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## If you ever go to London town .....

I had the opportunity to visit London with some friends last weekend, and following an RTE documentary about St. Bride's Church in Fleet Street, on St. Brigid's Day, the site was on our itinerary.

It is the eight church on this site, and people have been worshipping here for 1500 years.

An Anglican Church, it is better known as the *Journalists' Church*, though all are long gone from Fleet Street. The first printing press with movable type was brought here in 1500.

As a result of a bomb which dropped here in 1940, crypts and old Roman foundations were discovered and now form part of their museum, which is free to visit.

King John held his councils in this church – maybe he mentioned his 1210 bridge in Lucan here!!!

St. Bride's steeple is said to be the inspiration for the first wedding cake!

Lots of famous names are associated with the church and parish – Charles Dickens, Samuel Pepys, John Milton, and Samuel Johnson among others.

Of particular interest is a side altar with the familiar names of journalists recently deceased, many covering the war in Ukraine, also Irish woman Lyra McKee, and more recently, sports journalist John Motson. The stalls bear a litany of names well known to every Irish schoolchild of a certain era.



Dedicated to St. Brigid, a link has been established between St. Bride's Church and Kildare County Council, from which it is planned to strengthen the ties on both sides of the Irish Sea. So if you go to London, put this most interesting church on your *to do* list.

M.M.

## 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

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.

### Social Welfare Easter Payment Arrangements

can be found on the following link

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/4547d-easter-payment-arrangements-2023/>

**Aware** – supporting your mental health - support for you or your loved ones

email [supportmail@aware.ie](mailto:supportmail@aware.ie)

Freephone 1800 80 48 48 Monday to Sunday 10 am to 10 pm

### If your landlord wants you to leave

Our website has information on the following topics at the following link:

If your landlord wants you to leave ([citizensinformation.ie](http://citizensinformation.ie))

Introduction

Eviction ban winter 2022/2023

Terminating a tenancy

What is a valid reason for ending a tenancy after the first 6 months?

Notice of termination

Notice periods

Illegal eviction and overholding

Useful contacts

## UK state pension

If you have worked in the UK and have gaps in your National Insurance record, you can pay voluntary contributions to help you qualify for the UK state pension. You have until 31 July 2023 to pay voluntary contributions to make up for gaps between 2006 and 2016. After this date, you will only be able to pay contributions to cover the previous 6 years.

You can check your UK national insurance record online to find out if you have any gaps in your insurance record and if you are eligible to pay voluntary contributions.

More information is available on our website under the heading "Returning home to Ireland to retire."

## Lucan Planning Council

LPC had a very supportive meeting with Minister for Older People, Mary Butler in Leinster House this week. We briefed the Minister on our experience of ableism in NTA planning on the C-spine of Bus Connects in relation to the hospital bus to Blanchardstown and also on the removal of the route 25 from Dodsboro. The Minister is now fully briefed and has undertaken to represent us and seek the NTA to meet us face to face as a matter of urgency.

The bus routing petition is ongoing, and those who would like to engage should make contact with Tom Newton: 086 3127364

LPC is currently preparing for a deputation meeting with SDCC on a range of Lucan issues and have consulted with local businesses and others to hear views.

*Caitríona McClean, Secretary LPC.*

[cmaemcclean@hotmail.com](mailto:cmaemcclean@hotmail.com)



## FAIRDEAL & POWER OF ATTORNEY

### DEMENTIA EVENING

INFORMATION & SUPPORT EVENINGS

Marymount Dementia Team will welcome Solicitor Sania McEntee and Marymount Director Conor McNulty to clarify Fairdeal and Power of Attorney and other Legal Aspects.



**THURSDAY**  
**6TH APRIL 2023**

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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.



Some LARA members on the 4 day trip to Clonakilty last week, at Beal na Blath. Although the weather was bad the company was fantastic.

*Pat Keegan*

*Lucan Active Retirement Association*

## LUCAN TOASTMASTERS

Is 2023 the year to finally conquer your fear of public speaking?

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

Do you want to make new friends?

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

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

**Come along on Thursday next, April 6th,** where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, checkout our Facebook 'Lucan Toastmasters' our website at [www.lucantoastmasters.com](http://www.lucantoastmasters.com) or email us at [vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com](mailto:vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com)



## Sarsfield Park Residents Association

**Notice: AGM Monday 3rd April 2023 at 8pm.**

Please come and join us in Kennys back lounge to elect committee for the forthcoming year.

## Daffodil Day 2023

I would like to thank all my family, friends and neighbours for their support on Daffodil Day, also Lucan I.C.A. and Kennys, Tesco, Supervalu and the lady from the Flower Shop who gave e a lovely bunch of Daffodils.

We raised €8,376.14.

*Thank you,  
Margaret Hynes*



## Lucan ICA

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: **Craft Group** continues with their various projects, some in preparation for Easter.

