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## Conscious bias in national media!

As I watched Monday night with RTE investigating abortion and followed by Katie Hannon's discussion proposing that Religious Formation be removed from schools, I was shocked by the extreme level of bias in both programmes. I pay for my TV licence along with the majority of the nation and am not happy that all that I hold most valuable is not just dismissed, but rubbished.

Human life, from the moment of conception is precious and with great potential and purpose regardless of viability or imperfect quality as judged in an increasingly material world. People are not material! We have responsibility to care for human life from the moment of conception. The conceived child is not the property of the parents or of lesser value than the mother or father. Nothing justifies the destruction of human life at any stage of existence.

Referring to an abortion as a 'delivery of a baby' makes it sound normal, but changes nothing in fact. For whatever purpose or by whatever means, abortion involves the killing of human life that is real and present and with purpose, even if we do not understand what that purpose might be. Did anyone really know the purpose of any conceived person until they had a chance to bring out what was/is within through the opportunity that life presents? The right of freedom of choice for the woman was mentioned a number of times. However, every freedom has a consequent responsibility.

The Catholic services exposed in the programme were of an extreme nature and reflected very harsh and judgmental response to the women who had abortions. Presenting the extreme, in any story, does not reflect the real truth or choices available. Yes, authorised Catholic organisations will seek to protect human life at all stages but not by control or by seeking to cause deeper guilt.

The call to remove Religious Formation from all schools followed on in perfect tandem with the investigation on abortion. The argument against Religious Formation/Education was strident, forceful, biased and aggressive. The purpose of Catholic education does not seek to oppress anyone or disregard any other faith or non-faith; it seeks to respect everyone.

If parents and teachers indicate that they want their school changed from Catholic patronage, they will be supported and enabled. There is opportunity for change of patronage but most people are not opting for a different choice yet. That may change as time moves on, but let us not try to build a society that is without the beauty of different cultures, faiths, non-faiths, diversity and the freedom to live according to our chosen values.

Change is ongoing throughout time but let the change not grow out of anger, hatred, fear, selfishness or dismissal of any group of people or individual regardless of the person in early conception or any other stage of life. The dignity of each person is linked with every person past, present and not yet even conceived. Meaningful decisions must be made in a meaningful way!

*Cathy Burke, Lucan Partnership of Parishes*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

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

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

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



### Opening hours

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

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

#### Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

**Organ Donor Awareness Week**  
from  
**Saturday 20th to Saturday 27th April.**

### Travelling Abroad

Before you go on a trip, make sure to do a few essential things. First, check the rules and requirements for the country you are visiting. You might need a visa, or your passport may need renewing. You should think about getting travel insurance in case something goes wrong. If you plan to drive, ensure your driver's licence is valid. While you're away, it's good to know where the nearest Irish Embassy or Consulate is, just in case you need help.

#### Before you travel

Check travel advice and entry requirements for your destination

Check the travel advice and entry requirements for the country you are travelling to before you travel abroad.

You might need a visa, this depends on your destination. You can find out if you need a visa on the Department of Foreign Affairs website.

### Is your passport in date?

Check that your and your families' passports are in date before you book. Passport Online is open to all applicants. You can get information on how to renew your passport or how to apply for your child's first passport on [www.dfa.ie](http://www.dfa.ie)

The latest passport turnaround times are available on the Passport Service's website.

### Do you have travel insurance?

You should get travel insurance for yourself and your family. If you have a travel insurance policy already, or travel insurance is included in your health insurance policy, you should check that you are covered for hospital treatment for COVID-19.

You should bring your European Health Insurance Card with you if you are travelling to the EEA or Switzerland. You cannot use your EHIC in the UK. But you can still get the healthcare you need. You will need to show your Irish passport to the GP or hospital. Make sure that it is in date, it must be renewed every 4 years and each family member needs their own. An EHIC does not replace travel insurance.

Ireland and Australia have a reciprocal health agreement. This means that Irish visitors to Australia will receive emergency services and assistance towards the cost of prescribed drugs and medicines on the same basis as persons ordinarily resident in Australia.

Irish citizens travelling in the UK are entitled to access healthcare through the Common Travel Area.

### While abroad

Note the address, telephone number and opening hours of the Irish Embassy or Consulate in the country you are visiting. In countries with no Irish diplomatic or consular representation, you may seek emergency assistance from embassies or consulates of other European Union countries. On its website, the Department of Foreign Affairs provides advice on how to stay safe while abroad and what to do in an emergency.

Travel tips and information about driving abroad is available on our website including what to do if your passport is lost or stolen.

### More information

The Department of Foreign Affairs in Ireland provide travel advice to Irish people planning a trip abroad including what to do if your passport is lost or stolen.

## Lucan ICA

*Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April:* Delighted to be back after the Easter break, hope all batteries are charged for next term. *Tea hostesses* are Miriam and Marie.



The ladies had a very productive time in An Grianan last week and came home with lots of new crafts they made and ideas for the members.

*Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>:* We have invited Eleanor Hewitt, a craft teacher to come and teach us Calico Gardens Embroidery, it will take place in St Joseph's school from 11am to 4pm. Bring own lunch, tea / coffee / cakes will be provided, we look forward to learning a new craft.

The members remember Maura Norton on her anniversary on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

*Pauline*

A decorative poster for a table quiz fundraiser. The text is centered and framed by a blue and gold floral border. The text reads: 'TABLE QUIZ Fundraiser in aid of Elizabeth Mc Nicholas Fund Friday April 26th 2024 Lucan Sarsfield's GAA Club Time: 8:00pm Table of 4: €40 Form a team, come along and have an enjoyable evening Please support Elizabeth to pay for necessary treatment for her to lead a better quality of life Contact: Seán 083 4193349; Michael 087 2331983; Séamus 087 2189960'.

