

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

## "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move"

The theme for World Mission Sunday today, is '*Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move*'. Pope Francis explains in his message for Mission Sunday: "For this year's World Mission Sunday, I have chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24:13-35): "Hearts on fire, feet on the move". Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen".

I can certainly recall as child meeting various nuns and priests that were "home from the missions" for their holidays which might only have been once every three years or so. I was always very impressed by their faith and commitment as well as their dedication to the third world countries where they worked. Also, in hindsight, they came over as happy, contented and fulfilled in their missionary work despite the sacrifices they had to make.

We had a family friend who worked as a Spiritan missionary in Sierra Leone for 26 years and, on his visits home, he would tell us stories about travelling around to the various out stations of his vast parish on a motor bike or a pick-up truck and the work he did building schools and hospitals often assisting the workers with his own hands. Unfortunately, there was a serious armed conflict in Sierra Leone in the 1990s and he was caught up in an ambush and was killed along with a number of other people while trying to evacuate a hospital.

Pope Francis concludes his message by saying: "Just as the two disciples of Emmaus told the others what had taken place along the way (cf. Lk 24:35), so too our proclamation will be a joyful telling of Christ the Lord".

Let us pray this weekend for all missionaries whose vocation it is to spread the Gospel far from home. May we be inspired by their example of selfless service and hard work. And let is also reflect on the example of their lives as we try our best to support their work and spread the Gospel in our own parish community.

Deacon Gerard - Malahide-Portmarnock grouping of parishes.

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

#### Our telephone number is 0818 07 5090

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – <u>lucan@citinfo.ie</u> Our office is located in the Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre, Ballyowen, Lucan



#### Opening hours

#### Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am - 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

#### **Reception open**

Tuesday:10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pmWednesday:10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pmThursday:10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pmWe 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

**Treoir** is the National Specialist Information Service for unmarried parents and their children providing clear and up-to-date information free of charge to parents who are not married to each other and to those involved with them. Treoir is also a charity with CHY number 8877

#### **Treoir: Principles**

Treoir recognises that there are many different types of families in Ireland including unmarried parents whether they are cohabiting or not.

Treoir is committed to ensure that families not based on marriage, whether they are cohabiting or not, are recognised, respected and protected.

Treoir supports and promotes the rights of all children as listed in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Treoir believes that all children have a right to know both their parents, and to be loved and cared for by them.

#### TREOIR Information line – 01 6700120,

www.treoir.ie – this website has information and publications on various matters including the 2023 information booklet for unmarried parents. This booklet has information on many issues unmarried parents need to think about eg, Money following the birth, Guardianship, Access, Custody, Maintenance, Returning to Education, Pregnancy Counselling services etc. (36+ pages)

#### **BUDGET 2024**

#### Help with energy costs

All domestic electricity customers will get  $\notin$ 450 off their electricity bills. The energy credit will be paid in 3 instalments of  $\notin$ 150. The first payment will be made in December 2023, the second will be made in January 2024 and the third will be made in March 2024.

A €300 once-off lump sum will be paid to people getting Fuel Allowance in November 2023. See 'Social welfare' above.

The reduced 9% VAT rate for gas and electricity will be extended for 12 months to 31 October 2024.

The temporary excise rate reductions on auto diesel, petrol and marked gas oil due to expire on 31 October 2023 will be extended until 31 March 2024.

#### Parent's Benefit

Parent's Benefit will increase from 7 weeks to 9 weeks from August 2024.

#### Carer's Allowance

The Carer's Allowance income disregard will increase to  $\notin$ 450 for a single person and  $\notin$ 900 for a couple from June 2024.

#### Domiciliary Care Allowance

Domiciliary Care Allowance will increase by  $\notin 10$  to  $\notin 340$  per month from January 2024.

#### **Employment programmes**

People on Community Employment (CE), Tús, Rural Social Scheme or the Work Placement Experience Programme will get an increase of  $\notin$ 12 per week from January 2024.

#### Free Travel Scheme

From July 2024, the Free Travel Scheme will be extended to people who are medically certified unfit to drive.

#### Employer and employee PRSI rates

All PRSI contribution rates will increase by 0.1% from 1 October 2024.

#### Minimum wage

The national minimum wage will increase by  $\notin 1.40$  to  $\notin 12.70$  per hour from 1 January 2024.

Workers not entitled to minimum wage You are not entitled to receive the national minimum wage if you are:

Employed by a close relative (for example, a spouse, civil partner or parent)

In a statutory apprenticeship Aged under 20.



## LUCAN RED CROSS

Lucan Red Cross **Old Folk's Party** will be held in the Springfield Hotel on the 17th December.

If you are 66 years of age or over and collect your pension in Lucan and would like to attend our party and are not already on our list from previous years you can contact the following people: Bernadette Cummins Phone: 01 6282661 (*between 6 / 7pm*) Mary Cullen Phone 01 6245076 (*between 6 / 7pm*)

## Please contact us as soon as possible on the above numbers.

If you contact us after the 19th November you will be automatically put on our list for next year.

