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Pope Francis (17 December 1936 – 21 April 2025)

born **Jorge Mario Bergoglio**

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (2 Timothy 4:7)



Pope Francis lived every moment of his Papal service with faithfulness, vigour, enthusiasm and determination. Even in illness Pope Francis continued to work and to engage actively with people. Clearly, he knew his time was limited on discharge from hospital so he ensured that it would matter as he participated in some of the Triduum celebrations and gave his final Easter blessing on Sunday past. Having enjoyed the great day of Christianity celebrating the feast of the Resurrection on Sunday past, he died the next morning.

Having embraced the name Francis as Pope, he made a statement which declared his option for those who are poor and marginalised in society along with a deep respect for the gift of God's creation. This was accompanied by his choice of living quarters which were in close association with people outside of the Vatican and of a relatively simple nature.

In the encyclical *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis addressed what he called the throwaway culture of our time where cheap goods and short cuts for economic reasons created an environment which had no true enduring regard for the earth's resources. He spoke frequently of the throwaway culture which uses people only so long as they are useful. He often noted that this throwaway mindset effects, in particular, the unborn children, the elderly, the needy and the disadvantaged. We are all charged with moral responsibility to care for the gift of the earth and its' resources. We are all charged with responsibility for the marginalised.

Pope Francis was a pastoral servant of the church who made connections directly with those who were suffering in war torn countries, e.g. the parish priest in Palestine and the people in Ukraine on a daily basis in a pastoral manner. While Pope Francis offered comfort, prayer and support to the victims of war, he also promoted peace and dialogue between nations challenging those with the power to make a difference. He spoke with and for those whose value was being reduced by circumstances.

Pope Francis initiated the Synodal Pathway as an ongoing collaboration and discernment process whereby we open our hearts and minds to seek what is truly God's will, dialogue with openness and make decisions for our time. We will only feel that our feet are truly on this journey when we walk with those who are in need and step away from selfish motives. This, Synodal Pathway, will be Pope Francis' legacy which will be marked in historical time as an enduring gift.

May Pope Francis rest in peace.

Cathy Burke

Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

The Irish Constitution (or Bunreacht na hÉireann)

was ratified by the Irish people in 1937. It is the fundamental law of the State.



The Constitution is also part of a wider human rights framework in Ireland. This refers to all legal and other human rights commitments made by Ireland, including treaties under the United Nations, the European Convention on Human Rights and the Charter of

Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Structure of the Constitution

The Constitution contains 50 articles.

Articles 1-39 define the functions of the State and its agencies and set out the separation of powers in the State.

Articles 40-44 provide for the fundamental rights of Irish citizens.

Every part of the Constitution is set out in both the Irish and English languages. Article 8 states that the Irish language is the first official language

and that the English language is recognised as a second official language.

The Constitution establishes the branches or organs of government, it establishes the courts and sets out how those institutions should be run. It also describes the fundamental rights of every Irish citizen.

The remaining articles are:

Article 45, which sets out directive principles of social policy.

Article 46, which sets out how the Constitution may be amended.

Article 47, which governs referendums.

Articles 48-50, which repealed the previous Constitution (of Saorstát Éireann) and ensured the continuance of laws.

The Constitution and Legislation

One of the most important Articles of the Constitution is Article 15.4, which states that the Oireachtas must not enact any law that is repugnant to the Constitution (conflicts with the Constitution). This means that the Constitution is superior to all other law.

If any element of an existing law is found to be repugnant to the Constitution, that element of the law is invalid (Article 15.4.2).

If a proposed new law would be repugnant to the Constitution, it cannot be enacted unless the Constitution has been amended accordingly.

Article 25 provides that Bills passed by both houses of the Oireachtas should be presented to the President for signature. Once a Bill has been signed by the President, it becomes law. However, Article 26 provides that the President may refer the Bill to the Supreme Court to decide if it is repugnant to the Constitution. The President will not sign the Bill into law if the Supreme Court decides against it.

Every law that is enacted is presumed to be constitutional until it is proven not to be. The High Court has the power or jurisdiction to cancel any law or part of any law that is repugnant to the Constitution.