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## Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. No charge for your first meeting. Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Coffee break at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.

## Sarsfield Park Residents Assoc.

We would like to remember our neighbours David, Declan, Derek and Victor whose 45th anniversary occurred 14th April. You are always in our thoughts and prayers.

We would like to invite our residents to our meeting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8 pm in Kennys lounge (Public reps also invited please contact to arrange)

We would also like to note the AGM is set for Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April again in Kennys lounge 8pm.

Membership is due for 2024 and can be paid on either night, or dropped to #2, 46 or 63 or to your collector. We will be rolling out Revolut payment this year for convenience.

## Lucan Drama - Upstairs at Courtney's

Everyone here at Lucan Drama are delighted to announce that we have another great evening of 1 act plays which will be showing Upstairs at Courtney's in Lucan Village.



The shows will run from May 12th to 15th (Sun - Wed) with tickets for the show €12 / €10 concession. There is a special Dinner/Show offer for €35 which includes a ticket for the show plus a 2 course dinner and tea or coffee. Doors open at 7.30 pm.

Tickets can be booked online at [www.gr8events.ie/LUCANDRAMA](http://www.gr8events.ie/LUCANDRAMA)

Many thanks to the staff and management at Courtney's of Lucan for the use of their fantastic space and we look forward to seeing you all there.

*Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to Your Doorstep.*

A poster for an art exhibition at Lucan Library. The text reads: 'Art Exhibition Lucan Library On Display Now Please join us on Thurs 25 April at 5pm to celebrate the work of local students from Ballyfermot College of Further Education'. The poster features three small images: a bowl of nuts, a room with a desk and chair, and a portrait of a man.

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**Lucan Library**  
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# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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

### Sunday Mass Times:

Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on [www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)



### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls of *Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada* who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April.



*Hope you all have a lovely day*

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Saturdays. (funerals permitting) from 10.30am to 11.30am. *All welcome.*



### St. Mary's Readers' Roster May 2024

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of May 2024 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

### Christian Meditation:

We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.

*All welcome, Sr Geraldine.*

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

### Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. *If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact Sr. Geraldine.*

### Divine Mercy Devotion:

Every Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Parish Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This devotion, revealed to St Faustina by Our Lord, is necessary to defeat evil, for peace in the world and for our journey to eternal life.

### Scriptural Reading (Lectio Divina):

Meetings are held in the bungalow every **Monday night (excluding bank holidays) between 7.30 and 8.30pm** when we reflect on the following Sunday's gospel. All are welcome.

### Baptisms in St. Mary's:

Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony.

The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. This is a return to the practice we had before Covid restrictions.

### Dates are bookable on line.

If you need to cancel email:

[secretary@lucanparish.com](mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com)

### Visits to the housebound:

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

### Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

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

### Coffee Dock Open:

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

**Deepest Sympathy** to the family and friends of *Liam Feighery*, Beech Park, and to the parents, brother, family and friends of *Saoirse O'Driscoll*, Westmanstown.

*May they rest in peace.*



### St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

**THIS Saturday/ Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> April.**

*Many thanks for your generosity.*

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm.

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

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

### Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of

**Medjugorje:** Every Thursday, in the Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South.

**7.00pm:** Rosary and Confessions.

**7.30pm:** Holy Mass.

**After Mass:** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. *All welcome*

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

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

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

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

### Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

### Legion of Mary:

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

### St Joseph's Young Priests Society:

St Joseph's Young Priests Society has been set up in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan **for all the Lucan parishes**. We meet up on the first Wednesday of each month for one hour at 10.40am.

### Home Visits Holy Communion:

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

### Bingo:

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



### Wednesday tea/coffee morning:

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

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

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

**Sunday Mass Times:** 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.

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

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at [stpatrickslucan.ie](http://stpatrickslucan.ie)

### Adoration:

Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am. All are welcome.

### St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

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

### Confessions:

Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass and after Thursday 10am Mass.

### Communion for the Homebound:

If any member of your family is sick and housebound, and would like to receive Holy Communion, do please let us know. You can ring the Parish Office on 01 628 1018 and leave your name and address, or email us at:

[secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie](mailto:secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie)

### Tea/Coffee:

Every Wednesday Morning

10.30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome.*

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

Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **THIS Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## Anniversaries

### SEAMUS BUTLER

15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 13<sup>th</sup> April

Late of Dodsboro

Those we love remain with us  
For love itself lives on  
And cherished memories never fade  
Because a loved one's gone  
Those we love can never be  
More than a thought apart  
For as long as there are memories  
You'll live in all our hearts

*Loved and remembered by his wife Betty, sons Richard and Alan, daughter Ashlinn, daughter-in-law Claire, son-in-law Robert, grandchildren Lily, James, Emma, Seán and Fionn.*

**Anniversary Mass for Seamus on 21<sup>st</sup> April at 12 o'clock in St. Patrick's, Esker.**



### MICHAEL (MICK) CUMMINS

2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary - 24<sup>th</sup> April

Loving husband, dad and granddad

Late of Woodview, Lucan

If we could visit Heaven even for a day  
Maybe for a moment, the pain would go away  
I'd put my arms around you

And whisper words so true  
That living life without you  
Is the hardest thing to do  
No matter what we do  
There is not a day that goes by  
When we don't think of you

*Sadly missed by his wife Bernadette, sons Stephen, Robert and David, daughters-in-law and grandchildren*

**Anniversary Mass Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church.**



## Birthday Remembrance

### TOMÁS RYLE

20<sup>th</sup> April

**First Birthday Remembrance since passing**

Late of Airlie Heights, Lucan.

