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Sunday 6th April 2025

A Thick Skin

I drove west during the week and enjoyed the abundance of the lovely spring colour of yellow on the verges all the way. Huge bunches of daffodils filled the middle of the motorway from Dublin to east Westmeath and a mixture of furze and primroses from there westwards. The lower temperatures of the western border delays to flowering of daffodils!

I remember saying to someone, some years ago, how lovely it was to see the flowering furze in Spring! The person concerned looked askance at me when I asked if he had the same burgeoning of yellow on his farm. When he left the room, his wife laughingly reminded me that they had a farm where growth was lush and the land was very fertile and that the acreage was extensive! I had just insulted my friend's husband unintentionally! Gulp! Yes, I come from a part of the country where furze and rushes grow in abundance as both thrive in acidic and water logged.

My association of memory with furze, rushes and bogs is wonderful! As children we played in fields among the furze, so that we were permanently covered in scratches during the summer. Furze bushes are great for hide and seek, as going over a bush is too painful so that escape time is given while the seeker runs around. Rushes were great for weaving and making whistles. The bog was a place where everyone came together to share the task of cutting turf, turning it and footing it before bringing it home.

How we perceive anything is based on our own experience and on judgments expressed by others. Both the so called 'good' land and 'bad' land had something to offer. Turf is produced from the bog. The furze flowers may be used to make beautiful and delicious syrup or whin wine. Furze is used as hedging and for decorative purposes also. Beef cattle grow best and in greater numbers on more fertile land. Wheat and corn favour good well drained land also.

We grow what is possible in each particular situation in that particular time.

Having recently experienced loss in my own life, almost nothing of advice given by others is helpful to me. I've had to find my own way along this unique journey, consequently with lots of great learnings, healings and kindnesses gained. The place where the thorns grow and are felt can be given a purpose that produces fruit. Life is not a smooth run of experiences so when given lemons, it's best to try to make lemonade. I'll always look fondly on the furze bushes and see the beautiful flowers and associated fun rather than the thorns. I've got a skin thick enough to deal with the thorns. I've got shelter in good friends!

Cathy Burke

Catechist in 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

Jobseeker's Pay-Related Benefit

What is Jobseeker's Pay-Related Benefit?

Jobseeker's Pay-Related Benefit (JPRB) is a new social welfare payment you can get if you lose your job. It is linked to your previous earnings and will be available from 31 March 2025.

You must be fully unemployed to get JPRB.

What happens to the existing Jobseeker's Benefit?

Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) is still available if you are not eligible for JPRB because:

You are a part-time, casual or seasonal worker

Your employment is based around the school or academic year

Your last day of employment is before Friday, 28 March 2025

If you are unemployed or your last day of employment is before Friday, 28 March 2025, you can apply for JB. If you were self-employed, you can apply for Jobseeker's Benefit (Self-Employed).

If you are getting JB when the new JPRB starts, you stay on JB until your entitlement ends.

How much is Jobseeker's Pay-Related Benefit and how long can I get it for?

The amount of JPRB you get depends on how much you earned from employment previously.

You can get JPRB for up to 9 months if you have 5 years of PRSI contributions from employment. If you have 5 years of PRSI contributions, the rates of JPRB in 2025 are:

- 60% of your earnings up to a weekly maximum of €450 for the first 3 months.
- 55% of your earnings up to a weekly maximum of €375 for the next 3 months.
- 50% of your earnings up to a weekly maximum of €300 for the last 3 months.

You can get JPRB for up to 6 months if you have between 2 and 5 years of PRSI contributions. If you have between 2 and 5 years of PRSI contributions, the rate of JPRB in 2025 is:

- 50% of your earnings up to a weekly maximum of €300 for 6 months

The minimum weekly payment is €125.

Unemployed before 28 March 2025

If you are unemployed or your last day of employment is before Friday 28 March 2025, you can apply for the existing Jobseeker's Benefit scheme. If you are getting Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) when the new Jobseeker's Pay-Related Benefit starts, you will stay on JB until your entitlement ends. You will need to return to work before you can qualify for JPRB.

How to apply for Jobseeker's Pay-Related Benefit

You should apply for Jobseeker's Pay-Related Benefit (JPRB) within 6 weeks of losing your job. A late application could affect your entitlement.

Apply online

If you have a verified MyGovID account, you can apply online on MyWelfare.ie.

If you have a basic MyGovID account and a Public Services Card, you can verify your account on MyGovID.ie.

If you cannot apply online

You can apply for Jobseeker's Pay-Related Benefit at your local Intreo Centre or Branch Office.

Appeals

If you do not agree with a decision on your JPRB application, you can appeal the decision.

Lucan Senior Citizens



Wednesday 9th April
Easter Party in St.

Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am–12.30pm.

