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## Here Comes Spring!

St Brigid's day heralds the beginning of the season of spring; the season of new growth and new hope as buds push through the hard ground of winter and reach for the growing energy provided by the increasing sunlight. We continue to shiver in the residual winter chill while watching the mornings and evenings fill with greater brightness. The ongoing cycle of new life emerges from the decayed mulch of yesteryear nourishing new growth which will flourish gradually until beautiful shapes, colours, sounds, fresh foliage, new animal life, etc. fills our natural environment again.



St Brigid comes with the freshness of spring along with a newness for her own time which inspires newness in our own time. It is amazing that one who lived more than 1,600 years ago could have a message for us today. St Brigid was born in 454 and chose to live a life dedicated to caring for those in need and for the sick while bringing the Good News of the Gospel to all whom she encountered. St Brigid was brave and inventive as evidenced in her setting up of monasteries in times when such endeavours were the preserve of male heirs. St Brigid recognised those in need and made an appropriate response.

St Brigid is frequently described as a goddess in modern jargon by her association with spring and the strength of women. However, there is more strength and inspiration in the image of St Brigid as a woman rooted in her time and inspired to go beyond restraining limits endeavouring to find new ways to serve the needs of people of the time. Raising St Brigid to 'goddess' image places her beyond what is humanly attainable rather than allowing us to integrate her resilience, vision and hope into our own lives and culture.

Every human being is born with the innate desire to bear fruit and to leave something enduring beyond ourselves. Our basic existential purpose drives us beyond frustrations to use all that we have been given to make a difference in the world. The danger in today's world is that we have the intellectual and material power to make differences that destroy rather than build unless we reopen ourselves to serve the corporate good keeping the needs of the most vulnerable at the fore. The greatest challenge lies in the fact that our actions now reach beyond our immediate place of belonging so that we need to hold a universal as well as local, national and global view.

St Brigid found fruitfulness in her care of the vulnerable, the setting up of monasteries and places of prayer. St Brigid had Gospel rooted values; not values which swayed with the wind without a lynchpin. Whatever response we make to the needs of today, they must be rooted in values of an enduring quality rather than from a reactive or defensive stance.



What are the roots that hold us firm on our journey as individuals and community today? Where lies our fundamental purpose in our world today, as that fundamental purpose or root system will be the place from which we gain sustaining nourishment or destructive energy. May St Brigid inspire us to be relevant today so that we may find our way out of the protective darkness of winter to give birth to manifold forms of new life!

*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

## Cost of Living Measures in Budget 2024

Once-off double week in January 2024

A once-off double week for all weekly qualifying social welfare payments will be paid in the week beginning 29 January 2024. Payments that qualify for the Christmas Bonus will qualify for the once-off double week.



### Help with energy costs

You will get €450 off your domestic electricity bills. This energy credit will be paid in 3 instalments of €150 in:

December 2023

January 2024

March 2024

The reduced 9% VAT rate for gas and electricity will be extended for 12 months to 31 October 2024.

The temporary excise rate reductions on auto diesel, petrol and marked gas oil that were due to expire on 31 October 2023 will be extended until 31 March 2024.

## Brown Bin Collection

Bin collection services provide households with a brown bin to collect and recycle many types of organic waste. Your brown bin waste is sent for composting or anaerobic digestion within Ireland. Anaerobic digestion is when food and garden waste is turned into bio-gas, which can generate electricity.

Since 1 January 2024, your bin collection company must give you a brown bin and arrange to collect your brown bin. This applies to all households in Ireland, except households on offshore islands.

A period of time has been given to bin collection companies to arrange for the extension of their brown bin service to more households. Until then,

you can contact your current waste collector and let them know you want a brown bin collection service. Check what waste providers are available in your local area



### What can go in the brown bin?

You can put all food waste except cooking oils into the brown bin. This even includes dairy products, eggs, raw and cooked meat, fish and bones. You can also put food-soiled paper napkins, paper towels and pizza boxes into the brown bin with your household food waste. Waste from your garden can also be put in the brown bin, for example grass clippings and leaves.

Check the food waste FAQs on [waste.ie](http://waste.ie). Some bin collection companies may need you to separate garden brown bin waste from food brown bin waste. Check with your bin collection company.