We still can't believe you will not be here to celebrate your birthday with us this year.

You had to go so suddenly Tomás  
May You Rest in Peace.

And may you be having a wonderful birthday in Heaven above surrounded with heavenly love.  
*You're deeply missed and loved by your brothers, sisters, and all of your family.*



## Pilgrimage - Medjugorje 2024

Pilgrimage departing 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**Spiritual Director: Fr Ray Kelly**

7 nights - €750 pps including insurance.

Please contact Pat on 087 2238911 or Marian Pilgrimages on 01 8788159 and say you are travelling with Pat.

## Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages

**April - Oct 2024:**

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request.

Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or website

[www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

**Medjugorje: 00387 36 651 518**

**Ireland: 00353 1 443 4510**

**Email:** [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

**Website:** [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

## All Ireland Rosary Rally – Knock

The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on **Saturday June 1st** in Knock.

The day begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30am in St John's Centre.

**Speakers include:**

Fr Michael Donnelly, Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM, and Fr Joseph Maria Deane

CFR. Then there will be an opportunity to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland from 11.30am in St John's Centre. A well-renowned speaker from Miami called Mother Adela Galindo will deliver the keynote Rosary talk at 1 pm in the Basilica. Then there will be the Stations of the Cross outside at 2 pm, followed by the Rosary Procession.

Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant of the 3pm Concelebrated Mass which will include Anointing of the Sick. Confessions are available throughout the day, and there will be rosary and scapular-making workshops in the marquee. For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit [www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com](http://www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com)



### QUOTE:

Don't judge each day  
By the harvest you reap.,  
But by the seeds that you plant.

## Lucan Senior Citizens

Club closed Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Next Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre will be Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.



## Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

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

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

**Follow us** on Facebook (Ballyowen Castle Community Centre) or on Instagram ([ballyowen\\_community\\_centre](https://www.instagram.com/ballyowen_community_centre))

Located beside Centric Health Ballyowen and Giraffe Childcare Ballyowen, behind Lidl in Ballyowen Shopping Centre (as you come in from Castle Road).

**Volunteer sessions:** Thanks to everybody who has taken the time to attend our volunteer sessions over the past few weeks. We've had some great ideas for new initiatives and groups and are excited to see them take off! If you were unable to attend those sessions, send us an email at [info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie](mailto:info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie)

**Afternoon tea:** Pop in and say hello to us at our next Afternoon Tea session next week in the centre!

**What is missing in our area?** Would you like to see a bridge club? Quiz nights? Training courses? We're looking to hear from people about what activities they would like to see take place in Ballyowen Community Centre. Send us your ideas at [info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie](mailto:info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie)

**Room booking:** We will be moving to an online room booking system in the coming weeks. Watch this space for further details! In the meantime, if you would like to book the main meeting hall, call us on the numbers above, or send us an email.



## What a treat in Lucan Library!

"... an absolute feast for the eyes in Lucan Library this month, as we host book-inspired work by local students studying 3D Digital and Traditional Art and Design at Ballyfermot College of Further Education."

Lots of interesting pieces to see - well worth a visit!



**Dandelions!** Have you ever seen such displays as those all around Lucan at the moment – they do lend a brightness to the place!!!

*"Some say dandelions are weeds,*

*But a weed is just a name for a flower that is wild and free"*



**Bluebells** are making their presence felt too!

**St. Thomas Junior School** in Esker were in the news this week, as part of the Hot School Meals Programme. We spotted some of the pupils on RTE News, as they gave their verdicts to the new Taoiseach and other politicians.



This little lady looked delighted as she engaged with Taoiseach Simon Harris, and Minister for Social Protection.

## Photogrammetry at Lucan Library

Thanks to the students of St. Joseph's Secondary College Lucan, seen here with their teacher, Maura Carey and Paul Butler, who attended a talk by the latter at Lucan Library.



As it was Engineer's Week, Lucan Library along with Paul Butler from The Society for Old Lucan and the students of St Joseph's Secondary College, have commenced a Photogrammetry project based on the gravestones of St Finian's Churchyard (beautifully restored by The Society for Old Lucan). This project will entail Paul educating the students on photogrammetry technology and the historical heritage of St Finian's that will include field trips to the site and the creation of 3-D models of the gravestones along with their historical context.



We hope to conclude with an exhibition in the Library at May along with displays and a video displaying the journey of the students in their project.

Thanks to Paul for his time and effort and to Maura for her time organising the students.

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## Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club are in winning form again, we recently won the interclub competition between Tallaght, Clondalkin, and Palmerstown Camera clubs and Palmerstown took away the overall Trophy. We meet weekly every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm in the Palmerstown Parish Hall. Why not attend one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how your photography could benefit from being a member just drop in or contact [Secretarypcc82@gmail.com](mailto:Secretarypcc82@gmail.com)

Recently in Palmerstown Camera Club, we had the judging night for Abandon Buildings for Colour and Mono and Open themed Projection competition and below we have three of the winning images:



**Intermediate Winner Colour** "Urban Decay – Ciaran O'Rourke".

**Novice Winner Projection.** "Spidery Pizza Time – Kieran Cahill".



**Advanced Winner Mono.** "After the Banshees- Kevin Naughton".







# SCHOOL NEWS



## St. Joseph's College

**Internet safety talk:** Throughout all of last week internet safety was being promoted within the school. Speakers from Zeeko education were in each day to speak to all year groups about how to protect themselves on social media, chat rooms and other parts of the internet. The speakers from Zeeko were fantastic and the students were given many useful tips for online safety.