**Tea Hostesses:** Geraldine Archbold, Mary Curley.

The Craft Group will no meet on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April as it is Easter Monday, Bank Holiday. We'll be back to normal on Monday 17<sup>th</sup>.

President Pauline wishes all members a very enjoyable Easter, hope the weather will oblige.

We had a lovely day on Saturday doing a Beaded Embroidery picture with teacher Eleanor Hewitt. Everyone enjoyed the class.



**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](http://alone.ie/volunteers) for more information.



## Parish Notes

### St Mary's, Lucan

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



### Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:

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

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

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

### Confessions: Holy Week

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

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

### Holy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April:

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

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

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



Followed by a guided 'Watch and Pray' hour is celebrated from 10pm to 11pm.

### Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April:

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

**8pm: Stations of the Cross**

### Holy Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April:

#### 9pm: Easter Vigil

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

### Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April:

Masses: 10.30am, and 12 noon.

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

**All Services will be live-streamed on**

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

### Divine Mercy Novena and the Feast of Mercy:

In the 1930s a Polish nun, Saint Faustina, had visions from Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord conveyed a message for all of mankind of **God's infinite Mercy** especially for the most hardened sinners and said it is mankind's last hope of salvation and we will have no peace until we turn with trust to His Mercy.



Our Lord asked for the **Image (picture) of Divine Mercy** to be painted with the words "**Jesus I Trust in You**". He wanted the picture to be a source of grace, protection and mercy for sinners.

He taught St Faustina to pray the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** and asked it be prayed constantly seeking God's mercy for our sins and the sins of the whole world. He requested that a **special Novena** be said from Good Friday until the Saturday after Easter Sunday.

We encourage everyone to pray this Novena in their homes. Novena leaflets can be picked up in the main Church porch and blessed Images of Divine Mercy at the devotions on **Wednesday after the 10am Mass** (there is no charge for the leaflets or pictures).

A **relic of St Faustina** will be available for blessing on Wednesday too.

Our Lord wanted the first Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) to be a very special day for all souls and He promised those who go to confession and receive Holy Communion that their souls will be wiped completely clean of all sin and retribution, such that if we died we would go straight to heaven.

**Divine Mercy Devotion St Mary's Parish Lucan**

### St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

**THIS** Saturday/ Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

This is **NOT** the Sunshine collection as stated in last week's newsletter, apologies for our mistake.

*Many thanks for your generosity.*

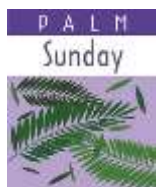
### Medjugorje Mass - St Mary Church,

Next Mass - **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 6pm**

Rosary and Confessions at 5.30pm

Facebook Medjugorje mass lucan

**St. Patrick's**  
**Esler/Doddsboro/Adamstown**  
[www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)



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**Masses:** Vigil Saturday 7pm,  
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

### **Confessions: Holy Week**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**  
10.30am to 11.15am.

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

### **Holy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April:**

**7.30pm:** Mass of the Lord's Supper.

### **Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April:**

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

**8pm:** Stations of the Cross.

### **Holy Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April:**

#### **9pm: Easter Vigil**

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

### **Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April:**

Masses: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon

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

## **Divine Mercy, Lucan South**

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

### **Palm Sunday:**

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,  
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

### **Holy Thursday:**

**5pm:** Children's Mass of the Lord's Supper

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

### **Good Friday:**

**12 noon:** Stations of the Cross

**1 - 2pm:** Holy Face of Jesus Devotions

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

**8pm:** Stations of the Cross

### **Holy Saturday:**

**Confessions:** 10am to 10.45am and 1pm to 2pm

### **9pm: Easter Vigil**

### **Easter Sunday:**

Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

**Easter Monday:** Mass 10.00am

**All services will be live-streamed on**

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

### **St. Joseph's Young Priests Society;**

Last June we set up a branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society in Lucan South Parish. The aim is to pray for vocations and also try to help seminarians financially.

We would gladly welcome new members. We meet 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month. **Our next meeting is 5<sup>th</sup> April at 10.40am for 1 hour.**



## **Ecumenical Way of the Cross**

### **Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April: 12pm:**

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

***All are welcome***



## Acknowledgement

### LARRY O'TOOLE

Martha O'Toole and family, Sarsfield Park, would like to thank the people of Ballyfermot and Lucan for their kindness shown to them on the death of her son Larry.

Thanks to all who sent flowers and Mass cards and called to their home.