## **Lucan Lions Club**

Many thanks to all who supported our Table Quiz held in Lucan Sarsfields on Friday last. We had 23 paid up teams and we are grateful for those who participated on the night, those who made donations and the various public representatives who sponsored each round of the quiz. Many thanks to Lucan Sarsfields, to Paul O'Farrell for his invaluable assistance on the night and to Seamus Clandillon for the Quiz accessories.



It was a highly successful night and a sum for  $\notin 3,000$  was raised.

We are extremely grateful for this support.

Mattie McCabe, PRO

## Lucan ICA

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct: The busy bees in our Crafts Group work from 10am till 12.30pm. *Tea Hostesses are:* Miriam Gavin and Marie O'Sullivan.



Once again we teach the T.Y. Students how to crochet a baby quilt. We are booked in for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October in St. Joseph's



Lucan Men's Shed is situated near the 12th Lock Adamstown to the rear of the Irish Wheelchair Association building.

The Shed is open from 11.00am to 1.00pm on

Tuesdays during which one of the many tools in use is the kettle. Activities on other days include weekly walks and trips to many places of interest.

Should you wish to join in, call to the Shed on a Tuesday morning (11.00am to 1.00pm) or contact Alan Nason 086 8211275 for further information.

## **Lucan Senior Citizens**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct:



Halloween Party in St. Mary's Parish Centre 10.30 – 12.30.

All Witches welcome! Dress-up is optional. Gala Bingo!

## Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

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

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

### Minder & Toddler Group

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



## **Parish Notes**

### St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

#### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

#### Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

#### Annual Mass of Remembrance

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

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

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

#### November Altar List of the Dead:

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

#### **Christian Meditation:**

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

#### **Divine Mercy Devotion:**

During exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy with devotions, is prayed every Wednesday morning in St. Mary's parish church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral). *Divine Mercy Lucan Devotion St Mary's*.

#### St Mary's Scripture Reflection:

Every Monday Evening 7.30 - 8.30pm in the Bungalow. **JOIN US** - You are Welcome to come any Monday. We reflect on the Gospel Reading of the following Sunday.

#### **Bethany Bereavement Support Group:**

We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 10.45am and 4<sup>th</sup> 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*.

#### **CHURCH ART CALENDARS FOR 2024**

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

#### **Baptisms:**

Dates are bookable on line. If you need to cancel email: <a href="mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com">secretary@lucanparish.com</a>

#### 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.

#### **Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:**

After Saturday 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

#### **Legion of Mary:**

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

#### Coffee Dock Open:

Every Sunday Morning and Weekdays 10am to 12 noon. *All Welcome*.

**Deepest Sympathy** to the wife, family and friends of *John Lordan*, Ardeevin. *May he rest in peace*.



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Society of	f St. Vincent de Paul

Society of St. Vincent de Paul St Mary's Conference, Lucan

For assistance, phone: 01 8550022 or email: <u>info@svp.ie</u>

## St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

#### St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

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

#### **Confessions:**

Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass only.

#### Tea/Coffee:

Every Wednesday Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome*.

## **Divine Mercy, Lucan South**

www.lucansouthparish.net



**Sunday Mass Times:** Saturday Vigil: 6pm. Sunday Masses:10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on www.lucansouthparish.net

**Rosary:** For the month of October in memory of Our Blessed Lady the youth ministry will pray the **Rosary after 12pm Mass on Sundays** and everyone is very welcome.

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There will be refreshments after Mass in the St. John Paul II Room.

Everyone is welcome and you can invite someone who is in need of healing to come to this Mass.



**St Joseph's Young Priests Society, Lucan Branch** A special Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Main celebrant: Fr. Seamus McEntee, Spiritual Director of St. Josephs Young Priests Society.

Please come and celebrate this special night with us as we pray for vocations to the priesthood and learn about the great work carried out by this very important society.

There will be refreshments after the Holy Mass with an opportunity to speak to Fr. Seamus.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:** The aim is to pray for vocations and also try to help seminarians financially. We also assist seminarians throughout the world spiritually. We would gladly welcome new members. **Next meeting will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10.40am.** 

## Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle Fri: 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.

**Prayers of the Church:** Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am. The Church is open Monday to Friday from **10am to 1pm** for private prayers.

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

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

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

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

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

## **Mission Sunday**

**THIS** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> there is a special collection in aid of Mission Ireland.

This will replace the Share Collection at all Masses.



