



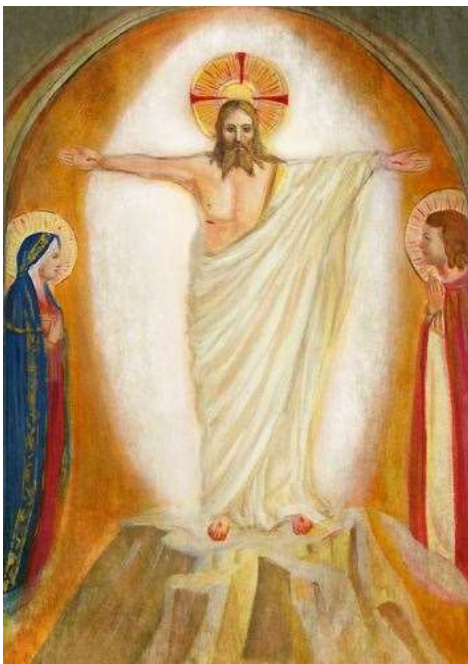
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Sunday 20th April 2025

Alleluia – He is Risen!



We live in dark and uncertain times. The conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine rank as the most serious conflicts among many more throughout our world. We live in an age of unprecedented weaponry, missiles capable of destruction on a scale never seen before.

Power seems concentrated into the hands of individuals, with the capacity to start a global conflict of unimaginable proportions.

These are scary times.

This weekend we are celebrating a message of joy and immeasurable hope, a message that proclaims the victory of love over hatred, of light over darkness, of life over death. Jesus had undergone his own unimaginable horror: rejection, false accusations, taunts, suffering and finally death like a criminal. This was a story that had seemingly ended in tragedy. His disciples had abandoned him. Even Peter his chief Lieutenant had denied all knowledge of him, it seemed as if all had ended in tears. Easter morning was to change all that. The light that they thought to be extinguished was burning brightly again.

The Tomb of death had become the place of resurrection, the love that burned in the heart of Jesus was a fire that would ignite the faith of billions yet unborn. Easter changed everything.

In the days and weeks that followed the disciples were to have many encounters with the Risen Lord, these were moments of reconciliation and healing, moments of restoration and communion. No more skulking around behind locked doors, no longer paralysed by fear; the Risen Jesus transformed them. Even Peter was empowered to undo his threefold denial with a threefold profession of love and faith. No finger of accusation or condemnation from Jesus, rather compassionate understanding and healing.

The ultimate message of Easter is that God is in control. When humankind does its worst, the love of God prevails. Jesus would remain with them awhile, but the time for his Ascension would come. It was then that the Holy Spirit would be poured out on them, they would literally be “clothed with power from on high.” (Lk 24:49). The best indeed was yet to come, and it still is!

May the light of His love burn in our hearts. Happy Easter!

Philip Curran

St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Parishes, Lucan.

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

Buying a Used Car

When you buy a used car from a trader (a car dealer, garage or a business selling on an online marketplace), you have similar consumer rights as when buying a new car.

You can expect the car to meet certain conditions of quality and durability and match what was set out in the contract. While you can't expect a used car to be the same standard as a new one, the quality should reflect the price you paid. If you buy at an auction, you don't have the same rights if the car is 'sold as seen'. Check the auction's conditions of sale before you buy.

If you buy from a private seller, you also have fewer legal rights. This is because consumer law applies to contracts between a trader and a consumer and does not cover consumer-to-consumer deals.

You bought from a garage or car dealer

If a used car you bought develops a fault, you have the right to ask the garage or car dealer to fix the problem by:

Repairing the faulty part(s) for free, within a reasonable time and without significant inconvenience to you.

Providing a replacement part or a car of similar quality or value.

Giving you a refund of the full price paid or a partial refund with a deduction for use (also known as recession)

Car is still under warranty

If your car was sold with a manufacturer's warranty, this provides extra protections. Check the terms and conditions to see if the warranty is still in date, what problems are covered and what the seller's obligations are.

Used car warranties are agreed between you and the dealer when you are negotiating the sale. They are usually non-transferable. This means that you will have to go back to the garage or car dealer you bought the car from to get repairs done under that warranty.

