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## Love on 14 February 2024!

St Valentine is reputed to have healed the daughter of a noble family, bringing the family to believe in God. He was consequently executed. In later centuries, poets associate St Valentine with romantic love, so that we will see an abundance of cards, red roses, heart shaped chocolates, etc on Wednesday next. There may even be a few proposals of marriage!



This year, Ash Wednesday also falls on 14 February. How do the two celebrations fit together? One wouldn't choose to bring the two events together, but as they are, the common thread that could link them is love! Romantic love and great moments of consolation are hooks that bring people onto the road of love willingly and eagerly. Romantic moments are needed in life to rise out of the ordinary for a while to celebrate relationships or great milestones in life.

Ash Wednesday is concerned with the sacrificial aspect of love; where we are called to look at how we fail in love so that we may make amends, turning towards God as the model of perfect love. This is the love that is enduring and rooted. The sacrificial element of love is necessary to get through both the 'better or worse' times in marriages and life-long relationships that go the long distance. Acknowledgment of wrongs, a willingness to say sorry and to make consequent change is the hallmark of relationships that endure, built on a firm foundation of active as well as heartfelt love.

In terms of married love, there is no greater human witness to the Trinitarian love of God than is found in the selfless and other-focused love of couples in later years, and other stages in life, when they look after one another in the most vulnerable moments without any seeking of reward for self.



The cross of ash on our foreheads is a stark visual contrast to the brilliant red love-hearts of St Valentine's Day. The red, of the love-hearts is vibrant as the oxygenated blood that flows from our hearts keeping every limb and organ alive. The ash reminds us of the temporary nature of our lives while the cross reminds us of the sacrifice that is necessary in order to realise the hope in the resurrection. Love cannot be kept alive without making some deliberate effort or sacrifice in some aspect. The purpose of the call to make sacrifice, in the journey of love and companionship is to change and become better people making the world a better place for everyone. We are on a journey in life and as with all journeys, we try to make the journey the best possible.

In Christian faith, Ash Wednesday is a happy day as it celebrates the sacrificial love of our God for us. We take the forty days of Lent as a gifted time when we focus on God's great love and intimate connection with us. We also accept Lent as a gifted time to grow more deeply in relationship with God, in love and acceptance of self and care and shared responsibility for others.

Thank God for the gift of love on 14 February 2024 and may that love grow abundantly!

*Cathy Burke,  
Catechist to the Lucan Partnership of Parishes*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

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

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

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



### Opening hours

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

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

### Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

### Register to Vote

If you want to vote in an election or referendum in Ireland, you must be:  
Eligible to vote and  
Registered to vote



### Changes to the registration system

You can now register to vote for the first time and update the register throughout the year. If you provide your PPS number, you do not need to have your identification and forms witnessed at a Garda station. Applications to register and to change the register can be made online at [checktheregister.ie](http://checktheregister.ie).

### Registration dates to vote in March 2024 referendums

Two constitutional referendums on family and care will be held on 8 March 2024.

If you are not registered to vote and you want to vote in these referendums, you must apply to your local authority by:

12 February 2024 for Postal or Special Voting arrangements (see 'Postal Voters and Special Voters lists' below).

20 February 2024 to register to vote or to change your details on the register

### How to register to vote

Each local authority is legally obliged to maintain, update and publish its Register of Electors. The Register must be maintained and updated on an ongoing basis.

To be eligible for inclusion in the Register of Electors, you must:

Be at least 18 years old

Be ordinarily resident at an address in Ireland

If you have no address, you can register with 'no fixed address.' You can give an address where you can get correspondence.

If you have more than one address, you should give the address where you want to be registered. You can only be registered at one address.

### You can register to vote:

Online at [checktheregister.ie](http://checktheregister.ie)

By filling in an application form

If you do not give a PPS number, you must get your form and ID witnessed at a local Garda station.

### Deadline for registering to vote

Your application must be received by the local authority at least 15 days before an election or referendum (excluding Sundays, Good Friday and public holidays). If it is received on or after 14 days before an election or referendum is taking place, you will not be registered to vote in that election or referendum. More information on our website.

### Changes to rental income under the Fair Deal Scheme

From 1 February 2024, the Fair Deal Scheme financial assessment will change if you are renting your home while you are in a nursing home. If you rent out your vacant home, you will be able to keep 100% of the rental income.

At present, if you rent your home, you must pay 40% of this rental income towards your nursing home care. This means you can keep 60% of the rental income of your own home. To apply for this currently, you fill in the Principal Private Residence Rental Income application form and supply your Residential Tenancies Board registration approval letter, the tenancy agreement showing the rental amount and your latest notice of assessment from Revenue.

If the property you are renting is not your own home, you must pay 80% of the rental income to nursing home care.

[More information](#) is available on our website.

## 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 15th February 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](mailto:vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com) to register your interest.

**Thursday 15th February 2024**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak! Come along on Thursday next, February 15th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

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

## Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade

This year we have an online application form that can be found on our website. To register, follow the link: <https://lucanstpatriksday.org/> Places are limited, so don't delay!



## LUCAN FESTIVAL

Another year dawns and the Committee are already planning this year's FESTIVAL. First started in 2009 as a weekend event it has grown to now a 6/7 day Festival.

Big news this year is the purchase of Lucan House and grounds by SDCC which we believe is to conclude in July.

We would like to show our appreciation to the many Italian Ambassadors who very kindly allowed the Festival to hold events in the grounds over the years.

At the moment we have got a verbal assurance from SDCC management that we will be able to use the grounds in Sept.

The Festival this year will run from **2nd to the 8th September.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

*Joe Byrne Chairman*

## Lucan ICA

*Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February:* Federation meeting in the Teachers club in Parnell Square 2-4pm.

Come along and represent our Guild and get to know what dates and events in store for the Dublin Guilds.

*Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February:* Fiona continuing with her class, there is some lovely work being done. Tea hostesses for 19<sup>th</sup> are Miriam and Marie.

**Sympathy** to the family of Patricia Browne who died last week, Patricia was a former member in ICA.

**Get well wishes** to Mary Shanagher who is

recovering in hospital after surgery. We all miss you on Mondays.

We fondly remember Clair McBrearty RIP on her first anniversary on 10<sup>th</sup> February.

*Pauline & Mary.*



**LUCAN LIBRARY**

**QUIZ TIME**

**Thursday 15th February**

**2PM - 4PM**

Ask at library desk or phone us to book your place!

TABLE QUIZ FOR ADULTS - BOOKING ESSENTIAL

# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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



**Sunday Mass Times:** Vigil: 6.30pm  
Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Friday 10am and 7.30pm. Saturday 10am.



**Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February:**  
Ashes will be distributed at the 10am and 7.30pm Masses.

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

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

**Christian Meditation:** We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow. *All welcome, Sr Geraldine.*

**Baptisms:** Dates are bookable on line. If you need to cancel email: [secretary@lucanparish.com](mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com)

**Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:** After Saturday 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

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

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group:** We meet every **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 10.45am and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 8pm of the month** in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen to or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. *Sr. Geraldine.*

**Scriptural Reading (Lectio Divina):**  
Every Monday Evening 7.30 – 8.30pm in the Bungalow. **JOIN US** - You are Welcome to come any Monday. We reflect on the Gospel Reading of the following Sunday.

**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.

**Coffee Dock Open:** Every Sunday Morning and weekdays 10am to 12 noon. *All Welcome.*

**Deepest Sympathy** to the husband, family and friends of **Linda Halpin**, Westmanstown and to the family and friends of **Josephine Keogh**, Esker Park.



*May they rest in peace.*



Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul  
St Mary's Conference, Lucan  
for assistance, phone: 01 8550022  
or email: [info@svp.ie](mailto:info@svp.ie)

## Bayside Alpha -

### 6-week Lent course on spiritual conversion

Would you like to take part in something new this Lent? Bayside Alpha are running a free 6-week Zoom course called *Metanoia*. Metanoia means a transformation of the heart, a spiritual conversion. The videos contain half hour episodes shot in locations throughout the Holy Land and there is an opportunity to meet other people, to share your journey and listen to other people's journeys. The course starts on Tuesday the 13th of February 2024 at 7.30pm and is hosted by Franciscan Friar, Fr Dave Pivonka, and other speakers.

If you would like to take part please email Paul at [alphabayside@gmail.com](mailto:alphabayside@gmail.com)



**Anam Cara**  
**South Dublin,**  
the organisation  
that supports  
bereaved parents,

is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7:15pm 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 whether their death was recent or not.

During Lent Weekday Evening Mass will be in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm except on the following dates when there will be NO evening Mass: Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. (covering both St Mary's and St Patrick's)

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

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

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

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

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



**Ash Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**February:** Ashes will be distributed at the 10am Mass.

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

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

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

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

**Communion for the Homebound:** If any member of your family is sick and housebound, and would like to receive Holy Communion, do please let us know. You can ring the Parish Office on 01 628 1018 and leave you name and address, or email us at: [secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie](mailto:secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie)

**Tea/Coffee:** Every Wednesday Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome.*

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

**Sunday Mass Times:** Saturday Vigil: 6pm.  
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on [www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

**Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of**

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

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

**Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** **Mon:** 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration. **Fri:** 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle. **Fri:** 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.



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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

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

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

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

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

## Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April - Oct 2024:

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or website

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

**Medjugorje: 00387 36 651 518**

**Ireland: 00353 1 443 4510**

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

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

## Pilgrimage to Knock

Escorted Pilgrimage to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024. €799.00 pps. Price includes 5 nights in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch/Snack on 2 days. Afternoon Tea at Ashford Castle. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Cong. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 094 9006426 or 087 1890 236 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

### Quote:

Your life is your story.  
Write well. Edit often.

*Unknown.*

## Anniversaries

### JOE BYRNE

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary – 10<sup>th</sup> February

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, brother, grandfather, brother-in-law and extended family and friends.

A year has passed without you in our lives  
Even though we can't see you  
Or hear you anymore  
We can feel you  
Because you have a place  
In our hearts and minds forever.  
Rest peacefully in Heaven Joe



### MARY FLANAGAN

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary – 7<sup>th</sup> February

Gone are the days we used to share  
But in our hearts you are always there  
The gates of memory will never close  
We miss you more than anyone knows  
With tender love and deep regret  
We who love you will never forget.  
*Love always from David, Paula, Ryan, Rebecca and Méabh*

### JOHN FLANAGAN

#### 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 6<sup>th</sup> February

Those we love don't go away  
They walk beside us every day  
Unseen, unheard but always near  
Still loved, still missed and very dear  
*Love always from David, Paula, Ryan, Rebecca and Méabh*

### KATHLEEN KELLY

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 9<sup>th</sup> February

Those who think of Kathleen today  
A little prayer to Jesus say.  
*Loved and missed, now, always, and forever*



### JOSEPHINE (JOSIE) MURPHY

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 18<sup>th</sup> February

Remembering our beautiful mum Josephine (Josie) on her fourth anniversary.  
In our hearts every day.  
*Loved and missed by her daughters Ella and Marie, sons-in-laws Noel and Robert, grandchildren, Anita and Paddy, Hemisha and Jason, Owen, James and Emma and great grandchildren Mia and Hannah*

## Community Connect

### Drive & Drop Event 10<sup>th</sup> March 11am-1pm St. Mary's Church Car Park

Community Connect is a registered charity that helps pregnant mothers, parents with new babies and young children, who are in need. We provide baby equipment, clothing and essential items to these families. Welcoming a new baby is a very special time in any family's life, but can be a challenging time for those who are struggling financially. This is where our support is so valuable.

Our **Drive & Drop** event is vital to allow us to collect practical items that will be distributed directly to these families. Drive & Drop allows us to help so many additional vulnerable families, that we would not otherwise be able to support.

**Two local Community Connect volunteers** will be present in the parish car park to collect these items.

*Thank you again for your continued support.*



### Led by Fr Philip Curran P.P.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 2024. €995p.p.s.**

Two nights in Assisi in a 3\* hotel  
Five nights in Montecatini, Tuscany in a 4\* hotel  
7 breakfasts, 6 dinners. All coaching and tours.  
Full time accompaniment. Flights with Aer Lingus. 10 kg check-in bag included.  
Visits to the tombs of St Francis, St Clare and Blessed Carlo Acutis in Assisi, The Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto, the major sights of Florence and Pisa. Visit the beautiful city of Lucca including the tomb of Irish bishop Frediano.  
Full religious programme. All taxes included.

**A limited number of places are available. Please contact Laura in Myriam Tours as soon as possible. 057 9355050 (9am to 3pm Monday to Friday)**

**Please note:** The scheduled departure time of the outbound flight to Rome is 15:40 arriving in Fiumicino Airport, Rome at 19:45 local time.  
**Therefore, we will arrive quite late in Assisi.**



**Great  
Teamwork!**

Lucan Tidy Towns were happy to support St. Mary's BNS in renewing their raised beds on Saturday morning last. We joined with teachers, parents and students, digging, weeding and preparing soil for planting. A most enjoyable morning was had by all.



Date for your diary .....

## Table Quiz

in aid of

## Nagarhope

at **Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse**  
**Friday 8th March**



**Lucan  
Senior  
Citizens**

*Wednesday  
14<sup>th</sup> Feb:*

### Valentine's Party

in St. Mary's Parish Centre  
10.30 – 12.30.

**This Saturday** we are meeting in **Lucan Village** to work in and around the village green. Join us anytime from 10.15am onwards.

*Kevin O'Loughlin*

## Adult Education Service

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in January / February 2024. These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours, 1 morning per week.



*The following subjects are available this term:*

Spanish for Beginners; Office Procedures; Wellbeing and the Internet; Data Entry; Developing your Business English Language Skills; Working with Microsoft Excel; Working with Microsoft Word; Work Experience; Medical Terminology; Bookkeeping; Manual & Computerised.

For more details, contact  
[lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie](mailto:lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie)  
or call (01) 6283557.



### Spring at Lucan Weir

*(courtesy of St. Mary's Camera Soiree)*



**Older people need  
your support!**

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

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

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



**Pancakes, Ashes and Valentines this coming week!** The last time the latter two fell on the same day was in 2018.

**Pancakes** these days are a lot different than in days of yore for many of us, when Mummy

would make that batter of flour, eggs and milk, and leave it standing for a few hours, covered with a damp muslin or tea towel.

**Ash Wednesday**, the following day was also a very different affair, when people gave up sweets perhaps, or smoking, or maybe made it to daily Mass. They were a very long few weeks up to Easter especially for children.....

And **Valentine's Day!** When some received cards from secret admirers, and were made up, an expensive day in modern times.....

*Anyhow, enjoy your pancakes, and those Valentine gifts, and don't forget the ashes!*



**That Demesne Wall!** A reader was taken aback with the perilous state of the "protection Fence" following the recent storms.



**Work, Live, Play at The Crossings!** This colourful art installation designed by Kevin Bohan Art, and produced by Creative Connections, is well worth a visit next time you're in the Adamstown area.

**Six Nations Rugby!** Last weekend's game has us glued to the telly as Ireland tramped all over *Les Bleus*. Can't wait for Sunday's game v Italy, in Dublin. Happy days.....

**Worth keeping an eye on our Rugby 7s** too, both men's and women's teams doing very well for themselves at the moment, the women winning gold and the men bronze, in Perth last month. Both teams have qualified for the Olympics in Paris this year.

**Tree Planting in Hillcrest** these days, with lots of young plants dotted here and there. Hopefully, they'll grow into strong specimens and enhance the estate.

Nearly five years on, the only thing keeping the fence from falling into the Demesne are the branches from the immediate trees.

You have to wonder about health and safety for both pedestrians and motorists, and why people can feel that SDCC regard Lucan "as just a plaything!"



## Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. No charge for your first meeting.

Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Coffee break at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.

## Minder & Toddler Group

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

*All Welcome!*







## St. Joseph's College

**5<sup>th</sup> year DCU trip:** On Friday our entire 5<sup>th</sup> year group spent the day in DCU. The students were given a tour of the campus and its facilities, as well as a talk on many of the various courses the university has to offer. The students were able to ask questions of their guides and get information booklets and prospectus on courses and areas of study they are interested in.

**1<sup>st</sup> year hockey:** Well done to our first under 14 hockey team who played their first game for the school on Friday. The girls travelled out to Sutton to play against Santa Sabina. The girls played brilliantly and left with the win on a 3-0 score line. Thanks to their teacher Ms. Girigan for training them and looking after them. Their next game is this coming Thursday when they play against St Mary's, Glasnevin. Best of luck girls!



**Mock exams:** The mock exams for all third and sixth year students continue in the school this week until Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February. Best of luck to all students.

**Madrid trip:** Fifth year Spanish students are currently in Madrid as part of their European tour. Over the next few days the students will take part in Spanish language classes, experience Spanish culture at the Royal Palace, Plaza Mayor and El Retiro Park and also visit the Bernabeu, the home of the famous Real Madrid.

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**Instagram:** @stjosephscollegelucan

**Find us on our**

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



**'Let's get Environmental' workshop:** Recently, James completed the last of his 'Let's Get Environmental' workshops with 4A3 and 4A4. The students enjoyed the biodiversity, sustainability and climate change based workshops. The students made awareness videos as part of the workshop and all really enjoyed the insight James was able to give into current issues facing our planet.

### Senior debate v Athlone Community College:

The very best of luck to our senior debaters who are in action this Thursday in the last 32 of the All Ireland against Athlone Community College. Our team are debating in opposition of the motion that "Volunteerism does more harm than good to communities in the Global South". Best of luck to Mr. Smyth and the team.

**Sister Shed  
Open Morning  
ADAMSTOWN**

Join us in Adamstown Youth & Community Centre  
on Friday 23rd February @ 10am - 12pm

"Building a Sisterhood.... people need people, we need interaction, we need support, we need to know we're not alone. Our aim is to provide support and a safe space for women of all ages often for a cup of tea and a chat, but also by providing activities that focus on promoting the mental and physical Wellbeing of all our members." Sister Sheds

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**School Tour:** Good luck to the 44 TY and 5<sup>th</sup> yr students (who will be accompanied by five teachers) who are travelling to the popular ski resort of Sappada in Northern Italy during the upcoming mid-term break. The group have an early-morning flight from Dublin Airport on Saturday morning (10<sup>th</sup> February) and they will be flying into Venice Marco Polo Airport before transferring to their picturesque resort in the Dolomite Mountains. They will be spending six days there, getting 4 hours of fun ski lessons from highly qualified instructors each day. The resort has an excellent network of downhill runs, ideal for beginners and intermediates alike, with 22km of piste in the resort.

As they improve their skills and confidence, they will then get the opportunity to head down the more daunting slopes themselves, free style! The resort boasts a new chairlift that takes skiers to the slopes of Monte Siera, which is the perfect location for our students to develop their skiing whilst enjoying the spectacular mountain scenery. The weather forecast is for fresh snow to fall which will hopefully make for perfect skiing conditions on the slopes.

They will be staying at the Bella Italia Village in Piana di Luzza, a beautiful residence complex very close to the ski resort. The complex boasts a multi-purpose sports centre, a swimming pool, wellness centre, restaurants and a discotheque for all ages to enjoy!

The group will be combining the skiing with various cultural visits and excursions so an exciting and educational week lies ahead for all travelling. They will also have numerous fun evening “apres-ski” activities such as snow tubing, swimming, karaoke, movie-night, volleyball and indoor football. They will return home on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February. We wish the group a safe and enjoyable school tour.

**Basketball:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> yr basketball teams took on Coláiste Éanna last Thursday in their 3<sup>rd</sup> group games of their East Boys “A” League campaign. After suffering defeats in their opening two games, both sides needed a win to have any chance of securing a top-2 spot in the group but the Rathfarnham side are tipped by many to perhaps win both competitions outright such is the depth of talent at their disposal. Our 1<sup>st</sup> yrs struggled in the opening two 1-4s as their talented opponents opened up an unassailable 24-2 lead by half time. Lucan improved as the game progressed with Kevin Kwidzinski scoring 2 more points to add to his 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter basket while Mamadou Bah (2) and Aaron Farrell (8) got the

other scores for the team (with Aaron scoring two stunning three-pointers). Coláiste Éanna eventually won the game 38-14.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> yrs were also beaten 45-20 by another very impressive Coláiste Éanna team. Again, the damage was done early on with Lucan’s opponents racing to a 21-0 lead by the end of a one-sided 1<sup>st</sup> 1-4. There wasn’t much between the teams from here on in but Coláiste Éanna never looked in any danger of relinquishing their commanding lead. Hasan Al Maini (10), Daniel Godson (2), Troy O’ Sullivan (2), Nabil Wan Modh (2), Conor Gilmore (2) and Omer Murwan Omer (2) got the scores for Lucan.

Both teams have one more group match to play but at this stage they know that they will now compete in the Plate competition. Our u16 and u19 teams also failed to qualify from their tough groups but they went on to win their respective Plates in great style this season so our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> yrs can take heart from this.

**Soccer:** Our TY team advanced to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the TY Leinster Cup after defeating Scoil Mhuire, Clane 2-1 last Wednesday. Daniel Power scored the team’s 1<sup>st</sup> goal after 25mins when he pounced on a loose ball in the box to fire home a precise right-foot shot from close range across the keeper into the far corner to give Lucan the lead. Clane drew level with their 1<sup>st</sup> significant attack of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half but Sam Deegan’s superb long range free-kick 10mins later restored the team’s advantage. Lucan held on to claim a hard-fought but deserved win. They will now play CBS Kilkenny away in the last 16 of the competition.

**Maths:** On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 13 of our 1<sup>st</sup> yr students took part in the annual Irish Maths Teachers Association (IMTA) First Year Maths competition. These students were chosen due to their high results in the Christmas Exam. The competition was developed and organised by Michael Moynihan and has been running since 1994. It consists of 15 online multiple choice brain problem solving questions to be answered within a 40minute period. There were over 14,500 entries from 233 schools across the country. One student achieved 100% and a total of 63 students achieved over 84% and each one will be awarded an IMTA engraved trophy. The average score was just 34.6%. However, all of the Coláiste Phádraig students who took part achieved incredible results with all 13 achieving above 50% and one student, Ayman Ahmad, achieving over the 84% threshold. Ayman will now be awarded an engraved IMTA trophy for his excellent performance. All students received certificates for their hard work so well done to all.



# Political Notes

## **Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin**

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### **Doddsboro / Woodview Height – Resident Engagement:**

Together with local Sinn Féin volunteers, I am knocking doors in Doddsboro and Woodview Heights this week, as we make progress through Lucan. If I can be of any assistance on anything important to you, please contact me.

### **Adamstown – Big Monthly Clean Ups:**

Delighted to assist in this month's 'Big Clean-up'. The Adamstown Spring Clean Up Group are a fantastic group of locals and always seeking more volunteers as our community continues to grow.

### **Community Grants:**

The Council's Community Grants Programme went live on the 6<sup>th</sup> February and remains open until October 31<sup>st</sup> - Aimed at providing financial assistance to community and voluntary groups who are responding to local identified needs within their communities. For more information contact the Community Services Department 01-4149270 or Community Development Team 01-4149156 or by email at;

[communitygrants@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:communitygrants@sdblincoco.ie)

## **Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael**

Peace Commissioner. Tel: 0858317982.

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### **Lucan Village:**

I've requested SDCC in conjunction with An Gardaí, implement a 3 tonne weight restriction on Lucan Bridge. I've also sought an update on the monitoring of existing weight restrictions in the village.

### **New Parks:**

Are you aware of our two beautiful new parks in Lucan? Tandy's Park and Airlie Park? Based off the Newcastle Rd in Adamstown, I've requested additional signage to direct locals to our new amenities.

### **Events and Festival Grant:**

Are you a group looking to attract attendance from Lucan and afar? This grant is made available to businesses and community groups across the county to support key priority areas such as cultural, food, sports and activity based tourism aimed at growing our visitor economy. Please feel free to get in touch for further information.

## **Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil**

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### **Community Grants Open:**

If your community group is interested in getting a grant, please get in touch. I have assisted several sports clubs, community groups and centres in our area with the application process and I am happy to help where I can. You can read about the full range of grants in the Community Grants Booklet and how to apply here:

<https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/community/funding-and-support/community-grants/>.

### **Castle Road/R136 Junction:**

I undertook to have the traffic lights sequence at the Castle Road/R136 roundabout checked with the Council and ask for their view on that junction. They have committed to me that they will revise the sequence to make sure it is optimal.

### **St Loman's Road:**

Thanks to South Dublin County Council for responding to my request to reinstate the traffic lights and pedestrian crossings on St Loman's Road at the Fonthill roundabout and entrance to St Edmund's following a traffic accident.

## **Cllr. Paul Gogarty P.C.**

"Not just at election time" Tel: 087-2752489

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

### **Litter and Dumping:**

I've had multiple reports of dumped material taking ages to be cleared by the Council, despite being queried on many occasions by residents and elected reps. I've another motion down for two weeks from now and it appears some movement is happening already. But the slow pace is not acceptable. Residents, please note that prosecutions are difficult to process without witnesses being willing to make statements, so video evidence from phones etc can be helpful. If you want to help out there are groups like Lucan Tidy Towns in the village area and Clean Griffeen the far side of the N4. I also have SDCC bags if anyone needs them for a litter pick.

### **Peace Commissioner Signature:**

If you need any documentation signed that my remit covers, feel free to get in touch.



## Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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**Active Travel Lucan:** National Transport Authority has allocated funds to Ireland's local authorities with a view to spending on walking and cycling infrastructure in 2024. This substantial investment will fund approximately 800 Active Travel projects, contributing to the development of 1,000km of new and improved walking and cycling infrastructure across the country, a key target included in a number of Government Climate and Road Safety Strategies. South Dublin County Council have been awarded €22 Million for various projects including the development of segregated cycle lanes and widened footpaths, new walking and cycling bridges, and new pedestrian crossings. I am very pleased that the Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway was awarded €1.1 Million as part of this tranche of funding.

**Griffen Traffic Management:** Following representations, the council confirmed they will install a yellow box to assist traffic exiting Griffen Glen Avenue onto Griffen Avenue.

## Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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**Regulation of Cannabis Bill:** Last week the government disappointingly put a timed motion of nine months on a bill that would amend the Misuse of Drugs Act for simple possession of cannabis for adult use. The bill if enacted would prevent people from been criminalised for possession of small amounts of cannabis for personal use. Recently the Citizens Assembly on Drug Use recommended drug decriminalisation for personal possession. There will be now a special Oireachtas committee formed in the next few months to examine the CA's report.

## Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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**Road Marking Improvements:** Council management has agreed to my request to reassess road markings on Newcastle Castle Road (south direction). The review will address challenges posed by the bus lane, merging lane, and right-turning traffic into Adamstown. With current markings in place for years, this revision is imperative due to evolving traffic patterns and increased road usage.

**Lucan Library** offers 15 bookable study desks to optimise your study space. Don't forget to reserve yours in advance with your library card. Additionally, the library provides a

complimentary 3D printing service for all users. Further details are available on their Facebook page or by visiting in person.

**Mobile Clinics:** For in-person discussions, schedule an appointment by contacting me directly. Stay informed about clinic updates through my social media platforms. Visit [lionaotoole.com](http://lionaotoole.com) for comprehensive contact details.

Need community clean-up materials? Contact me for prompt assistance.

## Lucan Library – February Events

### Mid Term Activities

**Friday 16th February:  
10am - 12noon - Drop in  
Chess for Children!**



Come alone or bring a friend. All welcome, boards will be set out in the seminar room.

**1pm - 3pm - Card Swop!** Bring along your Pokemon, Match Attax cards and see if you can swop for new ones! All welcome.

**Art and Creativity with Elena Buttner for 9 – 12-year-olds. Thursday 22nd February,  
3.30pm - 4.30pm.** Booking essential via Lucan



Library Eventbrite from Thursday 15th February at 3.30pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/art-and-creativity-with-elena-at-lucan-library-for-9-12-years-tickets-798870482117>

### Events for Younger Children:

**Storytime** – Our regular Story-Time continues on TUESDAYS at 3pm. All welcome!



**Musical Tots** with Karen Donnellan. Saturday 24th February at 10.30am. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Saturday 17th February at 10.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-with-karen-at-lucan-library-tickets-793419177117>

### Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Monday Lunchtime: Monday 26th February, 12noon



Junior Book Club: Wednesday 28th February 3.30pm

Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday 28th February, 7pm

Young Adult Book Club: Saturday 24th February, 3pm



## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Notice

Lucan Sarsfields has recently moved from ClubForce to ClubZap. Going forward it can be used for club communications, to pay and renew membership and to play the lotto. It will also provide our members with both match fixtures and results. We encourage all our members to download ClubZap.



### Football

**We are looking for a management team for the Junior A Footballers.** If you or anyone you know might be interested in helping in any capacity, please contact Gerry McAndrew (0851744627) or David Herlihy (0873416702).

### Juvenile

Our 2016 Girls had their first training session as U8's after finishing in the Academy. It was great to see so many happy faces, long may it last! Best of luck to the girls and their management and we hope they have many enjoyable years ahead representing the club.



### Academy

Our Academy is on every Saturday morning from 9-11am and provides a great opportunity to get involved in Gaelic, Hurling and Camogie. It is open to children born in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. Training times are age dependent, please contact our club Games Promotion Officer, Alan O'Neill - 0871213587

### Social

The Junior C Footballers are hosting a table quiz in the club on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February at 8pm. €10 a head payable on entry. To register a team, contact Michaela – 0868508553.

**The GAA national draw tickets** are being distributed to teams to sell and they can also be purchased on ClubZap. The club has decided to add an extra prize for ticket sales. The adult and juvenile teams who sell the most tickets can earn up to €1,000 for their team.

**Our Annual Awards Night** will take place on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February at 8pm in the clubhouse. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**The Cúpla Focal Club** started on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of January from 8-9pm and will continue every Monday. This is a great opportunity to learn Irish. All welcome.

### Healthy Club

We are taking part in the Irish Life 'Every Step Counts' Challenge again this year. We encourage all our members to sign up via the Irish life app. This is a great opportunity to exercise and with the change of winning some money for the club. From Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of January at 7:30pm we will be doing 'Ireland Lights up' for 6 weeks. This is an initiative with Operation Transformation to get groups of people to walk and talk in a safe environment during the dark

winter evenings. We hope to see you all there every Wednesday.



### Lotto

No Winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €3,800. The Numbers were **3, 4, 13, 20.**

**The lucky dip prizes** go to Pat O'Keefe, Cró Dooley, Paul Heneghan, Jenny McGowan, Stapleton Family

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €4,200. The draw is sponsored by John Ryan, Accountant and will be led Gerry

McAndrew.



**Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.**

# SPORTS

## LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### Winter League

Week four of the Winter League was played in windy but dry weather conditions this weekend. Again, we had some very closely contested matches. Group A – saw New Faces beating the Dan Dans 9 points to 3. Next week will see New Faces versus the Odd Balls for runner up in the section. The Murphs are running away with top spot. Group B saw the Poppys beating the Knee Knockers 8 points to 4 points and Flynn's Flyers beating McCann Cans 9 points to 3 points. Next week sees three teams fighting for runner up in the group – interesting times ahead. Group C saw the Philipos beating the Dream Team 7 points to 5 points and the Keeghams beating Rooney's Rogues 7 points to 5 points. It is very hard to say who will come out of this section - it is very close and will go down to the last putt next Sunday. Group D saw Coogan's Bluff beating the Barbarians 7 points to 5 points and the Tractormen beating Paddy's Pirates 11 points to 1 point. Again, this section is very close to call as to who will end up the winner and runner up. It was great to see Peggy Croke up supporting Paddy's Pirates – good to see you out and about Peggy. It is a pity that Paddy's Pirates let you down!!!! The ladies secured two scalps this week with Sandra Keogh beating Michael Byrne and Trish Tully beating Alex Keegan. Best of luck next week ladies – we have four chances to take scalps –so make the best of these chances. Thank you to Halpenny Golf for continuing their sponsoring of this competition

### Membership Fees

Membership Fees can be paid on a Sunday morning at the club house to any committee member or you can pay on line ensuring you quote your name and registration number.