You can access a full copy of the Constitution on www.irishstatutebook.ie

You may also order a copy from the Government Publications Office and it is available in bookshops nationwide.

More information is available on our website.

Lucan Drama

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



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

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

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

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

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

Date for your diary.....

Lucan Dementia Café
Saturday: 10th of May, 2025
3pm – 5pm
(Please note time change, May café only)
St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Lucan I.C.A.

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

Tea Hostesses are Sally and Marie T.

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



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

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

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

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

Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills. Our next meeting is on Thursday 1st May at 7:45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip and guests are most welcome to join us. Come along on the night or contact vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com to register your interest.

Thursday 1st May 2025, 7:45pm
Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, W23 W280

- Do you want to **finally** conquer your fear of public speaking?
- Do you have a speech or presentation coming up that you need help with?
- Do you want to make new friends?

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

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

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



St Mary's, Lucan

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On Saturdays after the 10am Mass to 11.30am (funerals permitting)



St. Mary's Readers' Roster May:

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of May 2025 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Divine Mercy devotion: Faithful followers of Jesus are asked to pray fervently for the Church and the whole world in these troubled and dangerous times. The Christian message is to love God above all else, and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. This is being increasingly ignored and rejected. More and more, the world is ignoring God and attempting to rewrite the Ten Commandments to suit its own sinful ways.

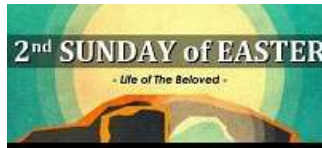
Jesus requested that the Feast of Divine Mercy (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) be preceded by a **Novena of Chaplets of Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday.**

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

Novena leaflets are available in the Church porches.

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

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



Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th 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 the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041)

Lectio Divina: Lectio Divina meet every Monday evening (except Bank Holidays) at 7.30pm in the Bungalow to reflect for an hour on the following Sunday's gospel. *All are welcome.*

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.

Baptisms: 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 10.30am Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. Dates bookable on line. Email: secretary@lucanparish.com

Cuppa: Why not come into the Coffee Dock for a cuppa and a chat after the 10am Weekday Mass and on Sundays after the morning Masses.

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Charlie Marten**, Hillcrest, and formerly Sarsfield Park. *May he rest in peace.*



St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

THIS Saturday/ Sunday 26th / 27th April

Many thanks for your generosity.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6pm.
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Masses livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

Divine Mercy Tridium 2025

'Blessed are the Merciful'

Friday 25th April at 7.30pm

Holy Mass & Divine Mercy
Novena Prayer

Celebrant: Fr. P.J. Madden

Saturday 26th April at 6pm

Holy Mass & Divine Mercy
Novena Prayer

Celebrant: Fr. Aidan Kieran

Sunday 27th April:

2pm Divine Mercy Devotions

Priests available for confession from 1pm

3pm Prayers

3.30pm. Holy Mass.

Celebrant: Bishop Donal Roche

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

**Church of Divine Mercy -Lucan South –
Balgaddy**

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



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

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.

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

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

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting: Every Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St. Patrick's Church) from 7.00pm to 7.45pm.

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

Tea/Coffee: Every Wednesday 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 27th April**

Thank you for your generosity.



Aontas Cake Sale

which will take place after all
Masses in
St Mary's on Sunday 4th May

Acknowledgements

Kay Mac Manus

Lucan Heights

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr Philip, Fr Tony, Fr Aidan and the team at St Mary's. We are very grateful for the support, sympathy and kindness shown by our neighbours, colleagues and friends over the last month. To those who attended mam's funeral, offered condolences, sent Mass cards and are keeping us in their thoughts and prayers - thank you. Your kindness has meant so much during this sad time. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Patricia, Edward, Conor and Stephen Mac Manus.
Month's Mind Mass for the late Kay will be held on Saturday 26th April at 6:30pm.