A warranty or guarantee gives you extra protections but it does not replace your statutory rights when goods are faulty. The seller still has a legal duty to provide you with a repair, replacement or refund if the car turns out not to be of satisfactory quality and durability or match what was set out in the contract.

You bought from a private seller

You have very few legal rights when you buy a car from a private seller. Consumer laws only apply to deals between a consumer (a person who buys a good or service for personal use or consumption) and a trader (a person acting for purposes related to their trade, business or profession). It does not apply when you buy from a private individual who is not a trader (for example, someone who is selling their own car to you but who does not sell cars as a profession)

You should still contact the seller to try to work out a solution. If you can't resolve the problem, you can take a civil case.

More information is available on our website.



Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 21st: We are closed for Bank holiday Monday.

Monday 28th: Crafts continue with different projects being done.

Tea Hostesses are Sally and Marie T.



The ladies who attended Handcraft week in An Grianan had a very busy week with new crafts, they were shown by teachers each day a different craft such as Carrickmacross Lace, Macrame necklaces, Calico Garden embroidery, redwork to name a few.



On Saturday some more ladies went to Blanchardstown craft day came home with Decoupage on a small wellington with pansies on top, very unusual. The second craft was a set of hexagon coasters and a table centre in patchwork, a new craft and watercolour painting, enjoyed by all, as you can see Lucan Guild is a very crafty lot.



26th April: Federation meeting in the Teachers Club at 2-4pm, we hope for a good attendance of members attending the meeting.

28th April: We will have our AGM at 10-30am

The members remember Maura Norton on her anniversary on 29th April.

President Pauline wishes all the ladies a very Happy Easter and enjoy the holidays.

Lucan Drama

Lucan Drama will present its next full length play "**The Weir**" by Conor McPherson upstairs in Courtneys of Lucan over a two-week period.



Week 1 - Monday, 28th; Tuesday, 29th and Wednesday, 30th April - door opens 7.30pm and performance at 8pm.

Week 2 - Monday, 5th, Tuesday, 6th and Wednesday, 7th May - door opens 7.30pm and performance at 8pm.

All tickets can be booked through <https://www.gr8events.ie/lucanweir>. Tickets €12/€10 concession. Show and meal €40.

It's directed by Brian Whitney and cast is David Doyle, Gerry Kenny, Joe Parsons, Marianne Bradley and Stephen Finn.

Looking forward to seeing you all there for a great night's entertainment. Thank you for your support always. Without you, the audience, there would be no Lucan Drama.



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Good Friday:

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

8pm: Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday:

Confessions: 11am to 12pm and 2pm to 3.30pm

9pm: Easter Vigil:

Do come and join us for this joyous celebration.

Easter Sunday:

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

No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

Weekday Masses: Monday – Saturday: 10am

All Services will be live-streamed on

www.lucanparish.com

*Fr Philip, Fr Ubaldo,
Fr Pius and Fr Samuel together
with Sr. Geraldine, our Parish
Sister and Cathy, our Parish
Catechist join with the Parish
Pastoral Council in wishing all our
parishioners every Blessing and
Joy of the Easter Season 2025.*

Christian Meditation:

Next meeting will be on the **29th April at 8pm.**

*Wishing you all a
Happy and Blessed
Easter.*

Keep on praying!

Sr Geraldine.



St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

NEXT Saturday/ Sunday 26th / 27th April.

Many thanks for your generosity.

Divine Mercy devotion:

St Mary's Divine Mercy devotion:

Faithful followers of Jesus are asked 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.