**Transition year visit to NUIM:** Last Monday, the whole of transition year visited NUI Maynooth.

They were brought on a campus tour and were given talk about none of the representatives of the college. The students spent the day researching and finding out about courses that interest them before returning for the open day in a few weeks time.



they completed the practical components of their junior cycle course. The students worked brilliantly all week and have now completed this practical element of their course.

**Litter pickers:** As always, our litter pickers were out and around the village after school on Friday. Every Friday, this dedicated group work hard to keep the community and village clean as they litter pick and bag up rubbish. They were delighted on Friday as representatives from Lucan Tidy Towns were in the school to talk to them and thank them for their ongoing dedication each and every Friday afternoon.

**Badminton team:** Well done to our brilliant badminton team who competed in and won their blitz in the Adamstown Community College on Tuesday.

**Music students to national:** Ms Keogh's 6th year and Ms Mellett's 5th year music classes went to the National Concert Hall On Tuesday. They enjoyed a fantastic performance by the National Symphony Orchestra of Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture by Tchaikovsky and an analysis of their Leaving Cert Set Work.



**Athletics:** A massive congratulations to our second year Medley relay team who won gold in Santry last week. Ellen Kenny (500m), Hannah O'Brien and Siofra Gough (300m) and Ana Jones (600m) all ran fantastic legs of the race. This has been a fantastic year for athletics in the school as only a few weeks ago the cross country team finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the All – Ireland competition.

**Junior cycle home economics:** The school was smelling amazing all last week as our third years were busy cooking and baking in the kitchens as

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**Website:** [www.stjosephslucan.com](http://www.stjosephslucan.com)

## Minder & Toddler Group

**Thursdays**

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

*All Welcome!*



## Lucan Community College

### A message from the Principal

The school community, parents association and a board of management offer their deepest condolences to the family and friends of first year student Saoirse, who passed away after a short stay in hospital recently. Saoirse was a positive, vibrant, resilient young lady and her presence in our school will be deeply missed.



**Badminton Blitz:** A hugely successful Badminton blitz held today at Adamstown today. Well done and congratulations to all of our 3rd, 5th and 6th year badminton students who took part. There was a great display of sportsmanship and a healthy competitive spirit from all! Students played terrific badminton matches, showing great skill and a love for the game as well as taking responsibility for umpiring many matches.

The students were a credit to themselves. A special thanks to Adamstown for hosting the blitz. We are looking forward to the next one on May 1st for our junior students. A brilliant day, thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks to the teachers who run the badminton club teams.

### TY Students

#### travel to

#### Carlingford:

Our Transition Year students along with their Year Head Ms Clarke, TY Coordinator Ms Higgins, and their tutors, travelled to Carlingford Adventure centre for a two-day trip. 130 Students enjoyed a wide range of activities from zip-lining and kayaking to



orienteering and laser combat. Students thoroughly enjoyed the two day trip. Many thanks to their teachers for accompanying the students on their night away.

### Junior Cycle Students complete their Home

**Economics practicals:** A huge well done to our Junior Cycle Home Economics students who recently completed their Home Economics practical examinations. It's a busy time of year for our exam students who are working hard

preparing for the remainder of their practical and written examinations in June.

### Breakfast Club launches in Lucan Community

**College:** This week in Lucan Community College, our new Breakfast Club was successfully launched for our students in the dining hall. Over 50 students attended on the opening morning. The breakfast club provides a free breakfast each morning from 8.15 am to 8.40am and is open to all students who wish to avail of this service. Many thanks to the teachers involved in establishing this fantastic facility in Lucan Community College. We look forward to welcoming our students each morning!

### Congratulations to Past Pupil:

Congratulations to Alen Proshkovichs (Class 2023) who was awarded the Trinity Exhibition Award recently in recognition of his excellent Leaving Certificate results. Here he is pictured with Principal Diane Birnie at the recent awards ceremony.



### Transition Year trip to Maynooth University:

Transition Year students along with their Year Head Ms Clarke and Guidance Counsellor Ms McManus, enjoyed a trip to Maynooth University this week. Students received a tour of the campus and got an insight into some career options as they progress into the Senior Cycle programme. An enjoyable day was had by all.



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Athletics:** Congratulations to 2<sup>nd</sup> yr Conor Abbott on helping the Irish Schools Cross Country team win a bronze medal at the SIAB International

Championships, held at the Sport Ireland Campus, Abbotstown on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Conor was part of the Mixed Junior Relay which involved 4 x 1,500m laps with 2 girls and 2 boys on the team. Conor ran the last leg of the relay and he finished really strongly



(against elite athletes from schools from England, Scotland and Wales) to secure the bronze medal for the team. We are all so very proud of Conor in the school and there is no doubt that he will continue to improve and dedicate himself to the sport with his usual passion and commitment in the years ahead.

**Awards:** Well done to 1<sup>st</sup> yr **Mumn Ali Ali**

**Bashir** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month* Award for March in recognition of his excellent manners, strong work-ethic and co-operation in all of his classes.

Congratulations to **Conor Abbott** who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award*.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **Rian Daly** ón gcéad 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.

**Football:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> yr Football team have qualified for the Dublin League "C" Final after an impressive 10-11 to 8-05 victory against St. McDara's in their semi-final encounter last Friday. Bobby Guy, Alex McMahon, Daniel Mulryan and Aaron Farrell all impressed with important scores for the team. They will play Belvedere College in the Final next week.

