

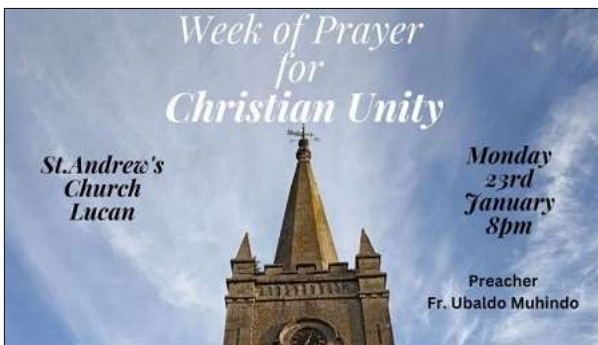


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The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has [a history of over 100 years](#), in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity.

By annually observing the WPCU, from 18 – 25 January, Christians move toward the fulfilment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (*cf. John 17:21*)

Texts are published by the [Dicastery for](#)

[Promoting Christian Unity](#) and the [World Council of Churches](#), through the [WCC's Commission on Faith and Order](#).

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2023 was selected by the Minnesota Council of Churches, USA in the aftermath of the extrajudicial killing of George Floyd and the trial of the police officer responsible for his death. These events brought anguish, but also time for the Christian communities to contemplate ways in which they may be complicit in racial injustice. Christian unity is needed as a source of reconciliation and unity.

The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Book of Isaiah, reflects his concern for the oppressed who suffer from injustice and inequality fed by hypocrisy that leads to disunity. He teaches that God requires righteousness and justice from all of us, to create the peace and unity that God desires. These virtues originate in God's love for all, and racism runs counter to this vision. Isaiah's challenge to do good and seek justice together applies equally to us today.

### **Lucan**

Here in Lucan, the annual service for Christian unity will this year be hosted by St. Andrew's Church of Ireland on **Monday, January 23, at 8 p.m.** We extend an invitation to members of all the denominations of Lucan to join together for this time of shared worship.

Fr. Ubaldo Muhindo, who is curate in both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's parishes has been invited to preach at the service.

St. Andrews is this year celebrating 200 years since it's construction and we take the opportunity to congratulate Rev.Scott Peoples and his parishioners on this milestone in their history.

*Philip Curran*

*Parish Priest*

*St. Mary's and St. Patrick's*

# Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

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

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

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



## Opening hours:

*Walk-ins to see an Information Officer*

Tuesday: 10am - 12pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

## Reception open

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

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

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

**We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.**

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

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

## CAO applications

The closing date for CAO applications is Wednesday 1st February, 2023

## The Minimum wage

Generally, the amount of pay you get for working is agreed between you and your employer. Pay negotiations normally happen when you get a job offer. However, most employees are entitled to a minimum wage under the National Minimum Wage Act 2000. Since 1 January 2023, the national minimum wage is €11.30 per hour. Some people get sub-minimum rates, such as people aged under 20 (see the 'Rates' section on our website).

The national minimum wage does not stop an employer from offering you a higher wage. You cannot agree to be paid less than the minimum wage or to do unpaid work, unless you are employed by a close family relative or are on a recognised apprenticeship.

## Different rates of pay for certain sectors

Employees in certain sectors, such as the security sector and the cleaning sector, have other minimum rates of pay. The rules for these sectors are set out in Employment Regulation Orders (EROs) made by Joint Labour Committees. You can find out more in our page, Employment agreements and orders. More information is available on our website at Minimum wage ([citizensinformation.ie](http://citizensinformation.ie))

## Tax Credit

### What is the Rent Tax Credit?

A tax credit reduces your tax by the amount of the credit.

A new Rent Tax Credit was introduced on 15 December 2022.

You can claim the tax credit for rent payments you made in 2022 by making an income tax return for 2022. The Rent Tax Credit will be available for the years 2022 to 2025.

### How much is the Rent Tax Credit?

The amount of the credit is 20% of your rent payments in the year, up to a maximum credit of:

€500 for an individual

€1,000 for a couple who are jointly assessed for tax

### Can I claim the Rent Tax Credit?

You can claim the credit for rent payments you have made for:

Your home

A second home that you use to take part in an approved course or your work

A property that is used by your child to take part in an approved course, if they are under 23 at the start of their first year

An approved course means a course that is eligible for tax relief on third-level fees.