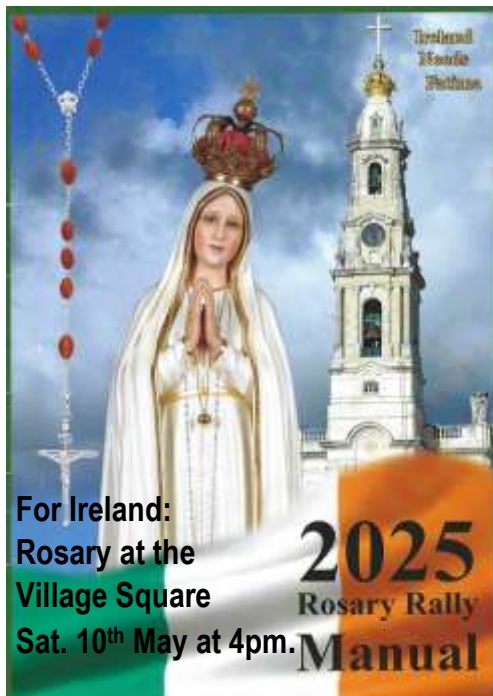
Jesus requested that the Feast of Divine Mercy (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) be preceded by a **Novena of Chaplets of Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday.**

This year, we hope that many people will pray the Novena, either on their own or with their families for change to come about in the world, with more and more turning away from evil and instead turning to God, by repenting and seeking His Mercy for our sins and the sins of the whole world.

Novena leaflets are available in the Church porches.

Jesus revealed to St Faustina, the extraordinary grace on the **Feast of Divine Mercy** of complete forgiveness of sins, for those who go the Confession and receive Holy Communion. (subject to conditions)

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



Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Good Friday:

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:

9pm: Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: Masses: 10.30am and 12pm.

All services will be live-streamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net



St. Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro /Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Good Friday:

12pm: Stations of the Cross for children

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

8pm: Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday:

Confessions: 11am to 12pm and 2pm to 3.30pm

9pm: Easter Vigil

Do come and join us for this joyous celebration.

Easter Sunday:

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Services will be live-streamed at

stpatrickslucan.ie



Divine Mercy Tridium 2025

'Blessed are the Merciful'

Friday 25th April at 7.30pm

Holy Mass & Divine Mercy

Novena Prayer

Celebrant: Fr. P.J. Madden

Saturday 26th April at 6pm

Holy Mass & Divine Mercy

Novena Prayer

Celebrant: Fr. Aidan Kieran

Sunday 27th April:

2pm Divine Mercy Devotions

Priests available for confession from 1pm

3pm Prayers

3.30pm. Holy Mass.

Celebrant: Bishop Donal Roche

Followed by Veneration of The Divine Mercy Image and individual blessing with Relics of St Faustina.

Church of Divine Mercy -Lucan South – Balgaddy

All are invited to come and especially on Divine Mercy Sunday as Jesus told St. Faustina that "On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy." (Diary 139) A wonderful blessing from the Lord.

*Fr Philip, Fr John,
Fr Ubaldo, Fr Pius,
Fr Samuel and Cathy, our Parish
Catechist join with the Parish
Pastoral Council in wishing all our
parishioners every Blessing and Joy
of the Easter Season 2025.*

Date for Your Diary

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock will take place

On 24th May 2025. Details to follow.

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all

Masses **NEXT Sunday 27th April**

Thank you for your generosity.

Ecumenical Way of the Cross

Good Friday

18th April: 12pm:

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

Do Join Us!



Anniversaries

Seamus Butler

16th Anniversary, 13th April

Late of Dodsboro Road.
Memories are something
That no one can steal
Death is a heartache
That no one can heal
Some may forget
Now that you are gone
But we will remember
No matter how long
From his loving family.

**Seamus's Anniversary Mass is Easter Sunday
20th April at 12 o'clock in St Patrick's, Esker.**



Michael (Mick) Cummins

3rd Anniversary, 24th April

Loving Husband, Dad and Grandad.
Late of Woodview, Lucan
After you passed away, the sky turned grey
Not to anyone else but me, it was so dark
And gloomy yet the sun still rose every morning
But nothing feels real anymore.
I still look for you and maybe I always will.
After you passed away, I learned that love
Never dies it just finds new ways to live inside us.
*Sadly missed by his wife Bernadette, sons
Stephen, Robert and David, daughters in law and
grandchildren.*

**Michael's Anniversary Mass will be on
Saturday 26th April at 6.30pm in St. Mary's.**

Patrick Lynam

4th Anniversary, 17th April

O Lord, support us all the day long,
Of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in thy mercy,
grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last.
Amen.

John Henry Newman

*Sadly missed and always cherished
by his family and friends xx*



Victor Mills

**In loving memory of Victor who died
on 14h April 1979. 46 Easters ago**

Days will pass
Turn into years
But we will always remember you
With silent tears
Also remembering *Declan, Derek* and *David*
Never forgotten by his loving family

Kevin Murray

30th Anniversary, 16th April

The leaves may fall,
The sun may set,
But those we love,
We never forget.
Paul, friends and all of your grandchildren xx



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ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT PILGRIMAGE
Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

DEPART	RETURN:
Friday 6 June 2025 @ 8.00am	Sunday 8 June 2025 @ 2.00pm
Friday 4 July 2025 @ 8.00am	Sunday 6 July 2025 @ 2.00pm
Friday 8 August 2025 @ 8.00am	Sunday 10 August 2025 @ 2.00pm

Advance Booking Essential (to secure seat on bus)
Cost €145 includes coach, boat and stay on island
Direct Coach departs Parnell Square outside
Hugh Lane Art Gallery at 8.00am sharp.

For full information and booking form contact:

St. Oliver Plunkett Pilgrimage Office Tel: 086 385 3027	Ms. Miriam Delaney, 90 Broadford Crescent, Ballinteer, Dublin 16. Tel: 01 494 1171
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Women's
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Women's Collective Ireland (WCI Lucan)

Update – April 2025

WCI Lucan – Spring Wrap-Up & New Term Ahead!

We wrapped up our Spring term just before Easter with a fabulous FREE "You Can Heal Your Life" Wellness Workshop led by the amazing Liz Callaghan. It was a full house, filled with positive energy and community spirit—a small gesture to thank all the incredible women who support and take part in our programmes throughout the year.

As we head into the new term beginning Monday, 28th April 2025, we're delighted to let you know there are still just a few spots places available in:

- 🎨 Beginners Art
- 👩 Women in Leadership
- 🎨 Mixed Crafts (Adamstown)
- 📝 Introduction to Creative Writing
- 🗣️ Conversation Club

We'd love to welcome you along!

✉️ lucan@womenscollective.ie

☎️ 083 860 7947

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter from all of us at Women's Collective Ireland Lucan (WCI Lucan) – may it be a time of renewal, joy, and community.

*Warm regards,
Rita, Joanne & Jackie
The WCI Lucan Team*

Esker Active Retirement Association

We had a lovely meeting this week, usual activities including various card games, scrabble and bowls, everyone seemed to be having a fun time. Then of course the best part, a nice chat over a cup of tea or coffee. It's so good to meet up with friends every week.

We wish all our members, families and friends a very happy Easter, and look forward to meeting up again **next Wednesday 23rd April**.



We meet at St Andrews Parish Hall, Main Street Lucan 1.30 to 4 pm. All very welcome.



Happy Easter to all our Readers! We hope all have a lovely weekend, go easy on that chocolate. It's a nice time of year to take in those Spring walks, and absorb the beauty of nature around us.

Tidy Towns People are busy all the time, but one would wonder should the judges bother coming to Lucan at all this year, with the great big mess we're in!!!

Village Swimming Pool gone! By Friday last, a big crane had lowered what looks like seating (big seating) into the great big hole!

Fairyhouse on Easter Monday! Someone reminded Birdie, the other day, of all the excitement around Lucan regarding the Fairyhouse Races at Easter time. It seems to have been a great day out for all the men who would get there by horse and cart, bikes and any means available. The Spa Hotel was also busy with guests here for the races.....

Delighted to be able to fit our backlog of articles in this week, as the schools are on holidays. Don't forget, we're here again next week and welcome all items of interest!



Darkness Into Light returns to Lucan – Sign up now for May 10th 2025

After the huge success of Lucan's very first Darkness Into Light Walk last year, the Lucan Darkness Into Light Committee are proud to bring it back again for 2025. Once again St. Catherine's Park will host the local walk in support of Pieta, the national charity providing free, professional support to people impacted by suicide and self-harm.