Sean Walsh RIP

Roselawn and Dodsboro

The family of Sean would like to thank the many people who sympathised with us at the time of Sean's passing. Thanks to Father Ubaldo for the very warm and human way he conducted the ceremonies and also for his visits to the house and hospital. Thank you also to John Gormley, Renee Beegan and Billy Birnie for assisting with the ceremonies.

Our thanks to the Cunningham family who looked after Sean so well in his final journey.

Thank you to Sean's carers whose visits provided a great social outlet for dad. We appreciate the great kindness of the staff of Blanchardstown Hospital who cared for Sean in his final months. Thanks also to Dr Lombard and all those at the Lucan Medical Centre.

Thanks to the many friends of Sean (and Mary) and to our great neighbours in Roselawn who always kept an eye out for dad. Finally, our appreciation goes to the members of Lucan Golf Club and Lucan Sarsfield's GAA Club for their warm tributes to Sean.



Months Mind Mass

Kathleen McGarrigle

Ardeevin

The Months Mind Mass for Kathleen will be celebrated on Sunday 27th April at 12 o'clock in St Mary's Church, Lucan.

Anniversaries

Rose Cahalane

3rd Anniversary, 24th April

Those we hold closest in our hearts never leave us.

Remembered and loved always

Her daughters Michelle and Caroline, sons in law Conor and Tony and grandchildren Anna, Robyn, Grace, Ava, Hugh, Kate and Isobelle.

Rose will be remembered at Masses this weekend.

Bridget (Sheila) Mahady

18th Anniversary

Dear are the memories, Mum

Precious they stay

No passing of time

Can take them away

Always remembered

Malcolm



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan

Monday 12th May

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary, Confessions and Prayers 5.45pm)



Aontas Choir

with

Bishop Paul

Dempsey

at the

Annual

Trocaire Mass

in RTE on

Holy Thursday



Spoiled with the weather before Easter, we were!

Birdie and Co went for lots of walks to keep warm, taking in the developing landscapes around Lucan.....



Not quite sure about this one! The former 'swimming pool' now has seating in it, and some type of water feature.....

Then, there's this one at the entrance to Lucan Demesne – we're wondering is it the finish line for some big upcoming race?



Imagine our surprise when we found a building site in Esker Cemetery! Apparently, these are the foundations for the Columbarium Wall we've been hearing about.

Some of us got out in the countryside over the holiday, and found some scenes that reminded us of Lucan many years ago.....



The sheep with their little lambs were a familiar sight in Lucan – remember them at Lucan Golf Club, and some other fields in the area – all gone now.



And this is what Laraghcon used to look like! There are delightful fields of Rapeseed stretching for miles, and we were surprised to see still a few to the south of Lucan, towards Peamount.

Super Garden! Birdie is getting ready for Bloom in the Park 2025, and is taking in RTE's Super Garden, which began on Tuesday last, with a very clever and pretty creation by a handsome young Mexican. Looking forward to the next few shows!



Aontas on the telly again! The choir featured on RTE's Holy Thursday Trocaire Mass, and once again did themselves proud..... Watch out for their Cake Sale in St. Mary's on Sunday 4th May.

Graffiti for Palestine! We're hearing lots of complaints re: graffiti about Palestine, being daubed on walls and road crossings in the area. Is there really a need for such carry-on? This is not a protest – rather some skewed idea of how to help these poor people. At the end of the day, the tax-payers of Ireland will have to pay for this to be removed.....

A perfect ending.....

How saddened we all were to learn of the death of Pope Francis on Monday last, only a few hours after he had appeared in public to bless and greet people on Easter Sunday.

Our thoughts turned to when the late pontiff visited Ireland in 2018, and local man, Billy Birnie had the privilege of meeting him.



Billy was introduced to the Pope by the Papal Nuncio to Ireland Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo. This was a very proud moment for Billy who works endlessly in St Mary's Parish.

Below from our archives - some comforting words from Pope Francis when Covid-19 had struck:

Tonight before falling asleep,

think about:

*When we will get back out on to the street,
When we can hug each other again,
When we will all go shopping together again,
And it will feel like a party
Let us think about when we will go for coffee again,
The small talk, the photos close to each other.
We think about when it will all be a dim, distant memory
And normalcy will seem an unexpected and beautiful gift.
We will love everything that up to now seemed like nothing to us.
Every second will be precious.
Swimming in the sea,
The warm sun shining until late evening,
Sunsets, toasts, laughter.
We will get back to laughing together
Stay strong and have courage
See you soon!*

Pope Francis



Lucan Village in the mid-1940s – What a difference! We had a Village Green at the time – this land originally belonged to the Methodist Church, and was separated when the road was laid down from the Village to the 12th Lock. J. O'Brien was the proprietor of the pub with the slated roof. The Lucan Tea rooms are where AIB is now, and the Garda Barracks is just visible in the background. The tram tracks are gone, the last tram running in 1940. The turf lorries made their way from the bog, through Lucan and into Dublin city with their loads. A Garda is checking one driver along the way. Note the Phone Kiosk near top centre of the photo. No cars in this photo, just a van and some bicycles left against buildings. Wonder who is the lady crossing the road with the bicycle!

The above photo was sent to us some time ago by one of our readers. We don't know the origin of it, but it appears to have been taken from the Methodist Church buildings.



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

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

People's Art & Craft Fair Lucan Summer 2025

Open call for artists and crafters to
Participate in this year's
"People's Art & Craft Fair"
Sunday 1st June
and BH Monday 2nd June 2025
at Canon Despard Centre,
Chapel Hill, Lucan.

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



Please contact us at
peoplesartlucan@gmail.com
for a booking form as soon as possible as
places will fill up quickly and we have
limited space.

We look forward to hearing from you

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 30th April: Social
Morning in St. Mary's Parish
Centre, from 10.30am – 12.30pm.
New members always welcome!



Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

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



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

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

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

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

Minder & Toddler Group

Thursdays,
in St. Mary's Parish Centre,
from 9.30 to 11.30am.
All Welcome!



My Childhood Home

Did you know that all the roads in Cabra West are named after the Bays of Ireland, while all the roads in Drimnagh are named after the Mountain Ranges.



My childhood home was on Dingle Road in Cabra West. The house numbers on the right-hand side were all even numbers, from 2 to 138, and were known as kitchen houses. These houses had three bedrooms upstairs, with a large sitting room cum kitchen and a downstairs bathroom. On the left-hand side of Dingle Road stood the parlour houses from 1 to 167. Our house was a Parlour end terrace house, with three steps to the hall door.

Our family was my father Patrick Kenny, my mother Marcella Doyle, we children Imelda, Colette, Maria (mé féin), Joseph, Veronica, Carmel and Aunty Bea.



On opening the hall door you entered the hallway, on your right you encountered the Hall Stand, a relic from Aunty Bea's home. The hall stand had a large mirror in its centre, flanked on

each side by three sets of coat hooks/hangers to accommodate our outdoor apparel. It also had a glove box below the mirror, this accommodated not only gloves but all manner of items, such as keys, and a miscellany of items that had *no affixed bode*.

Next to the Hall Stand was the entrance to the parlour. The parlour had its own fireplace, the china cabinet, a piano and a couple of armchairs. The china cabinet displayed an assortment of china and stood proudly on its 4 legs. It housed an assortment of bric-a-brac brought home as presents from school tours or the Gaeltacht in some instances.



In its heyday the China Cabinet looked resplendent displaying its wares, unfortunately the cabinet door had a mishap when the handlebars of a bike accidentally broke a pane in the cabinet door and unfortunately was never replaced.



Rumour had it that it might have been the handlebars of my father's bike that was the culprit. Another tale is that one of my sisters, as a toddler, crawled into the parlour and under the china cabinet, where she managed to stand up, no amount of cajoling would entice her to come

out..... resulting in the china cabinet being lifted up to allow her escape.



The kitchen door was located at the end of the hall, on entering, the kitchen extended from wall to wall, it was the breath and hub of our house. On the gable wall you had the Gas Cooker, next a wooden draining board, a Belfast sink, with a partition separating the caboose and back door from the kitchen itself, while under the stairs you had the coal hole with the gas metre on the side wall, it was a shilling meter.