### Registration of tenancy

Your tenancy must be registered with the Residential Tenancy Board, unless it is a type of tenancy where this is not required, called a licence arrangement. This includes where you are sharing with the owner in a rent-a-room or digs arrangement.

In some cases, only the types tenancies that must be registered with the Residential Tenancy Board are eligible for the credit. This applies if:

You are related to your landlord or

You are claiming for a property that is used by your child

### Exclusions

The tax credit does not apply to payments for:

A security deposit

Repairs or maintenance

Board, laundry or other services

Your landlord must not be:

A housing association or approved housing body

A local authority

Your parent

Your child

For a property that is used by your child to attend a course, the landlord cannot be any relation to you or your child.

You cannot claim the credit if you are getting housing support including:

The Housing Assistance Payment

Rent Supplement

The Rental Accommodation Scheme

Cost rental housing

### How to claim the Rent Tax Credit

You can claim the tax credit for rent paid in 2022 in myAccount: Sign in to myAccount, Go to the 'PAYE Services' section. Click 'Review your Tax 2019–2022' and select 2022, Click 'Request' under the 'Statement of Liability' section, Scroll down to 'Complete your Income Tax Return', Click 'Rent Tax Credit' and complete the requested information.

You can claim the tax credit in 2023 using Revenue's Real-Time Credit facility.

## Greetings from Nepal,

Hope all is well with one and all, deep into midwinter. The last 9 months or so was a busy time for Nagarhope Basic School, as we constructed a 5 roomed earthquake proof Pre-Primary block in Sathikurya.

To date about €58,000 has been spent on construction costs, half of that from the Provincial Government in Nepal, the other half from donations from your good selves, the people of Ireland and beyond. The new facility will be used for the youngest 4 classes, about 70 children between the ages of 2 and 5. Furniture- tables, desks, benches, whiteboards, carpet and painting, are still to be fitted.

Nagarhope Basic School now accommodates for 130 children in total, with 12 staff and a handful of volunteers also giving time on a regular basis. Currently, we are running a 5 day football camp for 20/30 children, teaching them how to shoot, dribble, pass and save. The mornings are cold here but the afternoons are delightful 'til about 3pm, so long as the sun comes out.

After a 2 year hiatus due to the pandemic, fundraising in Ireland has picked up again. A very successful table quiz was held in Lucan HQ, Aka Sarsfields at the tail end of '22, where close to 40 tables battled it out for bragging rights.

And not too far around the corner, another fundraiser is taking place in Lucan SPA hotel. Elvis and the Way it was orchestra featuring Kevin Doyle are supporting this good cause. They've done a few gigs for Nagarhope now, for that we'd like to extend our thanks to the group.

Tickets are on sale now at €35 euros from 191 Beech Park or by ringing either of the following numbers: 087-0666891 or 087-9225103

We, the Nagarhope team would like to extend our thanks to all of our sponsors and donors, well-wishers and friends for your continued unwavering support. Hope to see you all there on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February in the SPA hotel.

*You only pass through this life once, you don't come back for an encore*

*Fachtna "Doc" Clandillon*

## Mother & Toddler Group

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



## Lucan Dramatic Society

Lucan Dramatic Society will be holding open auditions on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th January for Roddy Doyle's **WAR**.



Auditions will take place each evening at 7.30pm at the Lucan SPA Hotel.

All are welcome, we look forward to seeing you there.

*David Doyle PRO, 085 7149623.*



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[adunola.olugboun@foroige.ie](mailto:adunola.olugboun@foroige.ie)

## Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30 and we start with some gentle exercise and then we play bowls, Scrabble and cards, with light refreshments at 1pm approx.

Last Thursday we had a well-attended AGM and the incoming Committee is looking forward to a busy year.



## Parish Notes



### St Mary's, Lucan

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

**Sunday Mass Times:** Saturday 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:** The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, the 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

**Christian Meditation:** We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.

*All welcome, Sr Geraldine.*

**Scriptural Readings:** We meet from **7.30-8.30pm** every **Monday** evening in the Bungalow opposite the church. The group will read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel to get a deeper understanding of the Word of our Lord.