A Mass will be offered up for your intentions.  
*Martha and family*



## Anniversaries

### ANN FITZGERALD

**3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary - 7<sup>th</sup> April**

Late Woodview and Dodsboro Lucan.  
Remembering our Mam at this time  
Wonderful memories woven in gold  
This is a picture we tenderly hold  
Deep in our hearts a memory is kept  
To love to cherish to never forget.  
*With love daughter Pamela, son Chris,  
grand-daughter Roxy-Amber, sisters Bernie and  
Marie and brother Bo*

### DAN ROGERS

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

First year away from home.  
A much loved and missed husband, Dad,  
Step-Dad and Grandad.  
A smile for all, a heart of gold  
The very best this world could hold  
Never selfish, always kind  
Those are the memories you left behind  
I miss you more than ever  
Your guidance and your love  
But I know you are watching over me  
From Heaven above  
I love and miss so much Dan  
Please look after my kids for me  
Until I get there  
Forever in my heart  
Until we meet again.  
So heartbroken for you all.  
*Your heartbroken wife Mary xxxxxxxx*



## Anniversaries

### KITTY BRADY

**15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Loved always  
Sadly missed.

Also remembering my cousin **Moira Brady Exley** recently deceased. R.I.P.  
*Joe*

### MARGARET WELDON

**3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary - 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

If roses grow in Heaven Lord  
Please pick a bunch for us  
Place them in our Mother's arms  
And tell her they are from us  
Tell her we love and miss her  
And when she turns to smile  
Place a kiss upon her cheek  
And hold her for a while  
Because remembering her is easy  
We do it every day  
But there is an ache  
Within our hearts  
That will never go away.  
*Always remembered by her loving family Ann,  
Larry, Geraldine, Jackie, Paul, Breda, Kara and  
families*

St. Francis Hospice

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Spring Memorial Walk**

*Supported by Eileen Dunne  
Anytime, Anyplace  
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Registration Fee €25*

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**THANK YOU**

*Today I walk  
to remember  
you.*



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## Lucan Sarsfield visit to the Derry City Walls

Lucan Sarsfields Social Initiative Group under the stewardship of Seaghan O Lanagain had a wonderful trip to Derry/ Donegal March 21st and 23rd visiting the American folk park on in Omagh, on Tuesday on route to Buncrana, for our 3 day visit to the Inishowen peninsula

The following day , Wednesday we took a circular tour around the peninsula, one of the loveliest in Europe , with its breath-taking cliff top views, At Malin head we stopped to visit Irelands most northerly point and then on to Doagh famine village to see how life was in Donegal in the 1900s.

We started off Thursday visiting An Grianan Aileack, the royal resident of the O' Neill's, which dates back to 1700 BC and was once visited by St. Patrick.

We then headed towards the City of Derry. We began our visit with a guided city tour on our coach getting all the history of the city while passing through the city walls, the Bogside and the areas of the city that suffered most in the troubles.

Afterwards we strolled along the 17th century walls of Ireland's only completely walled city, and called into The Guild Hall to see The John Hume Peace Exhibition, a special collection of the world renowned peace accolades awarded to John.

The former SDLP leader was the only person awarded the world's three major international peace prizes The Nobel Peace prize, the Mahatma Gandhi Peace Prize and the Martin Luther King Junior Non-Violent prize .

We had group of 36 and everybody agreed it was a great trip, and we're already looking forward to our next adventure A big thank you, Mile buiochas, to Seaghan O Lanagain and Lucan Sarsfield GAA club for organising and undertaking this wonderful initiative.



## Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>, all our ladies arrived beautifully attired and many wearing Easter Bonnets, ready to party. Fr. Philip visited to wish us all a Happy Easter and was dazzled by all the style and colour. He was very thankful not to be judging!



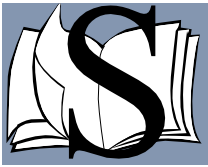
A special thank you to the elegant and stylish ladies from U3A Anne and Jude who had the difficult task of judging. They were very diligent checking for style, creativity and colour. This was followed by the presentation of prizes – Easter Eggs Easter Baskets, Chocolates and Flowers.



*Happy Easter  
to all our  
members,  
committee and  
friends.*

*Lucan Sarsfields Social  
Initiative Group on the  
Derry City Walls*





## CHOOOL NEWS



### St. Joseph's College

**Concern Debating:** Hard Luck to our Senior Concern Debating Team who lost out in their Debate on Tuesday night against the High School Rathgar. This was the All -Ireland Quarter final which is a huge achievement to get to in this prestigious competition. We are extremely proud of the effort and the commitment of this talented group of debaters. Well done also to Mr. Smyth for the hours of work he has volunteered with this group.

**Senior Hockey Team:** Hard luck also to the senior Hockey team who lost out in the Dublin Final on Wednesday, it is a great achievement to get to the final and they were narrowly beaten by Loreto Balbriggan. Well done to all the 6<sup>th</sup> year students who played their final game for the school and have represented the school on the hockey field for 6 years. Well done also to Ms. Girigan who coached the team all year.

many challenging mountains too. A massive well done to all the Silver Gaisce students who completed their 50km A big thank you to all the staff who accompanied the students over the few days, taking part in the hikes and looking after all in the hostel too. Well done everyone!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year School Tour:** Over 90 second year students headed off early on Wednesday morning to make their way to Delphi adventure centre in Co. Mayo.. This is an overnight trip and the students were super excited when they boarded the buses to depart for Mayo. They will return on Friday evening and we hope they have an excellent trip.