**Hurling:** Our 2<sup>nd</sup> yr hurling team defeated St. Kevin's College, Finglas 7-13 to 2-01 in their opening group game of their Dublin League campaign on Monday. The team hurled superbly throughout and dominated the game from start to finish with their superior technique and organisation. Liam Dunne (2-3), Jack McCarthy

(2-3) and Justin Marriner (2-2), Shane Brennan (1-3) and Joseph Cosgrove (0-2) got the team's scores.

**Fundraising:** Many thanks to everyone who supported the Junior 5-a-side soccer marathon fundraising event which takes place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 6am until 9pm. The amount raised was **5,370e** which will go towards improving the facilities in the school. Well done to the students of 1Lambay who raised the most amount (665e) for an individual class so they will be awarded a half-day later in the year for their fantastic efforts. Thanks also to Mr. Murtagh, who has put in a huge amount of time over the past few months organising and promoting this important fundraising event that promises to be ultra-competitive yet fun at the same time!

**Transition Year:** Our TY students (in two separate groups) went on a cycling trip to the Phoenix Park over the past week. The groups rented bikes for the day and took advantage of the fine Spring weather to cycle around the park and take in the various sights and landmarks. They enjoyed seeing the 116ft high, freestanding Papal Cross as well as the impressive Áras an Uachtarán, the official residence of Michael D. Higgins. They then cycled down towards the Chapelizod Gate and back by the magnificent 78 acre Farnleigh House and Estate. They got to see the wonderful biodiversity throughout the Park, including the numerous herds of wild Fallow Deer roaming freely through the woodlands and wide open spaces. They finished the day with a well-deserved lunch at the Visitor Centre. It was a thoroughly rewarding and enjoyable day-trip with the students getting lots of exercise and fresh air in the largest enclosed public park in any capital city in Europe.

The students will be heading out into various workplaces on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April for their final week-long work experience of the year. We wish them all well and hope they enjoy their week at their chosen workplaces. When they return, they will be very busy finalising their subject portfolios that must be submitted by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. They will have their follow-up interviews with Ms. Hunt and Mr. Dunne the following week. The students also have some big day-outings planned for May with trips to Emerald Park and to Zipit Forest Adventure Park.

They will also be busy finalising preparations for their TY Graduation Night which will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The TY soccer team will play their highly anticipated Leinster Cup semi-final when they return from work-experience so there is a lot to look forward to for the students in the weeks ahead.

## Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

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### Colthurst / Castle Road – New Pedestrian

**Crossing:** I was delighted to receive the very positive response at the recent Traffic Management Meeting that a new signal-controlled crossing will be considered near to the entrance of Colthurst as part of this year's programme.

**Sarsfield Close:** Following contact from a number of residents, I have written to Greyhound Recycling and made a representation to South Dublin County Council to carry out an audit of the large number of bins no longer in use at this location.

### Launch of National Spring Clean – April:

It was very welcome that the Council decided to formally launch the month-long An Taisce initiative of National Spring Clean month at the new Airlie Park here in Lucan. Local volunteers have been working behind the scenes too in establishing a new Adamstown Tidy Towns Group.

## Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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@shanemoynihan Phone: 087-7840898

**Griffen Community College:** I was delighted to receive confirmation from my colleague, Minister for Education Norma Foley this week that the Letter of Intent for the construction of the Griffen Community College permanent building is being issued to the contractor imminently. The issue of the Letters of Intent is a significant milestone in the progression of a school building project. I have spoken to the Minister about the need to progress Lucan Community College's overdue building project and asked her to prioritise the issue of the Letter of Intent.

**Hot School Meals:** I was delighted to mark the expansion of the Hot School Meals Programme in St Thomas' JNS this week alongside An Taoiseach and other ministers. This programme is now available in a number of schools in Lucan.

## Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

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**Pavilion Programme for our Parks:** South Dublin County Council has updated members on the rollout of the programme in our county's parks. Locations in Lucan include Griffen Valley Park, Griffen Valley Park Arthur Griffith and Willsbrook Park. These will allow for the

provision of changing spaces and storage to support clubs in the area.

**The Tram Café Airlie Park:** Have you visited our newest park in Lucan Airlie Park? Within the heart of the park is a new café the Tram which I opened as area chair on Friday. Worth a visit!

**Lucan Swimming Pool:** A number of constituents have raised concerns regarding membership and usage costs when the facility opens. I am in continuous contact with senior management in SDCC regarding this and will update in due course.

## Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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**Delighted to welcome Taoiseach Simon Harris to Lucan:** It was fantastic to welcome Taoiseach Simon Harris and Minister Heather Humphreys to St. Thomas' National School Lucan following the recent announcement that the Hot School Meals Programme has been expanded to 900 more primary schools across the country. I am delighted that both St. Thomas' Junior National School Lucan and Lucan Community National School are set to benefit from this expansion. It was a wonderful morning and sincere thanks to everyone at St. Thomas' National School who made the visit so successful.

**Darkness Into Light:** I'm delighted to support Cllr. Liona O'Toole who is organising Lucan's first official Darkness Into Light event which takes place on May the 11th at 4:15 am in St. Catherine's Park, Lucan. For further info, please visit the Darkness Into Light Facebook and Instagram pages or visit [www.darknessintolight.ie](http://www.darknessintolight.ie).

## Cllr. Paul Gogarty P.C.

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**Noise Action Plan Consultation:** Over several years people living in estates adjacent to major roads in Lucan and elsewhere have expressed frustration about ongoing noise pollution. Whether through SDCC (Newcastle Road, Fonthill Road, Grange Castle Road), Transport Infrastructure Ireland routes (M50, N4) or indeed other sources of noise, there has been little tangible action. Having raised these issues consistently over a long period, it was good to learn last year, as reported on my website, that there would be a major public consultation as part of the Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan. This consultation has now gone live and will be in operation until the 24<sup>th</sup> of May. For more information log onto my website and search 'noise'. The article will have detailed information on the plan and links to allow you have your say.