## **Meditation Meet-Up**

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

## Birthday Remembrance

#### ANTHONY CARTY 81<sup>st</sup> Birthday - 20<sup>th</sup> October

1st Away From Home I miss the strength you brought me Anthony And the comfort that it gave And on your birthday it's so hard Pretending to be brave But I've found hidden courage And it helps to see me through It guides me and protects me And I know it comes from you Here on earth we shared a life As happy as could be And I never took for granted All you meant to me So I shall spend your birthday Dreaming that you're here Helping me to wipe away Every silent tear. Love you so much and will miss you forever, your heartbroken wife Mary xxx

A special smile A special face, A special Dad we can't replace You gave your love Your whole life through God bless you Dad We love you too A loving father is now at rest For each of us he did his best His love was great His heart was kind A beautiful memory left behind. Loved and missed so much from your loving children Sandra, Gavin and Lorraine xxx

How very much you're missed Is something you will never know You left behind the broken hearts Of those who loved you so A sea of tears and endless grief Would simply ebb away If only you could celebrate Your special day today This birthday token brings you love It's just a simple touch To let you know how dear you are You'll always mean so much. Loved and missed so much from your grandchildren Lauren, Craig, Kellie, Hanna and Ronan xxx

## Anniversaries

## MARIE DEVINE

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 19<sup>th</sup> October

In loving memory You will always be forever special Sadly missed and never forgotten, Willie, Caroleanne, Lisa and Rachel

#### JOYCE O'BRIEN

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

You gave us years of happiness Then sorrow came with tears You left us lovely memories We will treasure through the years As our hearts were crushed and sore. *Always love you, from family* 

#### JIM O'HARA

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 19<sup>th</sup> October

Just as you are You will always be Special in our memory. Sadly, missed by your loving wife Chrissie, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren xx

#### ANN MURRAY

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary – 20<sup>th</sup> October

The leaves may fall The sun may set But those we love We never forget. Deeply loved, sadly missed and always remembered by her daughters, son and extended family

## Accord Lucan

## Requires a Volunteer Receptionist



For further details, please contact Lucy at 6010844 (leave a message) or email <u>lucan@accorddublin.ie</u>



### Lucan Drama

Opening Night is almost here and only a few tickers remain. Please visit www.gr8events.ie/lucan drama

**Best Half Foot Forward** (by Peter Tobin) directed by Jack Flanagan.

The story of 4 men going stir crazy at the end of a weeks holiday in the wilds of Cavan. This play explores masculinity and friendship and the hilarious acts of competition that can ensue.

We look forward to welcoming you all to the Lucan SPA next week.

## Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep since 1957.





in aid of The Mater Foundation Day Care Unit for Older People



#### Congratulations to all the Junior Cert Students who received their results this week. Onward and upward now for all!

#### Down, but they'll rise again

- that's our Rugby Boys in Green! It was a great battle, and Birdie thinks that maybe New Zealand will come out on top in the long run. Indeed, the game is not for the feint hearted!

**Storm Babet** did horrendous damage down south, particularly in the Cork area. Thankfully, Lucan escaped it all.....

**Best Wishes to Lucan Drama** who put on their plays this coming week. Sounds very exciting!

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

#### **Date for your diary..... Table Quiz** in aid of Liffey Sound

96.4fm, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, in Lucan Sarsfields!



## Scoil Mhuire GNS Junior Infants 2024

Scoil Mhuire Girls National School is now accepting applications for enrolment for Junior Infants in September 2024.

Applications can be downloaded from

our school website at

www.smgnslucan.com

Or you email the school for an application form. Email: application 2024@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, and a current household utility bill (proof

and a current household utility bill (proof of address).

The closing date for applications will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.



## St. Joseph's College

Senior camogie: Well done to our senior camogie team who had a great victory over close neighbours Mountsackville in the Dublin Senior 'A' camogie championship. The game was very competitive but St Joseph's pulled away in the end to record a victory. This is the girls' second game in the group. They will play St Mary's Naas next, where a victory will seal a place in the semifinals. St Joseph's are the defending champions in the competition.



**Junior Cycle results:** The very best of luck to all our students receiving their Junior Cycle results on Wednesday. The students are going to Leisureplex on Wednesday morning and will then

return to the school in the afternoon to receive their results.

6<sup>th</sup> year parent – teacher meeting: The 6<sup>th</sup> year parent teacher meetings will take place in the school this Thursday evening from



**Public speaking:** Transition year students have been taking public speaking classes this week with Alan Devine. Alan has previously acted in King Arthur, Hamlet, Vikings and Fair City and has over twenty years' experience working as an actor in Ireland. The public speaking workshops aim to show students how to find confidence in their voice and connect with their audience and member of the public. These skills with hopefully stand to the transition year students as they build up to their musical, Beauty and the Beast and also their work experience.

**LCVP work experience:** Best of luck to our 5<sup>th</sup> year LCVP students who are on work experience with local businesses and enterprises from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Litter picking: Keep an eye out around the village for our Green Schools Litter Pickers. The students are out every Friday afternoon, keeping their local town clean and tidy for the whole community.

4:15pm – 7pm. We are looking forward to welcoming the parents back into the school again for face to face meetings after the last few years taking place online.

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

## St. Mary's BNS Junior Infant Enrolment

We are now accepting applications for enrolment for Junior Infants in September 2024. Applications can be downloaded from our school website at www.stmarysbnslucan.com

Closing date for applications will be Fridav 17th November 2023.