*All are welcome.*

**Visits to the housebound:** If you are housebound you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

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

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

**Legion of Mary:** We meet every Thursday evening at 5.30pm in Room 4 in St Mary's Parish Centre for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

**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 family and friends of **James (Jim) Ryan**, Sarsfield Close

*May he rest in peace.*

## St. Mary's Giving Tree –Thank You!

*Greetings and Blessings to all and wishing you all a very Blessed Year.*

The People of the Leprosy Colony of Malou, South Sudan, would like to Thank You all most sincerely for your kindness and support to them this year, through the Giving Tree Collection. The people I work with are the most vulnerable I have ever met in my time in Africa. Most of the 4900 people I work with are aged and extremely weak. Most of them do not have hands, feet, fingers, toes and are ravaged by constant sickness and disease. The people of the leper colony have suffered a life time of suffering because of the nature of their disease and inability to provide for themselves or work, and in South Sudan it is only the fittest that survive. But I feel very blessed to know these wonderful, kind, special and loving people who I consider to be a huge part of my life.

It is extremely hard to provide food and medicine for so many people, and this past year in particular has been extremely difficult. I currently have little to no support for the people, but your contribution will go a long way to providing Maize, Beans, Salt, Oil and some goats which could see them through for 1 meal a day for 4 months.

I do not know how to tell each and every one of you how grateful I am for your kindness, support and compassion towards them. For any of you who would like to see a more detailed video of the people and my work in South Sudan, please google <https://youtu.be/4iMkoaSEFMk> to see a detailed video of the people and their lives.

*God Bless you all,  
Noeleen Loughran*



The amount raised was €4,565.00 which is a great sum of money for this charity. (Above: Noeleen)



## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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



### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

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)

### Prayers of the Church:

Monday to Friday: 8.40am.

The Church will now be open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm for private prayers.

### Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

**Mon:** 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

**Fri:** 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

**Fri:** 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.

### Legion of Mary:

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church. Their works include visitation of homes, nursing homes, prisons and outreach to the poor. All are welcome.

### The Divine Mercy Family Choir:

Are **looking for new members/families** to join them singing or playing instruments. There are no age limitations for the choirs so all are most welcome to join in with a very welcoming and supportive group. They rehearse on: **Fridays 5pm – 6:30pm. And sing at the: 12 noon Sunday Mass each week.** Anyone who is interested can come along to rehearsal or talk to them after Sunday Mass.

You can also contact Mike/Tina on 086 8608406 or the parish office.

### St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

A new branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society has opened in our parish. We meet once a month and our next meeting is **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30 pm** in Divine Merch Church. The aim of the society is to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life. *All are very welcome and we look forward to seeing you all.*

The Parish office can be contacted at 01 4572900.

### Bingo:

Bingo every **Wednesday at 7.30pm** in the St. John Paul Room Divine Mercy Church. Doors open at 7.00pm. *All welcome.*

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

St Andrew's Church of Ireland,

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 8pm**

**Preacher: Fr Ubaldo Muhindo**

**All Welcome**

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

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

**Sunday Masses:** Vigil Saturday 7pm,  
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 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)**

### 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.

## Lucan Presbyterian Church

Main Street, Lucan, Co. Dublin

**Sunday Morning Worship:** 11am.  
(There's tea and coffee after the service)

Lucan Presbyterian Church is a growing family of Christians who come from a variety of different church backgrounds, traditions and nationalities. Regardless of your age, background, experience or previous church connections you are welcome to come and visit us.

Contact: email: [lucanpresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:lucanpresbyterian@gmail.com)

## St Andrew's Church of Ireland

**St Andrew's, Lucan: Sunday:** 9am and 10am.  
**Wednesday:** 10am

**St Mary's, Leixlip: Sunday:** 11.30am.  
**Tuesday:** 10am

**Services** are available on our parish Facebook pages: [St. Andrew's Church, Lucan](#) or [St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)

# Anniversaries

## KATHLEEN COLLINS

9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 21<sup>st</sup> January

Late Sarsfield Park.

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.  
Forever in our hearts.

*From your daughters Carol Anne and Elizabeth,  
grandchildren and great grandchildren*



## JOHN F McDONALD

9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 23<sup>rd</sup> January

In loving memory of a wonderful husband, father and grandfather.

*Always remembered with love by his wife Clare,  
daughters Joan, Clare, Mary, Emma, Helen and  
son Barry and their families*



## Join your foroige club in Lucan

hang out with friends in  
the community

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adunola.olugboun@foroige.ie

www.foroige.ie

# Pilgrimages

## Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2023

Direct flights from Dublin

15<sup>th</sup> May or 18<sup>th</sup> October for 9 nights was €825 now €775. Single room supplement €180.

