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Sunday 3rd September 2023

*“If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself
and take up his cross and follow me.”*

There is a back to school feeling this week as our children return to the classrooms. We wish them a fruitful and fulfilling academic year ahead.

In our Gospel of this Sunday, Jesus says: *“If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.”*

Like Saint Peter, we too are called to Discipleship, and we have to consider what’s involved in accepting this calling. While the prophet Jeremiah certainly had his own difficulties when preaching the Word of God, he also refers to his own faith. He says, *“There seemed to be a fire burning in my heart”*, reminding us perhaps reminding of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which we are familiar with.

There is a German theologian called Dietrich Bonhoeffer who wrote a book called “The Cost of Discipleship” which examines the challenges that we call face as Christians and in living the Christian life in our society today. The Christian life is not always easy and bring with its obstacles, challenges, and difficulties.

We have an opportunity to become a vibrant and authentic people of faith who are inspired by Jesus Christ, who can offer witness to the Christian way of life who can support those who are most in need.

It is good time for us to reflect on our own mission and ministry from the priesthood that we all received at our baptism. It may be a ministry of to say a prayer perhaps in the morning and the evening, a ministry of being friendly to people we encounter, a ministry of assisting others who are less well off than we are, a ministry of supporting charities, a ministry of music if you have that talent or a ministry to read during mass in the church. There are many things that we can do. And let us be encouraged in our efforts by the words of Jesus himself in today’s Gospel where he encourages us to accept our missionary calling. Jesus tells us in today’s Gospel: *“Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”*

Saint John Henry Newman wrote about the vocation of Saint Matthias who was elected by the remaining eleven apostles to replace Judas. He said:

“We take the place of others who have gone before, as Matthias did; filling up the ranks of soldiers, some of whom, indeed, have fought a good fight, but many of whom in every age have made void their calling. Many are called, few are chosen.”

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These words speak as powerfully to us today as they did when they were written in the 19th century. We stand in the places of those who have inspired and encouraged us in the ministry over the years. People who have given us the confidence to bring the message of to the people of our own times. This is our response to the great missionary call of Jesus in Matthew 28 to "Go make disciples of all nations."

Pope Francis has established the ministry of catechist is open to women and men. This offers great possibilities. He said:

"In the context of evangelisation in the contemporary world and in the face of "the rise of a globalised culture," it is necessary to recognise "those lay men and women who feel called by virtue of their baptism to cooperate in the work of catechesis."

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has spoken on this subject when he said: *"I am inviting women and men who feel that they are called to ministry to come forward to train for ministry as instituted lectors or acolytes or catechists. These are lay ministers, women and men, who are publicly recognised by the Church and appointed by the diocese to minister alongside priests and deacons in leading liturgies, supporting adult faith formation, and accompanying families preparing for the sacraments. I will appoint pastoral leaders—deacons, religious and lay people—where necessary when parishes cannot have a resident priest, to support the priest who will have pastoral responsibility for that parish."*

We should all consider and support this important initiative as we respond to the challenges facing the church in our time.

Deacon Gerard Reilly

Deacon Gerard is a permanent Deacon of the Diocese and ministers in the Portmarnock / Malahide Partnership of Parishes.



FALLS PREVENTION AND FRAILTY DEMENTIA EVENING
INFORMATION & SUPPORT EVENINGS

Marymount Dementia Team will welcome RCSI Falls Prevention Project Manager Aileen Hetherington to explain Mobility, Falls prevention and Frailty syndrome.

**THURSDAY
7TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

EDUCATION CENTRE
MARYMOUNT CARE CENTRE
7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

BOOK NOW

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Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm 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

Helplines

Women's Aid 1800 341900 - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Men's Aid - 01 - 5543811

Compensation for overbooked, cancelled and delayed flights in the EU:

Information is available on our website under the following headings: Introduction, Denied boarding, Cancelled flights, Delayed flights, Compensation, Upgrading and downgrading seats, How to make a complaint

Who does the law apply to?

The law applies to all passengers departing from an EU/EEA airport. It also applies to passengers departing from an airport outside of the EU/EEA but arriving at an EU/EEA airport on an EU/EEA licensed carrier (unless they have already received compensation or assistance in that non-EU/EEA country).

Who does the law not apply to?

The law does not apply if you are travelling free of charge or at a fare that is reduced and is not available directly or indirectly to the public. Tickets purchased under frequent flyer programmes or similar commercial programmes are not considered reduced fare tickets. The law also does not apply if you do not have a confirmed reservation or relevant document (visa etc), if you do not arrive at the boarding gate at a good time or if you pose safety or security concerns.

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Learn, Laugh and Live!



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Lucan U3A is reopening after the holidays on Monday the 11th September. We are a small group of people with up

to 40 members and have room at this time to have a few more members.

