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### ***"The Church would seem foolish without lay people."***

These words of Saint John Henry Newman perfectly describe the rationale for the Synod for a Synodal Church which opened in Rome last week. Pope Francis said, "The synod offers us the opportunity to become a listening church, to break out of our routine and pause from our pastoral concerns in order to stop and listen."

As the Dublin Diocesan Synodal Committee explains, "this Synod process is underpinned by the belief that Our God is not remote, but is involved in our affairs, has hopes and dreams for us as individuals, as parishes and as a diocese. God is pursuing His plan for the universe, but He desires and needs our cooperation – we are his eyes, ears, tongue, hands, and feet. We must therefore constantly try to detect His voice, listen, and pursue His will, as the Gospel Acclamation in today's Liturgy reminds us: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord." (John 10:27).

Archbishop Dermot Farrell describes the Synod as follows: "synodality has existed since the time of the early church, but which fell into disuse; it was revived by Pope Saint Paul VI as a way of gathering together a variety of voices from across the church. Later, the model was promoted by Pope Saint John Paul II, who convened many synods during his pontificate. Synodality is an attempt to harness the energy of all the members of God's people, to involve them in discerning what God's wants from us."

The Archbishop adds that we can engage with the Synodal process in the coming weeks by "by praying daily for the success of the process, by informing ourselves about what is happening in the process and by embracing its fruits as they emerge".

I conclude with the words of Pope Francis, "we ask the Holy Spirit first of all for the gift of listening: to listen to God, that with him we may hear the cry of the people; to listen to the people until breathing in the will to which God calls us."

#### **Deacon Gerard**

*Gerard is a Permanent Deacon of the Diocese working in the Malahide-Portmarnock grouping of parishes.*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

[www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

Email – [lucan@citinfo.ie](mailto:lucan@citinfo.ie)

Our office is located in the Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre, Ballyowen, Lucan



### Opening hours

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

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

### Reception open

Tuesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Thursday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

**Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS)** is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8pm on 0818 07 4000

**MABS** – the Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over 20 years. MABS phone service is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm on 0818 07 2000

### Fire Safety Week 9th – 15th October 2023

#### Theme: “Safer Together”.

National Fire Safety Week aims to enhance fire safety, particularly in the home.

In the new blended working world many of us are spending more time at home so it is more important than ever that we are all informed as to the steps we can take to protect ourselves and our homes from fire.

This year for Fire Safety Week we will be focusing particularly on fire safety in the home and that we are “Safer Together”.

People will be encouraged to check in on their neighbours in the Community, particularly the Elderly and vulnerable.

Fire safety leaflets can be downloaded in a variety of languages from the website.

[www.firesafetyweek.ie](http://www.firesafetyweek.ie)

### How to keep your child safe online

If your child spends time online, you should understand the risks that could put them in danger. Online dangers include:

**Loss of privacy:** Sharing information in public that should be kept private (after information is posted online, it is outside your child's control)

**Inappropriate content:** Adult material, hate speech, violence, dangerous dares or challenges

**Cyberbullying:** Bullying in the form of abusive and threatening texts or emails, messages on social media and chat rooms, or the posting of photos or video clips

**Online grooming:** Individuals targeting children through sexual coercion or extortion, usually on social media or gaming platforms

The most important thing is to communicate with your children about what they are doing online. Familiarise yourself with the apps and websites they are using.

Talk to your child about the important features and settings they can use, including:

*How to adjust* the security and privacy settings

*How to block* or unfriend someone

*How to delete* their own profile and account

*How to deal* with inappropriate content (such as: turn off the screen, use the back button, tell a trusted adult, or report the content to the website or app where they found it)

There are also practical ways to safeguard your child online. These include using:

**Parental controls:** Allowing you to manage your children's use of online services and devices

**Filters:** Restricting access to specific content by using services such as SafeSearch on search engines

**Time tracker tools:** Keeping track of your child's social media use through tools available on social media apps

Learning about the internet is the best way for you to protect your child from online dangers. You can get lots of information and advice on online safety on our website  
Online safety ([citizensinformation.ie](http://citizensinformation.ie))

### How to protect yourself online

Adults should also be aware of potential threats and take measures to stay safe online. Cybercrime is increasingly common and comes in many different forms, so it is important to protect yourself.

You can read more in our page on how to avoid scams on our website.

## Christening Day Greetings

Wishing **Beatrix** and **Walter**

A very happy Christening Day

*With love always*

*From the Tarpey and Flynn Families*



## To our local Councillors.....

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

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



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

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

*(Contact details with Lucan Newsletter)*



We wish to thank the parishioners of St Patrick's Parish Esker-Doddsboro-Adamstown for their generous

donations to our bucket collection at all masses last sunday. We collected €543.68 which will help to defray some of our expenses.

This coming weekend we will be in St Mary's parish at all the masses we look forward to meeting you all.

*Pat Quinn,  
Chairperson,*

*Liffey Sound Community Radio Lucan.*

[www.liffeysoundfm.ie](http://www.liffeysoundfm.ie)

## Sarsfield Park Residents Assoc.

Sarsfield Park Residents Association Meeting  
Kenny's back lounge Monday 9th October.

*All welcome.*



## Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

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

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

## Lucan ICA

*Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> Oct:* Our Crafty ladies continue with their various projects while enjoying the chats with each other and the welcome cuppa tea.

**Tea Hostesses:** Fiona Guinan and Carmel Lyons.

Thank you to Mary Duffy, Mary Curley and Miriam Gavin who represented Lucan Guild at the I.C.A. Structures and Planning Meeting and the Dublin Federation Meeting on Saturday.

Get well wishes to any member not well at this time.



# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

[www.lucanparish.com](http://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](http://www.lucanparish.com)



### St. Mary's Readers' Roster

**October 2023:** The roster for readers at the Saturday Vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of October has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

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

**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.*

**Baptisms:** Dates are bookable on line. If you well need to cancel email:  
[secretary@lucanparish.com](mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com)

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

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

### Coffee Dock Open:

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

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

**Deepest Sympathy** to the family and friends of **Teresa Muldoon**, Esker Lawns and to the family and friends of **Therese Brannelly**, formerly Fforster Drive.

*May they rest in peace.*



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

For assistance, phone: 01 8550022  
or email: [info@svp.ie](mailto:info@svp.ie)

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

[www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://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](http://stpatrickslucan.ie)

### St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

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

**Confessions:** Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass only.

**Tea/Coffee:** Every Wednesday Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome.*



### St Vincent De Paul – St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all  
Masses **NEXT** Saturday/Sunday  
**October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Thank you for your generosity.*



## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://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](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

### Calling all Singers!



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

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

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

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

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

Come to a rehearsal or talk to us after Mass!

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

**Mon:** 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

**Fri:** 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

**Fri:** 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.

### Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

The Church is open Monday to Friday from **10am to 1pm** for private prayers.

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

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

**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. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month for 1 hour.

**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.

**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.*

**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.

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



## Medjugorje Mass 2023 St Mary Church, Lucan

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

**Mass at 6.15pm**

(Rosary and Prayers at 5.45pm)  
Available online at [lucanparish.com](http://lucanparish.com)



**Anam Cara South  
Dublin,** the

organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7:15pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

## Anniversaries

### MAUREEN LALLY

#### 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 8<sup>th</sup> October

A mother's love is ageless  
A crown that she has won  
Today I mourn and honour her  
For all that she has done  
You felt so very lonely mum  
Ever since dad died  
But you can walk together now  
Forever side by side.

*Greatly missed by your loving daughter, Debbie,  
son-in-law Peter and grandchildren - Niamh,  
Karla and Aine xxx*

### MAUREEN LALLY

Your life was a blessing  
Your memory a treasure  
You are loved beyond words  
And missed beyond measure  
Although we cannot see you  
You are with us every day  
For all the love we have for you  
Will never go away.

*Miss you dearly Mam xxx  
From Alison, Andy, Alisha, Ruth, Craig and  
Caden*

### MAUREEN LALLY

Late of AGP, Lucan.  
Thinking of you dear Mam  
On this your 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary away from home.  
God took you to Heaven to be with Dad  
We let go even though we were sad  
We cried so many tears that night  
But you were beaming with delight  
When God called your name  
Come on Maureen it will be alright  
Just hold my hand and follow the light  
You are going to be our shining star tonight  
We looked up to the sky that night  
And you were that star that shone so bright  
It's ok Mam I will be alright  
I would just love to hug and hold you tight  
But I know you are that shining star  
Guiding me at night  
Sleep peacefully Mam  
Love and miss you dearly

*Always remembered and not forgotten, your  
loving daughter Joyce, son-in-law Mark,  
grandsons Jonathan, Ciaran and Matthew and  
great grandson Ollie and granddaughter-in-law  
Trina xxxxxx*



### PHILIP McMANUS

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 10<sup>th</sup> October

In our hearts forever.