15<sup>th</sup> May or 18<sup>th</sup> October for 7 nights was €775 now €715. Single room supplement €140.

Phone Pat Colgan on 087 2238911 or book through Marian Pilgrimages on 01 878 8159 (and say I'm going with Pat Colgan)

## Have you ever dreamed of doing the Camino de Santiago?

[Breakthrough Cancer Research](#) are taking on the Camino Ingles from the 15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.

Enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help us Make More Survivors. For more information please contact [Mary@breakcancer.ie](mailto:Mary@breakcancer.ie) or phone 021 422 66 55 for more details.

A little bit about us [Breakthrough Cancer Research](#) is an Irish medical research charity focused on cancer.

We're based on the Western Road in Cork and fund life-saving cancer research all around the country and work to significantly impact the number of children and adults who can survive this disease. We are particularly focused on improving outcomes for those cancers which are poorly served by current treatment options. Our focus is on cancers with the lowest survival rates that are currently difficult to treat (poorer prognosis cancers).

Currently we are targeting seven cancers: Brain, Liver, Lung, Oesophageal, Ovarian, Pancreatic and Stomach cancer which are responsible for almost half of all cancer deaths in Ireland.

We know research is the only effective way of preventing future deaths from cancer – it is the only proven way to make a difference.



## Accord Marriage Care

Relationship and Marriage Counselling

“If you can't talk to one another talk to us”

Accord Marriage Care, Lucan,  
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### What a cold snap we've just been experiencing!

With the milder weather promised towards the weekend, please God we'll be on the home strait for Spring.

**Room to Improve** – Great work done on the house in Sarsfield Park on last Sunday's programme. Wouldn't we all love to get Dermot in to put a new look on our tired old nests.

**Chinese New Year this Sunday** – We send special wishes to all the Chinese people in Lucan. This year is the year of the Rabbit!

**Free Bike Engraving at Lucan Garda Station** this Saturday from 3pm to 6pm. You can have your Eircode etched on your bike frame. Make sure to bring Identification with you.

## Adult Education

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 2023.

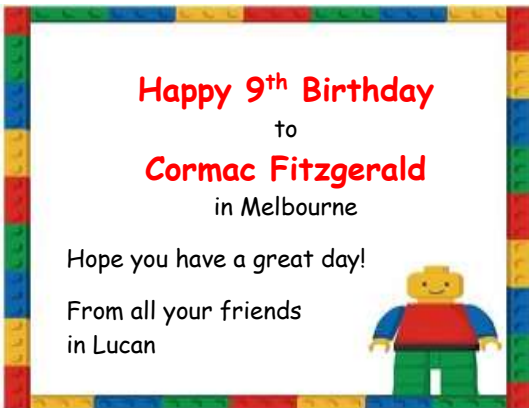
These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours, 1 morning per week.

*The following subjects are available this term:*


- Spanish for Beginners
- Introduction to Microsoft Word
- Improving English and Communication Skills
- Understanding Other Cultures
- Developing your Business English Language Skills
- Working with Microsoft Excel
- Improving Everyday Maths
- Work Experience
- Marketing - Principles, planning & Practice
- Bookkeeping: Manual & Computerised
- Medical Terminology

**For more details**, contact

[alimccann@ddletbaes.ie](mailto:alimccann@ddletbaes.ie) or call (01) 6283557.



**Table Quiz & Raffle**  
in aid of  
**North Kildare (Leixlip) Arch Club**  
*(a voluntary social club for people with disabilities)*



**St. Mary's GAA, Green Lane, Leixlip**  
**Friday 24th February 2023**  
**8 pm, tables of 4 €5pp**

*All support is greatly appreciated*

**WHAT IS DEMENTIA?**  
**DEMENTIA CARE**  
INFORMATION & SUPPORT

Our monthly sessions are intended for all people interested in or affected by Dementia

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**2ND FEBRUARY 2023**

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# SCHOOL NEWS



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Science:** Congratulations to our six participants at the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition 2023 that was held in-person at the RDS last week. There were 550 projects on display and the competition for prizes was fierce. It proved to be a hugely successful event for our students with three well-deserved prizes announced at the Awards Ceremony that was held on Friday evening.