### Do I have to use a brown bin?

You must separate your food and garden waste from other recycling waste and from general or landfill rubbish. Instead of a brown bin, you can use your food and garden waste to make compost at home or bring it to a civic amenity service. Your bin collection company must keep a record of customers who don't use their brown bin collection; your local authority can access this. If you choose not to have your organic waste collected, you will have to write to your bin collector with details of how you manage your food waste. This page will be updated as more details become available.

**Read more information about the expanded brown bin service on [waste.ie](http://waste.ie).**

## 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://lucanstpatricksday.org/>

Places are limited, so don't delay!

## Chess Class for Seniors

The Chess Class for Seniors in St. Mary's Parish Centre is going very well and we would like to take the opportunity to thank Lucan Lions Club and Lucan Credit Union for their sponsorship which went towards keeping the course fees at an affordable level.

*Joanna*



*Chess Class for Seniors with teacher Vitali*

## People's Art & Craft Fair Lucan

in  
Canon Despard Centre  
Chapel Hill,  
Lucan

Bank Holiday  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb  
11am - 5pm



Please come along,  
support local Artist and Crafters,  
enjoy a Cuppa and maybe win a Prize!

Everyone are welcome!

In aid of Alice Leahy Trust  
(Supporting Homelessness)

## Minder & Toddler Group



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

## 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.

## Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February: Social Morning and Lunch in the Spa Hotel, 10.30 to 2.30pm.



Happy 13th Birthday  
to our grandson **Sean**  
on 4th February.



*Lots of love from Nanny and Grandad  
Cummins.*



Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie).

# Parish Notes

# February

## St Mary's, Lucan

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

**Sunday Mass Times:** Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

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

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



### St. Mary's Readers' Roster

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

for inspection in the sacristy.

**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.*

**Deepest Sympathy** to the wife, family and friends of **James Sheridan**, Beech Park, and to the family and friends of **Stephanie Flannery**, Lucan Lodge N.H.  
*May they rest in peace.*



### Scriptural Reading (Lectio Divina):

*John 14:16 "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

Hearing and listening are two different things. Listening requires a conscious effort to focus one's attention on something we are hearing and try to interpret or understand what is being said, whereas hearing is a passive process that occurs automatically. Very often when we are familiar with something, as in the Gospels, we hear rather than listen to the message. By re-reading slowly, meditating on and contemplating the message of the Gospels, Lectio Divina affords us a method of listening to, rather than just hearing, our Lord's word.

**Meetings** are held in the Bungalow, every **Monday night between 7.30 and 8.30pm** when we reflect on the following Sunday's gospel. All are welcome. *John McCrory*

**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.*



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)

## Community Connect

**Drive & Drop Event 10<sup>th</sup> March 11- 1 pm**  
**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.*



## 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).

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society:** St Joseph's Young Priests Society has been set up in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan **for all the Lucan parishes**. We meet up on the first Wednesday of each month for one hour at 10.40am. **Our next meeting is on the 7<sup>th</sup> February**. We would like to invite new members to join our special group praying for vocations and for our priests. *We have tea and cake provided before the meeting.*

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

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

**Sunday Mass Times:** 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.  
**The 10.30am Family Mass** is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Every year we receive a donation from **Lucan Community College** and this year it amounted to €2,000.

The Conference wish to acknowledge and thank the students for this very generous donation.



**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.

# Anniversaries

## MAY McNALLY

### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 2<sup>nd</sup> February

We miss your hugs at Christmas  
We miss your smile at Easter  
We miss your chats  
And days out at summer time  
But most of all Mam, we miss you.  
Thinking of you on your 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
Remembering **Dad** too.  
*Love from all your family*



## LARRY O'TOOLE

### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 30<sup>th</sup> January

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandad.  
Late of Ballyfermot and Lucan.  
We little knew that day  
God was going to call you home  
In life we loved you dearly  
In death we do the same  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
You did not go alone  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home  
You left us beautiful memories  
Your love is still our guide  
And although we cannot see you  
You are always by our side  
Our family chain is broken  
And nothing seems the same  
But as God calls us one by one  
The chains will link again.  
*Loved and missed every day, your loving wife  
June, children Steven, Lyndsey, Danielle and  
Lorcan, grandchildren Madison, Georgia, Jake,  
Mason and Stevie x*

## LARRY O'TOOLE

### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 30<sup>th</sup> January

Ballyfermot and Lucan.  
In loving memory of a beautiful son and brother. Late Sarsfield Park.  
May the winds of Heaven blow softly  
And whisper in your ear  
How much we love and miss you  
And wish that you were here  
Always loved, never forgotten, forever missed.  
*Love always, Mam xx  
Yvonne, Tommy, Gemma, Marie, Martin,  
Margaret, Eoghan and all your nieces, nephews,  
brothers and sisters in law xxxxxx*



## EOIN COLLINS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary - 1<sup>st</sup> February

Treasured memories of a dear son and brother.  
Forever in our thoughts and prayers.