## Lucan Community College

#### ADMISSIONS TO LUCAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2024/25

Reminder that the closing date for applications for 1st Year 2024 is 12 noon on Friday 27th October. Any applications received after this date are treated as late applications. The school admission policy and admission notice for 2024/25 school year are now available on our website www.lucancc.ie

## Transition Year students take part in LIFT programme

By Milana Bogusa (Transition Year, LCC) This year's TY students have been selected for the LIFT is a program. The programme, organised by Ms McKeever, allows young adults from fourth year to improve their leadership skills. The members of the LIFT program have meetings every Tuesday to discuss what activities to do and how to present them for every tutor class in fourth year. In the activities, we get into groups of 4/5and read and answer questions that are related to leadership and discuss them. Later on in the year of the LYFT program we start preparing for our training with the second years. The LYFT program is wonderful as you can get many achievements such as leadership skills also working with other people/younger people and developing good communication skills.

# Congratulations to our Transition Year students on receiving their Junior Cycle results!



Congratulations to our Transition Year students on receiving their Junior Cycle results on Wednesday 18th October. Students were delighted to receive their results after three years of hard work. Year Head Ms Clarke has shared her praise of her year group; 'They are a wonderful group of students and I am so proud of them and look forward to be with them as they experience this chapter in their education. A special thanks to our fabulous tutor team for all your guidance, support, fun and laughter, fairness and dealing with issues on a daily basis since First year. '



#### **October Bumper Newsletter**

The Lucan Community College October Newsletter will be available from next week ahead of the Midterm Break on our school website <u>www.lucancc.ie</u>

### St. Thomas' JNS Enrolment for Junior Infants September 2024 Now Open

Details at http://stthomasjns.com/Page/School-Admission/3622/Index.html



## **Coláiste Phádraig CBS**

Admissions 2024: A reminder that Enrolment application forms for new 1<sup>st</sup> yr students beginning in Sept 2024 are currently available from the school office. Completed forms must be returned to the school by **Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>** 2023. Applications received after this date will automatically be put on the waiting list.

Junior Cycle Results: Congratulations to our students who received their Junior Cycle results on Wednesday 17th October. The students met in the canteen for a lovely breakfast before receiving their results sheet from the principal Mr. Geraghty and Mr. Lyons, who was their Year Head for three years.

Overall, the results were excellent this year with lots of high grades in all subjects. The impressive results reflect very well on the hard work put in by the students over the course of three years that were severely disrupted by Covid regulations. Distinctions (90-100%) were achieved across virtually all subjects, in many cases exceeding the national average.



Joel Emmanuel was our top performer with an outstanding achieved 7 Distinctions (90-100%) and two Higher Merits (75-89%) so well done to him. There were lots of students with numerous Distinctions, which was testament to their application and diligence throughout the past three years.

All students that worked with the Learning Support team all passed their Junior Cycle exams so well done to them also.

Congratulations to all of our students on reaching a significant milestone in their education journey.

1<sup>st</sup> yr news: Our 1<sup>st</sup> yr students completed their six-week "Subject Taster" module last Friday which involved them trying out all six subject options available for a week each. The subjects involved are: Metalwork, Wood Technology, French, German, Technical Graphics and Visual Art. Making the decision to study unfamiliar subjects can be daunting at times for our young students so the taster module allowed them to experience in class the type of learning and skills involved in these subject areas. The students then had to make informed decisions based on their aptitudes and interests by choosing the two subjects that appealed to them the most.

**Transition Year:** A large group of our Transition Year students enjoyed an adventurous day excursion to Ticknock Forest last Wednesday. They were there to experience their famous Mountain Bike Trail, a network of purpose-built single track trails and forest roads that are designated for use by mountain bikes on a waymarked circular route of approximately 13km in length.

Under the guidance of two experienced instructors, the students went cycling through beautiful forest and heathland with spectacular views over Dublin City, Dublin Bay, Bray Head and the stunning Wicklow Mountains. The students cycled up challenging rocky forest road climbs that tested their leg power, fitness and stamina, before reaching tight, twisty single tracks with loads of adrenaline fuelled descents, tight turns and technical rocky bits.

Unfortunately, the weather was not favourable, with wind and rain throughout the day, but the students till enjoyed being out of class, cycling in the (very fresh!) air getting plenty of exercise. At the end of the cycle, the students rested their somewhat aching muscles and enjoyed some well-earned cappuccinos, hot chocolate and sweet treats at a spectacularly located café, with some sheltered outdoor seating and beautiful views of the coast.

Restart a Heart Day 2023 was held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Ms. Smith is keen to encourage students and staff to participate in CPR training and become equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to respond to emergencies promptly and effectively. To this end, she has set up the Transition Year CPR team of seven students, which aims to train all students in the school on how to carry out CPR. The team is planning a fundraiser in the coming weeks to purchase further CPR manikins. The school currently has five of these but the TY CPR team would like to purchase five more this year.

**Soccer:** Our senior soccer team were knocked out of the Leinster Cup last week after a narrow 3-2 1<sup>st</sup> rnd defeat to Ardgillan CC, Balbriggan. Kai Keogh and Tyler Doherty scored the Lucan goals and the team at least have the consolation of participation in the Leinster Shield competition which begins after mid-term.