5<sup>th</sup> yrs Taha Fareed Farooqi and Jevin Joy won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the extremely competitive Senior Group Technology Section with their project entitled “*Exploring Opophenia and Pareidolia in Machine Learning and optimising for predicting Stochastic Patterns*” so huge congratulations to them on this fantastic achievement. This is the fourth time Jevin and Taha have qualified for the Young Scientists Exhibition and the third year in a row winning an award so they can be extremely proud of their efforts. They were serious competitors for the overall award this year such was the quality of their project.

2<sup>nd</sup> yrs Hazem Ahmed and Bilal Khan won two awards for their project entitled “*Buy or Rent? A predictive analytical algorithm to predict house prices using machine learning*”. They were awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Junior Group Technology Section which was a great achievement. They also won the “Housing Agency Special Award” for demonstrating the most potential to improve housing quality, supply, access and experience.

Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and Housing Minister Darragh O’ Brien showed great interest in their project and stopped for a few minutes to learn more about it so it was great that their work attracted such high-profile attention. Hazem spoke with such confidence and maturity to them about their research and findings so well done to him.

3<sup>rd</sup> yr students Joel Emmanuel, Rohit Tummala and Eamon Jaber won a Highly Commended Award for their project entitled “*ADHD Academy: A Website that can improve the attention span of students with ADHD*” which was entered in the Junior Group Technology Section.

It was a long four days for all concerned and our students were wonderful ambassadors for the

school throughout as they engaged with the public and faced the media with confidence, charm and good humour. Congratulations to all involved and keep up the scientific investigations! A special word of thanks as usual to Mr. Carey who dedicated a lot of time helping the students prepare, design and set up their projects.



**Study Skills:** Our 3<sup>rd</sup> yrs attended a study skills seminar in the school on Tuesday. The hands-on workshop, run by *On Your Marks*, focused on skills such as memory techniques, revision strategies, note taking, time management tools, goal setting and planning as well as the impact of mobile technology and social media. Each student also received an A4 booklet that contains follow-up activities and further useful study tips and advice.

**Soccer:** Well done to our u15 soccer team who advanced to the 1-4 finals of the Leinster Minor Cup last Friday after defeating Coláiste Éanna, Rathfarnham 3-2 in an exciting and action-packed game. Ben Lawless, Jack Biju and Sam Deegan scored the Lucan goals to secure a hard-fought but well-deserved victory. They are awaiting news of their 1-4 final opponents, with this match to take place in late February, after the mock exams and mid-term break.

**Hurling:** Our senior hurling team have advanced to the Dublin League Final after defeating St. Paul’s College, Raheny 5-14 to 3-11 in their semi-final encounter last week. Eoin Kilduff was particularly influential throughout with his strength in the air and clinical finishing. He amassed an impressive 3-01 to help his team to victory, while Conor Dillon (2-02), Joseph Dunne (0-7) and Darragh Lyons (0-3) all had very good games in the forward line. Liam Garrigan was superb in midfield as he won a lot of 50-50 challenges and launched attacks with his precise delivery and vision. The team will now play Oatlands College in the Final.



## Lucan Community College

**Elvis Gig in aid of Lucan Charity:** One of our teachers, Ms Aoife McKelvey, is an active member of the committee for the Charity Nagarhope Ireland. It is a Lucan-based charity raising funds to school very disadvantaged children in Nepal. To date this amazing charity has raised over €100K in funds.



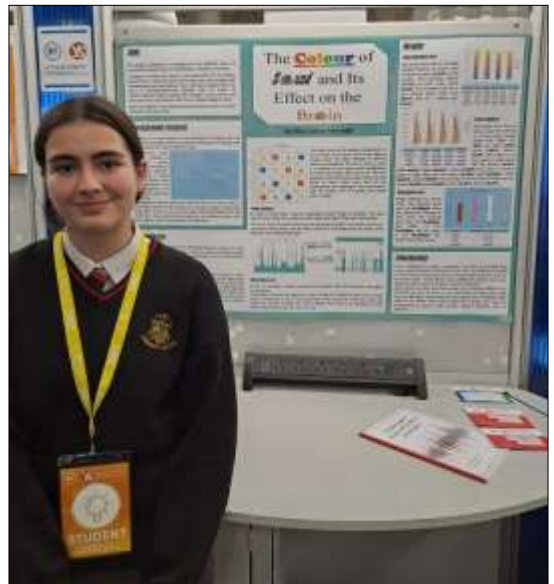
Their latest charity event is an Elvis cover band with a full Orchestra (also Lucan-based) who are going to play in the Spa Hotel on Friday, February 10th. If you or a group of your friends/family would like to go, please let me know. Tickets are €35 each. See the poster below for further details.

