



# LUCAN

## NEWSLETTER

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### **A week to remember.....**

Sunday marks the start of that special week in the life of the church known as Holy Week. During this week we celebrate those special days in human history when Jesus, by his life, death and resurrection opened for all humankind a path to eternal life. However, our celebrations are no mere historical remembrances. Our liturgies make present in our midst the saving events of those most sacred days, in a living and vibrant way.

Sunday, known as Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday commemorates his entry into Jerusalem. On that day the crowds welcomed him waving Palm branches with cries of 'Hosanna'. A few days later the crowd would bay for his blood, with cries of 'Crucify him'. A stark reminder of the fickleness of human nature.

Journeying through the week we celebrate Spy Wednesday, the day when Judas Iscariot went to the Jewish authorities and did a deal for his hand over; money changed hands and betrayal was in the air. Holy Thursday focuses our attention on that special night in an upper room in Jerusalem when Jesus gathered with his closest friends for his Last Supper. At that meal he did something which has echoed through the ages and has sustained his followers through the ups and downs of history. He gave them the extraordinary gift of the Eucharist. Time was running out, and there was so much he still needed them to know and to understand. Jesus was well aware that actions speak louder than words and so his taking of bread and wine with his powerful words, was his gift of himself, prefiguring the events that were to follow on the next day, when his body would be broken and his blood poured out. It was at the last supper too, that he washed the feet of his disciples, an act of loving service and humility that shocked those present and challenged them to finally see, and understand, his message of love and service. Since that most holy night, the Eucharist has sustained and nourished the community of believers.

Good Friday was a dark and dreadful day, it seemed that the light had been extinguished, that goodness has been defeated by hatred and evil; no wonder his friends had run away.

If the Jesus story had ended on that awful Friday, we would have nothing to celebrate. His followers would have scattered, and history would scarcely have remembered the itinerant preacher from Nazareth who had come to a bad end. However, the best was yet to come! Having given his 'all' in complete selflessness, the seed sown in sadness was about to burst forth in newness of life. Easter morning would change everything. Now appeared the light that the darkness could not overpower!

That is the wonder that we celebrate during these sacred days.

*Philip Curran*  
*St. Mary's & St. Patrick's 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

## Carer's Allowance

*I recently became a carer for a family member.*

*Can I get Carer's Allowance?*

Carer's Allowance is a weekly social welfare payment to people who care for someone because of their age, disability or illness (including mental illness).

**You can get Carer's Allowance if you are caring full-time for someone who is:**

Aged 16 or over and so incapacitated that they need full-time care and attention for at least 12 months, or

A child under 16 that you get Domiciliary Care Allowance for.

**You must also be 18 or over and:**

Be habitually resident in Ireland.

Not be working, studying, volunteering or training more than 18.5 hours a week.

Not live in a hospital, convalescent home or a similar institution.

Pass a means test

**How is my income assessed in the means test?**

Your income must be below a certain amount to get Carer's Allowance. The Department of Social Protection examines all sources of income, including your spouse, civil partner, or cohabitant's income.

If you are single, €450 of your total weekly income is not taken into account in the means test. If you are a couple, the first €900 of your combined total weekly income is not taken into account.

The first €50,000 of your capital does not affect your Carer's Allowance payment. Capital includes savings, investments, shares, or any property you have (but not your own home).

### How much is Carer's Allowance?

Your payment is made up of a personal rate for yourself and extra amounts for any child dependants. You cannot get an increase for a qualified adult with your Carer's Allowance.

If you are under 66, the maximum weekly rate is: €260 if you are caring for 1 person €390 if you are caring for 2 or more people

If you are 66 or over, the maximum weekly rate is:

€298 if you are caring for 1 person

€477 if you are caring for 2 or more people

Increases for child dependants are called Child Support Payments.

These are:

€50 (full-rate) and €25 (half-rate) for a child under 12

€62 (full-rate) and €31 (half-rate) for a child aged 12 or over

### Carer's Support Grant

If you get Carer's Allowance, you automatically get Carer's Support Grant in June each year.

### Other supports for carers

If you get Carer's Allowance, you can also get: GP visit card

Free Travel

Household Benefits Package (if you live with the person you care for).

From January 2025, Carer's Allowance is a qualifying payment for Fuel Allowance - you need to meet the criteria for Fuel Allowance, including the Fuel Allowance means test.

### Budget 2025

The Carer's Allowance income disregard will increase to €625 for a single person and €1,250 for a couple (July 2025).



**More information is available on our website.**

**Family Carers Ireland 1800 24 07 24**

## Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, we celebrated our April Birthdays at our Easter Party.

Happy Birthday to Sr. Geraldine, Catherine Balfe and Freda Comerford. Freda also won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in our Easter Bonnet competition.

A special thank you to all the ladies who made some wonderful creations – Philip Tracy, watch out! Thank you also to our hardworking committee who made it a very enjoyable morning.

*Happy Easter to all!*



## Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills.



Our next meeting is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7:45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip and guests are most welcome to join us. Come along on the night or contact [vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com](mailto:vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com) to register your interest.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**7:45pm**

**Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, W23 W280**

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, April 17<sup>th</sup>, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, follow Lucan Toastmasters on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#) or contact [vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com](mailto:vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com)



Welcome to Robert Neary who has joined the Liffey Sound team as our Outreach Officer.