Easter Bonnet Competition for members who want to enter!



National Spring Clean

School students will be out on Friday playing their part in our Spring Clean event. Please join us on Saturday 5th April for our main event.

See poster for details.



You are invited to join us:
On Saturday 5th April
Meeting in the Car Park of Carroll's
Bistro Pub, Lucan Village

Pickers, Bags, Brushes etc will be provided.

Bring your own gloves if possible.

Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

Tiny Tim will be there to greet you!



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.

Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday: 5th of April, 2025

2pm – 5pm

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



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 I.C.A.

Monday 7th April: Craft Group continue working on their various projects. Four members going to the Annual Craft Week in An Gríanán 7th – 11th April.

Have a lovely week ladies, enjoy learning some new crafts.

Tea Hostesses on 7th: Patricia Harding and Mary Rudden.

Three members going to Blanchardstown Arts & Crafts Day on Saturday next 12th April.

We remember Linda Ruane on her 2nd Anniversary, 5th April R.I.P.



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

Evening Mass: Monday to Friday 7.30pm.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

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

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)

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday morning in St Mary's Parish Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This devotion, revealed to St Faustina by Our Lord is a prayer of atonement for our own sins and the sins of the whole world. We pray especially for evil to be defeated and for peace in the world.

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.

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.

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **John (Jack) Collins**, Lucan Heights, to the husband, family and friends of **Ann O'Dwyer**, Lucan Heights and to the wife, family and friends of **Desmond (Des) Taaffe**, Esker Lawns.

May they rest in peace.



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan

Monday 7th April

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary, Confessions and Prayers 5.45pm)

Medjugorje Pilgrimages 2025



| | April | October | All Pilgrimages |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Depart: | 28 th April | | Booking Deposit €200 |
| Nights: | 9 | | Single Room Supplement: |
| Normal Price: | €895 pps. | | 9 Nights: €220 |
| Pat's Price: | €820 pps. | | 7 Nights: €150 |
| Depart: | 30 th April | 22 nd October | Travel Insurance extra (Details from Marian Pilgrimages) |
| Nights: | 7 | 7 | Terms & Conditions apply |
| Normal Price: | €845 pps. | €875 pps. | |
| Pat's Price: | €770 pps. | €780 pps. | |
| Spiritual Director: | Fr. Ray Kelly | Fr. Ubaldo | |

Tour Operator: Marian Pilgrimages
Fully Bonded - Fully Licenced
Professional Guides

To Book, Please Contact:
Pat on 087 2238911 or
Marian Pilgrimages on 01 8788159
And say you are travelling with Pat's Group

Follow us on Facebook at Medjugorje News Lucan

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.

Prayers of the Church: Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.
The Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm for private prayers.

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.
Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.
Fri: 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.

Legion of Mary:

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje: Every Thursday.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.
7.30pm: Holy Mass. **After Mass:** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction.
8.15pm Adoration and Confessions
8.50pm Benediction. *All welcome*

St Joseph's Young Priests Society:

St Joseph's Young Priests Society has been set up in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan **for all the Lucan parishes**. We meet up on one Wednesday a month at 10.40am. in the St. John Paul II Room.

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

Divine Mercy Food Bank:

Divine Mercy Food Bank has reopened. Donations of non-perishable food items can be left in the green containers inside the doors of the church.

Wednesday tea/coffee morning: There is a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake after 9.15am Mass in the St. John Paul II Room.

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

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*

Date for Your Diary

**Parish Pilgrimage
to
Knock**
will take place
On 24th May 2025.



Anniversaries



Harrison

Remembering both

Liam and Anna Harrison,

Esker Lawns

Whose 6th and 2nd Anniversaries occur on

28th March, and 7th April, respectively.

Gone but with us in spirit every day.

May they Rest in Peace

Very sadly missed by their loving daughter

Ruth, son in law Mick and grandson Ajay.

Deanna (Dena) Slacke

25th Anniversary, 7th April

In our hearts, your love still shines

Guiding us through life's winding lines

Twenty-five years, yet your presence stays

In cherished memories and tender ways

Your laughter, your warmth

Your gentle touch,

We miss you dearly, oh so much,

Forever loved, forever near

In every smile, in every tear.

Remembered by her husband

John and family.



Quote:

There are very special people in our lives that will NEVER leave us...

Even after they are gone.

From Divine Word Missionaries Calendar



“Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino. This September

join the MSC Missions as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of the **Camino Frances** walking from Saria to Santiago in Spain. We will then visit Fatima for a short pilgrimage. We are being led on this spiritual journey by Fr Tony Horgan MSC.

For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Valerie at 021 454 3988 or email valerie.buckley@mscmissions.ie

Reflection:

Lent is a forty-day journey.