The powerful community event raises much needed funds for Pieta's life-saving services, while also offering a chance for remembrance, reflection, and hope. Last year's event raised almost €30,000 in vital funding.

Registration is now open at www.darknessintolight.ie don't forget to click Lucan to register for the Lucan Walk.

Lucan Senior Citizens

Some photos from our Easter Party on 9th April.



A special thank you to Eilis and Kathleen who had the unenviable job of judging our Easter Bonnet competition. This year, the ladies surpassed themselves with their gorgeous creations.



Club reopens on Wednesday 30th April.

Happy Easter to all!

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: 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.

Other News: We were delighted to be invited to the Age & Opportunity Active National Grant Scheme Announcement Day. We heard from some wonderful speakers and took part in the Go For Life games. We came back with some great ideas for our over 55's.

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.

St Francis Hospice
Walk your own 5k
Spring Memorial Walk
Supported by our Hospice Therapy Dogs

Anytime, anyplace in the months of March/April!
Raise funds for Hospice
Registration Fee €25

To register
Call 01-8327535
or visit www.sfh.ie

Today I walk to remember you. **Thank you!**

Scan here to register

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The annual 'Build for the Boys' Family 5K event is taking place again this year in the Phoenix Park on Saturday, April 26th.

The event is part of our ongoing fundraising campaign to build a future for Conor (Age 9) & Dean (age 8) - two young Lucan brothers who were diagnosed in recent years

with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy - a rare, muscle wasting, degenerative condition that has no cure.

More information about our cause and the boys' condition can be found at www.buildfortheboys.ie

From 11am on April 26th, there will be a 5K Race (Chip timing by justrunsevents.ie) followed by a family 5K circuit and free live entertainment from Ireland's favourite Ukulele band - **The Walkeleles!**



SuperValu Lucan are sponsoring the event; and we have a range of fantastic family passes to be won on the day - donated by FORT LUCAN, DUBLIN ZOO and many more.



Registration for the event is via our website www.buildfortheboys.ie

Every euro raised will help us to build a future for Conor and Dean. A future in which we will make every effort to ensure that this life-limiting condition does not limit their dignity and their joy for living.



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



Older people need your support!

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people.

ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.



Poets may sing of the Hills of Donegal ... but well dressed men everywhere sing the praises of HILLS of Lucan!

What a sales pitch!!!

This little gem came to us from Miriam Cushen, of Cushendale Woollen Mills, in Graignamanagh, Co. Kilkenny, who's father recalled doing business with Hills of Lucan back in the day.

The mill in Lucan was founded in 1863. Internationally renowned for their blankets, wools, tweeds, worsteds and gabardines, particularly in Canada and the U.S.A, the business closed in 1988.


Was there a bed in Lucan that didn't have a Hill's blanket over the years?

Generations of Lucanians worked there, over the 125 years of operation.

Cushendale Mills in Graignamanagh, is the oldest woollen mill in Ireland, with a history going back to 1204, and is also the last mill working with traceable Irish fleece.



Irish Independent, Wednesday, July 20, 1949. 3



HILLS

POETS MAY SING OF THE HILLS OF DONEGAL... BUT WELL DRESSED MEN EVERYWHERE SING THE PRAISES OF

HILLS *of Lucan*

MAKERS OF LADIES' & GENTLEMEN'S SUITINGS

Tweeds, Serges, Worsteds, Gaberdines, Whipcords and Hopsacks, etc.

ATKS

Take a look at their website www.cushendale.ie to see some of their beautiful creations – all kinds of blankets, scarves and hats etc.....

“Each Cushendale piece is made slower for a lifetime of colour, softness and warmth”.

“We love visitors and Graignamanagh is a beautiful place for a day trip!!” – *Miriam Cushen*

So perhaps next time any local groups are planning a day trip, Graignamanagh sounds like an interesting spot!

WHEN EASTER CALLS

by Anita O Kearney

Come to me Lord come sit in my soul
and have a cup of tea if you will

I'm finding it so hard to contemplate on you
and ever so hard to be still

There's so much to do I haven't the time to
pray or walk with you
but take my hand you'll understand my sins
and all I do

I'm a simple soul not much to offer except
what I store inside

I never felt so much love before
and was never made a Bride

I beat myself up from time to time with all
that's in my mind

Accept my troubles and stroll with you a
peaceful path I'll find

The time is now if we need to be saved or
put it off for tomorrow
time is spent so hard and fast
there is no time to borrow

An Easter Egg without it's shell is how I'm
feeling now

I carry my cross like all of you
and sweat my downward brow

He's calling

He's calling

Can you hear him now

Easter is calling don't wait
Our Lord sits patiently calling us now to
cross the open gate

Our time for reflection of inward toil
clear out all your rubbish
renew your faith or find one
first to wash away your troubles

I close my eyes and see Him there
there's luminosity everywhere

You smile at me and take my hand
but I'm scared and not quite ready
for this most Holy and promised land makes
me feel unsteady

Reflection is the key this time
to wonder where we're going
Easter tugs upon my soul
and heals me without knowing

Another year

Repeat, repent, repeat,
how to keep my spirits up
and stay prayerful on my feet

I'm tired these days no time to pray
I tell myself this woe

but Easter time is calling now inviting
friends and foe

The Pastures Gate is open now
but do I walk through
or do I continue with my woes
and turn my back on you

Our Lord is calling come to me
and sit here by my side
I carried that big cross for you
I carried it and cried:

"Do not forsake them Father for they do not
know what they do" (Luke 23:34)

This gentle man called Jesus
He's really here for you
So take this time to heal your soul
and say a prayer or two

Spring clean and scrub away your sins and
make all your world anew.



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

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

Lucan Library – April Events



Friday 25th April, 11am and 12noon Lego with Bricks4Kids

For 4-7 years:

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

For 8-12 years:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lego-workshop-tickets-1299330575729>

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

STEAM Saturday with Helen

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

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 Creative Writers Group – 24th April, 10am – 12noon.

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

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/drumming-workshop-tickets-1299275872109>



Exhibitions: Lucan Community College Adult Art Class (Back Wall) / Bog Bodies (Exhibition Boards)

Lucan Library Knitters Club -
Every Monday 10am - 12noon -
new member's welcome



Exploring the monastic origins of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.

a talk by Stuart Kinsella, Research Advisor to Christ Church Cathedral



On here at Lucan Library at Thursday May 1st at 7pm, Stuart Kinsella will discuss the story of the discovery of the monastic origins of Christ Church, the form of the cloister, the maps and drawings of the Four Courts and later buildings.

Stuart will also give a brief look at the Augustinian canons that were there from the 1160s-1541 and indeed the relatively recent revelation that the cathedral was founded as a Benedictine cathedral priory.

Don't miss out and book a place through Eventbrite at

lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie.



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>

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 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 Walkelees. 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

Lotto

There was no winner of our lotto jackpot of €1,000. The Numbers were **1,13, 24, 27**. Lucky dips go to Dara Keher, Orla Crowley, Enya Quinn, Una Kelly & Cormac Gordon. This week’s Lotto will be for a jackpot of €1,400. This draw is sponsored by DJ Engineering LTD.



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 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>



County

Congratulations to Henry Greene, Charlie Mooney, Derry Ware and Brian Whelan who have all been named on the Dublin Minor Hurling panel for 2025. Best of luck to the lads in the year ahead!

Well done to Sofia and Holly who lined out for the Dublin U15 camogie team last weekend against Kildare.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Féile Camógaíochta 2025
Na Gaeil Óga CLG –
Cailíní F15

Don chéad uair, i mbliana
bhuaigh ár gcailíní is sine
sna foirne faoi aois ag an

bhFéile Camógaíochta 2025. Céim níos cóngaraí dúinn, an bhearna a dhúnadh idir ár bhfoirne faoi aois agus ár bhfoirne fásta. Táimid thar a bheith bródúil astu. Thar dheireadh seachtaine na Féile, thaispeánadar obair foirne den scoth, scileanna iontacha, cairdeas dá chéile, meas dá chéile agus na foirne eile timpeall orthu agus léiríodar cé chomh speisialta is atá siad mar fhoireann agus níos tábhachtaí mar chairde.