Robert presents Community Hour every Wednesday at 3pm on 96.4FM. If you are a member of a Community, Voluntary or Not-for-profit organisation in Lucan or the surrounding areas, Robert would love to interview you on his programme. Robert also wants to promote local events & activities. Please email him on [robert@liffeysoundfm.ie](mailto:robert@liffeysoundfm.ie)

[www.liffeysoundfm.ie](http://www.liffeysoundfm.ie) or catch up on Facebook or Instagram

**Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station!**

## Lucan I.C.A.

*Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April:*

Crafts continue on Monday with the many individual items being worked on by the members.

**Tea Hostesses:** Abigail O'C. and Mary D.



We have three members attending Blanchardstown ICA Arts and crafts Day next Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April for Patchwork and Decoupage.

## Parish Notes

### St Mary's, Lucan

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



### Palm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April:

This day commemorates the triumphal entry of the Lord into Jerusalem and sets the scene for the coming days. **Blessing of Palms at all Masses.**

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

**Weekday Masses:** Monday - Wednesday: 10am

### Confessions: Holy Week

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**  
10.30am to 11.15am. (Funerals excepted)

**Holy Saturday:** 11am to 12 pm and 2pm to 4pm

### Holy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April:

**No morning Mass today.**

On this day we celebrate the institution of the Blessed Eucharist at the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper**

This ceremony incorporates the washing of feet, reminding us of our call to service of others.

A guided **'Watch and Pray'** hour is celebrated from 10pm to 11pm.



### Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April:

**3pm: Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion;** this includes Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

**8pm: Stations of the Cross**

### Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April:

**9pm: Easter Vigil**

Do come and join us for this joyous celebration.

### Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April:

Masses: 10.30am, and 12 noon.

**There is NO Evening Mass on Easter Sunday.**

All Services will be live-streamed on  
[www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)

**Deepest Sympathy** to the family and friends of **Kathleen Monaghan**, Dodsboro Cottages.  
*May she rest in peace.*



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

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

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

**Weekday Masses:** Mon. - Wed.: 10am.

### Confessions: Holy Week

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**  
10.30am to 11am. (Funerals excepted)

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### Holy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April:

**No morning Mass today.**

On this day we celebrate the institution of the Blessed Eucharist at the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper**

This ceremony incorporates the washing of feet, reminding us of our call to service of others.

### Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April:

**12pm:** Stations of the Cross for Children

**3pm:** Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion, including the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

**8pm:** Stations of the Cross with guided meditations.

### Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April:

**9pm: Easter Vigil**

Holy Saturday is a sombre day, recalling the Lord in the tomb. The Sacraments are not celebrated today until the **Easter Vigil at 9pm.**

The Easter Vigil celebrates the triumph of Christ over death and His victorious resurrection to new life. We light the outdoor fire, distribute the light from the Easter Candle, renew our Baptismal promises and join in the Easter Alleluia!  
Do come and join us for this joyous celebration.

### Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April:

Masses: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon

All Services will be live-streamed at  
[stpatrickslucan.ie](http://stpatrickslucan.ie)

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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



### **Palm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April:**

Saturday Vigil 6pm,  
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

**Weekday Masses:** Mon - Wed. 9.15am

### **Holy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April:**

**5pm:** Family Mass

**8pm:** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Followed by Hour of Prayer

### **Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April:**

**12pm:** Stations of the Cross

**1pm:** Holy Face Prayers (Outdoors)

**3pm:** Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

**8pm:** Reading of the Passion and Taize Music

### **Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April:**

**9pm: Easter Vigil**

### **Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April:**

Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

All services will be live-streamed on  
[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)



**Family Choir:** The Family choir is looking for more members who love to sing or could play any instrument like: string, wind or percussion. We practice Friday evenings here in the Church and sing at 12:00pm Sunday Mass.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please share this with them or approach any of the choir members after Mass to link you with Tina or Mike.

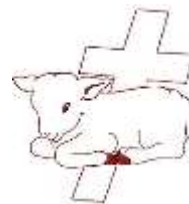
## *All in the April Evening*

All in the April evening  
April airs are abroad  
The sheep with their little lambs  
Passed me by on the road  
The sheep with their little lambs  
Passed me by on the road  
All in the April evening  
I thought on the lamb of God.

The lambs were weary and crying  
With a weak human cry  
I thought on the lamb of God  
Going meekly to die  
Up in the blue, blue mountains  
Dewy pastures are sweet  
Rest for the little bodies  
Rest for the little feet  
But for the lamb, the Lamb of God.

Up on the hilltop green  
Only a cross, a cross of shame  
Two stark crosses between  
All in the April evening  
April airs were abroad  
I saw the sheep with the lambs  
And thought on the Lamb of God

*by Katharine Tynan*



## **Ecumenical Way of the Cross**

**Good Friday  
18<sup>th</sup> April: 12pm:**

Departing St Mary's processing to Lucan Methodist, Presbyterian  
and Church of Ireland Churches.



***Do Join Us!***

## Birthday Remembrance

### John Lally, 12<sup>th</sup> April

Your book of life stands open,  
at its most important page,  
May good luck be by your side  
on this coming of age.

We cannot send a birthday card,  
your hands we cannot touch,  
But God will take our greetings  
to the Dad we love so much.

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



### John Lally, 12<sup>th</sup> April Remembering you today Dad On your Birthday.

You'll never be forgotten Dad  
And now that your birthday is here,  
I'll place some flowers where you lay  
And shed a little tear.

I'll whisper "Happy Birthday Dad"  
And ask the Lord above  
To kiss you gently on the cheek  
And give you all our love.