Let us travel with Christ to Jerusalem to be with him in his suffering and death so that we may be with him in his resurrection to glory on Easter Sunday.

Dear Lord, send your Spirit to lead me into this

Lent, help me to repent of my past sins and to

resist the temptations put before me.

Help me to rise above my human weaknesses and to grow stronger as a Christian.

Help me to live out my Christian beliefs showing respect and love to all whom I meet.

Ecumenical Way of the Cross



Good Friday 18th April: 12pm:

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

Do Join Us!

Daffodil Day 2025

I would like to thank my family, friends, neighbours, Tesco, Supervalu, Kennys and I.C.A. Lucan for their help in raising €9,207.00.



Margaret Hynes



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 14th April at 7.30pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie



Lovely to feel the sun on your back these days! There's a spring in everyone's step, as we tend to all the Springtime chores – grass cutting, planting, window cleaning – on the latter, don't be in too much of a

rush. Birdie heard that there will shortly be sand blowing up to us from the Sahara!!!

Have you noticed that the Birdies are singing earlier each morning..... Make sure to stay away from those garden hedges during this nesting season.

Have we all been Trumped? That is the question on everyone's lips as we go to press. Good luck to all those managing our economy and financial affairs – wouldn't want to be in their shoes!

Great hope for Castletown House and Parklands!

According to RTE "A long-running and divisive stand-off at the heritage site in Co. Kildare could be closer to resolution after the Office of Public Works announced its staff would return to work at Castletown House in Celbridge, that the opening hours would be extended and public facilities reinstated".

This site is expected to open as early as next weekend. Keep an eye out for further details. It is certainly very welcoming news.

Tram Tracks surfaced again! While there is still quite a lot of the old iron under the road surface, workmen brought some pieces of the historic lines into St. Joseph's College, who hope to do something 'memorable' with these old pieces. Nice idea!

Road Works! Still can't make head nor tail of much of the work going on around Lucan. Kind of feels like you're missing something!!!

Barnardos
Because childhood starts at birth

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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

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

Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle
We need volunteers to support with water stations, marshalling & registrations, among other roles. The cycle starts and ends in Killarney, with volunteers stationed along the route and at pit stops at Cahiniveen and Kernmare.
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, Dooradoyle Limerick; and Mahon Point Shopping Centre, Cork.
Shift generally 4 hours.
Friday 19th September 5pm - 9pm

GIVING DAY

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY OF THESE EVENTS OR FUTURE EVENTS, PLEASE EMAIL USA.TOB@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.

Minder & Toddler Group

Thursdays

in

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



All Welcome!

A beautiful blessing

Most Memories are made to last, especially the memory of a beautiful person, a lady, whose memory I hope will never fade. For this dear lady gave me life the day that I was born. She took me to her heart, when my own dear Mother without a fault, gave up her fight to live.

Although she had her own family, of grown-up boys and girls, somehow, she found it in her heart to fill my life with love.

unbiased to all, this special love, in truth it had no bounds.

Or was she an angel, sent from up above, she filled my life with happiness and with a special love.

My school days were special, I was walked to school and back

She held my hand as we walk the road, was she mindful, that I might stumble.

Her unselfishness was abundant, for all the world to see.

And every day she told me how much she really loved me.

Those special thoughts, engraved in my heart, Rough and tough as diamonds, yet softly made from love

What a wonderful world we'd live in, if this love was spread, around.

To stop the pain and suffering, in all those senseless wars,

Abroad in all those foreign lands.

But life is not so easy, and the dreaded disease it came, and my beautiful friend that I called my mum, became a stranger, who did not know my name.

The private home was mentioned, by the doctors and the nurses

They tried in vain, which is without blame, but she needed special caring.

To ease her pains there was no strain, and pure love brought us through.

Until that day her heart grew weaker, my beautiful friend was leaving.

There was to be no good byes, she just closed her eyes.

It was then a tear squeezed out, and fell into my hand, to ley there for a moment, for it disappeared without a trace. Was this her soul, I wondered,

this is the memory I will hold, for now, and ever more

Of this beautiful loving woman, I called my MUM

But, who really was my own SISTER.

By Joseph Malone

Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown camera club monthly competition (Landscape) was held on Wednesday the 26th of March in the Palmerstown Parish centre.

The winners in Novice were Annie Whitley, John O Flaherty, Maria's Harrington, Linda Ffrench.

Intermediate winners were Ciaran O Rourke, Kieran Cahill, Miriam Power, Liam O Dalaigh, Caroline Fowler and James Grandfield.

Advanced winners were Sean Brosnan, Kevin Naughton, Frank Delaney, Gerry Phelan, Aoife Tierney, Orla Brady and Garrett Hayes.

Well done everyone, and the image of the month went to John O Flaherty.



Palmerstown camera club is always open to new members joining. We run every Wednesday night from 8 to 10.

ACRE
project

A COMMUNITY RETHINKING
ITS ENVIRONMENT

Salesians College, Maynooth Rd, Celbridge

**Lawn Bowling Reopening 2025 - Free
Beginners Sessions**

Join us for a new season as our ACRE Lawn Bowling rink reopens. **Commencing April 9th.** We'll be running free taster sessions/lessons for beginners.

To put your name down contact:

Frances@acreproject.com



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Table Quiz: A final reminder that the Parents Association's pub quiz fundraiser takes place in Carroll's pub in Lucan Village this **Friday, the 4th April @ 8pm**. Tickets (which can be purchased on the night) cost 10e per person and the quiz will run with tables of four on the night. All monies raised will go towards funding for school facilities. All support greatly appreciated.

Business: Our 6th Year business classes went to the European Commission offices on Mount St, Dublin 2, on Tuesday 25th March. The students were shown an informative presentation on the EU, its institutions and the decision making process of the EU, all of which is on the Business course for Leaving Certificate. After the presentation, there was a fun quiz with some small prizes. The students enjoyed the day and found it useful for their exam preparation.

ERST: It's a busy liturgical week here at Colaiste Phadraig! On Tuesday, our 5th yr students attended Mass in St. Mary's Church. This mass was organised in its entirety by the ERST Student Council Committee and went off without a hitch. A special thanks to the 18 students who played an active role in the service, by doing readings or being up gifts. The students decided to bring up additional offerings, a hurl and some of their books, to represent our school community. Students were treated to a raffle after Mass and the winner received an Easter Egg. On Wednesday, four members of our recently set-up ERST Student Council Committee, 5th yrs Dara Reilly, Evan Whelan, Jayron Sarmiento and Lucan Collender, attended the ERST Student Council Conference in Dublin. They had prepared a moving presentation on their experiences in Coláiste Phádraig, the work they have done so far and their aspirations for the future. The idea of the committee is to strive to foster the ERST ethos in our school.

Transition Year: Our TY students took driving lessons in the school yard last week. Under the patient guidance and instruction of Stephen, from Airport Driving School, the students learned a lot of the essentials involved in driving a car such as checking the brake fluid, adjusting the driver seat, putting on the safety belts, starting and stopping the engine, checking the mirrors, putting the car

in gear, starting the car, steering effectively, turning right and left, driving (at a very slow speed of course!), braking, stopping and parking.

Wood Technology: Over the last number of weeks, our first year Wood Technology students were busy putting the finishing touches to their wooden paddle boats in preparation for the hotly contested, and much coveted, paddleboat championships! These wooden boats were made entirely by each student and powered by an elastic band. Races were held in the Wood Technology Room.



Congratulations to Daire McConn and Aaron West who were the class winners in some of the most exciting races we have witnessed over the last number of years! Daire just edged out Aaron to become overall first year champion. Well done to all first year Wood Technology students who displayed creativity and great handcraft skills during this project.

Hurling: Well done to our 1st yr hurling team who defeated St. Colmcille's CS, Knocklyon 5-5 to 2-6 on Monday in their 2nd, and final, group game of the Dublin League. Lucan performed extremely well in the 1st half to open up a 3-4 to 1-4 lead by half time. The impressive Ruairí Dowling, who started as a centre forward before moving back into midfield, scored a lovely 1st half goal with a rasping drive from the edge of the square. He also added two well-taken points from distance in a lively and influential display. Eolann Maher (1-0), Finn Burton (1-0), Jamie Lynch (0-1) and Darragh Watson (0-1) also got important 1st half scores for the team. 2nd half goals from Max O' Neill and Luke Kelly, plus a brilliantly taken point from Eolann, secured a well-deserved victory for the team. Colmcille's pushed hard in the 2nd half but Lucan's backline of Jeremy Jobi, Luke Fogarty and Cathal Moroney were resilient, determined, organised and aggressive when needed and the Knocklyon forwards visibly frustrated by the end. Lucan, who lost their opening group match, finished in 2nd place in the group, so they will now compete in the knockout stages of the competition.

Lucan Community College

Gaelic Football Success: We celebrate the dual success for our 1st year and u14 LCC boys Gaelic footballers, who both won their Dublin schools shield titles.



A fantastic achievement for both teams. Congratulations and thanks to their coach and year head Mr. Carey, to the coaching expertise of Mr. Clancy and to all who supported.



Lucan CC Lotto: Lucan CC have started a lotto as a form of fundraising for the school, please visit the following website to be in with a chance to win! [Ourfundraiser.ie/org/lucancc](https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/lucancc)

Lucan Community College Lotto

Only 2 Weeks To Go!
Don't Miss Out

Play
Pick 4 numbers
The same numbers will be played for you each week

Pay
1 line for €2.50, 2 lines for €4
or 3 Lines for €5
Maximum 3 lines per person

Win
Match 4 numbers to win the Jackpot

Join Now
Scan the QR code
or go to our website



<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/lucancc>

Powered by [Our Fundraiser - fundraising made easy](#) For more information email info@ourfundraiser.ie

U19 Boys Soccer: Congratulations once again to our U19 Boys' soccer squad who won their semi-final match against Rathoath College, Meath yesterday in McKelvey Celtic. The final score was 1-0 thanks to Darren Smyth. The lads are now heading to the Leinster Final, well done.



TY Trip to Paris: Our Transition Year students have just returned from an unforgettable trip to Paris, the journey began with a visit to the iconic Eiffel Tower, where students marvelled at the breathtaking views of the city. Next, they explored the world-renowned Louvre Museum. They spent a magical day at Disneyland Paris. Shopping enthusiasts had their fill of Parisian fashion and souvenirs. The group also visited the majestic Arc de Triomphe, soaking in the rich history and stunning architecture. Throughout the trip, students bonded, created lasting memories, and experienced the vibrant culture of Paris. It was truly a great time!



Daffodil Day: Lucan CC held their annual Daffodil collection last Friday raising a brilliant €364. The staff enjoyed a delicious coffee morning in school. This was part of our DDLETB Ethos week which shows us acting out some of our school's core values such as care, community and respect.

St. Joseph's College

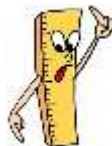
Geography trip: Our first stop was to Ardacrusha power station in Co Clare which was completed in 1929. It produced electricity (and still does) for the cities of Ireland before rural electrification in the 1940s. It is one of the world's Super Structures and on a par with London Underground, Panama Canal and the International Space Station, to name a few.

We then visited Bunratty Castle and Folk Park where we got a tour and an education on medieval times and the history of the families and times from the 13th century.

On then to the Cliffs of Moher where the students enjoyed the views albeit the wind. The interpretive centre was very enlightening as well as the Ledge 4D experience.

We then travelled to Lahinch where we stayed for the night in West Coast Lodge. The students and staff had a few hours to ourselves and the night was wrapped up with a big quiz.

The next morning we went surfing with Lahinch Surf School. The weather was a bit choppy as were the waves, but we were not deterred. Great fun was had and the students say that it was the highlight for them.



After fish and chips in Spooney's we headed for Allwee Caves where the tour guide led our group through the cave and through the underground karst features, geological time and told us the story of how they were discovered.

We went to Poulabrune, a dolmen, which is an ancient burial tomb, just a short trip from the cave. Here we examined the limestone pavement, saw the clints and grikes as well as karrens and fluting. A photo wrapped up the trip and we then headed for Lucan.

Great fun was had, songs were sung at the mic on the bus, friendships were made and lots of learning happened. The students were very tired, but in great spirits. Ms Kearney organised and led the trip, accompanied by Ms Lynch, Mr Flynn and Miss Coleman. Our bus driver Dave was just so patient and took us everywhere in comfort.

Women's History Club: "The Women's History Club and TY students visited the Newbridge Silverware Centre with Ms. Plummer, Ms. Dunne and Ms. Ennis to learn more about women's history and how the Newbridge cutlery and jewellery are produced. The trip gave students an excellent opportunity to develop their knowledge on chemistry and women's history, making it cross-curricular. Students received a tour of the factory in Newbridge before heading upstairs to the Museum of Style Icons, where famous fashion pieces from iconic women in history, such as Princess Diana and Audrey Hepburn, were on

display. The students then each received a gift bag with a pendant inside to mark Women's Month from the team in Newbridge which was a symbol of St. Brigid. The students and teachers would like to express their immense gratitude towards the team at Newbridge Silverware Centre for their exceptional hospitality and generosity."

Politics trip: Last week, fifth year politics students went to the Irish Aid Workshop and the Europa Experience. Irish Aid is a long term development program that helps to bring about positive change in the lives of people around the world, as well as providing humanitarian support to the people that need it. Our students were only delighted to take part in the program and enjoyed the experience.

International Representation: Congratulations to Ana Jones in third year who has been selected to run for the Irish schools team in the FISEC games in Budapest in July. She will be competing against athletes from all over the world. We all wish her the luck in both her preparation and in the event itself. Also, a massive well done to Mia Brady in fifth year who last Saturday qualified to represent Ireland in Italy and Spain this summer in baton twirling solos and group dances.

LCVP – My Own place: Last week, fifth year LCVP students visited Lucan village to research for their 'My Own Place' portfolio project. They talked with local businesses and looked at accessibility to local amenities in relation to traffic congestion and building works around the village.

Past pupil visits: A big thank you to past pupil Svetlana Ivanova for taking time out to come back into the school and talk to our sixth year students about the fulfilment and some of the struggles of studying languages at third level.

TYs in Grangegorman: Some of our TY students were brought on a tour of TUD, Grangegorman. Students were given an insight into life in the college and courses on offer.

Public Access to Law: Public Access to Law students have been busy auditioning and rehearsing over the last few months in preparation for the all-Ireland Mock Trial Competition this May. PAL is a transition year module that strives to make the workings of the legal system more accessible to the public and to students. Since 1997 PAL's large panel of practising barristers have presented the PAL visiting law module to transition year classes throughout the length and breadth of Ireland. This module also prepares teams interested in partaking in the PAL annual mock trials competition.

Lucan Library – April Events

Please Note:

1. All events and activities are free of charge.
2. All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum.
3. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required.

My Open Library - self-service, unstaffed extended hours for Lucan Library

Lucan Library has introduced extended opening hours. With the My Open Library system, the library will be open from 8am to 10pm, 365 days a year, with some hours unstaffed and self-service. If you would like to be able to use the library during unstaffed hours, you will need to attend a mandatory induction session at the library and have access added to your library card. Please ask at desk for details.

Easter Activities

Easter Activity Pack and LED Card Kit for ages 7+ Kits can be collected from Tuesday 15th April at 10am. Book your kit here from Tuesday 8th April at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/easter-activity-kit-with-led-card-for-ages-7-tickets-1299388338499>

Wednesday 16th April, 10am and 11.30am.

Make Easter Power Ball Chicks with the Cool Food School. Booking essential from Wednesday 9th April. Please book for the relevant age group.

For 6-8 years: Book from Wednesday 9th April at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-cool-food-school-for-kids-aged-6-8-yrs-tickets-1299235701959>

For 9-11 years at 11.30am: Book from Wednesday 9th April at 11.30am:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-cool-food-school-for-kids-aged-9-12-yrs-tickets-1299226073159>

Thursday 17th April, 12noon

Creative Writing for 8-12 years with Maeve Devoy

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

Join Thomas Annang for a hands-on drumming workshop where you can learn new beats and rhythms in a fun and interactive setting!

Booking essential from Wednesday 16th April at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/drumming-workshop-tickets-1299275872109>



Friday 25th April, 11am and 12noon

Lego with Bricks4Kids

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

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

For 8-12 years: Booking from Friday 18th April at

12noon: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lego-workshop-tickets-1299330575729>

Events for Younger Children:

Storytime - Tuesdays at 3pm. All welcome!

Arts and Crafts for 3-5 year olds with Méabh: Tuesday 15th April, 3.30pm. Booking essential from Tuesday 8th April at 3.30pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/library-crafts-tickets-1280779529049>

Musical Tots: Saturday 12th April, 10.30am.

Booking essential from Saturday 5th April at 10.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-with-karen-at-lucan-library-tickets-1226756725389>

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-with-karen-at-lucan-library-tickets-1226756725389>

Little Wiggles with Discovery Play Time.

Thursday 17th April, 10am. Sing, dance, move and play helping children develop communication and social skills through music and movement. Booking essential from Thursday 10th April at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/little-wiggles-tickets-1299267938379>

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/little-wiggles-tickets-1299267938379>

Cuidiú Breastfeeding Support Group returns for monthly meetings. Friday 11th April at 10am. All welcome.

STEAM Saturday with Helen

Saturday 26th April, 2pm. For ages 9+. Booking essential from Saturday 19th

April: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/steam-saturday-with-helen-tickets-1299281398639>

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: Monday 28th April, 12noon

Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday 30th April, 7pm

Junior Book Club: Wednesday 30th April 3pm



Lucan Library Knitters Club -

Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new member's welcome

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group -

Thursdays 10th and 24th April, 10am – 12noon.

Lucan Library Classic Film Club: Tuesday

22nd April, 5.30pm. Register at Library Desk.

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



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Annual Golf Classic

Support the Lucan Sarsfields Golf Classic this June!

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

Sponsorship Options:

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



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

For more info or to get involved, contact Maggie - 087 286 6581 or Pat - 086 804 3331

Thanks for your support!

Summer Camps

Our Easter camp is now fully booked. We will not be taking any walk ups. To join the waiting list please fill out the following form - <https://forms.gle/g7Jko6bYb1L4xubW9>

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

Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €3,400. The Numbers were **17, 16, 17, 21.**



Lucky dip's go to Sean Stapleton, McKelvey Family, Karen Boylan, Mags McCabe,

Mary Dawson.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €3,800.

This draw is sponsored by O'Grady's Lucan Village Pharmacy.

County

The Dublin U20 hurling panel has been finalised for 2025. We have nine players represented on the panel as well as four on the coaching panel. Well done to Cathal Kennedy (Vice –captain), Daragh Lyons, Darragh Meehan, David Mulqueen, Killian Costello, Luke Mooney, Massimo Pappalardo, Sean O'Neill and Senan Bolger. Best of luck to Fintan Clandillon (manager), Johnny McCaffrey and Peter Kelly (coaches/selectors) and Eoghan Smyth and Bill Donovan (stats).



LUCAN SARSFIELDS GAA CAMPS 2025

- ✔ All camps will be dual code
- ✔ Gaelic Football
- ✔ Hurling and Camogie
- ✔ Fun games and skill development

DATES

- ✔ Easter 14th - 17th April
- ✔ Cúl Camp 30th June - 4th July
- ✔ Club Camp 7th - 11th July
- ✔ Club Camp 4th - 8th August
- ✔ Club Camp 11th - 15th August

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FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKING VIA CLUBZAP OR QR CODE



Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Dublin City Half Marathon - March 30th

The northside of Dublin was the place to be this morning when a hardy crew of harriers got up at crazy o'clock to run in the inaugural Dublin City Half Marathon. A 8:30am start with clocks springing forward effectively making it a 7:30am roll call.



We had 28 harriers running. First home was Brian Carroll, 299th place, with a time of 1:23:53, followed by Kathleen Trunk, 1585th place (**5th in Category**), in a time of 1:37:11, Colin O Gara, 1824th place - 1:38:48, Eoghan Harford, 2108th place - 1:38:40, Anne Whelan, 2249th place (**2nd in Category**) - 1:40:48, Declan Mc Manus, 2726th place - 1:44:24, Niall Mc Master, 3270th place - 1:44:49, Liz Arkins, 4471st place - 1:51:43, Irene Foley, 6196th place - 1:55:46, Aileen Coughlan, 6177th place - 1:58:15, Ollie Mahon, 6745th place - 1:59:24, Sile Mc Intyre, 7013th place - 1:59:04, Jessica Molloy, 7054th place - 2:00:50, Emma Broderick, 7182nd place - 2:01:54, Edel Smyth, 7385th place - 2:00:43, Caroline Doocey, 7649th place - 2:02:14, Eleanor O Neill, 7965th place - 2:03:55, Jennifer Murphy, 8126th place - 2:02:52, Sinead Mc Intyre, 8867th place - 2:08:23, Diane Argaud, 8934th place - 2:08:28, Orna Thompson, 9021st place - 2:11:07, Deirdre O Gorman, 9651st place - 2:13:33, Orla Moroney, 9655th place - 2:13:34, Olivia Thomas, 10135th place - 2:17:33,

Fiona Hegarty, 10924th place - 2:25:48,
Laura McManus, 11204th place - 2:31:23,
Sinead Farrell, 11383rd place - 2:38:03 and
Lhyne Ganadin, 11384th place 2:38:04.

Well done everyone, I'm sure you all had a blast. Maria and Anita generously volunteering at bag drop and Olivia proudly showing off some well earned finisher bling!



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)

POLITICAL NOTES

Minister Emer Higgins TD

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Public Transport:

This week, I met with senior management at the National Transport Authority to highlight local public transport issues. Late last year, I helped to secure additional peak-time C buses and building on that, I raised several key concerns:

Capacity issues on the C-Spine

The need for a bus to start in Ballyowen

Improving real-time passenger information

Capacity issues Adamstown train line

The NTA have taken these issues on board and committed to working with me to improve public transport in our area. I'll continue to push for the service improvements our community needs and deserves.

Exciting News: AskEmer:

I'm excited to launch AskEmer — my new online clinic to make connecting easier. Submit questions on Instagram, and I'll answer them live with local updates. Tune in this Monday or watch back anytime. If it's helpful, I'll keep it going!

Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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Recent Issues Raised:

Issues for constituents included investigating planning contraventions, removal of a dead tree on a public road, Adamstown traffic signals, exact route of the Greenway, conserving old tram tracks & more.

March Traffic Management Meeting for Lucan, Palmerstown & North Clondalkin:

I raised requests for "boxed" markings for parking spaces on Lucan Road, also traffic issues in Meadowview Grove.

March Local Area Committee Meeting for Lucan, Palmerstown & North Clondalkin:

The LAC meeting recording's available here: <https://buff.ly/6GasYII>. I received responses from SDCC to constituent questions and raised motions on increasing Park Rangers in Lucan's parks, and more.

Lucan Business2Business (B2B) Meeting:

I attended the B2B meeting, Spa Hotel, last week, organized by Feargal McCarthy. It was insightful to meet many Lucan businesses and I look forward to future meetings, bringing issues to SDCC.

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

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March Traffic Management Meeting Update:

I raised the following concerns:

Meadowview Grove:

Safety issues at the Meadowview Grove/Hillcrest Walk/Heights T-junction due to right-of-way confusion. The council will review traffic calming measures under Section 38, including potential road narrowing and stop/yield signage.

Doddsboro Spar:

Traffic driving on the pavement and exiting at the dentist's office into Spar. The council will install bollards like those on the Tern mews side.

Lucan Village Footpaths:

The council will be onsite in the village within the next two weeks (date TBC) to review and explore potential solutions.

Sarsfield Park Age-Friendly Development:

Following my representations residents will receive copies of the dilapidation survey for their property. I also raised concerns about the compound creating a blind spot and the county architect and traffic department are reviewing.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell.

"Not just at election time"

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Dáil Report:

This week I voted confidence in the Ceann Comhairle, following the abusive treatment she received from certain TDs, but also again criticised the Government for their cynical speaking time arrangement with the Lowry Independents. Separately I raised the need for legislation to prosecute the spiking of drinks, again spoke on housing issues and also on measures to divert young people from crime.

Bus Service Issues:

Having submitted my major bus survey of 2,700 people to the NTA last year, I finally got a chance to meet with the Acting Chief Executive a few weeks back. This meeting lasted 90 minutes. I raised specific routes at a meeting for TDs this week, taking another full hour to go through various routes. Search my website under "bus survey follow-up".

'To grow a garden is to believe in tomorrow'



Political Notes continued over.....

Shane Moynihan TD – Fianna Fáil Dublin Mid-West.

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Working with Cllr Jacqueline Sheehy (Palmerstown-Fonthill)

Public transport:

I have had positive engagement with the NTA, Dublin Bus and GoAhead Ireland this week. I raised issues around bus capacity in general (especially on the C-spine) and the need for staggered route starts, increased train frequency (for Adamstown and Kishogue), additional bus capacity at weekends and the need to plan for the skills necessary for the public transport we will need in the future. I await further updates over the coming weeks.

Ballyowen Shopping Centre car park:

I have been in touch with the management company to request relining and remarking of the car park.

Clinics: My Lucan Clinics takes place on Monday 7 April, in Ballyowen Community Centre from 1.30 - 3pm and Friday 11 April in Adamstown Community Centre from 11.30am-1pm. Please call my office to make an appointment.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Red-Light Camera:

My motion requesting the installation of a red-light camera at the Hillcrest, Newcastle Road junction has been passed. Following the completion of national trials and the establishment of guidelines by the NTA/RSA, South Dublin County Council will consider implementing this measure to improve enforcement and road safety.

Water Concerns:

My motion addressing concerns over discoloured water has been passed, continuing my efforts to highlight water-related issues. The latest reports of unlicensed hydrant use affecting residents' supply are deeply concerning. Additionally, I have raised the issue that Irish Water has yet to implement a licensing system similar to the one previously managed by the local authority. Ensuring proper oversight and clear communication with residents is essential. I will continue to press for solutions and accountability from Irish Water to prevent further disruptions to our community's water supply.



River Clean Up

A big thank you to Lucan Kayak Club for organising annual clean-up of the river Liffey locally. We were happy to support them in their efforts from the safety of dry land!

*Kevin O'Loughlin
Lucan Tidy Towns*



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This week we have some more photographs involving reflection and refraction submitted by Brendan.

Joe got a lovely photograph of evening in St. Edmundsbury last Tuesday evening.



Donal submitted a photograph of Malahide Estuary. This photograph reminded me of the collapse of the Malahide Viaduct into Broadmeadow Estuary almost 16 years ago on 21st August 2009. At about 18.30 that evening passenger train, travelling from Balbriggan to Pearse, passed over the Malahide Viaduct and its driver witnessed a section of the viaduct beginning to collapse into Broadmeadow Estuary. Within minutes of the report of the accident by the driver Pier 4 of the Malahide Viaduct had collapsed into the Broadmeadow Estuary. Miraculously, there were no fatalities or injuries to any members of the public or staff.



Anna was in Waterford and submitted photographs of the quay and Reginald's Tower which is located in area which today is known as the Waterford Viking Triangle. The tower was built by the Anglo-Normans after their conquest of Waterford, replacing an earlier Viking fortification. The tower has been used as a mint, a prison, and a military storehouse and it currently houses the Waterford Viking Museum.

There are two other museums in the Viking Triangle which is collectively known as the Waterford Museum of Treasures - The Medieval Museum and The Bishop's Palace Museum. Quite close by are the recently opened "Wake Museum" located in a 15th century Alms House, which explores themes of life and death, and the Irish Museum of Time.

Until next week stay safe!