*Loved and remembered by your  
wife Mary, son Declan, daughter-in-law Laura  
and grandchildren Molly and Finn*

## Birthday Remembrance

### PADRAIC O'ROURKE

#### 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday – 8<sup>th</sup> October

Late of Roselawn.

'Happy Birthday Padraic'.

Thinking of you always our beloved Padraic  
And especially today on this your 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
Lots of love always.

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

Adamstown Community College (ACC)

## CAREER EVENT 2023

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

Date: 21st & 22nd November

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Location: ACC Sports Hall, Station Road, Lucan.

**Register Now**

To register for the career event email: [guidance@adamstowncc.ie](mailto:guidance@adamstowncc.ie)

Approval Number 2321



### BAPTISM CANDLES

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

## Palmerstown Camera Club

At Palmerstown Camera Club we hold a weekly meeting in person, every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm in the Palmerstown Parish Hall. People interested in joining the club or even attending one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting [secpcc@mail.com](mailto:secpcc@mail.com).

Recently in Palmerstown Camera Club, we had the judging night for a themed competition “open”, and below we have three of the winning images:

Advanced. “Grim and Kitty – Aoife Tierney”.



Intermediate. “Let me go – Owen Connolly”.



Novice. “Second Hand – Tom McGalay”.



**All eyes are on Paris** this weekend, as Ireland take on Scotland in the final group match. No doubt it will be breath-taking! Hope we all survive!!!



**We send greetings to Fr. Joe Coyne**, former Newsletter Editor, on his recent retirement from Hartstown Parish. A regular visitor to Lucan, we look forward to seeing him when in the area.

**Congratulations to The Society for Old Lucan**, on receiving an award in recognition of their work under the Heritage Council's Adopt A Monument Programme.

St. Finian's Church and Graveyard in Lucan dates back to medieval times and is one of the area's most historic structures. Since joining the Adopt a Monument programme, the Society for Old Lucan has worked with site owners, South Dublin County Council, to conserve the site for future generations.

**Budget Day next week!** Bit concerning hearing about the big money coming into Revenue being down. Not too easy for the lay person to understand, but hopefully we'll weather the storm if there is one, and we'll all get a little bit more at the end of the day.

**Some food for thought, from the late great Maeve Binchy:**

"Learn to type. Learn to drive. Have fun. Write postcards (letters take too long and you won't do it, a postcard takes two minutes).

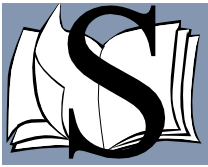
Be punctual. Don't worry about what other people are thinking. They are not thinking about you. Write quickly (taking longer doesn't usually make it better).

Get up early. See the world. Call everybody by their first name, from doctors to presidents. Have parties. Don't agonise.

Don't regret. Don't fuss. Never brood. Move on. Don't wait for permission to be happy. Don't wait for permission to do anything. Make your own life."







## SCHOOL NEWS



### Mr Brett Represents Ireland

Congratulations to our Deputy Principal Mr Stephen Brett who represented Ireland in the Masters European Championships in Italy last week!

## Lucan Community College

### Admissions to Lucan Community College 2024/25

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

Application forms will be available from Thursday 5th October (new date) on our website and at the school office. We will also deliver some to our feeder schools shortly. Closing date for application for 1st year: 12 noon, Friday 27th October.

### Parents' Association AGM

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

### Transition Year Tenderfoot Workshops

Tenderfoot Auditions were in full swing last week for Transition Year students. Lucan Community College is always proud to be a partner school with The Civic Theatre in Tallaght.



## St. Thomas' JNS

### Enrolment for Junior Infants

September 2024

Now Open

Details at

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



## St. Mary's BNS

### Junior Infant Enrolment

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

[www.stmarysbnslucan.com](http://www.stmarysbnslucan.com)



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



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

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

Congratulations to 3<sup>rd</sup> yr Noah Dolan who won the *Sports Star of the Month* Award for

September in recognition of his excellent displays for the u16 basketball team.



Comhghairdeas freisin le Brian Whelan ón triú bliain a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do Mheán Fómhair mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt ach go háirithe agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge. Each student received a framed certificate and a 20e voucher in recognition of their fine achievements. They will also now be added to the invitation list for the Annual Awards Night in May 2024, where they will be presented with an engraved plaque to further celebrate and commemorate their award.

**Fundraising:** A committee of teachers has been set up to promote this year's Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Every Year Team Hope, an Irish, Christian International Development Charity, send thousands of gift filled shoeboxes to children in Africa and Eastern Europe, living in communities affected by poverty, inequality, low incomes or conflict. Last yr 173,563 children received a Christmas Shoebox, bring smiles of joy and happiness to those who don't enjoy the same standard of living as we do here in Ireland. Leaflets have been distributed to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> yr students this week, with more being delivered to the school later this week for other year groups. The leaflets give instructions as to how to fill the shoeboxes correctly, with the list of acceptable and non-acceptable items clearly laid out. The shoeboxes must be ready for collection in the school by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at the latest. We encourage all students to get involved in this extremely worthwhile cause. The class who brings in the most boxes will also be given a half-day for their efforts.

Mr. Tarpey is available to answer any questions students or parents may have in relation to this collection.

**Wellbeing:** Coláiste Phádraig's Well-being Club for students, *The Kind Mind Club*, is back up and

running on a weekly basis. This club is facilitated by Ms. Farrell who is extremely passionate about promoting positive mental health and well-being and sharing her love of mindfulness. This club takes place on Thursdays at lunchtime in room 10 and it aims to provide a calm, relaxing and restorative space for students to pause and take a break from the busyness of school life. All students (and indeed all school staff!) are welcome to attend.

In this space, participants will learn how to introduce many formal and informal mindfulness practices into their lives. Ms. Farrell will also guide short meditations and share scientifically proven tools and techniques to help manage stress, anxiety and overwhelm; regulate emotions; improve focus and attention and calm both the mind and body. Mindfulness is a powerful skill, which when practiced regularly, can help us *respond rather than react* to situations, people, and challenges within our lives. It also creates more space, clarity, and peace within our minds. When we create this space, we are in a better place to study, focus, make decisions and learn! If you would like to practice mindfulness and/or meditation and learn invaluable life-long skills to help manage stress and anxiety, please express your interest to Ms. Farrell. To maintain the integrity of the club and to ensure that this space remains safe, calm, and welcoming for all, it is advisable to speak to Ms. Farrell prior to attending. A register of attendees will be logged each week.

Ms. Farrell is also in the process of setting up Coláiste Phádraig's first ever **Well-being Committee**. This committee aims to meet once per month to discuss, share and express ideas on how best Coláiste Phádraig can support student well-being. If any student (or teacher!) would like to be on this new, innovative and upcoming Committee, please speak to Ms. Farrell in Room 10 (The Well-being Room.)

**Hurling:** Hard luck to our u16 hurling team who were beaten 7-21 to 1-13 by a very strong St. Aidan's College, Whitehall on Tuesday in their opening group match of their Dublin Junior League "B" campaign. Lucan were missing some key players from Transition Year who were away on a trip to Carlingford so the team consisted primarily of 3<sup>rd</sup> yrs. Henry Greene (0-5), Ciarán O' Sullivan (0-4), Derry Ware (0-2) and Páidí Murphy got the Lucan points while Aidan Doyle scored the team's only goal. The team will be strengthened by the return of their TY players for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final group game against Coláiste Éanna from Rathfarnham, who will also be very tough opposition.

## Lucan Girls Brigade has Re-opened under NEW LEADERSHIP!

The Methodist Church Lucan Village The Girls Brigade Ireland is delighted that SHARON KINSELLA Captain of Sandymount-Irishtown GB for 22years has re-opened the company.

Please email her [sharonpkinsella@gmail.com](mailto:sharonpkinsella@gmail.com) for details on joining with two weeks free trial and low fees as a youth, community organisation. Have great fun learning how to dance, sing, choral speaking, arts & crafts, modern dance and much more!

#Youthorganisation#thegirlsbrigade#communitytogether

## Westside Performing Arts

We send our best wishes to all Students performing in 'Once Upon A Twist' at the end of October. We have no doubt that they will shine on stage and make us proud. Break a leg! The Team at Westside Performing Arts



## Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, we had our first Social Morning and Lunch since the holidays. We had a packed attendance. All our ladies enjoyed a delicious lunch and wonderful desserts. A special thank you to all the Staff for looking after us so well.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre 10.30 – 12.30.

## Lucan girl lands the starring role voicing new animation cartoon Lu & The Bally Bunch

Congratulations to Freya McLaughlin from Lucan on landing the starring role voicing new animation cartoon

### Lu & The Bally

**Bunch** and is tipped for huge success. The production has already gone international after its release just a few weeks ago, most recently has been picked up by my CBeebies to air over the next months.

Freya is a member of Talent agent Thomas Spratt's Dance-Act-Sing Agency @dasacademy and was only 8yrs when she first auditioned for the role along with many other children. All was put on hold for over a year to then have to re-audition for the role and was successful to be then offered the as leading role Lu and the excitement to record a whopping 75 episodes over 13 months.



## St Joseph's Class of 1983 Reunion

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

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

*Tickets must be purchased in advance.*

For more details please contact Olive Murphy at [Olivemur@gmail.com](mailto:Olivemur@gmail.com)



## Celbridge Mill Community Centre

[www.celbridgemillcommunitycentre.ie](http://www.celbridgemillcommunitycentre.ie)

[celbridgemillcommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:celbridgemillcommunitycentre@gmail.com)

Phone 01 6288556

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

## Lucan Drama *Another peek....*

**MIM** (by Mark Yeates) directed by Vincent Casey. A play about Mim and David who, despite not seeming like a good match, embark on a short break together in rural Ireland. This piece explores their deep connection and what exactly it was that brought them together.

*Another sneak peek next week.*



## Be Deaf to Negativity.....!!

Once upon a time there was a bunch of tiny frogs .... who arranged a running competition. The goal was to reach the top of a very high tower. A big crowd had gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer on the contestants .... The race began ....

Honestly: None in the crowd really believed that the tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower.

You heard statements such as:

“Oh, WAY too difficult!!”

“They will NEVER make it to the top.”

Or:

“Not a chance that they will succeed. The tower is too high!” The tiny frogs began collapsing. One by one .... Except for those, who in a fresh tempo, were climbing higher and higher .... The crowd continued to yell, “It is too difficult!!! No one will make it!”

More tiny frogs got tired and gave up .... But ONE continued higher and higher and higher .... This one wouldn't give up! At the end everyone else had given up climbing the tower. Except for the one tiny frog who after a big effort, was the only one who reached the top! THEN all of the other tiny frogs naturally wanted to know how this one frog managed it?

A contestant asked the tiny frog how he had found the strength to succeed and reach the goal? It turned out .... That the winner was DDEAF!!!! The wisdom of this story is: Never listen to other people's tendencies to be negative or pessimistic ..... because they take your most wonderful dreams and wishes away from you – the ones you have in your heart! Always think of the power words have. Because everything you hear and read will affect your actions! Therefore: ALWAYS be... POSITIVE!

And above all: Be DEAF when people tell YOU that you cannot fulfil your dreams! Always think: God and I can do this! Pass this message on to 5 “tiny frogs” you care about. Give them some motivation!!! Most people walk in and out of your life ...but FRIENDS leave footprints in your heart. You should never give upon your dreams.

*Michael Moore,*

*Lucan Creative Writers Group.*

## Minder & Toddler Group

Thursdays

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





# POLITICAL NOTES

## Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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**Local Policing Fora** provide a mechanism through which the community, the Gardaí, and the Local Authority and other stakeholders come together to improve communication, share appropriate information and identify issues of concern in relation to policing, anti-social behaviour and estate management. They work together to find solutions to issues raised, report on progress and develop guidelines to manage difficulties that arise.

**The North Clondalkin, Lucan, Palmerstown Local Policing Forum Public Meeting** will take place in St Peter the Apostle JNS on Thursday 12 October at 7.00pm. There will be another Local Policing Meeting for the Adamstown Area in November. Both meetings are open to the public.

**Chamber of Commerce:** It was great to chat with local Lucan business owners at the South Dublin Chamber of Commerce event this week.

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**Ardeevin / Tandy's Lane – Disused**

**Telecommunications Pole:** Thank you to the residents that raised the need to have the precariously leaning and disused wooden telegraph pole removed from outside Tandy's Hall and beside Ardeevin. I raised this in early August with the company responsible and it has since been removed last week.

**St Andrew's – Speaking to Residents:** This week we completed our courtesy door knock with residents in St Andrew's estate in Lucan. I have been here with the Sinn Féin team over two visits and will be following up on a number of local issues brought to my attention.

**Arthur Griffith Park – Trees:** Despite tree pruning works in Griffeen Valley Park, some residents that live along the perimeter of the park have raised the need for further specific works. I am continuing to bring these issues to the attention of the Council.

## Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

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**Lucan Village Green Upgrade:** The design team encountered significant delays in procuring a contractor to carry out site investigations (SI) works. The SI contractor completed the investigation works in late June and subsequently provided a report which enabled the design team to make final adjustments to the detailed design. The tender documentation is now being finalised by the design team. This will enable SDCC to commence the tender process for the appointment of a contractor in the coming weeks. Management anticipate that this will allow a contractor to commence in November and for the works to be completed before the end of 2024. It is proposed to

incorporate the construction of the new Public Realm Car Park, opposite the Lucan Demesne, into the construction contract as it will be necessary to complete this new park in advance of works commencing at the Lucan Demesne, to create the new plaza.

## Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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**Budget 2024:** This week People Before Profit will publish its Budget 2024 proposals and recommendations. To read our budget document log onto to [bbp.ie](http://bbp.ie).

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**Lucan Village works:** The Council informed me at a recent meeting that it has been making good progress with the detailed design of the Lucan Village scheme which is now being completed. They are due to commence the procurement of a contractor shortly and during that process they will look to provide an update to the local community and discuss how and when works will be undertaken.

**Grand Canal cycleway to Hazelhatch:** I was disappointed to learn recently that the intention of the Council is to re-tender the construction of the Greenway from 12th Lock to Hazelhatch, in Q4 2023 and commence construction in Q1 2024. Construction of the project is estimated to take 12 months.

**Monthly update:** The most recent edition of my newsletter is available on <https://www.shanemoynihan.ie/your-july-august-september-community-update/>. If you would like to receive it by email, please get in touch.

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“Not just at election time”

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**Lucan Swimming Pool:** Check my website for an update after we get a briefing on Monday. If my suspicions are correct, the pool won't meet the latest October 26<sup>th</sup> deadline for completion. It's getting closer but there's absolutely no accountability for the three-year delay to this project.

**Bus Service:** I've been told that the NTA will be giving a presentation on Bus Connects at Monday's meeting (available to watch live on the SDCC webcast). I will be highlighting the countless delays and no shows that you have reported to me. However, this may be a rubber-stamping exercise and maybe a more proactive approach is needed to show how people feel about a service that leaves so many people in the lurch. It's not right, especially for those who have to wait much longer in the dark at bus stops.

**Political Notes continued after Sport....**





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### The Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club 25 Card Drive resumes on Friday 13th October 2023

and will continue to 10 May 2024 in the Clubhouse Bar.

Date: Friday 13th October

Time: 8.00pm Sharp.

1st Prize: €50 (if 12 or more players, 2nd Prize if 3 or more tables. Entry: €5 per person. Everyone is welcome - from beginners to those who played years ago and would like to resume playing so please spread the word! Members are also welcome to bring friends. Call Bill Ryan at 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery at 087-7469143 for further information.



**Hurling:** Mixed fortunes for our teams in championship quarter finals this weekend. Our Intermediates lost out to Kilmacud Crokes on Saturday but the Junior As had a good win over Craobh Chiarán on Sunday to progress to the semi-final. Meanwhile the Junior Bs lost to Craobh Chiarán in a group stage encounter, but remain in the hunt to make the quarter-finals.

### Intermediate Hurling Championship Q'Final, Kilmacud Crokes 1-20 Lucan Sarsfields 1-14. Silver Park, 30/9/2023.

As the clocked move towards 60 minutes Lucan were chasing a goal while Crokes ticked over points to run out comfortable winners in the end.



Lucan's Rob Twomey, courtesy of Martina McGilloway.

### Junior B Hurling Championship Q'Final, Lucan Sarsfields 3-17 Craobh Chiarán 0-6.

**12th Lock 1/10/2023.** Lucan Junior A's advanced to the championship semi-final with the comprehensive win over Craobh Chiarán. Craobh got the first two scores but Lucan gradually took control and never relinquished it. Two goals from Paddy Brennan and placed balls from Ciaran Keane helped Lucan to a 2-9 to 0-4 lead at half time. The pattern continued in the second half as Lucan continued to be dominant. Ciaran Keane fired home a third goal as the game lost its intensity and Lucan added a few more points to close out the game.

### Junior G Hurling Championship Group 1 Clonsaugh Craobh Chiaran 3-11 Lucan 0-13.

Lucan's Junior B hurlers fell to their second defeat away to Craobh in the Junior hurling championship on Sunday but are still on course to reach the knockout stages. Lucan found the swirling breeze had to come to terms with and shot a number of poor wides in the opening exchanges which saw the home side race into a 1-3 lead. A disappointing result but a very spirited performance against one of the teams who are considered favourites for the championship. Last match in group stages in two weeks v Na Fianna where a good result will be crucial to avoid playing the table toppers from the other group in the Q/F.



### Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €4,600.

The Numbers were **2, 6, 7, 23.**

**The lucky dip prizes** go to, Lorainne Byrne, Rory Gillmore, Eilis McNally, Pat O'Keeffe and Olive Benson.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €5,000. The draw is sponsored by Clandillon Motors and will be led by Gerry McAndrew.

*Tá €5,000 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine:*



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

*Isféidir libh ticéadaí a cheannacht ar líne leis an nasc seo:*

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

*Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin*

**Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.**

# SPORTS

## The Vue Bridge Club

We would like to welcome  
New Members  
9.15 am to 12.15 pm

Every Tuesday  
In  
Springfield Hotel, Leixlip.

Contact Yvonne  
086-8592638



## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

### European Master's Track and Field Championships Pescara Italy Sept 2023

We had Katriona, Pearse, Carol and Leanne competing in Pescara, Italy at the European Master's Track and Field Championships. Pearse and Katriona competing at their first of many, I'm sure.

Katriona finished off a fantastic season with a super showing in the Weight throwing, finishing 12<sup>th</sup> overall in Europe. It was a fantastic learning experience for Katriona and I'm sure she'll come back even stronger next season, congratulations on everything you have achieved this season across multiple field events, lots of medals, PBs and National Records. A fantastic encouraging person to have around the club.



Pearse put in a fantastic showing in the Javelin finishing 9<sup>th</sup> in Europe in his maiden European Championships. It was a huge achievement for

Pearse to set a huge javelin PB of 36.31m, his previous best was 32.40. Fantastic result, his dedicated training paying off. Well done.

Leanne won bronze in the 4x 100m relay and qualified for the semi-finals in both the 100m and the 200m individual events. She also comes home as European Champion in the mixed 4\*400m relay. Carol won silver in the 4 x 100 meters relay, qualified for the 200m final, and came 4<sup>th</sup> in the 400m final.

Once again, these athletes have done themselves, their families, their community, their club, and their country proud.



### Eco Trail Wicklow

Jer O Sullivan was at it again, another challenge competed, another one on the horizon. Eco Trail Wicklow on Saturday...Horrendous conditions...

Climbed over 6,200 feet. 47.48km... Body is in bits.

Bring on Lisbon marathon next Sunday...!!!

Well done Jer an incredible achievement.





## 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.

### Mórdhinnéar Na Gaeil Óga 2023

Tá am den bhliain an mórdhinnéar buailte linn arís. Tá na ticéad ar fáil anois ar €65 go dtí an 13ú Deireadh Fómhair agus tar éis sin beidh costas €70 orthu. Bíonn an craic ag baint leis an oíche, mholfainn go mór bhur dticéad a cheannach anois.

**Buachaillí F12 - Peil.** Bua iontach ag na buachaillí faoi 12. Níor chuir an bhaisteach isteach ar na buachaillí agus lean siad ar aghaidh ag troid i gcomhair gach liathróid. Fáilte mór roimh Nathan agus é ag imirt a chéad cluiche.



**Peil - Foireann B.** Tar éis ardú céime sa chraobh i mbliana bhí dúshlán roimh an bhfoireann B peile. Bhí bua den scoth acu Dé Domhnaigh imithe tharainn a chinntíonn go mbeidh siad ag imirt ag an gcaighdeán céanna arís an bhliain seo chugainn. Tús cóngarach sula bhfuair Eoin Ó Cuilinn cúl tar éis obair na geapall a dhéanamh chun an liathróid a bhuachan. Fuair Jack Knoblauch an cúl cinniúnach sa dara leath agus bhí críoch láidir ag na leaids chun an bua a bhaint amach ar scór 3-9 go 2-7.



### Iomáint - Foireann B

Bua cróga inniu ag an bhfoireann B iomána as baile v Naomh Barróg. Taispeántas foirne den

scoth, tréan-obair déanta ag gach imreoir. Ar aghaidh linn go dtí an chéad dúshlán eile.



## POLITICAL NOTES *cont'd....*

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**Chess/Checker Tables in our parks:** My motion to introduce chess/checker tables into our parks was supported at recent area committee meeting. Ideally chess pieces are held in a local coffee shop which can be handed out for a small refundable deposit. You can also arrive with your own pieces; I've asked council management to consider introducing chess/checker tables as soon as possible.

**Community Clean-Ups:** Community clean-ups are always happening in our area! I can confirm that there were at total of 801 clean-ups in the Lucan area from 2020 to 2023. (2020 232, 2021 183, 2022 194, 2023-to date 192). Groups looking to get involved in the Social Credits Scheme should visit [www.socialcredits.ie](http://www.socialcredits.ie) to find an application form. Alternatively, they can email [envawareness@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:envawareness@sdblincoco.ie) I can assist groups by collecting and delivering the materials such as bags, gloves, litter pickers, paint, brushes etc.

### Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

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**Dodsboro Centre Enhancement:** Following South Dublin County Council's positive and regular engagement with the community, I am pleased that an investment of €111,192 is allocated to improve our environment at Dodsboro. The council intend to proceed with construction in the upcoming weeks, and the goal is to complete the works by year-end. This is welcome news and investment for our community.

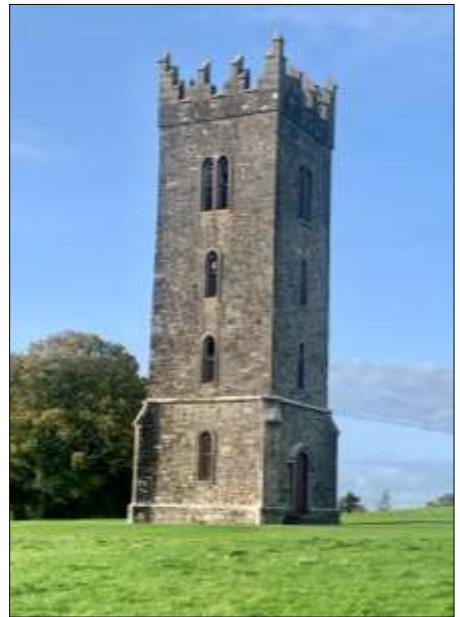
## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Work is proceeding at our weekly meetings in the Parish Centre to select photographs for our next exhibition. However, the date for the exhibition cannot be finalized as the availability of suitable stands in the Parish Centre unfortunately still remains to be resolved.

This week all our contributors have stayed relatively close to home. Paddy got as far as Dun Laoghaire and Joe was in Dublin Zoo.



Josie got as far as Carton House and amongst her photographs is one of the Tyrconnell Tower allegedly originally built by Richard Talbot 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Tyrconnell and intended for his mausoleum. Its official name is The Prospect Tower. The first record of a house at Carton was in the early seventeenth century.



community and business centre, with small industry units, meeting rooms and activity facilities which are still used by the community.

Frances submitted photographs of the Mill and of the old Methodist Church in Celbridge. The church was constructed between 1855 and 1869 and since 1995 has been Cunningham's Funeral Home in the town. According to the Kildare Local History Society website the oldest part of the Mill goes back to 1785 or so and by 1815 it had become the largest woollen mill in the country employing 600 people. Over the succeeding years it was used for a variety of purposes. According to the website the last industrial activity was from 1966 to 1982 when it was taken over by Navan Carpets producing woollen yarn. In 1985 it was extensively restored as a

*Until the next time stay safe!*