Moladh mór do Laragh Ní Lórcáin a bhuaigh cailín an chluiche. Bhí cluiche iontach aici agus chuir sí an-chuid spioraid chun páirce ag obair go dian lena cuid cairde foirne eile. Bhí sí ansin chuile uair chun an sliotar a chur sa treo ceart.

Maith hí Nóirín, an captaen ar lá mór an chluiche ceannais. Rinne sí stiúradh ceart agus iontach leis an bhfoireann ar fad. Thug sí óráid iontach ag an mbronnadh nach bhféadfaimis ach bheith ag pléascadh le bród mar gheall uirthi.

Comhghairdeas mór leo ar fad agus táimid ag súil go mbeidh go leor laethanta móra speisialta againn amach anseo!

For the very first time, our oldest underage girls' team won at the 2025 Camogie Féile. A huge step forward for us, bringing us closer to closing the gap between our underage and adult teams. We are incredibly proud of them!

Over the Féile weekend, they showed outstanding teamwork, impressive skills, friendship and respect for each other and for the teams around them. They proved just how special they are — not only as a team, but more importantly, as friends.

Special Mentions:

- Laragh Ní Lórcáin, who was awarded Player of the Match, had an incredible performance in the final. She worked tirelessly alongside her teammates and was always in the right place at the right time to drive the sliotar forward.
- Nóirín, our captain on the big day, led the team

with confidence and determination. She gave a heartfelt speech at the presentation — and we were bursting with pride because of her.

Huge congratulations to them all! We look forward to many more big and special days to come!



Come join us in walking a mile of our Track, as we remember deceased members, family & friends.

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.

POLITICAL NOTES

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Working with Cllr Jacqueline Sheehy (Palmerstown-Fonthill)

Hot School Meals expansion:

I welcome the extension of the Hot School Meals programme to ten additional schools in Lucan, which are Lucan Educate Together and Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig.

Special classes:

I am pleased to see that there have been three additional special classes announced for schools in Lucan in the past week - two for St Mary's Boys National School and for Divine Mercy Junior National School.

Free HRT products available:

I welcome the announcement this week that free HRT will be made available at participating pharmacies from

1 June, and that the dispensing fee will be publicly funded as will the products themselves.

Clinics:

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

Happy Easter: Beannachtaí na Cásca to the Lucan Newsletter team and all its readers.

Minister Emer Higgins TD

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Greenway Works Underway:

Great to see construction has started on the Lucan section of the Grand Canal Greenway, delivering 3km of upgraded walking and cycling links to local amenities. Works include new paths in Griffeen Valley Park, improved crossings, enhanced entrances, and 100 new trees. Park access will remain open, with some temporary diversions.

New Special Classes for Lucan:

A further three new Special Classes have been approved for Lucan, two at St. Mary's BNS and one at Divine Mercy JNS, bringing the total approved this year to six. These much-needed supports will make a real difference for children and families locally.

Hot School Meals:

I'm delighted that Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig and Lucan Educate Together have just been approved to join the Hot School Meals scheme, bringing the total to 15 Lucan schools and over 6,000 children benefitting daily.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell.

"Not just at election time"

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HSE Dentist Shortage:

As well as the shortage of public health nurses for developmental checkups, which I've already highlighted recently, I've been informed there is now no HSE dentist in Lucan for child checkups. Our area appears to be suffering more than most. This is unacceptable.

Traffic calming near Lucan East ETNS new building:

Cllr Helen Farrell and I are working on road alignment issue at St Joseph's college, which she has referred to in more detail, but up at Thomas Omer Way beside Kishoge/Griffeen CCs there are also safety issues near Kishoge CC and Griffeen CC. where Lucan East ETNS's new school building opens after Easter. We raised this and SDCC has responded to concerns regarding the need to make this road safer for students crossing following accidents.

Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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SDCC April Council Meeting:

My motion to review agility of South Dublin County Council plans for potential market disruptions to businesses was not debated due to time constraints. I will revisit this issue for our local businesses.