**Transition Year Amsterdam Trip:** Over 90 transition years left Dublin airport on Wednesday to make their way to the Dutch City of Amsterdam. They have a number of activities planned including trips to the Anne Frank House , a boat trip on the famous canals of Amsterdam and a trip to a theme park over their 4 day tour in Holland. We wish them all the best and we look forward to hearing of their experiences when they return.

**Leaving Certificate Oral Exams:** Best of luck to all our leaving certificate students who will complete their modern foreign languages and Irish oral exams over the Easter break, they run from April 1<sup>st</sup> until April 6<sup>th</sup>.



**Bronze and Silver Gaisce:** Well done to all the Gaisce students in Transition Year & 5th Year who completed their Adventure Trip over the weekend! All students & staff did brilliantly to complete their required distances over the 2-3 days in Wicklow. It was great to see so many students in all their hiking gear making their way across Glendalough & Glenmalur, up and down

### Junior Certificate Home Economics Practicals:

Huge well done to all the 3<sup>rd</sup> year students who completed their cooking practicals over the past two weeks.

Follow us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Follow us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Follow us on: [www.stjosephslucan.com](http://www.stjosephslucan.com)



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Green Schools:** Coláiste Phádraig's Green Schools Committee held their Day of Action on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March as part of their aim of renewing the school's green flag, this time for energy. Students were encouraged to wear green for the day and this raised 300euro for the Committee, to be spent on further green initiatives in the near future.



The Committee planted a Sorbus Tree in the new orchard area out by the Sports Hall on Thursday. They will Committee will water it regularly, especially in the next year or two, to help the tree become established.

A lively and interesting debate for 1<sup>st</sup> yrs was held in the Classroom of the Future entitled "We should produce our own nuclear energy in Ireland".

Transition Year students held Kahoot quizzes with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> yr students. The 1<sup>st</sup> yr winning team of Conor Gilmore, Shane Brennan, Hasan Al Mini, Shaun Thomas and Elliot Hsiqo each won a 5e voucher for the school canteen. In 2<sup>nd</sup> yr, Hazem Ahmed.

There were joint winners of the Green Schools poster competition. 1<sup>st</sup> yrs Nate Crawford and Conor Linnane both won 30e All for One vouchers for their colourful and topical posters.

Clare McDonald, senior co-ordinator of Green Schools, visited the school as a follow-up to the Action Day. She met with the Green Schools Committee and Mr. Keane and enquired about the activities that were organised.

The Committee then had to fill out a detailed renewal application form for the Green Flag for Energy. Schools must submit renewal applications every two years. Getting the energy flag would be an important step for the school in becoming carbon neutral and being recognised for its efforts, especially over the past school year.

**TY:** Our TY students enjoyed adrenaline-fuelled days at Kylemore Karting, Ireland's premier

Karting arena, over the past two Wednesdays. The students had an amazing day of competitive racing, with numerous thrills and spills along the way! The students had practice laps 1<sup>st</sup> before doing timed laps, which determined whether they would be competing in the A, B or C Final.

After the qualifying laps were completed, there were six competitors in each Final and each one was filled with drama, thrills and plenty of talking points! Cian Larkin won the TY Edmund "A" Final with a mature, composed drive with average speeds of an impressive 31 secs per lap, with James Kirwan chasing him home in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Nicolas Pach stormed home in great style in the TY Rice Final with an average speeds of 30.5 secs per lap with Alex D'Alba close behind in 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Fundraising:** Coláiste Phádraig's Parents Association are holding a pub quiz in Kenny's pub in Lucan Village on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April @ 9pm**. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of defibrillators for the new school building which will be officially open for business in Sept 2023! As part of the fundraiser, the PA plan to hold a raffle on the night so they would greatly appreciate any sponsorship or prize donation from the wider parent group in the school or the local community even.

Anyone in a position to help should contact the school office at your earliest convenience. Further details of the Table Quiz and information on ticket purchase will follow in the coming weeks.

**Exam news:** The Leaving Cert oral exams in Irish and foreign languages will be held over the coming week, from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> until Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April so we wish the best of luck to our 6<sup>th</sup> yr students, who have been practising their spoken skills in the different languages so diligently.

**Drama:** Mr. Sweetman's 6<sup>th</sup> yr English class put on a production of William Shakespeare's *The Tragedy of Macbeth* in room 4 last week. The students themselves came up with the idea of doing a 20-20 (20 scenes from the play in 20mins) in 2023 just 2 weeks previously so what followed was a pretty hectic and rather frantic couple of weeks of casting, stage design, costume hunting and rehearsals. The cast put on two shows on Tuesday afternoon with an audience of approximately 50 students each time.

The two productions were extremely well received and the cast deservedly got standing ovations for their entertaining and classy performances. Even those who had not studied *Macbeth* were able to follow and understand the plot and action, which was a great tribute to the actors. Well done to all involved.

## Lucan Community College

**Easter Break:** The school will be closed Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April inclusive.

**Summer Exams – 2<sup>nd</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May:** Homework Hive takes place every Wednesday. Why not join up and get some support with revision for the Summer Exams!