We meet in the Community Centre, Ballyowen Castle on the 2nd Monday of each month. There is usually a Speaker or Demonstration on a topic of interest organised by the members.

We had a number of day trips during the Summer, Kilkenny Castle, Cobh, Waterford, Bunratty Castle, with a planned trip to Hillsborough Castle.



We had a visit to Aras an Uachtaráin in July.

You are welcome to come and find out more about us at our meetings between 2–4 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month.

The next meeting is Monday the 11th September.



South Dublin Co is reviewing its Litter

Management Plan. Lucan Tidy Towns is making a submission to the Draft Plan. See across for details on where to view this plan and how to make a submission.

We encourage all our local businesses and residents to review and contribute to this plan in the interests of our local community.

*Kevin O'Loughlin
Lucan Tidy Towns*

Lucan Toastmasters

We're back after the summer break, all rejuvenated and ready to go, and we hope you are too!



Do you want to finally conquer your fear of public speaking?

Do you have a speech or presentation coming up that you need help with?

Do you want to make new friends?

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

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak!

Come along on **Thursday next, September 7th**, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, check out our Facebook 'Lucan Toastmasters', our website at www.lucantoastmasters.com or email us at vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com.

We also have a stand at the Lucan Festival where we'll be happy to answer any questions you might have about us and what we do. Do drop by and say hello.



The South Dublin County Council Litter Management Plan has been reviewed and this document comprises a Draft Replacement Litter Management Plan for consultation purposes.

The Draft Replacement Litter Management Plan will be available to view in County Hall, Tallaght, Civic Centre, Clondalkin and South Dublin Libraries during opening hours from Tuesday the 8th of August 2023 to Tuesday the 19th of September 2023 both dates inclusive.

The Draft Plan is available on South Dublin County Council's Consultation Portal from Friday the 4th of August 2023 to Tuesday the 19th of September 2023, both dates inclusive <https://consult.sdbublincoco.ie/>

Submissions and observation in relation to the Draft Plan may be made on SDCC's Consultation Portal or in writing to the Senior Executive Officer, Environment Water & Climate Change, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 info@sdbublincoco.ie

The latest date and time for the receipt of submissions is 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday the 19th of September 2023

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



NOTICE

The Church remains **CLOSED** for refurbishing.
There will be **NO** Masses taking place until 10am Mass on Saturday 9th September.
Please see Mass times in St Patrick's Esker
We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Parish Centre: The Parish Centre will re-open this Monday the **4th September**.
For Groups using the Parish Hall, it will **NOT** be available until the **Monday 18th September**.

Christian Meditation: Our Meditation will **resume this Tuesday 5th September at 8pm** in the Parish Bungalow. *All welcome, Sr Geraldine.*

Volunteers Needed: If you have some free time on your hands, we could do with your help!!!



We are looking for volunteers to help in our coffee Dock; it would mean a commitment to one morning a week from 10am – 12noon

We are also looking for Sunday morning Volunteers, there is already a great team of people doing this, but if a few more came on board it would be wonderful. (It usually works out at 4 Sunday's a year).

If interested please contact Deirdre 01- 6217041 (If the office is closed, please leave your name and number and I will contact you)

Our Parish Centre, Coffee Dock is a wonderful facility where everyone is welcome, you can come have tea/coffee, meet friends old and new and have a chat.

St. Mary's Readers' Roster September

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

St Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

NEXT Saturday/Sunday

9th/10th September

Many thanks for your generosity

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Edmond Devereux**, Castle Riada.
May he rest in peace.



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

For assistance, phone: 01 8848200
or email: info@svp.ie

Medjugorje Mass 2023 St Mary Church, Lucan

Monday 11th September

Mass at 6.15pm
(Rosary and Confessions at 5.45pm)



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday: **No Vigil Mass**
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

Confessions:

Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass only.

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

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 4pm for private prayers.

Catholic Faith Formation for Children:

Would you like your children to know more about God and the Catholic Faith? We are thrilled to invite your children to a programme that would help them to understand and appreciate their faith. They will explore their faith through age appropriate, interactive activities, discussions etc.

When: Starting from September 2023

Where: Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan

Age groups: Between 6-12 years and 13-17 years.

Also open to all children of neighbouring parishes and there is no fee.

If you are interested, please contact the Office 01 457 2900 or E: catechism-lucansouth@gmail.com

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.



Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.45pm and after Saturday evening Mass.



St Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

Sunday: 9am and 10am. **Wednesday:** 10am

St Mary's, Leixlip:

Sunday: 11.30am. **Tuesday:** 10am

Services are available on our parish

Facebook pages: [St. Andrew's Church,](#)

[Lucan or St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship: 11am.