St. Joseph's College / Lucan Road Traffic Calming & Roadworks:

Many constituents have contacted me about the roadworks near St. Joseph's College. The works are almost complete, but they will likely cause major traffic and safety issues at the junction. These must be amended for public safety and to prevent traffic chaos. I have requested an urgent site meeting with SDCC and am working with Paul Gogarty, TD, on this. For rolling updates and to support my call for amendments, visit my website: <https://buff.ly/Kff3XIA>



Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner. Tel: 0858317982.

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Arc Cancer Support Coffee Morning:

Thank you to everyone who attended a coffee morning hosted by Geraldine Lavin and I to support Arc Cancer Support Services. We raised more than €1800. Your kind support was much appreciated. For more information on Arc, you can contact them though 01-2150250 or www.arccancersupport.ie

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

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Lucan Heights – Esker Lawns Junction:

The new layout was designed as part of St. Joseph's College development. Residents raised safety concerns about the narrowed junction. I spoke with the project manager and the Council's Director of Planning raising your concerns. Council engineers are investigating the development and I also asked that the junction be monitored. Road safety for residents, students, and parents is a priority and I will keep you updated.

Lucan Village Footpaths:

The council engineer conducted an onsite review last week (Thursday 10th April). Potential solutions will require significant works and funding potentially through a Part VIII. We are at the start of this process, and I will continue to lead this issue and keep you updated as we progress towards a solution.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent,P.C.

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Darkness Into Light Lucan: 2025:

Proud to be part of the Darkness Into Light Lucan team for this year's walk on 10th May in St. Catherine's Park. Huge thanks to everyone who's signed up and supported us. Join us at SuperValu S/C this Friday and Saturday from 12–3pm for our registration day and sign-up!

Improved Lighting:

I have submitted a motion for Tuesday's Area Committee meeting requesting that the Council install an additional streetlight at the Esker Glebe footbridge, commonly known as the Black Bridge, on the south side of the N4. The southern approach remains poorly illuminated. I've asked the council to address this, as improved lighting would significantly enhance safety for those using the bridge. I'll keep residents updated following the meeting.

I wish all Lucan Newsletter Team and Readers a very Happy Easter!

**DODSBORO GOLFERS
ANNUAL OUTING**

Venue : Lucan Golf Club
Date : Friday 9th May
Tee Time : 14:00 - 16:00
Price : €45 (Golf & Food)
Members & Visitors Welcome
Contact Joe Curtis (089-425-4684)

Barnardos
Because childhood lasts a lifetime

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 19th 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 5th 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 19th September 5pm – 9pm

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY OF THESE EVENTS (OR FUTURE EVENTS), PLEASE EMAIL 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.

VINCENT'S LUCAN

**Urgently require donations of
Clothes, Household, Shoes, Bric-a-Brac etc.**

**5/6, The Village Centre, Lucan
Open: 10am to 5.30pm,
Monday to Saturday**

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The weather has certainly changed but that did not stop Donal going up the Dublin Mountains to take beautiful photographs, although he did remark that it was bitterly cold.

Anna was around Christ Church and gave us photos of the interior of St. Audeon's Church and a photo of St. Patrick's Tower in Thomas Street.



We also had some photographs of the wild garlic display in St. Edmundsbury submitted by Joe. This reminded me of one of our first field trips after the first COVID lock-downs.



Michael G was in Limerick during the week and came across an art installation called the Container Garden located in the "garden" of a hotel in Limerick's Georgian Quarter. The idea was to create a unique urban oasis with pieces associated with the travel and hospitality industries in the 1950s. The highlight for me was the front half of a sawn in two Ford Prefect car bursting with grasses. According to Wikipedia the Ford Prefect was a line of British cars which was produced between 1938 and 1961 as an upmarket version of the Ford Popular and Ford Anglia.

In Ireland, the Prefect was assembled at the Ford Cork plant until 1962. Throughout its life there were a number of redesigns. The final model (from 1959) cost £621 sterling and this price did not include a heater, windscreen washers, radio and leather upholstery.



Until next week stay safe!