## MARY ANN MARTEN

### 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 31<sup>st</sup> January

In loving memory of my dear Mother.  
Always in our hearts.  
Will those who think of her today  
A little prayer to Jesus say.  
*Sadly missed by Tony and Kathleen and family*

## JIM SMITH

### 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 6<sup>th</sup> February

Needless to say you were the best father  
And husband anyone could wish for  
You are still bright in our hearts.  
*Always missed by your loving wife Eileen and  
sons Joseph and James*

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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)

## PILGRIMAGE – Medjugorje 2024

Pilgrimage departing 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024.  
7 nights - €750 pps including insurance.  
€50 discount if booked and €200 per person deposit paid if booked before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

Terms and conditions apply. Please contact Pat on 087 2238911 or Marian Pilgrimages on 01 8788159 and say you are travelling with Pat. If you are **thinking** of joining a pilgrimage to Medjugorje in 2024, please contact Pat. No commitment needed and no money required at this stage. Information will be used to plan May and October pilgrimages.



### Welcome Spring!

We hope all enjoy this bank holiday weekend – it's high time we had a few festive days remembering St. Brigid, and of course welcoming Spring.

The Wonderful Barn up the road in Leixlip is the location for the **Mother Earth Festival** – it looked great on RTE's Nationwide last Wednesday – well done to all involved!

### Wonder how much the fine is for defacing road / traffic signs!!!



The above sign is at The Paddocks is like this the past few weeks. We've blotted out the phone number so as not to give the culprits free advertising, but you have to wonder how hard it can be to track them down. The fines must not be hefty enough, as this problem continues all over Lucan.

Date for your diary .....

## Table Quiz

in aid of

## Nagarhope

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



## Winter Memories Jan 2024

### Recalling a sojourn in Wicklow: –

Distant Landscapes through transparent trees and frosted hedgerows.

At the passage of night, ice-fog swathes the forests in shimmering veils while the filigreed stands of ancient birch – silvered, arched and still, cast a cloak of iridescence upon the wanderer fox-a spectral hunter.

And recollecting with gratitude a time of sky watching in our uplands as stars split the heavens with jewelled light and a vixen's call rents the stillness of the land .....

Then an arch of a night-flight com-trail passing.

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – Two masons restoring old stone wall sing lime mortar from end of Tandy's Lane towards Village and telling stories of such walls (*N.B. not Lucan House wall*)

Through all the seasonal humours – to brightening days, may we hold the grace to look up and out to our Spring coming and say with hope and love 'Welcome'.

(*after M. Angelou*)

### Happy St. Brigid's Festival.

*Brida L.C.*



## No Time to Pray

So many times I hear people say:

"We are so busy, and have no time to pray."

Yet, there we are sitting in front of the screen,

texting or playing – you know what I mean.

Why is it so hard to set aside time,

To find solitude and pray for a sign?

Why do we struggle with boredom each day,

yet, not bother taking ten minutes to pray?

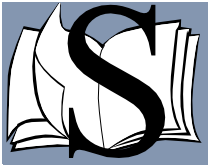
A so many hours are wasted each week, When we could be praying for the answers we seek.

So let's make a plan, at the start of each day,

To make time for God and in that time – Pray.

*Angela Harvey Pitcher.*





# SCHOOL NEWS



been selected to play in the SAFIB Centenary Shield series for Ireland against Scotland, Northern Ireland, England and Wales. Good luck Edvinas!

## Lucan Community College

**LCA Success:** A huge congratulations to Dylan Harford and Hannah Lynch who completed Leaving Certificate Applied in 2023 & were awarded with Fergal Quinn Awards for full marks in examinations. They were joined at a ceremony in Athlone on Saturday by LCA Coordinator, Imelda Higgins.



**Thanks to Tesco!** Lucan Community College received €570 from Tesco Adamstown during the week. Combined with the €873 we received from Tesco Hillcrest earlier in the year, this gives us a total of €1,443 to spend on vital resources for our school community. Thanks to our local community and Tesco. Mr Foley is pictured collecting the cheque from Tesco Adamstown.



**5th Year Student's Football Success:** Congratulations to 5th Year student Edvinas Jakas who made his debut for the Ireland u18s schools team last weekend against Australia. Edvinas has



**BT Young Scientist Trip for First Years:** Our First Years enjoyed a fantastic day out to the BT Young Scientist Exhibition in recent weeks with their teachers. A great day was enjoyed by all and the students were commended for their excellent behaviour and participation!



## 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.

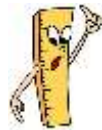
For more details, contact [lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie](mailto:lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie) or call (01) 6283557.





## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Religion:** As part of Catholic Schools week, which ran from Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> until Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January, all of our Junior Religion classes had specific lessons based on the various themes of the week. The overarching theme was Catholic Schools as Communities of Service with five different sub-themes to be explored in each class: Service in our community of friends, school community, family community, local community and our faith community. There were excellent lesson plans, tailored to suit all different types of classes, available on the ERST website which the religion teachers made great use of. It was a productive week of reflection, contemplation, discussion and engagement which the students and teachers embraced with sincerity, interest and enthusiasm.



**Soccer:** Our u15 soccer team suffered an agonising 7-6 extra-time defeat against Hartstown CS in their Dublin West League 1-4 final play-off last week. Lucan struggled to deal with the electric Hartstown number 9, an Irish international whose pace, power and skill were at a level above everyone else on the pitch and he ended the game with a remarkable 6 goals, Sean Connell (2), Alex Clare (2) and Alex Kennedy scored the Lucan goals (plus an og).

**Basketball:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> yr basketball teams began their East Boys "A" League campaign last Thursday with their opening group games against Moyle Park. The 1<sup>st</sup> yrs were beaten 39-32, with a disastrous 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-4 (which they lost 20-2) costing the team any chance of victory. Mamadu Bah impressed for Lucan with 15 points while Rían Daly also played well as he scored 6 points. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> yrs were also beaten as they lost 28-7 with Omar Wan and Nabil Modh Rozin getting the Lucan scores. Both teams were out again on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January as they faced Coláiste Chiaráin, Leixlip in their 2<sup>nd</sup> group stage matches. Our 1<sup>st</sup> yrs were beaten 31-25 while our 2<sup>nd</sup> yrs lost in agonising fashion as they went down 24-23 in a dramatic and exciting encounter. Both teams have two more group matches to play but it is likely that they both miss out on qualification for the next round and instead advance to the Plate play-offs.



**Football:** Our u16 football team advanced to the Dublin League semi-finals after defeating Gaelcoláiste Reachrann 4-07 to 3-08 in a pulsating game. Lucan made the better start as Ciarán Deegan scored two goals in the opening 10mins as the team established a 3 point lead at half-time. Adam Young saved a penalty in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half as Gaelcoláiste Reachrann fought hard to get

overturn the deficit but it was Lucan who successfully converted from the spot soon after when Michael O' Brien slotted home to maintain the team's advantage. With a slender two-point lead in the final minute, Lucan's opponents had a great chance to win the game but Adam made another stunning save as he palmed the ball away brilliantly when a goal seemed certain. Lucan held on to claim a hard-earned victory with their next match to take place after the mid-term break. Our 1<sup>st</sup> yr football team began their League campaign with a fine 6-07 to 4-05 victory over Coláiste Cois Life on Tuesday in their 1<sup>st</sup> group game. Bobby Guy, Aaron Farrell, Finn Garner and Alex McMahon got the majority of the Lucan scores.

**Lions Club:** The school received a lovely letter of thanks from Geraldine Moran, the secretary of the Lucan Lions Club, this week. In it, she extended her appreciation for all those who contributed to the collection of food items in December. Well done again to our 1<sup>st</sup> yrs who were extremely supportive of this wonderful initiative in the school.

**Model UN Club:** Last weekend, our school Model UN club attended the Blackrock College Model United Nations Conference, ROCKMUN, representing Ecuador. The Delegation consisted of Aidan Hamill, Alex D'Alba, Tom Doran, Cillian Lawlor, Eoin McGarty, Freddie Molloy Tabib Haque. There were 25 schools in attendance at the conference, representing almost 40 countries in all. Each country had a member in each of the different committees, such as DISEC (Disarmament and International Security), SPECPOL (Special Political and Decolonisation), Security Council and more.

During committee session, resolutions were put forward and how to resolve each of the committee's respective issues, the resolutions were debated, amendments were submitted, and the resolutions were finally voted on. Freddie Molloy, representing us in the Health and Youth Committee, put forward an excellent resolution on The Question of the Protection of Adolescents from Disinformation on Social Media, which in a stunning achievement passed unanimously.

After committee, the General Assembly was held, in which all countries debated a number of the resolutions that passed. Alex D'Alba and Tabib Haque each delivered excellent Points of Information during the often heated debates. Everyone loved the experience at ROCKMUN and the participants all learned a lot from it. They are looking forward to their next conference at Wesley College after the mid-term break in February.

## St. Joseph's College

### St. Brigid, TY and Timahoe National School's Fundraising Campaign:

As part of Catholic Schools Week TY students were excited to help in the making of St. Brigid crosses for a fundraising campaign at Timahoe National School, in Co. Kildare. Ms. McMahon, Ms. Carey and Ms. Dunne's TY classes collaborated with Ms. Halpin to make 130 crosses from rushes. St. Brigid is one of Ireland's national saints. This was a very timely exercise with a public holiday celebrated on the 6th of February honouring St. Brigid, fast approaching.

**LCVP with Vicki Casserly:** As a follow up to the LCVP classes investigating Lucan village last week, local councillor Vicki Casserly visited the school during the week. She spoke to our 5<sup>th</sup> year LCVP students about the developments in the village and answered student questions in relation to transport, enterprise, tourism, educational institutions, recreation in Lucan.

**West Leinster Cross country championships:** Congratulations to all the athletes who took part in the West Leinster cross country championships in the Phoenix Park on Friday. We had over 40 girls running in all competitions. The Junior team were very successful coming 2nd in the team event which means they go through to the Leinster Finals in February. Well done to Ana Jones, Poppy Lyons Kennedy, Isabelle Lyons Kennedy, Maia Hannon, Hannah O'Brien, Ellen, Kenny, Siofra Gough and Aimee Sheriff. We look forward to seeing you all in the Leinster championships.



**5<sup>th</sup> year Art trip:** 5th Year Art Students visited the 'Zurich Portrait Prize' exhibitions, the 'Turner and Coastal Scenes' exhibition and saw Impressionist and Post Impressionist paintings in the European Rooms. They also visited the Drawings and Prints Room where curator, Niamh MacNally, showed them drawings from the

1800s. Niamh also spoke about her job as a curator in the gallery.

**Debating team:** Huge congratulations to our Senior Debating Team who have now progressed to the knockout round of 32. They are in action again next week arguing against the motion that '*Volunteerism does more harm than good for communities in the global south.*' We are very proud of their achievement as over 180 schools began this competition last October.



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**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

Sister Sheds  
LCVP  
Adamstown Youth & Community Centre  
Health, Dublin County Council

## Lucan Library – February Events

### Please Note:

**February Bank Holiday Hours:** Please note that Lucan Library will close on Friday 2nd February at 4.30pm and reopen on Tuesday 6th February at 9.45am.

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.

### Ireland Reads - national celebration of reading on Saturday 24th February.

Libraries all over Ireland are asking people to "squeeze in a read" this February as part of the national celebration Ireland Reads! Come along and use your library card - or renew it if it has been a while since you visited us!



### Thursday 22nd February, 7pm. Bookstagram!

Social media influencers Sinead and Chloe (@tiremammybookclub and @nursefancypants) return by popular demand with more chat about books and lots more recommendations. Booking essential via Eventbrite via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/bookstagram-chloe-cowman-and-sinead-cuddihy-return-for-ireland-reads-tickets-810551079097>



### Celebrating St Brigid's Day

St Brigid's Day falls on 1st February. Ask at Desk for a St Brigid's Activity Sheet, with information about St Brigid, colouring sheets and puzzles.

### Poet's Perch. New Poetry Circle for Adults - Tuesday 6th February 7pm

Led by amateur poet Natalie Ryan, this new group is for everyone with an interest in Poetry. Feel free to bring along one of your poems to share with the group. All levels welcome.



### Clever Little Handies with Claire Glynn

**4 weeks: Tuesday 6th / 13th / 20th / 27th February, 10am - 10.30am.** Clever Little Handies is an award-winning baby sign class for parents with babies from newborns up to wobblers. Booking essential via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/clever-little-handies-baby-isl-4-week-course-tickets-782031797157>  
*Please do not book if you cannot attend all 4 sessions.*



### Afternoon Tea at the Library for Adults

Wednesday 7th February 2.30pm  
With our February exhibition telling the story of Bewley's since 1840, we are having Afternoon Tea to celebrate! Please register at desk to book a place.



### Table Quiz for Adults

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2pm – 4pm. Ask at library desk to book your place or contact us by phone.



### St Valentine's Day Card Kits.

Make a light-up card for someone you love! LED Card Kits available for children. Book a kit via Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/valentines-day-card-kits-for-children-tickets-810287771537>

*Kits can be collected at the Library from Wednesday 7th February during library opening hours.*

### 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 Swap!** Bring along your Pokémon, Match Attax cards and see if you can swap 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>

**Toddler Time** with Sarah Sparkles. Thursday 29th February at 10am. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Thursday 22nd February at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-at-lucan-library-with-sarah-sparkles-tickets-808998756057>

**Lucan Library Knitters Club** - Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new member's welcome.

**Lucan Library Creative Writers Group** - Thursdays 1st and 15th February, 10am – 12noon. New members welcome

### Lucan Library Classic Film Club

#### February Film: The Seven Year Itch

Tuesday 27th February 5.30pm  
Register at Library Desk.



**Exhibitions: Bewley's Since 1840** - on library landing. **St Mary's Camera Soiree** – photographic exhibition along back walls



# Political Notes

## Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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**Lucan Pool site visit:** I have put together a brief report from my notes which can be accessed on my social media and am happy to answer questions by phone as well. The delays are incredibly frustrating, but the facility is very impressive and will be a huge asset when it is open. We expect to receive a final completion and opening date before the end of February.

**Double yellow lines in Earlsfort:** I was delighted to see that the double yellow lines on Earlsfort Avenue have been reinstated following a representation I made (and followed up on). Thanks to those residents who raised it with me.

**Tenderfoot Drama Workshop:** I was delighted to attend the Civic Theatre in Tallaght last weekend for the Tenderfoot Programme of plays presented by Transition Year students from South Dublin County including Lucan Community College and Coláiste Cois Life.

## Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner. Tel: 0858317982.

[vcasserly@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie](mailto:vcasserly@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie)

**Old School Masters House Lucan Village:** I've received a number of enquiries regarding status of the sale to South Dublin County Council, the last update as provided by manager informs me that South Dublin County Council await engagement from the vendor side to progress this matter. It is not possible to advise on a completion date at this point.

**Lucan Pool:** The current programmed completion date for Lucan Pool is still under review and is to be confirmed with the contractor and the design team in light of a number of significant milestones which are due in the coming weeks including the delivery and installation of the moveable floor, the main screeding of the pool, tiling packages and the Irish Water drainage connection. We will be able to provide a more reliable programme for overall completion once these milestones are achieved.

## Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

Phone: 085-7211574. Email: [ginokenny@oir.ie](mailto:ginokenny@oir.ie)

### Councillors visit delayed Lucan Pool:

Councillors representing the Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin area were invited to a site visit of the delayed Lucan swimming pool. The visit

included a walk around the building and the overall site. The project has been marred by delays caused by several issues, including supply chain problems, connection to utilities and labour shortages. The project began construction in 2019 and has been highly anticipated by the local community who have been campaigning for decades for a public swimming pool in Lucan. People Before Profit councillor Madeleine Johansson, who attended the site visit, said: "It was great to get the opportunity to go in and see what the building will look like. The quality and standards seem to be very high, and the pool will be an incredible amenity for the community once it's finished."

## Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

01 401 3416. [Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie](mailto:Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie)

**GP Visit Cards:** In November GP visit card eligibility was extended to all those who earn up to the median household income. If your income is above the HSE set basic rate, you may still qualify for a GP visit card after you deduct [allowable expenses](#), for example, mortgage payments, childcare costs and rent. It was estimated that approximately 430,000 persons would become eligible for a GP visit card under this expansion. If you think you might be eligible contact HSE.ie or call my office for details.

**Cost of Living Supports:** This week 1.3 million people including pensioners, carers and those on disability received a double once off payment to help with the cost of living.

**La Féile Bríde:** Clondalkin's St. Brigid's Day Festival Committee have organised several events over the long weekend, culminating with St. Brigid's Way Imbolc Pilgrimage on Monday.