The kitchen was the hub of our house, initially it was one long room. On entering in the right corner was the fireplace. In my young days there was an oven above the fire



grate, while I don't remember my mother using that oven for cooking, what I do remember is that every Christmas when we wrote to Santa Claus, my father would open the doors to that oven and we would put our letters to Santa Claus inside for delivery to the North Pole. In the opposite corner to the fireplace was a built-in kitchen press with shelves. Here the food was stored, mind you there were no fridges back then, our butter would be placed in a dish of cold water to keep it from melting in the summer heat. Left of the food cupboard was the window to our back garden, followed by our back door reaching out to the largest back garden I have ever encountered. My



father, like many fathers on our road, utilised the garden to grow produce for our kitchen table. Potato drills, a cabbage patch, carrots, onions, lettuce and

scallions were among the assortment of vegetables that my father sowed. A *must have* to ensure a good crop was the delivery of manure, when the delivery arrived with the aid of garden forks and shovels the manure would be tossed over the wall into the back garden. We children would make sure to *hold our noses* when *that* delivery arrived.

Under the stairs was the coal-hole, which not only housed deliveries of coal, turf or logs but it was also where the Gas meter was located. Shilling coins were required to activate the meter, the Gas Man would then call every few months to empty the meter. Going upstairs there were fourteen stairs to the landing, the landing was a small square approx. 3ft x 3ft with three doors.

Continued over.....

Immediately to your right was the door to the big bedroom which included a built-in wardrobe on your right, a large window facing out to the front garden and a fireplace in the opposite corner. The next door on the landing led to the second bedroom which was smaller in size yet could accommodate a double bed and a single bed. The third was the bathroom door which housed our bath and toilet, a welcome luxury when my parents moved into their new home in 1944.

A feature that fascinated us children was the attic door, the attic was entered via the landing. Here the attic door was accessible through the landing ceiling. It was quite a fate to climb into the attic, the step ladder just fell short of an *easy reach* to open the trap door, however my father always managed to swing himself into the attic, with us willing helpers passing the bundles for storage up to him.



Those were the days when we Kenny children laughed, played, danced and sang to our heart's content. My father was a member of the Verona Variety Group in Cabra West Parish, while my mother Marcella was a great scriptwriter. Those were days of love, laughter and learning which I believe are the core values of everyday life.



P.S. My Auntie Bea, was born in 1868, and thus was my Great Grand Aunt. I vividly remember watching the inauguration of Barack Obama in 2009, the Bible that President Obama swore the Presidential Oath on was the same bible that Abraham Lincon swore the Presidential Oath on in 1864!!!! That was a seminal lesson/moment on the passage of time for me.

MGM April 2025

Older people need your support!



ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support &

Befriending service for older people.

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

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

Lucan Lions Club

Spectacle Recycling



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

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

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

Subh Milis by Seamús O'Neill

There was jam
On the doorhandle
But I suppressed the vexation
That rose up in me,
Because I thought of the day
That the doorhandle would be clean
And the little hand
Missing.



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Women's Collective
Ireland Lucan –
Community Update

We hope everyone had a lovely Easter weekend!

We wrapped up our Spring term with a fabulous FREE “You Can Heal Your Life” Wellness Workshop with the amazing Liz Callaghan. It was a full house, filled with inspiration and connection—a small gesture of thanks to all the wonderful women who take part in our programmes and support our work throughout the year.

We’re now looking forward to our new term starting on Monday, April 28th, and there are still a few spaces left in the following courses:

- Beginners Art
- Women in Leadership
- Mixed Crafts in Adamstown
- Introduction to Creative Writing
- Conversation Club

Get in touch soon to book your place—these spots won’t last long!

For more info or to register, contact us

lucan@womenscollective.ie

or ☎ 083 860 7947.

Follow us on social media for updates and events!

Warm wishes,

Rita, Joanne & Jackie

The WCI Lucan Team

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

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

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

Today I walk to remember you. Thank you!

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Scan here to register

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ACRE project
A COMMUNITY RETHINKING ITS ENVIRONMENT

Salesians College, Maynooth Rd, Celbridge

Dates for your diary.....

ACRE Plant sale and Bake Fair 2025

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

Creative Writing - Writing for Joy

Weekly creative writing workshop led by ACRE Artist in Residence Krystal Sweedman. Free 6 week course starting June 2025.

To reserve your spot contact:

flowwritecreative@gmail.com

Barnardos
Because childhood starts a lifetime

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

Who, what, where? Scan to complete our volunteer form

Riverdance
Volunteer collectors needed to shake buckets outside the Gaiety Theatre over the 12 hour Riverdance-athon. Shifts generally 4 hours.
Thursday 17th June 10am - 10pm

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

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

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

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



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Puck for Palestine

Lucan Sarsfields proudly hosted Puck for Palestine on the Easter Bank Holiday Monday with 40 teams competing in an U11 hurling and camogie blitz to raise funds for GAA Palestine.

Despite the weather not playing ball at times, the blitz was a resounding success with nearly 400 children and their mentors and parents passing through the club on the day



Each child who played receiving a certificate of attendance and a GAA Palestine water bottle to commemorate the day and walked away with a smile on their face.

Representatives from GAA Palestine attended and were busy selling merchandise and talking to people about the work done to date in the West Bank and future plans which involve bringing a group of children to Ireland during the month of July.



Dublin senior hurler John Bellew was on hand to watch the games in the afternoon and give the Lucan boys some advice and encouragement and to sign anything they put in front of him!

The initial fundraising target of €5,000 was smashed with over €10,000 raised to date thanks to the incredible generosity of the GAA community and those interested in the plight of those less fortunate in the West Bank.

A special thank you to Ollie Skehan for organising this event and to all the volunteers who made it possible on the day!



Annual Golf Classic

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

Sponsorship Options:

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



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

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

Summer Camps

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

Lotto

There was no winner of our lotto jackpot of €1,400. The Numbers were **15,20,25,26**.

Lucky dip's go to Maeve McGuire, Catherine Dardis, Mick Doherty, Eileen Maguire, Lucas & Ruby. The winners of the Easter Eggs are Donal Flannery, Edel Mooney, Eilis McNally, Tony Rigney, Olive Benson This week's Lotto will be

for a jackpot of €1,800. This draw is sponsored by Henley Forklift Group.

County

Well done to James Duffy, Páidi Murphy and Jack Mills who lined out for Dublin v Galway in the Celtic Challenge last Saturday.

Well done to Sofya and Holly who lined out for the Dublin u15 camogie team.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



Esker Active Retirement Association

We meet at 1.30 to 4pm on Wednesdays in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Main Street Lucan. Members play various card games, scrabble and bowls. From time to time, we have guest speakers, or alternative activity such as chaerobics, line dancing etc.



We also organise holiday breaks around Ireland and further afield. For instance, approximately 40 members are off on a coach trip to Wales in a few weeks' time.

New members always welcome, do come along and join on the fun.

Planning Application

SD25A/0091W 15 Apr 2025 Permission

New Application Applicant: Gerry Teague

Location: Ball Alley House, Leixlip Road, Lucan, Co. Dublin, K78 X5AO Description:

Planning permission at a site of 0.177 ha at the Ball Alley House, (A Protected Structure, South Dublin County Council RPS No. 094). The development consists of the following: the removal of the existing car parking spaces for the construction of three new houses: 1 no. 4-bed detached house and 2 no. 3 -bed semi-detached houses. The vehicular and pedestrian entrance is accessed by an existing road connected to Leixlip road R835. The development will also include all landscaping, and site associated works at Ball Alley House, Leixlip Road, Lucan, Co. Dublin.




 **VINCENT'S**
LUCAN

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

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

Exploring the monastic origins of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.
a talk by **Stuart Kinsella**, Research Advisor to Christ Church Cathedral



On here at Lucan Library at Thursday May 1st at 7pm, Stuart Kinsella will discuss the story of the discovery of the monastic origins of Christ Church, the form of the cloister, the maps and drawings of the Four Courts and later buildings. Stuart will also give a brief look at the Augustinian canons that were there from the 1160s-1541 and indeed the relatively recent revelation that the cathedral was founded as a Benedictine cathedral priory.