### **Walking Tour of Lucan:**

Ms Redmond and Class Valentia on their recent walking tour of Lucan. Students gained an insight into the history of their local village which will help them as they undertake their CBA: The Past in My Place.

**Awards for Law Students:** Congratulations to Vlad Grosu and Annabell Nabulele who were finalists in the Law Society essay prize this year. Together with their TY law teacher Miss McKeever they travelled to Blackhall Place to collect their certificates and to meet with Maura Derivan, the President of the Law Society. The celebration held in the beautiful ceremonial hall was a fitting tribute to all 30 finalists who travelled from all over the country and had been shortlisted from thousands of entries. We were proud to have two students representing the college.



**The Musical:** The TY Students have been working very hard towards this year's musical performance of 'Back to the 80's'. They are getting

into the full swing of all the great 80's tunes, and enjoying all the dance and action that this musical holds! All the students are showing great dedication, commitment and wonderful talent during this creative process. The TY students are looking forward to show time in May. Our show dates are the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of May. Further details to follow after Easter break! There's no time like showtime!



**UCD Scholarships:** Congratulations to the following Lucan Community College graduates of 2022 who have been awarded UCD Entrance Scholarship Awards: Claire Bredin, Conor Duffy, Brendan Kavanagh and Louise Chung.

**Sunday**  
2nd April 2023

9.30am Registration  
at the East Courtyard of  
Castletown House,  
Celbridge  
Start Time 10.30am

**Bark in the Park**

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**5K Walk Fun With Your Dog!**

Join in on this walk with family and friends, dog treats, water, and fun, lots of prizes!

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Your support for the "Bark in the Park" event on April 2nd will help the Marie Keating Foundation to continue to be there for people and their families at every step of a cancer journey.

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## Lucan Library

**Easter Weekend Library Hours - please note that the library will close on Thursday 6th April at 8pm and reopen Tuesday 11th April at 9.45am**

*All events and activities are free of charge.*

### **Dublin: One City One Book 2023**

**Thursday 6th April - 7pm. One Dublin Many Women – a talk by historian Liz Gillis**

The book chosen for One Dublin One Book 2023 is *The Coroners Daughter* by Andrew Hughes.

Booking via Lucan Library Eventbrite: [One Dublin, Many Women with Historian Liz Gillis Tickets, Thu 6 Apr 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/one-dublin-many-women-with-historian-liz-gillis-tickets-thu-6-apr-2023-at-19-00-eventbrite)

Celebrating One Dublin One Book 2023, Liz Gillis will explore the status of women in the 19th Century in Ireland.

### **Easter and Mid-Term Activities**

**Tuesday 4th April: 12noon. Family Cinema -**

HOP! A perfect film for Easter, All welcome! 2.30pm. Easter Arts and Crafts for 5-7 year olds with Aisling and Cathal Booking from Wednesday 29th March at

2.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/easter-arts-craft-workshop-tickets-598444271927>

**Wednesday 5th April. 3.30pm. Creative Writing with Maeve Devoy, MAD4Tales**, for 9-12-year-olds. Making A Mystery. Maeve will outline the elements of crime, drama and mystery writing so that the students can develop their characters, motives and alibis. Who will get to the bottom of this popular genre and complete their story? Booking <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/creative-writing-with-maeve-devoy-mad4tales-for-9-12-year-olds-tickets-598430470647>

**Tuesday 11th April. 2pm / 3pm / 4pm Lego Workshops with the Brickworkx Club**

for ages 6 – 12 years. 2pm - 2.45pm: Booking from Tuesday 4th April at

2pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lego-workshops-for-kids-tickets-601382450097>

3pm - 3.45pm: Booking from Tuesday 4th April at 3pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lego-workshops-for-kids-tickets-601385258497>

4pm - 4.45pm: Booking from Tuesday 4th April at 4pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lego-workshops-for-kids-tickets-601386923477>

**Wednesday 12th April. 3.30pm. Make Elephant Toothpaste and Beautiful Bath Balms with the Nutty Scientist.** Suitable for ages 5-9 years. Booking from Wednesday 5th April at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/make-elephant-toothpaste-and-bath-balms-with-the-nutty-scientist-tickets-598493368777>

### **Thursday 13th April. Cool Food School**

**Workshops** - make a carrot cake

power ball dipped in white

chocolate and decorated to look

like a little chick! 11am - 12noon

for ages 6 - 8 years. Booking from

Thursday 6th April at 11am via Lucan Library

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/fun-easter-cooking-class-with-the-cool-food-school-for-kids-aged-6-8-yrs-tickets-532068389877>

12.30pm - 1.30pm for ages 9 - 12 years.

Booking from Thursday 6th April at

12.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/fun-easter-cooking-class-with-the-cool-food-school-for-kids-aged-9-12-yrs-tickets-590521825677>

### **Thursday 20th April. 2pm - 4pm**

South Dublin Volunteer Centre will bring their information stand to the library. Come along and see what opportunities for volunteering can be found in the Lucan area.

### **Children's Art and Creativity Sessions with**

**Elena Buttner.** For 6-8 years: Thursday 6th April at 3.30pm, booking from Thursday 30th March at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/easter-art-creativity-for-children-age-6-8-years-tickets-532031609867>

For 9 - 11 years: Thursday 13th April at 3.30pm, booking from Thursday 6th April at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/art-creativity-for-children-age-9-11-years-tickets-532055912557>

### **Computer Classes for Adults - Information Session. Friday 21st April, 11am**

Are you interested in learning or improving your computer skills? Jillian McLaughlin from the DDLETB will give an information session about upcoming free computer classes planned for Lucan Library. Jillian will also take details on the day from anyone interested in participating. All Welcome.

**Cuidiu Breastfeeding Support Group**, new members welcome.

Tuesday 18th April 10am - 12noon

### **Lucan Library Classic Film Club**

Tuesday 18th April at 5.30pm. All welcome, enquire at library desk.

### **Lucan Library Scrabble Club**

Tuesday 11th April, 11am.

All welcome.

### **Exhibition:**

JFK: A President We All Remember.





## Cllr. Derren Ó Brádaigh- Sinn Féin

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### **Dodsboro / Woodview Heights Junction –**

**Road Markings:** Incorrectly positioned right turn road markings were addressed at a meeting involving local councillors earlier this week. Council road traffic section officials have confirmed that this will be amended, with further consideration for alterations now to the overall junction layout to meet increased growing traffic concerns.

### **Palmville Close, Ballydowd – Estate**

**Management:** The council will advertise the Palmville estate for Taking-in-Charge in the next 4 weeks, with a statutory public consultation taking place. A report on any submissions will be brought back to the local area committee.

**Adamstown – Road Safety:** Following several recent vehicular incidents, I further raised the issue at Traffic Management Meeting this week. Council officials have now agreed to examine road speed signage and introduce new pedestrian safety bollards immediately outside the Giraffe Creche on Adamstown Avenue.

## Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

78 The Orchard, Lucan. 01 401 3416

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**Free School Books:** Free schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks will be provided to all primary schools and special schools. The objective of the new scheme is about ensuring every child has the resources.

required to access education and also easing financial burdens surrounding the back-to-school costs which can be a cause of huge financial difficulty for many families each year

**Patrick Sarsfield:** The 1st Earl of Lucan, Patrick Sarsfield, played a pivotal role in protecting Limerick City in 1690 after the Battle of the Boyne. Under the terms of the Treaty of Limerick Sarsfield left for France never to return. Sarsfield died in battle in Belgium in 1693. His exact burial location was mystery until recently. An archaeological excavation of the site will be undertaken with a view to eventually repatriating him back to Ireland and hopefully to Lucan!

## Cllr. Paul Gogarty

“Not just at election time”. Tel: 087-2752489.

Web: [www.paulgogarty.com](http://www.paulgogarty.com)

### **Council to reverse layout at Dodsboro Road**

**Junction:** During discussion on my motion at Area Committee last Tuesday, Council management acknowledged that the previous right turn boxes at the junction of Dodsboro Road and Woodview Heights/Tesco Road are a mistake.

Engineers now plan to put in a new layout, including hopefully a dedicated right-hand turn coming from Adamstown direction. Details on my Facebook page and website.

**Illegal Parking on Lucan Road:** Cars parked on the footpath blocking pedestrians on the Lucan Road from Esker Lane towards Ballydowd Grove will continue to be monitored and ticketed by Gardai intermittently, but the Council now appears to recognise that some physical measures are required also. Not every proposal we looked at here is workable, so SDCC is to come back with measures that might help at the next Traffic meeting in May.

## Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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### **Special Committee to Examine the Issue of**

**Assisted Dying:** A committee to examine the issue of assisted dying will be established in mid-April. It will explore how assisted dying might operate in Ireland and examine what safeguards would need to be put in place. The committee will look too at the constitutional, legal and ethical issues involved. I look forward in participating in the committee over the duration of the next nine months or so. In October 2020 I tabled the Dying with Dignity Bill to change the law around assisted dying. This is a complex issue that needs debate and understanding. I think society is ready for that debate.

## Cllr. Liona O'Toole –Independent

Peace Commissioner. 087-2795274.

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

**Age Friendly Parking:** My motion requesting the council to introduce Age Friendly parking spaces was discussed and passed at this week's area committee meeting. There has been preliminary liaison with the Community Department in this matter, where Age Friendly Parking might be one of the actions of an age friendly town or village.

**Defibrillator Signage:** The council have agreed to my request to look at introducing new signs to indicate locations of defibrillators in our area. One location to be considered is the 24-hour outdoor one attached to the wall next to Carroll's/the taxi rank.