## Sikandar Jahanzab – Fine Gael

Email: [sikandarjahanzab@gmail.com](mailto:sikandarjahanzab@gmail.com)

Phone: 086 894 6974.

**Deposit Return Scheme:** The Deposit Return Scheme will begin on February 1st. When you buy a drink in a plastic bottle or can that feature the 'Re-turn' logo, you pay a small deposit in addition to the price of the drink. When you return your empty, undamaged container to any retail outlet, you get your deposit back in full. Further information is available at [re-turn.ie](http://re-turn.ie).

**Illegal dumping sign:** A number of residents in Earlsfort brought the issue of illegal dumping to my attention. I contacted SDCC have erected a sign at the entrance of the estate.

*Political Notes continued after Sport.....*





## 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:** As we start the new adult football season, we still have some vacancies in the management teams for next year's adult and minor teams. We will field five adult teams and three minor teams in the coming season. We are particularly seeking a management team for the Junior A Footballers. Anyone interested or know anyone who might be interested in being involved in any capacity with any of these teams please contact Gerry McAndrew (085 1744627) or David Herlihy (087 3416702) in the coming days. This could be a very rewarding experience and great craic.

### Juvenile

Our 2016 Boys had their first training session as U8's after finishing in the Academy. It was great to see them out and see smiles all around, despite the weather. Best of luck to the boys and their management and we hope they have many happy years ahead representing the club.



against our near neighbours Celbridge. A huge thank you to Unique Roofing, Centra Griffreen and Feargal McCarthy for their generous sponsorship, ensuring that the teams will look the part representing the club in the months and years ahead!

**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 We are delighted to announce a new joint sponsorship for our Academy. Our current sponsors Lucan District Credit Union will be joined by ABC Gym, forming the LDCU-ABC Academy. A huge thank you for both of your generosity and sponsorship.

### Social:

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 signup 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 €3,400.

The Numbers were **3, 4, 12, 19.**

**The lucky dip prizes** go to Paul

Murray, Tom Kelly, Leah Roche, Nina Healy & Niamh Clandillon



This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €3,800. The draw is sponsored by O'Gradys Hearing Care Service and will be led by Séamus Clandillon.



Our U12 Boys were sporting their new jersey's last weekend in football matches against Thomas Davis and Maynooth, as well as a hurling games

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

## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

**Lucan Harriers Fit4life 10th Birthday Parkrun celebration:** Lucan Harriers Fit4life group met up at Griffeen parkrun to celebrate its 10th birthday on January 20<sup>th</sup>.



*Original Fit4life members from 2014*

A dull grey Saturday morning in Griffeen Park, with the typical morning tranquillity broken at 9am by the arrival of a troop of Lucan Harriers who were out to celebrate Fit4Lifes 10th Anniversary! Photos were taken and memories shared as friends from times gone by reminisced! And then the run began!



*Lucan Harriers 2024 members*

We took the usual Griffeen Park route, head round the Lucan Sarsfields Pitch, heading down hill past the dog park, and heading over the stream using the bridge, we head up hill towards Griffeen Glen, just before we leave the Park, we turn left and run along the copper beech hedge, heading towards the skateboard park, where we turn right back towards the stream, heading for the bridge we crossed earlier, crossing the bridge we use the small bit of momentum, to power up the long hill, heading for the finish line, which is the half way mark, one more lap and we enter the finish chute and cross the line!!!

**First male home for Lucan Harriers: Darragh Scallan: 19:54 a new PB**

**First female: Ana Jones: 21:19 a new PB**

Unfortunately, there are too many names to list everyone individually. Well done to everyone who turned out in the cold wearing the red and black with pride.

**Thank You:** Parkrun organisers and marshals and tail walkers, big thanks also to everyone who stood on the sidelines to cheer on their clubmates. Also it is very much appreciated by all runners.

## AAI Games and Combined Event

**Championships at NIA January 27<sup>th</sup>:** Brilliant running from Dara Donoghue, Benjamin Caullier and Saoirse Fitzgerald at the AI games. A huge PB for Dara running 3.51 for 3rd place and a seasons best for Benjamin running 3.57 in the 1500m. A great run by Saoirse to finish 3rd in 2:08.85 in a race won by Louise Shanahan from Leevale AC in the 800m.