Don't miss out and book a place through Eventbrite at lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie.

Emer Higgins TD

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Lucan House Update: Progress continues on the Lucan House Masterplan, now moving through feasibility and concept design stages, with the final plan expected to go to Council by June. I'm delighted that Cruinniú na nÓg, the national day of free creativity for children and young people under 18, will take place at Lucan House on Saturday June 7th, with music, dance, games and more for all ages.

Don't forget to sign up - Darkness Into Light: Join us for Darkness Into Light on May 10th in St. Catherine's Park. Sign up at darknessintolight.it and select Lucan as your location. Let's walk together and support the vital work of Pieta.

Lucan Newsletter April 2025: This week, my Lucan newsletter was delivered across Lucan. If you haven't received it or would like another copy, don't hesitate to contact my office.

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Finnstown Abbey: Repainting of Road Markings Working with my colleague Cllr Niamh Fennell, we submitted a motion to the recent area committee calling for the faded road markings throughout Finnstown to be repainted. This work will now be carried out in the coming weeks.

R403 Celbridge Road – New Bus Shelters:

I'm delighted that the Council have also agreed to a further Sinn Féin motion on the previous issue that I raised a couple of for two new bus shelters at the new stops closest to Backweston, Tubber Lane and Hallwell. These will be included under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme funding.

Airlie Park – Water Station: The council have written back to state that the water station nearest the Tram Café will be inspected and listed for repair. I raised this two weeks ago.

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

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Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP):

I am pleased to be nominated at last week's County Council Meeting to the LCSP. The LCSP will be responsible for developing and implementing a tailored community safety plan that addresses local needs and concerns through coordinated, strategic action. The LCSP is a major step in supporting stronger, safer communities. Representing your safety priorities

is a key focus and a core commitment for me and central to Fine Gael's Local Election manifesto.

Taking in Charge (TIC) Paddocks /

Shackleton: The Paddocks cannot be taken in charge until connected to public roads and drainage, which depends on Shackleton TIC. Shackleton is delayed due to non-compliant street nameplates and private EV chargers in public areas. Once these issues are resolved it will allow both developments to progress taking in charge.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell. "Not just at election time" Dáil office: 01-6184078. WhatsApp: 089-2364871 Website: www.paulgogarty.com

Tenant in Situ delays: I'm hugely concerned at Government delays in providing funding clarity to local authorities to enable them to process "Tenant in Situ" purchases. While a solution is supposed to be due shortly, the delays have caused major problems for many residents facing evictions because landlords needed to sell. Will keep chasing up.

Latest Lucan Video Update published: This detailed update with Cllr Helen Farrell was circulated on Facebook on Wednesday. It is also now available to view, with additional written news items on my website. Search 'April/May'.

Other local issues:

Recently my office has reported a dangerous pothole at Ballydowd, an outbreak of graffiti near Willsbrook, parking spots being blocked on the Celbridge Link Road and the need to fix uneven pathway repairs in Ballyowen Park.

Cllr. Joanna Tuffy, Labour Party Representative.

Phone 087 392 0931

Email jtuffy@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie all social media links at linktr.ee/joannatuffy

Update on Lucan Road, Lay-by, and junction

layout: We had a discussion at this week's local Area Committee Meeting of the Council about the Lucan Road, junction layout. It lasted for about 20 minutes. The gist is any changes that might happen prior to taking in charge by the Council will be done as part of a safety audit. There were contributions to the discussion from local councillors and replies from 2 Senior Engineers - one of whom is from Roads and the other from the Active Travel section of the Council. This was on foot of a motion I had tabled to facilitate such a discussion. A recording of the webcast of the meeting is available online at <https://sdcc-public-itv/> It was motion number 12. I will have a link on my Facebook page. Feel free to contact me for a link or with any questions or observations.