*Loved and cherished from your daughter  
Alison, Andy, Ruth, Craig, Alisha and Caden xxx*



### John Lally, 12<sup>th</sup> April Thinking of you on your Birthday

It's especially difficult today  
Not to have you here.  
To celebrate the times we've shared  
Over another joyful year.  
I wish I had just one more chance  
To see your happy smile,  
To laugh and celebrate with you  
Just for a little while.  
I'll hold on to you forever  
Deep within my heart.

And though you are not here with me  
Know that we'll never part.  
This day was always special  
So, I just want to say  
That I'm thinking of you with love  
On this, your Birthday.

*From his loving daughter Joyce, son in law Mark,  
grandsons Johnny, Ciaran, Matthew and great  
grandson.*



## Anniversaries

### Johnny Bevan 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 13<sup>th</sup> April

Good byes are not forever,  
Good byes are not the end.  
It only means we miss you,  
Until we meet again.

*Louise*



### Derek Finn 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 14<sup>th</sup> April

In loving memory of a dear son and brother Derek, also remembering his pals *Declan, Victor* and *David*.

We hold you close within our hearts

And there you shall remain

Life has gone on without you

And will never be the same

Yes, memory has a magic way

Of keeping loved ones near

Ever close in mind and heart

Are the ones we hold most dear.

*Sadly missed and always loved by Dad, Angela,  
Edward, Les, Ken and families xx*

### Declan Kane 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 14<sup>th</sup> April Glen of Imaal Anniversary

In loving memory of our son, Declan also his friends *Victor, Derek* and *David*.

We hold you close within our hearts

And there you shall remain

To walk with us throughout our lives

Until we meet again.

*Never forgotten by his Mam, sisters Susan and Aideen,  
nephews, nieces and brother in law.*

**Prayed for at 12 o'clock Mass Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April.**

## St Mary's Divine Mercy Devotion

In February before a capacity attendance in the RDS at the Divine Mercy Conference, Fr Pat Collins called on all faithful followers of Jesus to pray fervently for the Church and the whole world in these troubled and dangerous times. The Christian message is to love God above all else, and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. This is being increasingly ignored and rejected. More and more, the world is ignoring God and attempting to rewrite the Ten Commandments to suit its own sinful ways. The Church is being persecuted in many countries and from within itself.

Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Frances have in turn sounded the alarm about the direction society was taking by ignoring God. As it continues unabated, all three Popes warned that unless the world repents and changes its ways major catastrophe and suffering is inevitable.

We must pray earnestly, on our own, in our families and with others for change to come in the world. By turning away from evil, and instead turning to God, repenting and seeking His Mercy for our sins and the sins of the whole world.

We must not doubt the value of prayer. Prayer is the only thing that will avert inevitable catastrophe and suffering.

**Divine Mercy devotion is held in St. Mary's Church each Wednesday after 10am Mass (unless there is a funeral).**

## Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: [info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie](mailto:info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie)

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

Find us on Facebook and Instagram to see what's going on in the centre!



**Baby & Toddler:** Our Baby & Toddler Group is on Mondays from 11-12.30 this is suitable for ages 0-3 and gives parents or caregiver a chance for a chat and well-deserved cup of tea.

**Active over 55's:** We have had an amazing turn out for our Chair Yoga with full capacity for this class. Great to see everyone looking after body and mind.

**Volunteers:** As the centre is growing, we are looking for the help of locals. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer at some of our events please get in touch.

**Room booking:** Would you like to book a room in the centre for a meeting or a group activity? We have some availability and offer competitive rates. Email us to make a booking.



### Beautiful April!

How blessed we are with the weather so far. Hopefully, those *April Showers* won't bother us too much, and will take care of our May flowers!

### Riddle solved!



While we've all been trying to figure out what is going on in Lucan Village, it became a lot clearer this week, when our new outdoor swimming pool appeared.

Our early 70s archives note that the idea of swimming baths down at the weir was floated, but no one ever thought of the Griffen for such a facility.



**Beautiful blooms these days** – Apple Blossom just arriving, courtesy of St. Mary's Camera Soiree

## People's Art & Craft Fair Lucan Summer 2025

Open call for artists and crafters to  
Participate in this year's

"People's Art & Craft Fair"

Sunday 1st June

and BH Monday 2nd June 2025

at Canon Despard Centre,  
Chapel Hill, Lucan.



The fee for the 2 days  
for artists is €60 per stand,  
and €60 per 6ft table  
or €40 per 4ft table for crafters.

Please contact us at

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

for a booking form as soon as possible as  
places will fill up quickly and we have  
limited space.

*We look forward to hearing from you*

## FOUND

**Small Pouch** containing Costume Jewellery.  
Contact 086 3245793

## Over the Hill?

### No, Over the Moon

When the icing on your birthday cake  
Announces you're over the hill  
You need to smile and laugh it off  
Instead of rechecking your will.  
It should be time for taking stock  
For counting your blessings and all  
The things that you might take for granted  
That you probably need to recall.

If you open your eyes every morning  
And can put your two feet on the floor  
If you walk to your very own bathroom  
And can make your way to your front door  
If your postbox has bills you can pay  
And your fridge is as full as you need  
If you've power at the flick of a switch  
And a paper or book you can read.

If your family phone you most mornings  
To check that you're doing alright  
Or you chat with your friends every evening  
And listen to music each night  
If your neighbours respect you and treat  
you  
As if you were one of their own  
If you've got your own car in your driveway  
And can drive where you want all alone.

If your bus pass can take you to places  
You thought that you never would go  
Or you're happy to sit in the sunshine  
On the rare days the sun is aglow  
If you happen to have a nice garden  
With flowers and shrubs you can prune  
Then you're blessed more than millions of  
people  
And you should be just over the moon.

*Rita O'Brien  
Lucan Writers Group*



**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold

its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 14th April at 7.30pm** 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 how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

## Lucan Lions Club

### Spectacle Recycling Lucan



Lions Club is encouraging people to donate unwanted spectacles in several local shops, which are then recycled to 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries and donated free of charge to people with poor eyesight who normally could not afford to purchase spectacles. All varieties, condition and sizes are very welcome (adults, children's, sunglasses, damaged/broken) as we can use them all. No need to include glasses cases.

Once collected, the spectacles are boxed and dispatched via DPD sponsorship to MEDICO a team of qualified opticians in France. On arrival, the spectacles are sorted and cleaned. Using specialised equipment, the power of the lenses is measured for the new owner. They are labelled and packed ready for shipment to a country in Africa, Asia, South America and Europe, to restore sight to lifeless eyes. See below the range of local Lucan collection points and if you could advertise this notice through your local school, sports club, family members etc, you would be part of this very worthwhile worldwide initiative. Many thanks to all of you who have donated spectacles. We have already shipped over 11,000 glasses for re-cycling since the project started in 2023, so well done to everyone. We have collection bins at each of the following locations:

The Parish Office, St Mary's Church Lucan.  
Mullins and Henry Opticians in SuperValu Shopping Centre, Lucan. Boylan's Opticians, 335 Ballyfermot Road. Specsavers and Vision Express stores in Liffey Valley, Clondalkin Mill Centre and The Square Tallaght.

**Message in a Bottle (MIAB) at Lucan Golf Club** Sincere thanks to Lucan Golf Club for facilitating our Message in a Bottle (MIAB) activity in the Clubhouse on Saturday 5 April. This was very successful and extremely well received by golfers on the day. The MIAB is an invaluable initiative designed to help all emergency services to quickly access vital medical information in the event of an emergency. Each bottle contains important details like medical condition, allergies and emergency contacts. It is a simple and effective way to ensure peace of mind for each holder and their loved ones.

**Easter Raffle at SuperValu Lucan** Lucan Lions Club will hold its Annual Easter Raffle, sponsored by SuperValu Lucan over the Easter weekend 17-19 April. The prizes will be 4 x €100 and 2 x €50 Easter Hampers. We are grateful to SuperValu for their long-standing sponsorship of this Raffle and their overall support for Lucan Lions Club.  
*Mattie McCabe. PRO*





## Lucan Community College

**Golfing Success:** Congratulations to TY student Mark Greenwood who recently won the Irish Junior Open School's Cup at Greystones Golf Club, shooting a score of 78 to win by two strokes. Everyone at the school wishes Mark the best of luck when he next competes in the Golf Union Ireland U16 Connacht Championship in Strandhill Golf Club over the Easter Break.



**TY Wall Climbing:** For the first time ever, our school has a TY climbing squad, who competed in the Awesome Walls Irish Schools Climbing Competition! This exciting event brings together young climbers from across the country to test their skills on a national level at Awesome Walls Dublin. We had a total of three teams enter the competition, and the 12 competitors were incredibly excited for this opportunity. The students showed amazing resilience and dedication as they competed, and displayed incredible team spirit and encouragement as their teammates climbed. Big shout out to the top scorers from each team: Finn Coghlan, Donagh White, and Katie Gregory L'Estrange. An extra congratulations to Donagh for having the fastest time of any of our competitors on the speed

climb! The results will be announced in the coming weeks, but no matter the outcome, we're incredibly proud of their dedication, teamwork, and adventurous spirit. Best of luck to our climbers - you've already made LCC history!



**2<sup>nd</sup> year Trip to Galway:** On Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April the 2<sup>nd</sup> years departed on a thrilling trip to Killary Adventure Centre in Galway. We were gifted with wonderful sunshine during the trip and got up to many activities during the stay. Some of these activities include jumping into bogs, shooting targets on archery, climbing, canoeing with friends, walking through gorges with beautiful scenery, completing obstacles and zip lines in the aerial park and coming together as a team in the team building exercises. We also learnt how to drum to a beat and Irish dance in the night activities. We all learnt new skills and tried something new on this exhilarating experience and we left on that Friday feeling accomplished and really tired!!!



**Careers Evening:** Last week saw the first 'Explore your Future' event being held in Lucan Community College. It featured 17 past pupils of the college who all work in different areas from business, engineering and medical careers to the air corps, the Gardaí and an entrepreneur to mention but a few. They shared their career paths, knowledge and experience and spoke to our enthusiastic students afterwards. an enjoyable and informative event.

## St. Joseph's College

**Brain Tumour Ireland fundraiser:** A massive well done to our Student Council who raised €934.64 for Brain Tumour Ireland in their recent 'Wear a Hat Day'. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped out with such a great cause.

**2<sup>nd</sup> year basketball:** The second year basketball team made the long trip to Mayo last week to play in the national playoffs. They defeated Ballinrobe CS in a brilliant first match but were unfortunately then defeated by Moate CS in a thrilling playoff final. Unfortunately this means the team do not progress any further this year but they have played so well and represented the school with such distinction.

### Third level speakers:

Thank you to Emma from Shannon College of International Hotel Management for delivering a very inspiring talk to our fifth year students last week. She shared exciting career

opportunities in the hospitality industry with lots of global travel and amazing job opportunities.

**Badminton blitz:** Congratulations to all of our under 16 students who attended our badminton blitz on Thursday. A special congratulations to Serah Arun and Sarah Binoy who were the winners on court 1 and Avanthinka Hemanth and Erin Aldho who were the winners on court 3.

**Lucan Tidy Towns:** Thank you to Lucan Tidy Towns representatives, Catherine and Kevin who came in to talk to our TY students who have been working hard all year keeping Lucan clean and tidy. The students were delighted to hear about the fantastic work done by Lucan Tidy Towns ahead of the National spring clean on Saturday morning. Many of our students contributed and helped out with the event as they continue to contribute to their local community in a fantastic manner.



**Debaters:** Congratulations to our junior debaters Alison Bria and Vitika Sonigara who competed in the final of the MACE debates competition in UCD on Saturday. On Thursday night, Elise Muldowney and Agnes Martin co – chaired the National Concern Debates semi final in the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan.

**Girls Go Circular:** Our TY students took part in a 'Girls Go Circular' workshop organised by Junior Achievement Ireland. The students learned a lot about the circular economy and came up with excellent sustainable business ideas for the world of fashion. Thanks to Kaylah and Brianna from Junior Achievement for delivering the workshop.

**First Year Basketball:** Congratulations to the First year Basketball team who were successful in their matches against two very strong teams from Bettystown CS and Gaelcholaiste Chill Dara. The First years now go through to the semi final of the All Ireland competition on Thursday 10th April in the UL Sports Arena. We wish the team the very best for their semi final.

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Why is, what doctors do is called 'practicing'?

Aren't they already supposed to know what they're doing!



Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty!



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Awards:** Well done to 5th yr **Daire Reilly** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month* Award for March in recognition of his outstanding contribution to school life. Daire is a school prefect and a very active member of the ERST Student Council Committee.

Congratulations also to **Eolann Maher** from 1 Barley who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award* in recognition of his impressive displays for the 1<sup>st</sup> yr soccer, football and hurling teams. Comhghairdeas freisin le **Anish Iyer** ón triú bhiaín a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí Márta mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge.

The three winners each received a 20euro voucher as well as a framed certificate to recognise their achievements. Well done also to the class tutor student of the month winners who each received a 5euro voucher for the school canteen.

**Soccer:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> yr soccer team were eliminated from the Dublin Metropolitan League last Thursday, as they suffered a heart breaking 2-1 extra-time defeat to St. Fintan's HS, Sutton in their 1-4 final clash. Sutton dominated much of the 1<sup>st</sup> half, yet the best opportunities fell to Lucan, who finished the half very strongly.

Sutton managed to take the lead 10mins into the 2<sup>nd</sup> half when they scored from the penalty spot. Lucan pushed hard for an equaliser, and they were rewarded with the last kick of the game when Alex Deegan's well struck shot from distance took a wicked bounce in front of the Sutton keeper and looped over him to force extra-time.

Sutton regained the lead the stroke of half-time in extra time when the number 9 gleefully swept the ball home at the back post into an unguarded net.

Lucan threw everything at their opponents in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of extra-time, but to no avail and Sutton held on for a hard-earned and ultimately deserved win. Our 1<sup>st</sup> yrs can reflect on a competitive campaign, with 6 wins and a draw in their 10 games.

**School tour:** Best of luck to the 60 2<sup>nd</sup> yr students, and six teachers, travelling to Barcelona during the Easter Holidays for a 4-day school tour. They will be flying out on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and returning on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. It promises to be an action-packed tour with a lot of exciting activities lined up to keep them entertained. We look forward to hearing all about it when they return!

**ERST News:** Our inaugural ERST Student Council Committee welcomed a 5<sup>th</sup> member this

week, with the addition of Niall Ryan Doyle to the group. The other four members, Daire Reilly, Jayron Sarmiento, Evan Whelan and Lucas Collender, were influential in convincing Niall to join them and they are delighted to have another enthusiastic, dedicated, committed and passionate 5<sup>th</sup> yr on board.

The "Fab Five" have been busy this week running



Easter FM over three days to celebrate the Easter Triduum. Daire "The Voce" Reilly took over the intercom (again!) to read out a short message about the life of Jesus. He also posed trivia questions, based on the religious sacraments, with prizes for the 1<sup>st</sup> correct emailed answers. The committee also put together a beautiful display of Easter images just inside the main entrance to the school and this really helped create extra awareness of this important liturgical season. We thank the committee for their fantastic initiative, energy and enthusiasm. We appreciate the efforts they have gone to in promoting and celebrating the underlying values of our ERST school community.

### Exam news:

The Leaving Cert oral exams take place over the Easter Holidays in the school and we have students sitting these exams in Irish, French, German, Polish, Spanish, Italian and Chinese! The orals begin on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April. We wish all of our students, who have been practising their spoken skills in the different languages so diligently throughout the past two years, the best of luck.

Our LC Construction Studies students are busy this week putting the finishing touches to their exam project, with the deadline being this Friday. This is worth 25% of their overall marks. They will then sit a 4-hour Practical exam on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May, which is worth another 25%. Their written exam in June is worth the other 50% of the marks.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> yr Art students sat their 5-hour Art Practical Exam over two days this week. This is worth 20% of their overall marks. The students submitted their Art Practical Coursework, worth 50% of the marks, last Friday.

## Esker Active Retirement Association

We had a lovely club meeting on Wednesday, good attendance despite the sunny day.

On Friday last over 20 of our members went to a fundraising night for Divine Mercy Junior and Senior schools at the Spa Hotel. It was a Garth Brooks tribute event, so we had a brilliant night of music and dancing. Our table was even awarded a special spot prize for having the most dancers on the floor!



Two of our members won really good spot prizes so we all went home happy.



We will be meeting up as usual on the Wednesday of Holy Week, 1.30 to 4 pm in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Main Street Lucan. All welcome.



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Are you enthusiastic, outgoing and fun? We're looking for YOU!**  
Barnardos fundraising team have a number of exciting events planned this year, so we are inviting you to become a volunteer with us and with your support we can create a safe space for children to learn, grow and thrive.

**Who, what, where?**



Scan to complete our  
volunteer form



**Riverdance**  
Volunteer collectors needed to shake buckets outside the Gaiety Theatre over the 12 hour Riverdance-athon. Shifts generally 4 hours.  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 10am - 10pm**

**Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle**  
We need volunteers to support with water stations, marshalling & registrations, among other roles. The cycle starts and ends in Killarney, with volunteers stationed along the route and at pit stops at Cahirciveen and Kenmare.  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July - All Day**

**Barnardos Giving Day**  
Volunteer collectors needed to support in 3 collection locations - Liffey Valley Shopping Centre, Dublin; Cresent Shopping Centre, Dooradoyle Limerick; and Mahon Point Shopping Centre, Cork.  
Shift generally 4 hours.  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 5pm - 9pm**





Barnardos, Christchurch Square, Dublin 8  
Ph: 0145331818; RN: 20010027

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY OF THESE EVENTS (OR FUTURE EVENTS), PLEASE EMAIL: [LISA.TOBIN@BARNARDOS.IE](mailto:LISA.TOBIN@BARNARDOS.IE) STATING THE EVENT IN THE SUBJECT LINE.

For all of these events, supervision and support will be provided. Suitable for age 16 and above.

## ACRE project A COMMUNITY RETHINKING ITS ENVIRONMENT

Salesians College, Maynooth Rd, Celbridge

*Dates for your diary.....*

### ACRE Plant sale and Bake Fair 2025

We're delighted to announce the return of our Annual Spring/Summer ACRE Fundraising **Plant Sale and Bake Fair** taking place on **Saturday May 17th and Sunday May 18th 2025**. You can expect beautiful blooms and plant, delicious cakes, treats, breads, coffee from local artisan bakers and fun interactive workshops.

### Creative Writing - Writing for Joy

Weekly creative writing workshop led by ACRE Artist

in Residence Krystal Sweedman. Free 6 week course starting June 2025.

To reserve your spot contact:

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



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Puck for Palestine

We are hosting “Puck for Palestine”, an U11 hurling and camogie blitz raising funds for GAA Palestine. All welcome for what will be a great day, please see details below

**Where:** Lucan Sarsfields GAA club

**When:** April 21st, Easter Bank Holiday Monday from 9am to 6pm.

Our aim is to raise at least €5,000. These funds will help develop facilities for GAA clubs in the West Bank in Palestine and to help with the costs of bringing players and mentors to Ireland during the summer. Donations can be made through the following link:

<https://whydonate.com/en/fundraising/puck-for-palestine>



will open at 2pm with food and drink for young and old available to those attending (food truck, ice-cream van) whilst entertainment will be provided by a local ukulele band The Walkeleles Overall, the focus of this event is community, camaraderie and commitment to a greater cause – the young children of Palestine and the smiles the beauty of the GAA can bring to their difficult lives.

We are looking for volunteers for this event as well as donations of raffle prizes. If you can help in any way, please contact Ollie – 087 624 3560

### Annual Golf Classic

Support the Lucan Sarsfields Golf Classic this June! We’re gearing up for our annual Golf Classic in June and would love your support! This event helps fund our club’s growth and success, benefiting players of all ages.

### Sponsorship Options:

- ✓ Tee & Green Sponsors
- ✓ Team Sponsorship
- ✓ Prize Sponsors



Get great visibility, network, and show your support for the club!

**For more info or to get involved,** contact Maggie - 087 286 6581 or Pat - 086 804 3331 Thanks for your support!

### Summer Camps

Our Easter camp is now fully booked. We will not be taking any walk ups. To join the waiting list please fill out the following form -

<https://forms.gle/g7Jko6bYb1L4xubW9>

Our summer camps and campa samhraidh trí ghaeilge are open for registration, but spaces are filling up fast. Open to all boys and girls starting primary school in September or just finishing primary school this year. We welcome both members and non members of all abilities. All of our camps are dual football and camogie/hurling, hurls ad helmets can be provided if needed. This year alongside our camp jersey each child attending will also receive a Lucan Sarsfields Camp sliotar! We would like to thank Keane Windows for their continued support of our camps. Bookings can be made via clubzap, the QR code in the poster or the following link; <https://lucansarsfields.clubzap.com/categories/camp/products>

**Lotto:** Congratulations to Charlie Caseley on winning last week’s lotto jackpot of €3,800. The Numbers were **1,14, 20, 28**. Lucky dip’s go to Ciaran Keane, Gerry Bellew, Ella Dawson, Aoife McKearney, Kevin Durkin. This week’s Lotto will be for a jackpot of €1,000. This draw is sponsored by REA McDonald Auctioneers



Nearly 30 clubs from Dublin, Kildare and Meath taking part - half of these are bringing both hurling and camogie teams.

The impact and significance of the money raised will not be lost on those who take part and everything that’s good about the GAA, whether it’s in Lucan or Tulkarm will be on show in the form of people volunteering their time and energy ahead of the event and on the day. Every child who plays will receive a cert of attendance and branded GAA Palestine water bottle with additional merchandise on sale on the day.

The club café will be open for the day and the bar



# SPORTS

## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Launch of Athletics Ireland Communication Board with Lucan Harriers and Finding Charlie's Voice



Finding Charlie's Voice were thrilled to partner with Athletics Ireland on the design and production of over 100 Athletic Communication Boards and associated supports (lanyards and A4 cards) to ensure that those with communication differences are supported on the track and are more inclusive within club sessions!

This has been an amazing collaborative partnership headed by Triona Shalloe (SIDO) and the team in AAI @athleticsirelandofficial and of course our dream team @horizon\_digital\_print and Ishita and @safecaretech @tobii\_dynavox . It was so lovely to share the launch with @lucanharriers last week where most of the children had already seen these boards in their schools and knew what they were for! Lucan Harriers have always been a great fan of Finding Charlie's Voice and there are many club members who are true 'Charlie's Angels'!



'We are delighted with the accessible symbols showing that there are no boundaries to taking part and that every club and session has a place for those athletes who may need a little extra support. More so on a bias note we were truly delighted to be able launch these boards with Lucan Harriers' Will Byrne Co-founder at FCV. #athletics #inclusion #accessibility #communication #slcn #findingcharliesvoice



#partnershipgoals.

Shout out to AI for a sports equipment donation the club received this week. Some nice bling to support our various activities.



## Lucan Harriers AC - Memorial Mile

Join us at our track to remember loved ones who have passed. This is open to everyone in the community. 23/05/2025 @ 6:30pm.



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**Lucan – Need for New Bus Shelters:** With all local authorities now receiving a direct fund of 500k from the National Transport Authority, under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme, I have requested that the council examine a couple of specific Lucan locations when making any works programme consideration in collaboration with the NTA.

**Hayden's Lane / Griffeen Ave Roundabout – Hedge Pruning:** Following representation on behalf of residents that approached our office, I was delighted to see prompt action to prune back approximately 25ft of hedging, taking back the shared pedestrian/cycle track following our representation.

**St Finian's / Canonbrook – Green Clean-Up:** The council have replied to my request for a clean-up of illegally dumped material and widespread litter along the hedgerow on the green space, and leading down to the red bridge, to the rear of St Finian's and adjacent to Canonbrook

## Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael – P.C.

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**Lucan Skate Park:** I'm pleased to report the power supply for lighting is now upgraded and operational. Lights are programmed to come on automatically in the evenings, giving skaters full access in all conditions.

**Chapel Hill Roundabout:** Residents report drivers mounting the footpath to filter left into Lucan village, creating a hazard for pedestrians, and causing traffic jams. The issue will be reviewed at the May Traffic Management meeting.

**Hillcrest Court:** I'm pleased to confirm that the large water leak on the grass verge near Hillcrest Court is repaired. Thank you to residents who raised this issue with me.

**Esker Park:** Following reports of water on the road Irish Water confirmed the issue is not due to a burst mains and is a result of flooding from rain. The issue is escalated to SDCC Roads for investigation and resolution.

## Shane Moynihan TD – Fianna Fáil Dublin Mid-West.

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**Special classes for Lucan:** I welcome the recent announcement of special classes in Griffeen Valley Educate Together, agus i nGaelscoil Eiscir Riada.

**Old Esker Cemetery:** I have asked for a follow-up on the provision of a tap in the old Esker Cemetery. This is to be installed, pending discovery of a source.

**Tree maintenance:** SDCC is currently compiling its Tree Maintenance Programme for 2026-2028. Please contact my office, or my colleague Cllr Jacqueline Sheehy, if you think your estate should be on the draft list.

**Clinics:** If you would like to make an appointment to attend my clinic, please contact my office at 01-6184128.

## Minister Emer Higgins TD

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**Darkness Into Light Lucan:** Following last year's huge success, Darkness into Light returns to Lucan on the 10th May at 4:15am in St Catherine's Park. Sign up now at [darknessintolight.ie](http://darknessintolight.ie) and select 'Lucan' as your location. I'm proud to be working once again with the organising committee, chaired by Cllr. Liona O'Toole. If you're over 18 and would like to volunteer, email us at [lucan@darknessintolight.ie](mailto:lucan@darknessintolight.ie).

**#AskEmer Online Clinic:** Thank you to everyone who tuned into my first #AskEmer online clinic, which gives people an alternative way to raise issues that matter to them. Follow me on Instagram for details on how to take part in the next one.

**HSE Capital Funding:** I'm delighted that an additional €100,000 has been approved for the fit-out at Adamstown Primary Care Centre, and an additional €240,000 for vital refurbishment works at Peamount Hospital.

## Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

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**Dáil report:** I made several contributions in the Dáil chamber this week about Irish actions required in the face of the tariff threats and a changing global economic environment. I suggested multiple action points as well as the need for a time-limited special committee to devise the best possible future pathway. We also had discussions on water services, including the need to enhance the water infrastructure, which is important to sort out the housing crisis also.

**Castletown House:** Having raised the need for alternative vehicular access/parking up near Kildare Innovation Centre, it's great to hear of movement on that front.