(There's tea and coffee after the service)

Lucan Presbyterian Church is a growing family of Christians who come from a variety of different church backgrounds, traditions and nationalities. Regardless of your age, background, experience or previous church connections you are welcome to come and visit us.

Contact: email: lucanpresbyterian@gmail.com

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

Our weekly meetings resume on Thursday 7th September at 11.30 am following the summer break. We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, every Thursday 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.

The Kindness of Strangers

I wish to thank everyone who came to my aid on Wednesday 27th March last. I had fallen in Supervalu Lucan car park. Unfortunately, I broke my shoulder, my elbow and chipped my pelvis.



A young lady came to my aid, also a lady a nurse brought a blanket and a hot water bottle. A chap rolled up his jacket to place under my head. All these strangers stayed until the ambulance came which was over an hour. My husband, son and daughter were with me. Everyone waited with me.

Once again thank you for your kindness. Gladly I am almost recovered.

Regards,

Mary Walsh, Hillcrest Lawns

Birthday Remembrances

Maureen Lally 86th Birthday

Mam, wishing you a heavenly 86th Birthday
Late of Arthur Griffith Park, Lucan

Memories of you Mum

It's been the hardest thing to lose you
You meant so much to me
But you are in my heart Mum
And that's where you'll always be
I know that Heaven called you
But I wish you could have stayed
At least the memories I have of you
They will never fade
I did not want to lose you
But you did not go alone
Because part of me went with you
When Heaven called you home
So just remember one thing
We are not apart
You're with me in my memories
And in my broken heart

*Always remembered and loved dearly,
your daughter Joyce, son-in-law Mark, three
grandsons, Jonathan, Ciaran, Matthew and great
grandson Ollie, granddaughter-in-law Trina.*



Maureen Lally 30th August

Heavenly birthday wishes for a dear Mother and
Grandmother.

Today is filled with memories
With happiness and tears
Of Birthday celebrations
We've shared throughout the years.

And though I'll always miss you
The endless joy you brought
Warms my heart with gratitude
And fills my every thought.

Wherever you are resting
I hope that you can see
How precious and uplifting
Your memory is to me.

Happy Birthday Mam,
dearly loved and greatly missed.

Alison, Andy, Ruth, Alisha, Craig and Caden



Annual Cemetery Mass with Blessing of Graves At Esker Cemetery this Sunday 3rd September at 3pm

As parking can be a problem, those living
within walking distance are asked to come
on foot if at all possible.

The collection taken at this Mass (after
sound hire costs have been paid) will be
donated to our Lady's Hospice, Harold's
Cross.

Maureen Lally:

13th Birthday away from home.

Thinking of you today Mam
but that is nothing new.

For no day dawns and no day ends
without a thought of you.

Happy 86th Birthday Mam. x

*Your loving daughter - Debbie, son in law Peter and
grandchildren Niamh, Karla and Aine xxxxx*

Raymond (Rash) Carey 57th Birthday – 31st August 41st Away from home

Late of Beech Park

Of our much loved and missed son, brother, uncle and
granduncle.

Forever Young

We had a son with a heart of gold
How much we miss him could never be told
Always gentle, always kind
Great memories you left behind
No birthday cards to send you Ray
No hugs to give you
But Ray we really miss you on this your
57th Birthday

I hope you are having a big party up there with them
all. Look after them for me.

Happy Birthday Sweetheart

*Love and miss you forever, your heartbroken Mam,
Dad, brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces xxxxxxx*

Anniversaries

Georgina (Gina) Bolger 2nd Anniversary – 30th August

In loving memory of our beautiful, beloved Daughter
and Sister Georgina Bolger whose second anniversary
occurs 30th August 2023.

Also remembering at this time our beloved Dad

Shamie Bolger whose second anniversary occurs 16th
December 2023. Rest in Peace.

God called your names so softly,

That only you could hear,

And no one heard the footsteps of Angels drawing near,

The Golden gates stood open,

God saw you needed rest,

His garden must be beautiful,

He only takes the best.

Not a day goes by we don't think of you both. *Always
in our thoughts and prayers, no one could fill the void
you both left, very sadly missed and always
remembered by Mam (Philly) and brothers James,
John, and families.*

Seán McHugh 6th Anniversary – 3rd September

Late of Beech Park, Lucan

Always remembered, never forgotten

*Loving wife Mary, John and Fiona, Eda and Andrew,
Michael and Amanda (Australia), Susan and Mark,
Peter and Andre (Canada), Siobhán and Andrew and
grandchildren (16). xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx*



Leaving Certs

Great reports on Leaving Certs, and CAO offers from all corners of Lucan. Good luck to all concerned as the big adventure starts!

Best of Luck with the Festival

Birdie is really looking forward to the events of Lucan Festival this coming week. Well done to Joe and all the committee on their hard work, ensuring that there is something for everyone.