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St. Joseph's College / Lucan Road Traffic

Calming & Roadworks: More constituents contacted me this week about the scheme's plans, and the intrinsic safety of the works themselves.

The issue was discussed at length at Tuesday's Area Committee Meeting for Lucan, Palmerstown and N Clondalkin. For updates on this, including a response from the SDCC Manager on how they intend proceeding, look at my rolling update here: <https://buff.ly/Kff3XIA> or via QR code.



Update on work with Paul Gogarty, TD:

View our short video highlighting some of the local issues Paul and I have been addressing recently. Use your smartphone QR code reader or camera to scan the QR code, and it will load the link to the video. We'd love to hear about any other concerns or issues you're facing too.



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

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"Always working, always available"

Footpath Repairs: My motion was passed at this week's council meeting, calling for inspection and repairs to the footpaths from the N4 down Courtneys Hill to Lucan village. The area will be included in the next footpath programme, with urgent hazards treated immediately.

Boules Court: I'm delighted the Council will engage with Griffeen Petanque Club to explore expanding the boules court.

Supporting local sports, recreation, and wellbeing is something I strongly advocate for in our community.

Additional Lighting: I've secured agreement for a new streetlight at the Black Bridge in Esker Glebe. This area has been in darkness too long lighting will greatly improve pedestrian safety and visibility at night.

I'm always available to meet anyone who needs help, guidance on any issues, or document signing as your local Peace Commissioner.

Glasnevin Rail Junction

This junction is one of the best designed rail junctions in any part of the world. Its location is ideal for a solution to Dublin's transport problems. It was planned in the 1890's in X form (4 directions). The planners of that era had great vision to build this rail junction at that location while severely restricted by the Royal Canal and Glasnevin Cemetery, with Dublin so small at that time and there was no Dublin Airport.

It now can reach its full potential that will benefit all Ireland for centuries ahead. It's in the ideal location to link Dublin Airport to all areas of Dublin and all Ireland that has rail, to link up the whole Irish rail network both north and south, has the potential to maximise future rail expansion, it maximises the use of existing rail, and takes more people direct to all areas in Dublin and around the country.

It is inexpensive as it uses existing rail lines and just needs four (4) miles of new rail to Dublin Airport and from there to join the Belfast line via Swords, all on open space. This joins up the full rail network in Ireland and it aids the Shared Island initiative and can be completed in a relatively short time span.

It's a simple solution, all areas of Dublin and Ireland with access to rail have direct access to Dublin Airport. We should be grateful to the planners of the past who built this wonderful rail junction. See more on acratu.com.

Tom Newton 086 3127364 Transport Officer ACRA.



**DODSBORO GOLFERS
ANNUAL OUTING**

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

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The Soirée did not meet last Friday, it being Good Friday, but Joe submitted a photograph taken last week of a beautiful rainbow over St. Edmundsbury.



Staying with St. Edmundsbury the wild garlic is in full bloom and Donal submitted a number of photos taken there including what I would describe as a classic with the pathway leading our eyes right to the back of the photograph. According to an article on the Society of Old Lucan St. Edmundsbury house itself was built by Edmund Perry, First Earl of Limerick and Speaker of the Irish Parliament from 1771-85.

Also, from St. Edmundsbury were photographs by Brendan of an old derelict water pump.



Brendan also submitted a photograph of a cross-shaped stained-glass window which can be found in the chapel on Lambay island which was built in 1833 and was modified with Doric columns by Edwin Lutyens in the 1910s.



Lambay Island is the largest island off the east coast of Ireland and supports one of the largest seabird colonies in Ireland, with more than 50,000 common guillemots, 5,000 kittiwakes, 3,500 razorbills and 2,500 pairs of herring gulls. Entirely off-grid and unattached to the mainland by so much as a cable or pipe, Lambay is largely run on green energy generated by solar panels and a wind turbine that are rigged up to a complex battery system. The island is a designated Natura 2000 site, part of a network of protected areas covering Europe's most valuable and threatened species and habitats.

Until next week stay safe!