**Public street lighting improvements:** The council have agreed a site meeting with residents in the Finnstown areas to discuss the streetlights around the open green spaces and look for improvements.

Community Officers will be assigned to the Adamstown Area following the completion of the current recruitment process.

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## Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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**Mobile sports equipment storage:** There have been unforeseen delays in rolling out the Pavilion. Programme in Griffeen Park. One of the things I campaigned for as part of last year's budget was provision for a fund for mobile equipment storage, especially for parks and clubs that don't have access to Pavilions. It was great to see a new unit installed in Griffeen in the past few weeks.

**Grand Canal Greenway to Hazelhatch:** I have followed up with the County Council on the need to complete the works on this project as soon as possible. There has been a delay but work should be underway during Quarter 2 of this year.

**Peace Commissioner signature:** If you need a Peace Commissioner to witness your signature on official documents, please contact me on the details above.



have a little treat.

**Palm Sunday already.** Lent never seems as long as it used to back in the day.....

There was a time when the season was much harder – all entertainment closed down, and staying away from those sweets. Luckily, we had St. Patrick's Day when we could

## **The Wonderful World of Books – A Musical Show**

was produced by Scoil Mhuire in Airlie/Woodview Heights this past week, and what a show of talent from every class in the school. Congratulations and well done to all involved, teachers and pupils alike.



## Lough Derg 2023 Pilgrimage Season

### One Day Retreats

#### May:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>, Monday 29<sup>th</sup>,

#### August:

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

#### September:

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

*Admission: €45, Booking Essential, Concessions available for groups*

### Three Day Pilgrimage

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

*(last day to begin Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August)*

*Admission: €80, Booking Advised,*

*Concessions available for students, seniors & groups*

### Lakeshore Pilgrimage

*(along the Pilgrim Path)*

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Admission €25, Booking Essential

### Quiet Day

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Admission €35, Booking Essential.

Sanctuary of St Patrick, Pettigo, Co Donegal

[www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

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Ph: 071 9861518



## Upcoming Events at The Acre Project Celbridge

### Acre Lawn Bowling is

now open for membership. All ages welcome. Come and play on our wonderful lawn. Running from April to September 2023.

### Bike Maintenance Workshop

Wednesday April 26th 7.30 pm

Fine tune your bike maintenance skills here!

### Calling All Bakers and Gardeners!!!!

Show us your culinary skills and let us taste your yummy treats at this Baking and Plant sale. Great plants for sale to spruce up your summer garden. Come along for outdoor delights!!!!!! 27th and 28th of May.

### For more information

Contact: [holly@acreproject.com](mailto:holly@acreproject.com)

## Ever wonder....

Why the sun lightens our hair, and darkens our skin?



## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Daire Newcombe is doing a great job for Dublin receiving player of the match against Louth last week-end he is also named in the GAA team of the week. Continuing the story Abby Sheils kept a clean sheet for Dublin ladies in their win over Waterford on Sunday and in the Leinster Minor Hurling Championship Massimo Pappalardo and Killian Costello assisted the Dubs past Offaly in a high scoring game of hurling.

We would like to thank our club members and intercounty stars for giving up their Saturday morning all lined out with Blackrock Health Hermitage Clinic who we are delighted to have on board as a Main Sponsor.

### White Collar Fight Night

White Collar Fight Night was formally launched at the club on Friday evening, the main event is taking place on Saturday 29th April, in The Big Top located in our overflow car park. All proceeds of this event are going towards Ground Redevelopment to ensure our players and stars of the future can avail of the best possible facilities. We are delighted for the support of our main event sponsor, Whiteform Limited.

Our members who have volunteered to participate in the Fight Night were interviewed by MC Pat McDonald, who generated the craic for all in attendance. Best of luck to Brian O'Sullivan, Cathal Lynch, Ciarán Dowling, Conor Gallagher, Conor O'Neill, Córa O'Toole, Daraigh Quinn, Darren Kelly, Denis Lordan, Donal Crowley, Eamonn McShea, Gerry Butcher, Helena Lawrence, Ian Crowley, Justin Meyler, Karl Fitzgerald, Kaylee Crowley, Kelly Murray, Kieran Murphy, Liona O'Toole, Luke O'Neill, Marc Sharkey, Niall Murray, Niamh Connaughton, Noel Simpson, Patrick Fitzgerald, Paul Casey, Paul Treanor, Peter Keenan, PJ Finnerty, Rachel Boyhan, Robert Ryan, Seán Harkness and Shay Leonard

You can support your favourite by going to <https://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsDonate>

### Hurling

Mixed fortunes for our adult hurlers in the adult leagues this weekend with three wins from five. The Seniors and Intermediates had good wins over Craobh Chiarain and St Marks respectively. The Junior As lost away to Kilmacud Crokes, the Junior Bs had a big win over Civil Service while the Junior Cs lost to Ranelagh Gaels.