Dublin Canvas

Two colourful new displays in Lucan!



This celebration of football and hurling by artist and linguistics student, **Aoife Céitinn** can be found at Arthur Griffith Park. As a child, Aoife spent many hours along with her siblings, training and playing matches at Arthur Griffith Park. Well done, Aoife. We love it!

And Mr. Fox, whom we featured last week, was painted by **Maureen Kelly-Fox**. The title is *Tail Blazer*. Maureen painted several other boxes in the area over the years. Lovely job!



Back to School

Willie, it is half past eight,
And I fear you will be late.
Don't forget your teacher's rule,
Take your cap and run to school.

Mother, I am tired today,
Let me stay at home, I pray.
The air is warm, close and thick,
And really I am almost sick.

Your cheek is red, your eye is bright,
Your hand is cool, your step is light;
At breakfast time, you ate your fill,
How can it be that you are ill?

True, Mother, I am not sick enough
To take my bed, or doctor's stuff.
But here at home, pray let me stay,
For I want to run about and play!

Ah, that's the thing now, let me say,
Next June, you nine will be,
And if you often stay at home,
What of your learning will become?

A day is not much time, you know.
I learn but little, if I go.
Besides I have no time at all
To try my marbles and my ball.

The bee gains little from a flower,
A stone a day will rise a tower,
Yet hives are filled, and towers are done,
For steadily the work goes on.

Thank you to one of our readers, who sent in the above poem, which she recalled her father, **Paddy Keogh**, reciting to her on going back to school each year. Paddy had this particular poem published in *Ireland's Own* more than seventy years ago.



Upcoming Village Roadworks

Night time roadworks will take place in Lucan Village from **11th – 14th September**, between the hours of 7.30pm to 6am.

Palmerstown Camera Club

At Palmerstown Camera Club we are getting ready to return to the start of our annual year which begins on the **6th of September** in the Parish Hall in Palmerstown at 8 pm.



In the club year, we have a beginners' course in photography which runs for six weeks and also speakers both local and international throughout the year as well as club competitions.

We ran weekly outings over the summer months and below are two images from our recent trip to Laytown, County Meath.



Sunset at Laytown Beach - Ciaran O'Rourke



The Nanny Cottage - Gerald Phelan

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.

Adult Education Service

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2023.



These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours, 1 morning per week. This can lead to QQI qualification. The following subjects are available this term:

Spanish for Beginners

Introduction to Microsoft Excel (Spreadsheets)

Wellbeing

Working with Microsoft Word

Improving English and Communication Skills

Digital Presentation

Reception & Frontline Office Skills

Medical Terminology

Payroll

For more details, contact

lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie

or call (01) 6283557.

Celbridge Mill Community Centre

The Mill, Main Street Celbridge

www.celbridgemillcommunitycentre.ie

celbridgemillcommunitycentre@gmail.com

Facebook "The Mill Community Centre"

Phone 01 6288556

Christmas Craft Fair – Sunday 26th

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.

Indoor Short Mat Bowls Thursdays at 7pm –

Contact Des at 087 2769953

Mother and Baby morning meetings

Thursdays at 10.30am – Contact 0852280692

Come and join us at The Haven Celbridge.

Kate Walsh House at The Mill. Tuesdays / Thursdays. New members welcome. Home cooked meals, snacks. Bingo, quizzes, sing-songs, dancing, day trips.

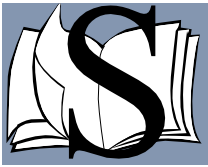
Live your life,

Take chances, be crazy.

Don't wait. Because right now is the oldest you have ever been,

And the youngest you'll ever be again.

Susanne Collins



Lucan Community College

Leaving Cert Results

Lucan Community College was very happy with the results of our 142 graduates today. Our 130 Leaving Certificate students achieved very high results across the board and 83% of our LCA students achieved a distinction with two of these students achieving perfect scores. Most students were feeling confident that they would receive a preferred offer from the CAO on Wednesday and some students have already been offered a place on a course of further education, an apprenticeship or a job.



Graduates gathered in the school gym after accessing their results online and there were happy faces all round. Staff members celebrated the success of the students and were delighted to hear of their plans for the future. Guidance counsellors were on hand to offer support if needed and will also be available next week after the CAO offers are received. Members of the Parents Association were also on hand to offer congratulations and to distribute Debs tickets for the upcoming event.



Mr Carey, their year head and the tutor team who worked closely with the students were particularly delighted for the students after all of their hard work. "Many of these students experienced personal struggle over the last few years and have shown resilience and achieved wonderful results", said Mr Carey. While each student's individual achievement is worthy of celebration, particular mention goes to Dylan Harford and Hannah Lynch who achieved full marks on the LCA certificate and to Alen Proshkovichs, Anna O'Connor, Meabh Egan and Adriano Fiore some of our highest point achievers.



Principal Ms Birnie was delighted with the results and commended the students on their resilience, diligence and support for each other during their time in school. She reminded students that "this is just one step on your journey, so enjoy the moment but remember that your results do not define you". She also expressed her thanks to the parents/guardians for their support for the students and the school and praised the teachers, SNAs and all the school staff for preparing the students for their examinations and all that life has to offer in the future.

Photo Credit: Laura Hutton (The Irish Times)

I guess I'm just feeling
September-ish
All the trees change colour, the
days get very clear - with a
little smoke on the horizon from
burning leaves. Pumpkins begin
to come out.

George Selden

Tue 5th

Walking Tour of Historical

Lucan Village

Meet 10am at bus stop opposite Circle K garage. **FREE**

The Limer & Iron Mills of Lucan

Illustrated talk by Joe Byrne

8pm Courtney's Pub **FREE**
(upstairs lounge)

Wed 6th

Bygone Schooldays

Present day primary students meet a panel of their predecessors

10am Presbyterian Church **FREE**

Walking Tour of Lucan Village

7pm bus stop Circle K garage **FREE**

Thur 7th

Walking Tour of Lucan Village

10am St Mary's Car Park **FREE**

Brendan Behan

Illustrated talk on the great Dubliner by Pádraig Whelan

8pm Presbyterian Church **FREE**

Fri 8th

Bygone Schooldays

Present day primary students meet a panel of their predecessors

10am Presbyterian Church **FREE**

Fireworks Display

View from 9.00pm
Viewing area Weir View **FREE**

Lucan Festival

5th - 10th September 2023

Sunday 10th

from 12.30pm to 5.30pm

Garda Open Day

Station open to the public from 2pm.

Garda Band, fingerpainting, Garda Horses, on the Call, Garda Water Unit
Historical display of Garda Memorabilia.

Local groups and business's stalls

Kiddies Road Train (outside Kennys)

Pet Farm (Village Green), Puppet Show (Methodist Church)

OLDE Cemetery by side of O'Neill's Pub open

Main stage (outside Carralls Pub) featuring local and international acts.

Battle of the Bands on stage outside Stags

Street Entertainers, Face Painting, Balloon Making, Bouncy Castles

Monster Slide

Model Railway and Historical Slide Shows in St Andrews Parish Centre

World renowned Duck Race on the Griffeen at 4.30pm

Birds of Prey, Magical Shows

International and Irish food Stalls

Liffey Sound 96.4FM radio Outside Broadcast

This is our Family Fun Day

The Village will be closed to through traffic from Ardara to

To the Permanent TSB from 10am to 7pm

Sat 9th

Lucan House Grounds

(1.30 to 5pm)

Courtesy of the Italian Ambassador

View the beautiful House built in

1770 in its grounds of 26 acres

which include Viceroy/Caldwell's

family graveyard.

Siraj's Monument, Baring

House and early 1700s stable.

Vintage Horse Carriage

Entertainment by Lucan Gospel

Choir, Lucan Concert band and

others.

Members of Society for Old Lucan

present to inform people of the

History

Birds of Prey Display and

demonstration, Exhibition Cricket,

Villagers, Discoveries, Reptiles.

See the wonderful Buffalo Sculptures

Tickets €6 at Gate. Children

12 and under free. Card Reader

available.

Exhibition

St Andrews Parish Centre (opposite

grounds, 2pm to 5.30pm)

Model Railway, Historical

continuous slide show, Hill Mill,

Sale of Lucan, Lucan Tram and Jew

Shackleton photos. FREE.

Most events are free

Lucan Library

Please Note: All events and activities are free of charge. All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required.



Friday 8th September, 11am. Free Computer Classes for Adults - Information Session

Jillian McLaughlin from the DDLETB will give an information session about upcoming free computer classes planned for Lucan Library. Jillian will also take details on the day from anyone interested in participating. All Welcome.

Table Quiz for Adults. Thursday 7th

September, 2pm. Come along and test your general knowledge! Register at library desk.



Wednesday 20th September, 7pm

A Photographic Journey along the WW1

Battlefront. Commemoration, Reconciliation and Peace on the Western Front Way – a photographic journey through history. Local cycling enthusiast and historical researcher, Dominic Prís, will present a moving account of his recent cycling trek along 1000kms of the WW1 battlefront from the Swiss-French Border to the Belgian North Sea. Booking via Eventbrite from 6th September at 7pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/commemoration-reconciliation-and-peace-on-the-western-front-way-tickets-706000435307>

Culture Night 2023 at Lucan Library. Friday 22nd September is the national celebration, Culture Night. Lucan Library events will reopen from 5.30pm to 8pm for Culture Night events (no regular library service provided after 4.30pm).