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## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Social

There will be a table quiz in the clubhouse on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April in Aid of the Elizabeth McNicholas Fund. We are encouraging our members and supporters to get involved in this event and help raise the much-needed funds. Please support Elizabeth's cause by donating online at:

[www.gofundme.com/u4wpzkjz](http://www.gofundme.com/u4wpzkjz). You can also visit the Team Elizabeth Page on Facebook for full updates on the campaign:

[www.facebook.com/TEAMELIZABETH](http://www.facebook.com/TEAMELIZABETH)

### Referee Recruitment

Dublin GAA are looking for passionate GAA members to join their team of referees. This is a great opportunity to get involved, improve your knowledge, keep fit and get paid to do it. There will be a course on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of May in Parnell Park. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Barry 0863761366 or email [dublincoiste@gmail.com](mailto:dublincoiste@gmail.com)

### June Bank Holiday Draw

We will be holding a special draw for the June Bank Holiday weekend. This will take place directly after the lotto on Thursday 31st May.

1st Prize €1,000 cash

2nd Prize €500 cash

To Enter this draw please renew or sign up for a Lucan Sarsfields Recurrent Lotto Subscription via ClubZap. This is a great opportunity to win a guaranteed cash prize while also supporting the club's weekly lotto. Sign up via ClubZap or the link below

<https://lucansarsfields.clubzap.com/categories/lotto/products>

### White Collar Boxing

We are looking for sponsorship for this event with several different packages available. If you might like to sponsor or advertise at our event, please contact [lucansarsfields.fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:lucansarsfields.fundraising@gmail.com)

We are also looking for volunteers to help run this event smoothly, for example assistance with car parking, stewarding and grounds set up. If you are interested, please contact Gerry McAndrew on 0851744627.

### Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €3,000. The Numbers were **1, 13, 15, 25**

**The lucky dip prizes** go to Emer O'Leary, Eileen Benson, Pat O'Keefe, Mary Freeman & Estelle Carr.



This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €3,400. The draw is sponsored by Henley Forklift Group and will be led by Shay Hurson.

### Summer Camps Save the Date

Our five summer camp 2024 dates have been set. These camps are open to both members and non-members. All camps will be multisport. Registration details to follow. Please see below for more details:

Cúl Camp: 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July

Club Camp: 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July

Campa Samhraidh: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July

Club Camp: 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August

Club Camp: 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August



### County

After a tight battle with Wexford, the Dublin Seniors were named the Very Ireland Camogie Division 1B League Champions. This sees Dublin promoted back into 1A for next year.

**Congratulations** to our Amy Gorman, Laura Sharkey, Aoife Mckearney and Emma Flanagan. It is great to have four Lucan representatives on the team. A proud day for the girls, their families and the club.

**Well done** to Cian, Killian, Senan and Rian in the win over Offaly with the Dublin Minor Footballers.

We also had three Lucan representative on the Dublin Minor Ladies Football team who secured the Leinster B Championship title. Well done to Chloe, Siobhán and Rachel and the rest of their team.

**Congratulations** to Mark Byrne (vice-captain), Oscar Brennan, Senan Bolger and Killian Costello who have made the Dublin Minor Hurling championship squad. Best of luck to the lads for the season ahead.

We had four girls line out for Dublin U15 teams against Tipperary and Wicklow over the weekend. Well done to Ciara, Erin, Ruby and Sadhbh!

We have several players lining out for the Dublin U19 Hurling development squad in their league final against Kilkenny. The match is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30pm at Faithful Fields. Best of luck to Ryan Clancy (Captain), Daragh Lyons, Massimo Pappalardo, Sean O'Neill, Darragh Meehan and Charlie Mulqueen.

**Best of luck** to Réka Kiss Kalo (captain) and Cara Coffey who line out for the Dublin U16 Ladies Footballers in the Leinster final. The match is this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 12pm in TUD Blanchardstown.

**Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields.**

# SPORTS

## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

### Manchester to Liverpool Ultra Marathon

Anne McGrane completed the Manchester to Liverpool Ultra Marathon on Good Friday in a time of 10 hrs and 31 minutes. This is a 50 mile race (just over 80km) that follows the Trans Pennine Trail, the Manchester Ship Canal and the River Mersey from Manchester to Liverpool.

Anne came 1st in her age category and was 44th lady in a field of 112 females.



Anne had a great race. She executed her race plan to perfection on the day and felt strong throughout. Club colleagues Lorraine Heffernan and Bernie Stapleton travelled to support Anne and she described them as the best support team ever.

### Quest Glendalough Multisport Adventure Race April 6<sup>th</sup>.

A wet and blustery morning awaited participants in the quaint village of Laragh, Co. Wicklow. At the race start line, the steep Derrybawn mountains acted as a shield to the 50km/ph winds and lured many into a false sense of security, a calm before the storm. However, once participants hit the roads, they were exposed to the full force of what Storm Kathleen had to offer, transforming the day into a gruelling endurance test for all involved. Storm Kathleen certainly added to the experience with at one point a gust of wind being so strong it caused bikes to pretty much come to a standstill, but also assisting those participating giving a little welcome boost when hiking up the various trails! Some trivia on who this particular storm was named after; not only after one Kathleen but two Kathleen's - both from Ireland! Kathleen Kay McNulty who is remembered as one of the mothers of computer programming Kathleen Lonsdale was a respected scientist in the area of crystallography Quest Glendalough Multisport Adventure race consists of a mix of mountain trail runs, road cycling and kayaking. Unfortunately (or fortunately) the kayak was cancelled due to the extreme weather conditions and yellow wind warnings. The 5 Lucan

Harriers Brian Haverty, John Rabbett, Fiona Allen, Aileen Coughlan and Geraldine Lavin, tackled two distinct routes: the Challenge Route (21km, 317m elevation gain) and the Sport Route (43km, 950m elevation gain), both commencing (on bikes).