**Congratulations to Saoirse:** Huge congratulations to Saoirse Fitzgerald who won the National Junior indoor 800m title at the weekend! Everyone here in Lucan Community College is so proud of your success!

**U19 Girls Basketball:** Hard luck to our u19 Basketball team who played St Mary's Dundalk in the nationals on Saturday Last. Thanks to their coaches Ms Quirke and Ms Dowling for training the girls and accompanying them to their game.

**BT Young Scientist:** Last Thursday our First Year students attended the BT Young Scientist Exhibition in the RDS to support our TY student Alba Cooney-Mercadal on her research into 'The Colour of Sound and its Effect on the Brain'. A

great day out was had by all. Thanks to First Year Year Head Ms Gallagher and the Science department for organising the trip.



**U19 Boys head to the Final!** Dublin West Semi final - Colaiste Cois Life 3 - 4 Lucan CC  
Lucan CC qualified for the under 19 Dublin West Final with a pulsating 4-3 win against local rivals Colaiste Cois Life.  
Lucan CC showed huge resilience coming from 2-1 and 3-2 behind to win 4-3 thanks to an 87th minute Joseph Kellett winner, a brilliant individual goal.  
Other goal scorers on the day were Leo Meyers with a fantastic free kick, Alex Akinrintoyo with a poachers finish and Kevin Hegarty with a superb half volley which nestled in the top corner.  
Lucan CC will play either Colaiste Phdraig Lucan or Castleknock in the final.

**Public Consultation on Special Educational Needs Provisions:** The Department of Education is undertaking a review of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs (EPSEN) Act 2004. The purpose of this review is to provide assurance that the law that governs the provision of education for children with special educational needs is adequate. This is important, in order to protect the interests of the children concerned and their families, and to ensure that the State can make plans to provide for appropriate education for children with special educational needs.  
**If you would like to contribute to the public consultation by The Department of Education and Skills on Special Educational Needs provisions in Education, you can find a link to the survey on our school website.**

## St. Joseph's College

**Sport:** Well done to our senior soccer team who had a great victory on Friday in the last 16 of Leinster on a score line of 7-6 against Skerries Community College. Lauren Strong scored a hat-trick with Ruby Munnely and Rachel Barrett also on the scoresheet. They now progress to the Leinster quarter final where they play against Presentation College Kilkenny and we wish them the best of luck in that match. Hard luck to our Senior Gaelic team who lost out against a very strong St Vincent's team in the Leinster semi-final on Tuesday last and also to our Junior Camogie team who also lost out in their semi-final on Monday against St Marys Naas. We wish both schools the best in their respective finals. Our Junior Hockey team are in action in their first league match of the year on Friday and we wish them well with that.

Our Senior Camogie team are through the Dublin Final which takes place this Friday in the Trinity Sports Grounds in Santry. We wish the team and management all the best in the final against Mount Sackville.



**Transition Year:** Our Transition Year students had another busy week with a number of activities happening throughout the week, on Tuesday over 40 students attended a Public Access to Law Workshop to start their public access to law journey. On Thursday the Transition Year group travelled to Dundrum to go Ice Skating at Dundrum on Ice we hope that they have a fantastic time and enjoy every minute.

**5<sup>th</sup> Year History Trip:** On Tuesday evening Ms. Guinans 5<sup>th</sup> year history class went to cinema to watch the movie Till as part of their History Leaving Certificate course. Well done to Ms. Guinan for organising this trip.

**Concern Debating:** Our Concern debating team were back in action this week in the next round of the debate when they faced De La Salle College

in Waterford. The team were proposing the motion "Sustainable Development Goals are a waste of time". They were fantastic as usual and we eagerly await the results.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Parent Teacher Meeting:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> year parent teacher meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of January and the appointments will be sent out before the end of the week.

**Arts Week:** We celebrated Arts week in school this week with the student council central to all the activities that took place. We had an Art competition that was open to students of all year groups to enter their masterpieces. