joe Dunne and Conor Gleeson all put in fine performances in a classy team display.

**Transition Year:** The TY students enjoyed an eventful and action-packed 2 days of activities in Carlingford Adventure Centre recently. On arrival, the students took part in “Murder Mystery” which operates similar to Cluedo. The clues were scattered around the village and an enjoyable and competitive evening was had by all. After settling down in the centre for a good night’s sleep (well a few hours anyway!), the students enjoyed a healthy breakfast before hiking up to the forest to take part in “Ziptopia” which is a series of ziplines and obstacles high above the ground. In the evening they developed their team building skills in the Carlingford Challenge, a series of 24 mini challenges designed to test the students’ mental and physical capabilities. The most enjoyable activity of the trip proved to be the final one, Laser Tag. The group was split into “blue” and “red” teams and faced off in the purpose built Laser Combat arena. Everyone got “shot” plenty of times but it was all in good fun! At 2pm the bus departed for home with 50 tired and subdued students onboard!
**Political Notes**

**Cllr. William Lavelle - Fine Gael**
Local Councillor for Lucan. 36 St. Andrews Drive, Lucan 0874107885. w.lavelle@clrls.sdublincoco.ie

**St. Thomas NS/Scoil Áine Naofa:** Bord Pleanala have this week approved planning permission for the long-awaited extensions to St. Thomas NS/Scoil Áine Naofa; and for the new rear car park. My colleague Cllr. Casserly and I had supported this planning application 100% and we even went to Bord Pleanala in support of it against objections. Congratulations to principals Mr. Maher and Mr. Hourihane and both school communities who campaigned for this development.

**Woodies junction/bridge:** I have tabled a motion for next Tuesday’s Lucan Area Committee (and possibly to be referred to next full council meeting) legally seeking the dropping of controversial proposals to remove turning and filter lanes. Thank you to local residents for your support.

**More buses for Lucan?** Demand that the National Transport Authority provide more buses for Lucan – email: info@nationaltransport.ie

**John Curran T.D. – Fianna Fáil**
Email: John.curran@oireachtas.ie
Phone: 01 6183792

Lucan loses out on frontline Gardaí: Lucan Garda Station is operating with 5 fewer Gardaí than in 2016, according to information received to me through a Parliamentary Question. During the same period there has been a dramatic increase in the rates of public order and criminal damage in the area which have both risen by over 50% in the past 10 months. The presence of dedicated Gardaí provides reassurance to communities, especially those with a growing population such as Lucan. I am calling on the Justice Minister to prioritise Lucan when allocated any new recruits.

Dublin Bus is hosting a roadshow at Lucan Shopping Centre this Friday October 20 from 10am to 5pm and members of their Operations team will be present all day to discuss any issues of concern to Lucan Commuters.

**Frances Fitzgerald TD, Fine Gael**
Tánaiste, Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation.
01 457 7712. Frances.fitzgerald@oir.ie

**Ophelia:** A huge thank you to South Dublin County Council and our Emergency Services for their quick response to Hurricane Ophelia. Fallen trees and road blockages were the main effects locally but thankfully no major incidents or injuries were reported in the South Dublin region.

**Library Survey:** South Dublin Libraries want your views on the future of their library services ahead of their 2018-2022 Development Plan. Fill in their online survey or email your views to mbentley@sdublincoco.ie. A special Parents Focus Group is being held on the plan in Lucan Library on the 25th Oct at 10am. To take part, email lucan@sdublincoco.ie.

**Halloween:** Reminder to make safe secure any items that could be taken for bonfires. Free community electrical recycling collections can be arranged via RecycleIT- local groups and residents associations should contact info@recycleit.ie/01 457 8321 for further info.

**Caitríona McClean Rúnáí Connolly**
Sarsfield Cumann Fianna Fáil Lucan
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http://caitrionasthoughts.blogspot.ie/

**Members Please Note:** Those attending the Wolfe Tone commemoration on Sunday at Bodenstown and who require lifts, please contact me as soon as possible. Likewise those offering lifts.

**Weston Aerodrome October events:** I attended and spoke regarding concerns on fire safety and other matters at court 23 in the Fourcourts on Wednesday. The judge allowed the concerts to go ahead subject to draining the fuel tanks and bar hours are reduced. Priority will be given to traffic for Weston Park during Saturday and Sunday afternoon and traffic for Celbridge will be encouraged to take the next exit from the M4 leaving the slip road and Celbridge Rd for local and event traffic. A Garda presence after the events will ensure pedestrians do not make their way through Weston Park and Kew Park.

**Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit**
Phone: 01-6183816. Email: gino.kenny@oir.ie

**Medicinal Cannabis:** The health committee report on my Medicinal Cannabis bill will be debated in the Dáil on Thursday 25th of October. I want the bill to move to amendment stage where any issues with it can be resolved. There is a Protest organised for 6pm on the 25th outside the Dáil. I am also asking that people write to their Td’s urging support of the bill.
Cllr. Paul Gogarty – Mayor of South Dublin - Working closely with Cllrs Guss O’Connell and Liona O’Toole. Tel: 087 2752489 Email: info@paulgogarty.com

Storm Aftermath: Sorry to hear of lives lost; glad that response locally was well organised and people were kept safe.

Clonburris deadline approaching see www.clonburris.ie

Cyclepath: Met on-site this week alongside Liona to discuss cyclepath opening into Willsbrook estate. We’ll be discussing right hand turn issue at Woodies at upcoming Area Committee.

Cllr. Ruth Nolan Independents 4Change. Lucan & Palmerstown. Ph. 0868540030, E ruthnolan@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie.

Cuts to Mortgage Interest. Struggling homeowners in Lucan and Palmerstown are facing a major budget blow as Minister for Finance Paschal Donohoe prepares to slash mortgage interest relief by 25pc. The relief allows homeowners who bought during the boom years claim back tax on their mortgage interest payments. The tax relief will be reduced by 25pc every year for the next three years. It is expected the reduction will save the State €50m next year. We still have around 80,000 family homes that are in mortgage arrears, this is only going to make their situation worse.

Motion for Monday’s Council meeting: That this Council on a pilot basis introduces Environmental Compaction Systems such as pay to use portables, where the customer is always in control, thus helping to reduce fly tipping.

Cllr. Liona O’Toole – Independent Member of Community Alliance. 087-2795274. lotoole@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie www.lionaotoole.com

Dublin Bus: Following my request to have Dublin Bus visit Lucan to facilitate resident engagement directly with representatives from Dublin Bus I helped with the arrangements to host a roadshow at Supervalu shopping centre on Friday 20th. I will continue to work with Dublin Bus on the many issues that have been raised.

Skate Park: I have been advised that the lights at the skate park have been turned off as the council management examine other alternatives to allow for the lights to be switched on/off in a safer manner.

Willsbrook cycle lane: I have been working with a number of residents over the last week in relation to the planned cycle lane into the cul-de-sac at Willsbrook drive. I have requested management to re-examine the plans and for an onsite meeting to take place.

Transport Users

Traffic congestion in the Lucan area will not ease, in fact it is set to get worse even if Clonburris is not built or if Adamstown is not completed. The solution is the construction of a service road SR51 from N7 to M3. This road must be set in train now to be built if traffic congestion is to be curtailed. This road would reduce dramatically traffic in the Lucan area. As it stands almost 20% of M4 and M7 traffic short cut through Lucan South and Lucan Village. This with more house building outside Dublin leads to more traffic on the M4 and M7 further adding to the congestion. The rail network and Luas won’t be sufficient to address the Lucan problem as more and more activities move to areas outside the centre on the outskirts that have no access expect by car. These are some of the reasons why this service road is so important and for business and industry to set up on outskirts.

T. Newton 086 3127364

Lucan Dramatic Society

All systems are in place for four nights of wonderful theatre beginning on Tuesday November 14th to Friday 17th inclusive. Venue Spa Hotel starting at 8.30 pm.

Two one act comedy plays ‘The Other Side’ by Martina Reilly and ‘A Plan of Action’, by Philip Ackyburn, will ensure a great nights entertainment for all.

Our second comedy a play written by Philip Clyburn is directed by Adrian Rushe, both directors are delighted with the cast performances to date, and we know you will not be disappointed either. More details next week.

Our continued thanks and appreciation to the Management and Staff of the Spa Hotel, the County Bar, Lucan Newsletter and our sincere thanks to all our loyal and dedicated supporters throughout the years.
Thanks to ex-hurricane Ophelia the boundary wall on the juvenile pitch collapsed and our portable training goal fell victim to a falling tree. The club facilities took a battering and has a few other bruises to show for it, but we will recover.

It was another busy and successful weekend for the club. In Camogie championship success for 14A and 14B while 15A and 16A go through to their respective finals. In football U15A are thru to the A Championship Semi Finals while in Ladies Football U14 are thru to their shield final.

Next weekend is looking particularly busy with Senior Hurlers in Championship Semi Final on Sunday at 2pm in Parnell Park. Minor A Hurling Championship Semi Final on Sunday 11am away to Kilmacud Crokes, while at the same time Senior Footballers are also away to Kilmacud in their final league game.

Minor Ladies Football final v Cuala is also next Sunday with the time/venue yet to be confirmed.

U21 Football also begins on Saturday next 3pm with one team at home to Round Towers Lusk, and another away to Naomh Mearnog. Both games are down for 3pm.

Annual Mass for Deceased will take place on Thursday 16th November at 8:00pm in the Club. All club members are welcome as we remember the lives of those we lost this year.

Lucan Sarsfields are holding their Careers Morning on Saturday, 21st October, in the Clubhouse from 9.15am to 1.00pm. This is to assist Club members from Football, Ladies Football, Hurling and Camogie teams who are sitting, or resitting, their Leaving Certificate Examinations in June, 2018. The format will involve sixteen Club members speaking about their own experiences from school, to college, to current employment. This has proven an extremely popular event for leaving cert students and an invaluable insight into a variety of careers.

AGM 2017 will take place on Thursday 23rd November at 9:00pm in the Club.

Live music continues in the bar on Saturday night.

25 Card Drive returned last Friday and continues every Friday 9pm. Caters for all levels, beginners welcome.

On Sunday we hosted over 200 young cyclists, parents and marshals for the half way point on their sponsored cycle in aid of Peter McVerry Trust.

The ‘CÚPLA FOCAL’ CLUB is back on Monday 8pm to 9.00pm.

Bingo is on Wednesday 8:30pm where the jackpot is growing and attracting allot more players.

Club Shop is back in action and is scheduled to open Thursdays 7:30-8:30 and Saturday’s 10:30am – 1:00pm. New stock arrived this week.

Lucan District Credit Union Academy is on Saturday, 9:30am for Girls and 10am for boys (5+).

Lotto. Last week there was no winner of the €12,200 lotto where the numbers were 18, 19, 23 and 25. This week’s €12,600 lotto draw will be managed by Mary Flannery and is sponsored by Henley Forklift Group. Tickets can be purchased online, at the club, in Carey’s Newsagents, in Vesey Arms or Kenny’s Bar.

Advance Fixtures

Friday 20-Oct 20.00: Parnells Junior B Hurling League v Trinity Gaels

Saturday 21-Oct 16:00 Meadowvale Minor Ladies Football Championship Final v Cuala

Saturday 21-Oct 15:00 Senior Pitch U21 A Football Championship v Round Towers (L)

Saturday 21-Oct 15:00 Portmarnock U21 B Football Championship v Naomh Mearnog

Sunday 22-Oct 11:00 Silver Park Senior Football League v Kilmacud Crokes

Sunday 22-Oct 11:00 Silver Park Minor A Hurling Championship S/Final v Kilmacud Crokes

Sunday 22-Oct 11:00 Cloghran Minor B Hurling Shield Q/Final v Whitehall Colmcille

Sunday 22-Oct 14:00 Parnell Park Senior Hurling Championship S/Final v Kilmacud Crokes

Saturday 28-Oct 15:00 Home U21 Hurling Championship v Na Fianna

Sunday 29-Oct 11:00 Home Minor A Football C’ship Shield S/Final Nh v Mearnog/Ballyboden

Sunday 29-Oct 11:00 Merley Park Senior Hurling League v Ballinteer St Johns

Sunday 29-Oct 14:30 Home Junior B Football League Final v Naomh Olaf
ESKER CELTIC F.C.

For all queries on joining the club please contact the appropriate number by text only.

Academy - 2011 + 2012 - Garrett 085-8888042

To all Managers, Coaches, Parents & Players of Esker Celtic we would like to remind you of some very simple match day rules:

1. All Managers/Coaches should familiarise themselves with home fixtures especially those who are sharing the same pitch as you before or after your team’s game.
2. First team on the fixture list sets up corner flags and goals.
3. Last team on fixture list returns corner flags and goals.
4. If your child is part of the team your help is very much required.....Don't just walk off and leave everything to the coach/manager.
5. The Club is run by volunteers so dig deep and lend a helping hand on match day please......and always put your litter in the bin.

Winter Training Programme
Notice to all Parents, Managers, Coaches
As we enter the winter training programme we would encourage parents/guardians of the younger players to stay at or around the training location for the one-hour period. Please be advised not to leave valuables on show in the car at the various locations.

Clubhouse Sports Shop
Now available to order from the Clubhouse Esker hats and scarves. Great for parents and supporters standing on the side-line supporting our superstars. Dare we say it.... a stocking filler in time for Christmas! Come on show your true colours. We also offer a wide variety of affordable club merchandise from match day shorts & socks to quality training gear. A customisation service is also available. All enquiries should be made through the Clubhouse at the weekends

The Club is looking for a Volunteer Caretaker that can commit to 3 mornings a week to carry out general maintenance work and supervise two workers on Back to Work Scheme. If you are interested please contact Paul on 087-2249903 or Colm on 087-2503456.

ST. MARY’S CARDS

1st: Prim Dempsey
2nd: Gerry Beirne
3rd: Eugene McGarrell
4th: Josie Carey.
Church Notices – 22nd October 2017
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mission Sunday

St. Mary’s Lucan

Sunday Masses:
Vigil Saturday, 6.30 pm, 8.45am, 9.45am,
11am, 12.15pm and 7pm

Weekday Masses:
Monday – Saturday 10 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
(Nuns Chapel), on Thursday 2pm-4pm
and Saturday 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday after 10 am Mass and after the
6.30pm Mass

Baptisms:
Baptism will take place every weekend.
We ask parents to call to the Sacristy to
book at least one month before ceremony.

Divine Mercy Lucan South

Sunday Masses:
Vigil Saturday, 6.30 pm, 10.30 am and 12
noon

Weekday Masses:
10am. Monday to Friday 9.15am

Adoration and Prayer:
Adoration – Friday 10am-3pm
Prayer Group – Monday 7.30pm-8.30pm
Scripture Reading – Tuesday 9.45am-
10.45am

Baptisms:
Parents are asked to attend an information
meeting before making arrangements or
booking dates.

Lucan Methodist Church

Sunday: 10am Holy Communion

St. Patrick’s
Esker / Dodsboro / Adamstown

Sunday Masses:
Vigil Saturday, 7.00 pm, 9am, 10.30am and 12
noon Folk Mass

Weekday Masses:
Monday to Saturday 10am

Please Note: Change of Mass Times for Holy
Days. As and from August 2017, Masses for
Holy Days will be as follows: Vigil 7pm, 10 am
(the Noon Mass is being discontinued)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays after 10 am Mass and after the
6.30pm Mass

Baptisms:
1st and 3rd Sundays at 12.45pm and 2nd Saturday
at 12.30pm. At least four weeks’ notice is
required to facilitate preparation. Applications
between 10am and 1.00pm Monday to Friday at
Parish Office or after any Mass as Parents are
required to attend a pre-Baptism Meeting.
Bookings cannot be accepted on the telephone or
by email.

St. Andrew’s Church of Ireland

Sunday:
St. Andrew’s - 9am and 10am
St. Mary’s Leixlip 11.30am

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Sunday: 10.30am Morning Worship
Crèche and Children’s Ministry.
All Welcome.

Gospel Baptist Church
Pastor Les Hill,
Church Office: 085-190 2454
Web: www.LucanChurch.com

The Rosary
will be recited at the Marian Shrine Dodsboro each evening in October
Monday to Friday at 7.30 pm, except Bank Holidays.
All welcome to join us.