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**Go Ahead AHL1, 26th March 2023, Craobh Chiarain 1-14 Lucan Sarsfields 2-12.**

**AHL Div 9: Civil Service 1-6 Lucan Sarsfields 5-23 Islandbridge 26/3/2023.**

**U16A Camogie.** Our first league game and first experience of the Senior pitch under lights, saw Lucan compete with Naomh Olafs on Friday night. Wild conditions left Lucan taking advantage of a favourable wind to lead for much of this game. Olafs put up a strong performance and managed a couple of goals before half time to make it an interesting second half. Lucan drove on against the wind in the second half with some strong interplay utilising the large pitch to their advantage. Accurate passing and control saw Lucan return to dominance in the second half with some well taken goals. Final score 3-12 to 3-2. We also like to thank club star Emer Keenan who presented our league medals from last year's league win in the clubhouse after the game.



Past Players of Jim McCarthy are welcome to return for a memorial match on the 3rd Anniversary of his passing. See you in the Club on the 15th April at 5pm.

**Lotto.** No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €16,200. The Numbers were **1, 6, 14, 19.**

**The 5 lucky dip prizes go to,** Kathleen Roche, Margaret Lynch, Pádraig O'Driscoll, Linda Tardiff and Helen Prendergast. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€16,600.** The draw is sponsored by Diamond and Gem Jewellers and will be led by Gerry McAndrew.





## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

### Táimid ag Earcú

A chairde, is mian le Na Gaeil Óga duine a earcú mar Oifigeach Forbartha Cluichí Lán-Ghaeilge.

Féach ár leathanach LinkedIn do gach eolas agus chun iarratas a dhéanamh.

Tá duine tiomanta á lorg don ról seo agus is féidir iarratas a dhéanamh roimh Dé Luain an 17 Aibreán 2023. Scaip an scéal!



### Grúpa Tuistí agus Leanaí

Beidh muid ag cur tús le grúpa tuistí & léanaí Gaeilge nua ar an Satháirín i nGaelscoil Naomh Pádraig (Leamhcán) ag 9:30 le toraíocht uibheacha.

Fáilte roimh tuistí le Gaeilge líofa araon le foghlaimoírí ar mhian leo bualadh le teaghlach eile le Gaeilge.



### Buachaillí F8 - Iomáint

Maith sibh a bhuachaillí go léir, agus Lily cróga ag léim isteach chun cabhrú libh. Bhí cothrom na féinne iontach léirithe ag gach duine agus roinnt

scóranna iontacha. Mar is gnáth táimid an-bhródúil as na buachaillí

### Réaltaí an Todhchaí - Na Cailíní F8

Bhí maidin breá againn ag imirt in aghaidh Ballinteer St. John's

Chuireadar fáilte ollmhór romhainn. Bhíomar fliuch agus fuar ag an deireadh ach bhí an-spraoi againn. D'imir na cailíní tharr barr. D'oibrigh siad go dian agus go h-iontach le chéile. Sár-obair a chailíní.

"Ní neart go cur le chéile"

## A New Sport Has Come To Lucan.....

### Griffen Valley PÉTANQUE Club with the support of Active Cities Dublin and S.D.

Sports Partnership invites you to join us at an **OPEN DAY on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon beside Weston Hockey Club.**



There will be a demonstration of Pétanque (or Boules) followed by hands on coaching where everyone can have a go. The game can be played by all ages and abilities...for social or competitive play. To register please copy the link below or **visit your club facebook page.**

We look forward to seeing you there. If you can't make this event, we play every Sunday at noon. All are welcome.



Contact:

[owen.kelleher@gmail.com](mailto:owen.kelleher@gmail.com) for details.

**Open day link:**

**<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/588269629297>**

## LUCAN BRIDGE CLUB

The Annual Lucan (Spy Wednesday) Charity Night will be held on **Wednesday 5th April, 7.30pm in the Springfield Hotel.** All are Welcome.



This Charity event has been run for many, many, years, but was suspended during the 3 years of Covid Lockdown. We are delighted to be able to run it again this year.

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last Friday at our Soiree we looked at some interesting photographs taken on the subject of “shapes”. None of them are published this week as the objective is for each of the members to build up a portfolio of photographs to draw from for the next exhibition. The subject for the month of April is “machinery”.

This week Conor submitted more of his wild life photographs.



Michael B sent in a night-time photograph of the old church in Raheny which was illuminated for St. Patrick's Day.



Willie was in Gougane Barra, which is at the source of the river Lee. The name comes from Saint Finbarr (Barra) who is said to have built a monastery on the island in the lake in the sixth century. The oratory is 19<sup>th</sup> century and stands near the site of a hermitage built around 1700.



Continuing with night time Rose sent in a photo pf the London Eye as well as a photograph of the same object taken in daylight. It is also known as the Millennium Wheel.

It is hard to believe that it opened in the year 2000. It was originally intended as a temporary attraction but today it is the most popular paid tourist attraction in the United Kingdom, attracting over 3 million visitors annually. It costs £34 to gain standard entry. If you want to skip the line it costs £53!

*Until next week stay safe!*