### **Tidy Towns Competition Results 2023**

(Report continued from last week)

The etrance landscaping (on western / Dodsboro approach) at the welcome sign opposite the car park has a wonderful variety of plant species that include hydrangea, black eyed susan's, wallflowers, sage, agapanthus and hebe. The shrubbery at the entrance to Ardeevin also looked great and it was pleasing to see an emphasis on plant species here that are more likely to occur in the wild – such as buddleia, montbretia, yarrow, blackberry and lambs ear. The newly planted (or recently revamped?) bark based bed at the welcome stone to the north (at the Barnhill Crossroads) is another fine example of entrance landscaping with its black eyed susan's, Russian sage, agapanthus and ladies glove. The large timber planters which were positioned on each corner of the Liffev bridge looked very well and we were glad to note that they were stocked with pollinator friendly varieties such as shrubs, lavender, ladys glove and what appeared to be common hedgenettle. We would also like to commend your committee for the hard work undertaken on the landscaping carried out on the open spaces in Lucan.

We were very impressed with the size of some of the schemes as the long linear beds (such as the shrubberies beside St Edmundsbury Hospital and opposite Ballydowd Grove) offer the potential to become pollinator corridors. We are pleased to read that your committee is also taking a more responsible approach to grass mowing by leaving many areas uncut to promote the growth of pollen rich dandelions and other natural plants.

We were interested to read in your entry form that your committee and volunteers are now responsible for up to 30 planted schemes in your area and that the workload involved in their maintenance is increasing. Given that there are now such a high number of schemes in your care (many of which are extensive in size), we recommend that you take stock of all of your landscaping projects in the year ahead and assess if the maintenance of any of these projects can be delegated to other community-based groups or schools or keen gardeners in your area - as this exercise will enable you to move to a more sustainable work load in the years ahead

A high standard of litter control was visible in Lucan on adjudication day. This is a very good performance and it demonstrates that your regular litter patrols are working well and keeping litter levels down. We also applaud your ongoing collaborations on litter with your junior tidy towns group, Lucan Spring Clean and individual residents and residents groups - as the heightened awareness is also likely to be having a positive influence. The standard of tidiness is generally high with the many public areas, road sides and pathways appearing weed free and neatly swept. However, issues were spotted with signs and signpoles in a number of locations.

We were delighted to see such a wide diversity of residential areas in Lucan - as many different types of residential streets and housing areas could be found. We also enjoyed seeing the numerous mature residential areas in Lucan that included Sarsfield Close (with its attractive and well maintained central amenity area), Sarsfield Park with its entrance planting, linear green area and mature trees while Esker Lane also looked very well with its name stone, entrance green and tree planting. Both Chalet Gardens and Ballydowd Grove impressed with their name stones, trimmed grass verges and mature trees while Lucan Heights also stood out. The high quality landscaping schemes to be seen at the entrance to Ardeevin (with its large entrance shrubbery and rose bed) are also eye catching features - so well done to all concerned.

The approach roads into Lucan generally achieve a high standard of presentation. The eastern entrance (past Edmondsbury Hospital) forms a lovely approach to your area with its name stone, entrance planting, abundant shrubberies and landscaping – all of which create a very positive impression for the visitor. The approach from the north (via the historic single span Liffey Bridge) is similarly impressive with its entrance name stone, planters, mature trees and views of the Weir and the river Liffey.

The full adjudication report can be viewed by clicking on this link: <u>https://tidytowns-s3.s3.eu-west-</u> <u>1.amazonaws.com/u\_reports/2023/dublin/2023-</u> <u>Dublin-Lucan-173.pdf</u>

In conclusion we feel we made a very good impression on the adjudicator. So we want to thank everyone who helped in presenting Lucan Village in the Tidy Towns competition this year, in particular our own volunteers who give so generously of their time and hard work.

Kevin O'Loughlin Lucan Tidy Towns

## Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

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**Bonfires and Stockpiles:** If you are concerned about the gathering of stockpiles of wood, pallets, tyres etc in any area, or have noticed materials being amassed at in any of our green areas, you can contact the Council at <u>info@sdublincoco.ie</u> or by calling 01-4149000

Life Saving Defibrillators: This week Dublin Fire Brigade launched 14 Public Access Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) across all Dublin Fire Stations. This coincided with 'Restate A Heart' day on 16<sup>th</sup> October. Well done to all in DFB on this wonderfully important initiative!

**Dodsborough – District Enhancements Work:** 

Some residents raised concerns regarding the proposed works scheduled for the area to the front of the shops at Dodsboro. Specifically, concerns related to bollards removals and location of seating etc. I have requested more detail from the Council project team, and I will share soon as I know more.

#### **Cllr. Paul Gogarty**

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**Esker Cemetery litter:** On foot of reports, did a full check of cemetery this week. Found at least 60 bits of individual litter, including beer cans and a broken metal bench. The area needs a tidy up, including a final grass cut for what is now an extended season. From previous experience, staff tend to be occupied on other work before and after Halloween, but I've sought response from SDCC.

Wetland area Griffeen Valley Park: Have this on agenda for upcoming Area Committee meeting, following multiple complaints regarding inadequate signage or safety warnings to highlight this area, where the water can be higher than normal after heavy rainfall.

**Canal 12<sup>th</sup> Lock to Hazelhatch:** Revised drawings had to be issued by ESB and Waterways Ireland. As a result project delayed but hoped to go to tender by end of year.

## Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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**Cost of Living Payment Dates:** The Electricity Credit  $\in$ 150 will be credited to all household electricity accounts from 1st December.1st January and 1st March (total  $\in$ 450). From 20th November.  $\in$ 400 lump sum Working Family Payment.  $\in$ 300 Fuel Allowance Lump Sum Payment to 409,000 households. €400 Disability Support Grant. From 27th November €400 Carer's Support Grant will be provided to the country's carers. €200 lump sum payment to the 237,000 people in receipt of the Living Alone Allowance. €100 cost of living lump sum payment per child for people receiving an Increase for a Qualified Child. From 4th\_December Christmas Bonus Double Payment will be paid to over 1.3 million people.

Double Child Benefit on December 5<sup>th</sup>. From 29th January. Social Welfare Double Payment. All lump sum supports automatically paid – no application required. If you have any questions, please let me know.

#### Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

Email: smoynihan@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie Web: www.shanemoynihan.ie Phone: 087-7840898. FB: cllrshanemoynihan. Twitter: @shanemoynihan **Bus Services:** I continue to raise the need for additional capacity on the C-spine routes for Lucan. I was pleased to secure some small progress from the NTA last week where they committed to me that they are currently undertaking a capacity demand review on the C1 and C2 routes, having committed to adding additional capacity on the C3 and C4 in the coming weeks.

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

Local Policing Forum: Thanks to all Lucan residents who attended the Ronanstown subdistrict Local Policing Forum where concerns around Garda visibility in the area were discussed.

Más rud é gur fearr leat do ghnó leis an gComhairle Contae a dhéanamh trí mheán na Gaeilge, cuirim fáilte roimh chomhfhreagras agus teagmháil as Gaeilge.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit Phone: 085-7211574. Email: ginokenny@oir.ie Palestinian Solidarity Protest Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1pm Garden of Remembrance

**Dublin:** This Saturday at the Garden of Remembrance at 1pm there will be a solidarity protest called by the Irish Palestinian Solidarity Campaign. Israel's continued collective punishment against Palestinians is reprehensible. We are calling for ending the siege on Gaza and an immediate ceasefire. All Welcome.





**AGM**. The Annual General Meeting of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club will take place on Thursday November 23rd at 9pm in the Function Room at the Clubhouse. All proposed motions, recommendations and nominations for Officer Positions on the Executive should be submitted to me, Club Secretary, by **9th November**, **2023**. All submissions must be made in writing or by email. They can be left in the post box in the Club café, posted to the Club address or emailed to: <u>secretary.lucansarsfields.dublin@gaa.ie</u> More details and the nomination form for officer positions can be found on the web

Hurling. This was championship semi-final weekend for the higher - level adult championships and Lucan were involved on two fronts. Our Junior As had a narrow win over Whitehall to secure a place in the Junior B Championship final, and promotion to the Junior A championship for next year. However, it was a disappointing day for our seniors as they lost out to Na Fianna by 4 points in the senior semi-final in Parnell Park. See match reports below. Meanwhile our Junior Bs and Junior Cs both effectively secured their passage to the knockout stages with wins over Na Fianna and Garda respectively.

Junior B Hurling Championship Semi-final Lucan Sarsfields 1-17 Whitehall Colmcille 2-13. 12th Lock, 15/10/2023. Senior Hurling Championship Semi-final Na Fianna 0-18 Lucan Sarsfields 0-14.

**Camogie.** Senior Camogie capture Division 1

Shield A busy weekend for adult camogie with the senior team contesting a shield final against Ballinteer. There was very little between these sides when they met earlier in the year in the Leinster league quarter final. The scoring dominance continued in the second half, with a full-time score of 6-23 to 0-8. Claiming the shield was a good way to round off the season. NGDC Abbotstown, it was an ideal day for camogie.

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

#### The Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club 25 Card

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

Healthy Club - On Saturday morning at the nursery and at the U9LF training, Colette and Ciara from the Healthy Club committee distributed donor cards for the Irish Kidney Association. Donor cards have been left in the cafe for anyone who would like to pick one up. Why are more donors needed? Because transplantation is now so successful, an increasing number of patients are able to benefit from the procedure. Because of the limited opportunities for organ donation there is a need to ensure that every opportunity is taken so ensuring your family know your wishes is important.

#### Healthy Club are hosting a Senior Citizens Sunday Lunch on Sunday, 19th November.

All enquires for tickets or from anyone who would like to help out or provide entertainment can contact the Healthy Club Committee or Colette @ 086 3799270.

**Lotto.** No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of  $\notin$ 5,400. The Numbers were 9, 10, 18, 21. The lucky dip prizes go to John Ryan, Josephine Mahon, Pat Glover, Willie Coogan and Mary Rigney.

#### Intermediate Camogie claim Intermediate 2 Championship trophy

Parnell Park, 15/10/2023.

The Intermediate team, having gone unbeaten in the group games, came up against a strong N Maur team who also had the same track record. Playing on the perfect surface in



Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €5,800. The draw is sponsored by O'Grady Hearing Care Services and will be led by Frank Flemming.





## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

#### Maidin Oscailte san Acadamh

Maidin den scoth. Ceol, Spraoi, Iomáint, Peil agus Uachtar Reoite! Míle buíochas do Shinéad Ní Bhearbóir agus na cuntóirí uilig, Clann Uí Bhreacháin ag seinnt ceoil, leaids ó na Buachaillí F15 agus na Cailiní F14, na péintéirí aghaidhe, an Bartman (fear an uachtair reoite), Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig as ucht an trealamh agus gach duine a thug cabhair. Mar a deireann ráiteas misin CLG "Tá áit dúinn uilig anseo"! NGÓ abú!

#### Buachaillí F11 - Iomáint

Dhá chluiche diana iomána in aghaidh Chill Mochuda na gCrócaigh. Cé nach ndeachaigh na torthaí ar ár mbealach bhí neart imirt iontach fós le feiceáil ar na páirceanna. Rinne na buachaillí go han-mhaith leanúint ar aghaidh ag imirt dá chéile agus gan éirí as go dtí an fheadóg dheireanach.

#### Buachaillí F11 - Peil

Dhá chluiche diana i gcoinne ClannaGael Fontenoy.D'imir na leaids go han-mhaith le pasanna agus scóranna iontacha.Ar an gcéad pháirc, bhí Luke Hickey cosúil le cat sa chúl, cosaint láidir ó Shayne Lynagh, Sean McLoughlin agus Ronan De Paor, dáileadh den scoth ó Eoin Keogh agus Rhys Reilly agus scóranna iontacha ó Jack O Leary agus Cian MacGiollaPhádraig chun tosaigh.Ar an dara páirc cúl bhí mballa sa chúl le Orin Crowe, cosaint iontach ó Dara Canning agus James Hickey, pas iontach agus sár-scileanna i lár na páirce ó Conor Sheehan, Aodhfin Farelly agus Donnchadh Büttner, agus scóranna breátha ó Ruairí Mac Giolla Phádraig. An imirt ar fad ó gach duine!!!!

#### Buachaillí F15 - Iomáint

Bhí bua iontach ag an bhfoireann F15 sa chluiche leath-ceannais sraithe.

Bhí scóranna cinniúnacha ó Caolin Reilly agus sabháil dochréidte i dtreo an deireadh ó Sean Anderson a chinntigh an bua.

Bhí taispeantais iontach ann ó Adam Ó Bradaigh, Jake Nesbitt agus Sam Wright Graydon. Bogfaidh na lads ar aghaidh anois le cluiche

ceannais i gceann coicís.

#### Cailíní F8 - Peil

Bhí na cailíní go hiontach arís ar maidin. Roinnt dóibh ag teacht amach as a gcompord anois agus ag obair go han-dian i rith na gcluichí ó thús go deireadh. Níor stop siad go dtí an nóiméad deireanach. "Mol an Óige agus Tiocfaidh Sí"



**Buachaillí F9 - Peil**. Bhí maidin álainn ag na buachaillí faoi 9 inniu le dhá chluichí iontacha in aghaidh Naomh Caoimhín-Cillian. Ba iad Oisin O'D & Danny na himreoirí is sciliúla inniu. Maith sibh a bhuachaillí go léir & Lá breithe sona do Riley!





#### Buachaillí F12 -Iomáint

Bhí lá álainn ag an bhFoireann F12 ag an mblitzchomórtas a d'eagraigh Cill Mochuda na Crócaigh, i gColáiste Ollscoile Bhaile Átha Cliath ar an Domhnach. D'imir an fhoireann 4 chluiche ar an iomlán. Bhuaigh siad 3 chinn, an chraobh san áireamh agus

an t-aon chluiche a chaill siad, chaill siad é le díreach pointe amháin! Scóráil an fhoireann 4-7 sna cluichí, agus níor ghéill siad ach 4 phointe thar an lá ar fad.Ghlac 24 fhoireann páirt sa chomórtas- foirne ó Ghaillimh, Corcaigh agus Luimneach ina measc. Ba mhór an ónóir é cuireadh a fháil chun páirt a ghlacadh ann. Lá den scoth a bhí ann do na páistí agus a gclanna araon.