*Benjamin Caullier, Dara Donoghue*

## LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

**Winter League:** Week three of the Winter League was played in much better weather conditions this weekend. Again, we had some very closely contested matches. Group A – saw the Murph's beating New Faces 10 points to 2 and the Oddballs beating the Dan Dans 8 points to 4. The Murph's are certainly going to top this group. Group B had a free week this week, but this group is very close to call as to what teams will qualify out of the section. Group C saw the Philipos sharing the points with Rooney's Rogues 6 points each and the Dream Team beat the Rhinos 8 points to 4. Group D saw Coogan's Bluff beating Paddy's Pirates 10 points to 2 and the Barbarians beating Price's Penguins 8 points to 4.



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## Lucan Pitch & Putt Club cont'd .....

This group is also very close to call as to who will qualify out of the group. The Dream Team had their manager (Christy Dobbs) on the course this week to encourage them along – and they did not let him down with Johnny Price taking the honours with a hole in one on the 5<sup>th</sup> hole. Great to see you back Christy. It was also good to see Peg and John Smith and Adrian Dignam up to support the players.

The ladies secured another three scalps this week with Brenda Purcell beating Dermot Buckley, Marie O’Keeffe beating Ciaran Ennis (Ciaran’s second scalp) and Trish Tully beating Fergal Power.

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 online 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



### Get Well Wishes

We send our sincere best wishes to Angela Shanahan and look forward to seeing her back on the Wednesday mornings. It is great to report that our President Michael Purcell is over his surgery and slowly making progress and we take this opportunity of wishing him well.

### 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.

## Political Notes *continued.....*

### Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

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**Public Lighting** - Lights out in Hillcrest and Arthur Griffith Park were logged with SDCC Public Lighting. It can take approx. 3 to 4 days for the lights to be fixed. Please let me know if there are any issues.

**Roads & Footpaths** - The yellow box at the Esker Lane / Woodville exit has faded and needs to be repainted. The footpath at Esker Lane needs to be repaired on both sides of the road as the condition of the footpath is making it difficult to navigate. These issues have been logged with SDCC.

**Adamstown Garda Clinic** - The Garda Clinic located in Adamstown Community Centre is available on Wednesday's from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. It is a useful resource in reporting and tackling anti-social behaviour and provide people with the opportunity to get forms stamped without having to go to Lucan Garda Station.

### Cllr Paul Gogarty - Independent

and Green-minded Tel: 087-2752489.

E-mail: [info@paulgogarty.com](mailto:info@paulgogarty.com)

**Swimming Pool site visit:** Detailed report on my website. Search “pool site visit”. Disappointed not to be allowed to take photographs, video or even record voice memos, but I managed to take a lot of notes.

**Bus User Survey:** Survey continues. Over 1,100 responses so far. We need more over the next few weeks: [www.bit.ly/BusCorrect](http://www.bit.ly/BusCorrect). I can do this over the phone if anyone isn't IT-literate.

**Footpaths and trees:** Additional funding was provided in the last budget but it's still not sufficient. Some areas will be prioritised in the coming year and there's an update on both areas under “Tree Maintenance” and “Footpath and Road Repair” on my website. I continue to push for other areas not on the list, but it will ultimately depend on what the Council considers to be priority emergency works.

### Cllr Trevor Gilligan PC

**€60K digital town awards:** For more info visit: <https://www.weare.ie/about-ie-digital-town-awards/>. The awards are open to community organisations, town groups, regional or national collaboration projects and individual businesses who can demonstrate implementation and impact of digital strategies.



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The Camera Soiree's exhibition is in full flight in the Lucan Library until the end of February, so do drop in. The Library has put a selection of the photographs that are on display on their Facebook page. The group would like to thank the Library staff for their help in mounting the exhibition.

This week Frances provided the group with a photo of a member of the next generation of photographers who herself features in the exhibition! Paddy managed to capture a full moon over Hillcrest and Donal got some great action photographs on the river.



There isn't enough room to show all the great photographs Conor managed to take of birds of all shapes and sizes. One that particularly appealed to me is his one of the Lapwing and its reflection in the water. There are about 25 different species of this bird. I could be wrong but I think the photograph is of a Northern Lapwing. Back in the 1990s, a committee of the Irish Wildlife Conservancy declared the Lapwing the most suitable candidate to be ordained Ireland's national bird. The reasoning was that on close inspection the bird's plumage "shows a shimmering green iridescence and a snowy white breast and these are augmented by a buff coloured blaze beneath the tail that might, at a stretch, be described as orange"! This designation has no official status.



*Until next week stay safe!*