### New Members Welcome – Adults and Juveniles

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



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

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

### Function Room for Hire

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

### Music

We have music on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February to celebrate Valentine's night– commencing at circa 9.30pm. Come along and support your club and celebrate a special Valentine's party.



## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Lucan Harriers were well represented at the Raheny 5 mile which took place on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The first big road race of the year with 4720 finishers.



**First home for Lucan Harriers was Dylan Wright**, who came in at an impressive 6th in place in the race in 24.25.

**First female was Mary Browne** who finished Age Category 1st in 36:06 (22 seconds off her 25:46PB last year). Fantastic running by all 19 Lucan Harriers who attended the race.





## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

### Comórtas Scileanna

Comhghairdeas le na buachaillí a ghlac páirt inár gcomórtas scileanna thar an Nollaig. Bhí sé iontach na físeáin a fheiceáil. Ba mhaith linn comhghairdeas a ghabháil leis na buaiteoirí seo a leanas

Ruadhán - Liathróid

Ben - Shinguards

Sean - Mala

Fionn O'B - Stocaí

Harry - Stocaí

Lorcan O'B - Láimhíní

Fionn Mac - Bosca Seacláid

Finn - Bosca Seacláid

Liam - Bosca Seacláid

Tá an-áthas orainn a fheiceáil an dul chun cinn agus an díograis atá ag na buachaillí anois. Tá a fhios againn go mbainfidh siad tairbhe as a bheith ag cleachtadh sa bhaile, fiú cúpla nóiméad gach lá leis an gcamán nó liathróid.



### Buachaillí F12 - Iomáint

Lá crua do na leaids inniu ar an dara lá den blitz iomána.....bhí an dá fhoireann a imríomar in aghaidh inniu i ranna níos airde ná sinne, agus cé gur chailleamar na cluichí bhí siad fós an-iomaíoch.

Moladh go leor ár n-imreoirí ó na cóitseálaithe eile....go háirithe faoi fheidhmíocht iontach cúl

báire ó Conor Sheehan agus taispeántas cumhachtach lár páirce ó Rhys Reilly.

An tseachtain seo chugainn beimid ag cur tús lenár dturas chuig an saol iomaíoch F12 CLG...mar sin ar ais ag traenáil arís Dé Máirt!!!



### Fun Quiz!

All the answers are Irish Counties!

1. Bottle Top
2. It sounds very noisy
3. The candle is nearly out
4. Rice Milk
5. Cut back the sheltered side
6. Very sad
7. Four flat tyres
8. Uncle Sam's mayonnaise
9. A honey drink not in the Orient
10. An insect on the side of a wheel
11. It sounds terribly English
12. The Irish race is very ordinary
13. Rope or lead for a dog
14. Try one up north
15. A girl's name
16. Murder Pat, the broadcaster
17. Dr. Rye practises here
18. What the little boy calls to his mother



Answers: Cork, Louth, Wicklow, Limerick, Leitrim, Down, Carlow, Mayo, Meath, Antrim, Offaly, Roscommon, Laois, Tyrone, Clare, Kilkenny, Derry, Armagh.

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Our theme for the month of February is “New and Old Together” and Anna had a novel way of capturing the concept with her photograph taken in the vicinity of Fishamble Street.

Joe captured a crocus popping its head up in Chalet Gardens.

Donal was down along the North Wall and amongst the photos he submitted is one looking back towards the city that captures the Samuel Beckett Bridge, a rotatable bridge built in 2009, the new Central Bank Headquarters, the National Conference Centre, in the distance Liberty Hall, constructed between 1961 and 1965, and the Spire completed in January 2003 – how time flies!



Our ace nature Photographer, Conor, submitted what he called a “Sanderling doing the splits”. The Sanderling is a complete migrant, travelling from 3,000 to 10,000 km from its breeding grounds to its wintering sites.



We also had some photographs from Italy including one of the Pantheon in Rome, a former Roman temple and since AD 609 a Catholic church. It is one of the best-preserved of

all Ancient Roman buildings, in large part because it has been in continuous use throughout its history. Since July 2023 visitors to the Pantheon are being charged an admission fee of €5 per person unless you are a citizen of Rome, under 25 (€3) or attending mass! Proceeds from the new entry fee are being split, with the Italian Culture Ministry receiving 70 per cent to help cover maintenance and cleaning costs and the remainder going to the Rome diocese.

*Until next week stay safe!*