#### Results 6th October 2023 (9 Holes). Members Names

1<sup>st</sup> Oliver Tutty 20 pts. 2<sup>nd</sup> Martin Malone 20 pts 3<sup>rd</sup> Martin Curtis 19 pts. 4<sup>th</sup> Greg Colclough 18 pts. 5<sup>th</sup> Don Sullivan 18 pts. 6<sup>th</sup> Pat O Toole 16 pts. 7<sup>th</sup> Joe Curtis 16 pts. 8<sup>th</sup> Martin Rankin 16 pts 9<sup>th</sup> Niall McCabe 15 pts. 10<sup>th</sup> Dermot Doherty 15 pts. 11<sup>th</sup> Sellars Rankin 14 pts. 12<sup>th</sup> Liam Price 14 pts. 13<sup>th</sup> Keith Doherty 14 pts. 14<sup>th</sup> Martin Dobbs 12 pts. 15<sup>th</sup> Michael Downes 12 pts. 16<sup>th</sup> Larry Weldon 11 pts. 17<sup>th</sup> Martin Sullivan 11 pts Sponsor: Greg Colclough.

Nearest the Pin Greg Colclough. Sponsor: Stuart Clarke. Long Drive Trevor Tilley.



#### Visitors Names:

1<sup>st</sup> Eoghan Light 21 pts. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trevor Callaghan 18 pts. 3<sup>rd</sup> Stuart Clarke 17 pts. 4<sup>th</sup> Mick Dunne 16 pts. 5<sup>th</sup> Martin Coyne 16 pts. 6<sup>th</sup> Michael Lax 15 pts. 7<sup>th</sup> Gerry Light 14 pts. 8<sup>th</sup> Cathal Light 14 pts 9<sup>th</sup> Colin Downes 12 pts. 10<sup>th</sup> Cathal O Hara 12 pts. 11<sup>th</sup> William Curruth 12 pts. 12<sup>th</sup> Larry Downes 12 pts. 13<sup>th</sup> Sean Murray 9 pts.



## *L-R: Martin Curtis, Oliver Tutty (Winner), Joe Curtis.*



## Political Notes Cont'd.....

Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

Tel: 0858317982. <u>vcasserly@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie</u> **Footpath Repairs**: Following representation made on behalf of residents of Finnstown Cloisters, happy to report severe footpath trip hazards have been made safe under the programme of works.

**Bulbs not Bonfires**: This programme is now open for applications, if you are a residents group interested in applying, feel free to get in touch and I will support you in your application.

**South Dublin Chamber Awards:** Best wishes to the many local business including The Dispensary Co Working Space for best new start up, Feargal McCarthy Painting and decorating services and best not for profit, Finding Charlies Voice to name but a few. South Dublin Chambers Awards night, supports, honours and recognises the success of the business community within the county.

#### Caroline Brady - Fine Gael - PC

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As I continue on my Local Focus and Focus on Lucan issues many of you are raising active aging queries with me. Below are updates which you may find useful.

Increased funding for Older People: This will see a total of €2.621bn secured for older people, including increases for nursing homes, the provision of Meals on Wheels services, as well as weekend activity clubs for those with young-onset dementia. The Department of Health expects to deliver more than 22m hours of home support, more than has ever been delivered before.

**Energy Credits:** You will see  $\notin$ 450 coming off your energy bills over the coming months applied as  $\notin$ 150 December 1st.  $\notin$ 150 January 1st.  $\notin$ 150 March 1st. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to make contact.

#### Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Adamstown meeting: I was invited to attend a local policing meeting in Adamstown. It was well attended, and a number of concerns were raised. If vou're part of a resident's association or neighbourhood watch and would like to be connected to Lucan Gardai, you can contact me, and I will assist. Huge thanks to Supt. Intendant Paul Dolan and his colleagues for arranging the meeting. I will follow up on the issues raised on the night. Woodview Heights junction: I made a request to have the junction at Woodview Heights re-examined and to put in new road markings to provide a safer crossing at our next Traffic Management Meeting. New Pedestrian Crossing: Delighted to report that works have commenced to put in a new Pedestrian crossing at Tesco (Hillcrest) pedestrian entrance, this is one of a number of measures I've worked on.

### St. Mary's Camera Soirée

At long last there is good news about the Soiree's 11<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition. Thanks to our friends in St. Andrew's we have been able to secure suitable stands for the exhibition. It will take place in St. Mary's

Parish Centre on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023. So, it is full steam ahead with preparations. All photographs will have to be selected by 11<sup>th</sup> November to allow time for printing, mounting and framing. There will be further details in the Newsletter nearer the time.

This week pride of place must go to Josie's photographs of the spectacular floral display to celebrate the harvest on the altar of St. Mary's. Hannah and her team have excelled themselves this year. The imaginations that create such fantastic displays are wonderful talents. I particularly like the use of pumpkins as flowerpots on each side of the altar.

Donal has shared some more of his photographs taken at the Friday Market in Clisson while he was in France recently. The food looks delicious. For those who do not know their France, Clisson is one of 207 communes in the Loire-Atlantique department in the Pays de la Loire region in western France. It is about 27km from Nantes the administrative seat of the Loire-Atlantique department and the Pays de la Loire region.











Until the next time stay safe!