5.30pm - 6.30pm: Family Kite-Making

Workshop. In this workshop with Glenn Heasley from Go Fly Your Kite, choose from hundreds of templates to create your kite. **Booking essential via Eventbrite** from Friday 15th September at 5.30pm.



7pm - 8pm: Lucan in Pictures and Words:

Palmerstown Camera Club present images of iconic Lucan heritage sites. Booking via Eventbrite or ask at Library Desk.

Coder Dojo Club. Wednesday 20th September, 3.30 to 4.30pm.

Learn to code, build a website or create an app or game with our new monthly Coder Dojo group for ages 8 – 17. No previous coding experience needed, just enthusiasm! Those aged 8-12 must be accompanied by an adult and please bring an adult library card for WiFi access. **Booking essential via Eventbrite from Wednesday 13th September at 3.30pm:**

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/coder-doj-at-lucan-library-tickets-705995821507>

Cuidiu Breastfeeding Support Group

Wednesday 20th September, 10am - 12noon. All welcome.

My Little Library Bag

My Little Library Bag for Children starting school in Lucan in September 2023 is back! Bring your child to the desk to collect their bag containing 3 free picture books.

Drop-In Chess Club for Children

Saturday 23rd September, 2pm - 3pm

Chess players of all abilities welcome. Chess sets will be left out in the seminar room for players to use.

Events for Younger Children:

Storytime: Our regular Story-Time continues on Wednesdays at 3pm. All welcome!

Musical Tots with Karen Donnellan: Saturday 16th September at 10.30am. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Saturday 9th September at 10.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-at-lucan-library-with-karen-tickets-706016994837>

Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles: Thursday 28th September at 10am. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Thursday 21st September at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-with-sarah-sparkles-tickets-706028067957>

South Dublin Volunteer Stand, Thursday 21st September 2pm - 4pm.

If you're interested in getting involved in volunteering, visit the South Dublin Volunteer Stand at the library to find out more about opportunities in your area.

Lucan Library Classic Film Club

Tuesday 19th September at 5.30pm. All welcome, enquire at library desk.

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Monday Lunchtime Book Club - 25th September, 12noon

Junior Book Club - Wednesday 27th September, 3.30pm

Wednesday 27th September, 6.30pm

Lucan Library Knitters Club. Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new members welcome.

Exhibition: Dublin and Lucan Tramways - a brief history

The Migraine Association of Ireland Presents "Migraine is not 'Just a Headache'."

On Wednesday 13th September 7.00 – 8.00pm.

Booking on Eventbrite from September 1st 10 am. <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/migraine-its-not-just-a-headache-tickets-660529640937>

POLITICAL NOTES

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Lucan Festival:

It was my pleasure to attend the launch of this year's Lucan Festival in Kennys. The event organisers, headed up by Joe Byrne have a jam-packed schedule of wonderful events lined up, there will be something for everyone in the community. Thank you to the dedicated committee and all the volunteers who have put in so much work to make it happen, wishing you the best of luck as you put the finishing touches on preparations.

Minister Harris visits Coláiste Cois Life:

The Minister for Further and Higher Education visited Lucan to launch the Careers in Construction Action Plan. It was great to have Mount Lucas and LOETB showcasing their new mobile training workshop in Coláiste Cois Life. Thank you to the students, dedicated principal and passionate teachers who were on hand to provide demonstrations.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Footpath closure on Griffeen Road:

Happy to report that following a request from me and others, the Council instructed the Lucan Swimming Pool contractors to install a second temporary pedestrian crossing to facilitate students at Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada while the footpath in the area remains out of bounds. Well done to all members of the school community for this result.

Lucan Festival:

I was delighted to attend the launch of the 2023 Lucan Festival this week. Massive thanks are due to the Committee for organising yet another bumper programme!

Boundary Review:

The Electoral Commission published its report this week, recommending an additional 14 TDs nationally, bringing the Dáil to 174 deputies, including an additional seat for Dublin Mid-West. Our constituency will remain as it is now but will now also contain the Fettercairn Electoral District and the area bordered by the Grand Canal and R110 east of the M50.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty

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

Email: info@paulgogarty.com

Disruptions to school routes near Swimming Pool site:

Works should have commenced at this location (and Griffeen Road) in July not August. Initial temporary traffic lights insufficient so am glad (after taking a video for SDCC outlining issues) that additional safe crossings were provided. This may need more so please keep me posted.

Overgrowth on footpaths:

Have raised for a number of locations and response so far has been poor. The March/September cutting rule does not prevent unblocking paths for wheelchair users, small kids, buggies and the visually impaired, but SDCC has one less excuse now.

Airlie Park:

Originally scheduled to open July, then August, then most likely September, now SDCC can't give me a specific date. Await update on issues causing delays.

New litter picking network for estates

surrounding Griffeen Park: To help, email Elaine at cleangriffeen@gmail.com

12 Things Worth Remembering

The past cannot be changed but your view of the past can.

Opinions don't define your reality, they express someone else's.

Everyone's journey is different, concentrate on your own.

Many things get better with time, and some get worse.

Judgements are a confession of character.

Overthinking will lead to anxiety.

Happiness is found within when you serve without.

Positive thoughts lead to positive actions.

Smiles are contagious.

Kindness is free.

You only fail if you quit.

What goes around comes around.





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Congratulations to our Minor A Hurling and Football on winning the Division 1 League in both codes over the last two weekends, a tremendous achievement more details in the match report below, also congratulations to the Minor B who won the Division 4 league.



Minor A Football

Football. Minor Football Division 1 League Winners 2023. The Minor Football team claimed the Division 1 League title on Sunday morning away to Thomas Davis winning on a scoreline of 3-12 to 0-15.

DLGFA Go-Ahead Intermediate Championship Group A. 7:30pm. Wednesday 23 August 2023, Brehore Park, Balbriggan - Referee, Finbarr Shanahan, O'Dwyers v Lucan Sarsfields. Final Score: O'Dwyers 2-16 : 3-12 Lucan Sarsfields.

JFC 6 South Lucan Sarsfields 2-16 Brendan's 1-8. 6 of Lucan's Junior C south team members put their Leaving Cert celebrations on hold for this game. A reignited team following Daraigh Quinn's full pitch run to score a point was what was needed followed by a goal by Ross Campion that settled the nerves. Ross had an outstanding game, scoring 1-9 and Neil O'Leary's second goal finished the game with a deserved win for JCS, 2-16 to 1-8. Special mention to two debut players, Jack Kelly, and Andrew Glynn, this was Andrew's first competitive game since a bad knee injury in early 2022. A quarter-final place is secured for JCS – however, before that St Mary's in Saggart on Sunday 10th September.

Camogie. Good start to the Senior Camogie Championship. 27th August Lucan Sarsfields vs St. Vincent's. As the game entered its final moments, St Vincents clawed back to get a well-



earned draw. This extremely entertaining game ended in 13 points apiece.

Coiste na nÓg / Juvenile

The Club was well represented at intercounty by our juveniles over the last couple of weekends, we had Derry Ware, Henry Greene, Fionn Delaney and Elliott Keane representing Dublin in the Tony Forristal inter county under 14s tournament and Bill Donovan representing Dublin in the Arrabawn Inter County Hurling tournament in Cappawhite Tipperary Saturday. And finally two U13 girls Holly Whelan and Caoimhe Buckley who represented Dublin North yesterday in the Leinster LGFA U13 Blitz in Portlaoise.



Lotto. We had no winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €2,600. The Numbers were **1, 5, 10, 18.** **The lucky dip prizes go to,** Denise Kelly, Colm Keenan, Olive Benson, Jake McGann, and Niamh Clandillon. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €3,000. The draw is sponsored by John Ryan Accountant, led by Mary Flannery. Tickets can be purchased online at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>

SPORTS



LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

A very busy few days for Lucan Harriers racing started with the **BHAA Grange Castle 5K**, which took place on our doorstep last Wednesday 24th August. A great turnout of Harriers. Well done one and all on a lovely run on the Pfizer Campus.

Many of our senior members travelled to Tullamore to take part in the **Tullamore Harriers half marathon**. We had 33 members cross the line, there were also some ex members and partners of members. Bringing the representation on the day to over 40. A 10am start ensured all the Harriers travelling to the event made an early start to get to Tullamore to prepare and warm up. Some of the members who PB'd were Orla Mc Weeney, Eoghan Shanley, Lhyne Ganadin, Olivia Thomas, Tony Keaney, others did also. The race was also the national and Leinster championship. Mary Browne coming home in 1.37.28 to earn silver in her category. The O50 ladies team of Tricia Gough, Anne Whelan and Mary Browne got national and Leinster Bronze. Great to see such a strong contingent travelling to such a great event. A number of members stayed in the town for the weekend and painted the town Red and Black on Saturday night, gladly everyone got home safely.

Meanwhile in another midland town we had two athletes in Longford for the annual marathon. Aidan Montague setting a PB of 3.25.20 and Jer O Sullivan on his own marathon journey this year with a time of 3.29. Jer has already completed 5 marathons and 2 ultra marathon with 5 left to complete in 2023. Well done lads great achievement

On Sunday 20th of Aug we had Philip Fay and son Graham, Will Byrne and Daniel Mc Cann took to the water, and roads of North Cork to complete the Ironman 70.3. Well done and an incredible achievement

On Thursday 25th, 20 Lucan Harriers crossing the border and making the short journey to the Celbridge for their annual 5K. Some great running again, some PBs and some others returning to racing after an absence. Just to mention two, Breda Smyth winning her Category and Ana Barbu setting a PB.

Well done to everyone who wore the Lucan Harriers vest you did great.

Don't forget our Annual 5 Mile Road Race take place on Sunday September 3rd at 11am, we are looking forward to the event and welcoming you all to our track on the day, the route takes in the Newcastle Road onto the canal and back along the Adamstown Road and back to our track. See our social media channels for ways to enter, entries will be open up to the morning of the race.

We will have some road closures on the day, they have been published on our Social Media channels, we sincerely apologise for the inconvenience this causes; diversion signs will be in place along with Lucan Harriers stewards to help you on your way.

Affected housing estates

Westbury, Finnstown, Castleview, Hanstead, Finnstown House, Somerton, Finnstown Fairways, Adamstown, Old Forge, Grange Manor, Johnstownbridge, Arthur Griffith Park, St Finians



Orla, Derek, Rob, Paddy, Colin and Henry, Tullamore.





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.

Peil na Máithreacha: Haigh a chairde, tá séasúr uair ag tosnú do pheil na Máithreacha! Tá timpeallacht breá cairdiúil agus tacúil ag an ghrúpa agus is deis iontach é seo do Mháithreacha an chlub cairdeas a dhéanamh agus píosa Gaeilge a fhoghlaim fiú. Beidh craic iontach i gceist leis. Is féidir dul i dteagmháil le Annette ar 0868662208.

Hi all, a new season is starting with the GAA for Ma's! The team has a friendly, supporting environment and is a great chance to meet other mothers involved with the club, learn some Irish and have a bit of fun. Contact Annette on 0868662208.

Féile Sráide Léim an Bhradáin: Tá féile sráide ar siúl againn ar an 17ú MF le roinnt imeachtaí saor in aisce. Má tá sibh ag lorg lá spraoiúil don clann go léir, agus le píosa beag spórt agus spraoi le Cara, GPO le Na Gaeil Óga, bíg linn We have a street festival organised for the 17th of Sep in Leixlip with lots of free activities, including sports with Cara from Na Gaeil Óga CLG. So if you are looking for a fun day for all the family, join us!

LUCAN BRIDGE CLUB



Lucan Bridge Club will reopen on

**Wednesday, 6th September
at 7.30 pm**

In the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip.

We would love to welcome new members.
Please come along and enjoy a game of Bridge during the winter months

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The Charities Regulator

www.charitiesregulator.ie - you can get detailed information about an organisation and check to see if they are registered with the Charities Regulator.



Some information on the means test for the Fuel Allowance

Detailed information on how your income is assessed is available on our website.

Fuel allowance income limit for people over 70

You can have income of up to €500 per week, or €1000 per week for a couple and still qualify for Fuel Allowance.

Your capital (savings, property and investments) are also assessed. The first €50,000 of your capital is not included in the means test.

Fuel Allowance income limit for under 70s

If you are under 70, you must be getting a qualifying payment to apply for Fuel Allowance (see 'Qualifying social welfare payments and pensions on our website').

To qualify for Fuel Allowance, your total means from all sources must be less than the current maximum rate of State Pension (Contributory) including any increases that you might get for living alone and dependants, plus €200. This is called the assessable income limit.

From January 2023

The assessable income limit for a single person is €465.30 (€200 plus €265.30).

The assessable income limit for a couple (where the qualified adult is aged under 66) is €642 (€200 plus €265.30 plus €176.70).

The assessable income limit for a couple (where the qualified adult is aged 66 or over and under 70) is €703.10 (€200 plus €265.30 plus €237.80).

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Well! The meteorological summer has ended such as it was! This coming week looks reasonably good so maybe things will improve before the astronomical summer ends on 22nd September.

At the end of July Joe visited the Bray air show and submitted some great photos on the group's WhatsApp. As the newsletter was on holidays none could be submitted for publication. So belatedly one has been submitted this weekend.

Last week the emphasis was on Vancouver Island in British Columbia. This week all the photos are from closer to home.



Irene submitted a photo of a rather ruffled looking bird taken at the Dublin Falconry which is located in Castleknock. The peregrine falcon has been recorded diving at speeds of 320 km/h making it the fastest-moving creature on Earth.



Returning to Joe, while the newsletter was on holidays he submitted a beautiful photograph taken in Dun Laoghaire which was the terminus of Ireland's first railway which ran from Westland Row (now Pearse) to what was then Kingstown and opened in 1834.

Frances was in Maynooth, and submitted a photo of the Lady Chapel.



The group resumes its Friday morning meetings in the Parish Centre next Friday at 10.30.

Until the next time stay safe!