**School tours/visits:** Official Dáil tours can be arranged for larger groups, but I am also available at certain times to show smaller numbers around the Oireachtas. Contact my office.

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**Recent Issues Raised:** Constituents have raised concerns about rental, housing, overgrown paths, dangerous structures, ongoing works, pothole repair, and tree planting. Some issues remain unresolved, but I will follow up on all.

**Dublin Learning City Festival 2025:** I was honoured to attend the launch of this inspiring festival at the Hugh Lane Gallery this week. Dublin joined the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities in 2019 to promote lifelong learning. The festival offers “taster sessions” in various educational experiences and is hoping to expand to the wider Dublin area. I will be discussing this with their manager soon.

**An Taisce Spring Clean Up:** It was fun to join the Spring Clean Up with Lucan Tidy Towns last week. Their volunteers do incredible work for our area and deserve our support.

## Cllr. Liona O’Toole – Independent

P.C. “Always working, always available”

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**Tree Survey Along N4:** I can confirm that following my motion, the trees along the N4 beside Willsbrook Estate will be surveyed due to concerns raised about their height and safety. Any necessary pruning or works identified in the survey will be scheduled by the council.

**Discoloured Water:** I recently brought forward a motion asking SDCC to explore better ways to communicate with residents experiencing discoloured water. While Irish Water (Uisce Éireann) now manages water services, the Council still has a role in informing the public and relaying concerns to ensure issues are addressed.

Discolouration has been linked to unauthorised use of public hydrants by third parties. I’ve requested Irish Water confirm the steps they’re taking to prevent this. SDCC has recommended reintroducing a hydrant licensing system and encourages residents to report any issues directly at [www.water.ie](http://www.water.ie).



## Lucan Library – April Events

**Easter Bank Holiday:** Lucan Library will be closed from Thursday 17th April at 8pm and reopen on Tuesday 22nd April at 9.45am. The Library will be accessible to those members who have signed up for My Open Library. Please ask at desk about joining My Open Library.

### Wednesday 23rd April, 3.30pm Drumming Workshop for all the family.

Join Thomas Annang for a hands-on drumming workshop where you can learn new beats and rhythms in a fun and interactive setting! Booking essential from Wednesday 16th April at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/drumming-workshop-tickets-1299275872109>

### Friday 25th April, 11am and 12noon

#### Lego with Bricks4Kids

For 4-7 years: Booking from Friday 18th April at

11am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lego-workshop-tickets-1299282832929>

For 8-12 years: Booking from Friday 18th April at 12noon: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lego-workshop-tickets-1299330575729>



### Events for Younger Children: Storytime - Tuesdays at 3pm. All welcome!

Arts and Crafts for 3–5-year-olds with Méabh: Tuesday 15th April, 3.30pm. Booking essential from Tuesday 8th April at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/library-crafts-tickets-1280779529049>



### STEAM Saturday with Helen

Saturday 26th April, 2pm. For ages 9+. Booking essential from Saturday 19th April: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/steam-saturday-with-helen-tickets-1299281398639>

### Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: Monday 28th April, 12noon. Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday 30th April, 7pm  
Junior Book Club: Wednesday 30th April 3pm

**Lucan Library Classic Film Club:** Tuesday 22nd April, 5.30pm. Register at Library Desk.

### Lucan Library Knitters Club -

Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new members welcome





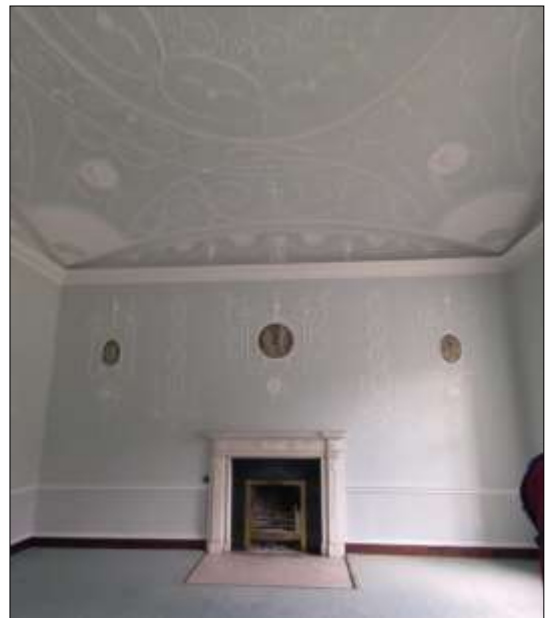
## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last week some members of the Soirée embarked on their first field trip of the season and Donal has submitted some of the results.

Paddy was up relatively bright and early and gave us photographs of Clontarf and Malahide, taken from unusual angles. A settlement at Clontarf has been dated to at least the 12th century. The Battle of Clontarf took place there on 23 April 1014, pitting an army led by Brian Boru, High King of Ireland, against a Norse-Irish alliance. The battle lasted from sunrise to sunset, and ended in a rout of the Viking and Leinster armies by Brian Boru's forces. It is estimated that between 7,000 and 10,000 men were killed in the battle including Brian Boru as well as his son and grandson.



Malahide is known to have become a permanent settlement from the coming of the Vikings, who landed in 795AD and used Malahide Estuary as a convenient base. With the arrival of the Anglo-Normans, the last Danish King of Dublin retired to the area in 1170.



Joe was inside Lucan House and gave us some photographs of the magnificent rooms and fireplaces. But how forlorn the rooms look devoid of their paintings and furniture.  
*Until next week stay safe!*