**Challenge Route.** Leaving the Laragh GAA pitch we passed Claravale Church and bridge & then started a 300m long climb (which felt longer!), but what goes up must come down and we enjoyed some nice downhill on the R755 before dismounting as instructed by marshals for a steep downhill taking us to a narrow bridge. We all started to cycle over the bridge, and we were faced with a very steep hill, so everyone promptly dismounted (no marshal instruction needed, just common sense!) and we'd a straight road back to Laragh GAA transition area. The weather played ball and apart from occasional crosswinds we did well. We then started in to an 8k trail run or run/walk. My legs always feel heavy when I get off the bike and it was comforting to see the majority of participants walking the first 200 metres of so. We went out and back 4k to the Upper Lake, passing close to the Glendalough round tower and treated with spectacular views the whole way. A final run around the Laragh GAA pitch brought us to the finish line and welcome food & refreshments.

**Sport Route.** Meanwhile, the Sport Route ascended the notorious Shay Elliott climb. From there, participants dismounted for a demanding 6km trail run around Braigue and Cullentra mountains. Following this, it was time to get back on the bikes with an enjoyable and welcome descent down into Glenmalure with stunning views of the Glenmalure Valley, returning to Laragh. The final stage was a wet run across to Glendalough, but again there was plenty views to distract from tiring legs. (Sport) Brian Haverty - 02:48:57. (Sport) Fiona Allen - 03:59:02. (Sport) Aileen Coughlan - 04:12:24. (Sport) John Rabbett - 04:12:55 (Challenge) Geraldine Lavin - 02:12:06.

### Windmill Run 10K Dublin Championships

The Windmill Run took place on April 7th hosting the Dublin Men's for the 3rd year and the 1st year of hosting the women's 10K Dublin Championships. It was a very windy & hilly course. Sinead Farrell ran a super 5k in 31.23. A small group of 6 from Lucan Harriers took part in the 10k Dublin Championship with great results. We had 5 category medal winners Derek Taylor M40 silver, Will Byrne M50 gold, Breda Smyth F50 silver, Mary Browne F60 gold, Eileen O'Brien F65 gold. Damien O'Sullivan (M45) had a brilliant run, but in a tough M40 category. Our team of ladies won gold F50 Breda, Mary & Eileen. Great hospitality after hosted by Garristown AC & the event very well organised. Beautiful gift prizes also presented by Garristown AC

*Thanks to those who came to support on the sidelines.*

## LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

18 V-Par (Nett) - 13-14 April 2024

Gents Class 1 Winner - Junior Smith - +8

Gents Class 2 Winner - Steve Noonan - +10

Gents Class 3 Winner - Brendan Keane - +8

Ladies Class 1 Winner - Catherine Leonard - +5

Ladies Class 2 Winner - Kathleen Grainger - +6

### New Members Welcome – Adults and Under 16

Our Club is now open for membership. If you would like to join our Club please download an application form from the website and fill in the relevant details and return same – or email the secretary at [info@lucanpitchandputt.com](mailto:info@lucanpitchandputt.com). Indeed you are more than welcome to call into the Club House and ask for any committee member who will be only too willing to discuss your enquiry – best time to call is on a Sunday from 10am



### Full Zip Tops / Jackets / T-Shirts

Members please note that Dora Keane is the contact for the stock of our club zip tops / jackets and t-shirts.

### Function Room for Hire

Please note that we have a function room for hire in the evenings from circa 5pm. Contact the secretary or email [info@lucanpitchandputt.com](mailto:info@lucanpitchandputt.com) for details of same – T&C apply.

### Competition Date

Members please note that our Annual Remembrance Competition for our deceased members will be held this year on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April. This is a major competition and a time sheet is in operation. The presentation for this competition will be Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30pm. We will have music on the night so come along and join in the fun.

### Congratulations – Dublin Champions

C.Y. Pitch and Putt Club hosted the Dublin County Board - Matchplay last weekend and Lucan were very successful in both the ladies and gents grades. Sandra Keogh won the Inter Grade with Martina O'Reilly winning the Junior Grade (beating another club member Orla Creevey) in the final. Darren Egan won the Inter Grade and in the Junior grade Alan Doyle was beaten on the 1st tie hole to retain the cup. Congratulations to all competitors and well done to the winners on bringing home the first silverware of the year to Lucan.



## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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



### Buachaillí F13 - Peil

Lá breá gréine a bhí ann inniu i bPáirc Naomh Caitríona don chluiche idir Gaeill Raghmallach agus an fhoireann F13.

Bhí an ghaoth ag séideadh go láidir sa pháirc agus rinne na buachaillí sár-iarracht ag imirt in aghaidh na gaoithe don chéad leath. An scór ag leath ama ná 2-2 Gaeil Raghmallach, 1-2 Na Gaeil Óga. Bhí dara leath dochreidte ag na buachaillí agus iad ag imirt leis an ngaoth. D'oibrigh siad go hiontach lena chéile agus léirigh siad an-scil agus iad ag pasáil, ciceáil, tacláil agus ag scóráil! An scór ag deireadh an chluiche ná 6-6 Na Gaeil Óga, 2-3 Gaeil Raghmallach. Maith sibh gach duine!

### Cailíní F9 - Camogie

Bhí maidin bhreá gheal agus grianmhar againn. D'imir na cailíní F9 a gcéad chluiche camógaíochta den séasúr i gcoinne Oileán na hÉireann (Erin's Isle). Bhí taispeántas scileanna iontach le feiceáil. D'imir siad óna gcroí amach le fuinneamh láidir agus obair chrua ó thús go deireadh. Na Cailíní Abú. Na Gaeil Óga Abú

### Cailíní F13 - Camogie

Bhí na Cailíní F13B ag imirt ar an Domhnach in aghaidh Whitehall Colmcille. Rinne siad sáriarracht i gcoinne foireann láidir. Maith sibh. Míle buíochas le hAnna, Emily agus Nicole ó na Cailíní F11 a chabhair linn freisin.

### Buachaillí F12 - Iomáint

Cluiche iontach iomaíoch iomána inné óna buachaillí F12.

Thugamar cuireadh do Naomh Finians mar nach raibh aon chluiche oifigiúil againn. Bhí a gcuid imreoirí go léir an-sciliúil.

Ach ba iontach an rud a bhí ar taispeánt ónár gcuid buachaillí inné. Feidhmíocht ar bhonn foirne.

Bhí roinnt scileanna aonaracha áille, blocáil, crúcaí, poc... ach an rud a bhí ann i ndáiríre inniu ná grúpa buachaillí ag imirt mar fhoireann, ag imirt dá bhfoirne, ag imirt dá chéile.

Tá laethanta ann nuair a chaillimid, fiú roinnt laethanta nuair a bhuafaimid, ach is iad na laethanta mar inniu, nuair a bhí na leaids go léir ag imirt lena gcroí, na laethanta is mó a bhfuilim bródúil astu... Laochra iad go léir!!!!

## Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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### Health Committee on Cancer Services:

This week the Irish Cancer Society were before Health Committee. In their statement they stated that one in two people in Ireland will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. Since the commencement of the National Cancer Strategy in 2017 the ICS identified that due to the failure of funding the implementation of the strategy has stalled and is having a detrimental effect on those relying on cancer services. One of the issues that I spoke on was the lowering of the age of the Breast Screening Programme. Currently the age of screening for women is from the age of 50 to 69. I argued that the breast screening programme should be offered to women from the age of 40 onwards. A quarter of breast cancer diagnosis are women are under the age of 50.

## Caroline Brady - Fine Gael – P.C.

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**Lucan United FC. Astro Pitch:** Together with my colleague Minister Emer Higgins the status of development of an Astro Pitch for Lucan United was raised with SDCC and tender documents are now prepared. Further updates to follow.

**Dodsboro Cottages/Open Space behind back gardens:** Following queries raised by residents re the open space between the Dodsboro Cottages back gardens and Lucan United football pitch being overgrown, contains rubble, and is uneven. This makes it difficult for the residents and the council to keep the area clean and tidy. This has been raised with SDCC.

**Griffen Community College** delighted to see the announcements that Griffen Community College has progressed a further step to construction with the issuing of the Letter of Intent. I continue to work with my colleagues to progress Lucan Community College's build program.

## Cllr. Liona O'Toole –Independent

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**Griffen Community College:** Great news' the Department of Education has confirmed progress on their permanent school build. *The assessment of tenders is complete, and a Letter of Intent (LOI) has been issued to the preferred tenderer.* I'll collaborate closely with the school principal, parent body, and DDLETB to monitor the project and provide updates. Additionally, I'm working closely with Lucan Community College's parent body to ensure their LOI submission.

**Crèches:** I continue to highlight the insufficient availability of crèches in the Lucan area. Last month, I queried the South Dublin Childcare Committee about this issue, and they confirmed that since 2016/17, more crèches have closed than opened. I've added a motion to this month's agenda to further discuss and find solutions.

**Deadline to register to vote- May 20th.** The registration process is now digitised, and you can find details on [voter.ie](http://voter.ie)



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### Sport / Politics

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### Parish Notes / Fund Raising

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### Anniversaries etc. / Advertising Queries

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**Reports and Ads. etc.** may also be left at the usual addresses:

St. Mary's Parish Centre

Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

**Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.**

## ADVERTISING RATES

- Line ads of 15 words or less cost €2.00
- Line ads containing **more than 15 words** cost .20 cent for every word in the **entire ad.**
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Ads should be placed in an envelope containing the **correct payment** and dropped to any of the following addresses before deadline:

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**Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.**

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## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The subject of “windows” continues to excite the imagination of the members of the Soiree. Paddy was down in Maynooth and took photos of some of the windows in Maynooth University, while Rose spotted a window full of roses in the city.

The university and St Patrick's College, Maynooth had a common history from 1795 to 1997. The college in Maynooth was established as a college for Catholic lay and ecclesiastical students in 1795. The lay college was closed in 1817 and it functioned solely as a Catholic seminary for just under 150 years. In 1966 the college again allowed the entry of lay students and this set the foundation stone for what today is officially known as “The National University of Ireland, Maynooth” under the 1997 Universities Act.



Joe found some trees laden down with cherry blossoms earlier this week around Esker Lawns. As Donal remarked he would not like to have to sweep up the leaves after they have fallen.



Amongst the birds submitted this week by Conor is a photograph of the Mistle Thrush, the largest thrush native to Europe. As its name implies, the Mistle Thrush is important in propagating the mistletoe, an aerial parasite, which needs its seeds to be deposited on the branches of suitable trees.



My favourite this week is Frances's photo of the spring lamb standing on its mother's back. Of course, there were some nasty comments from members about when the little creature would be on a Sunday dinner plate.



*With that thought until next week stay safe!*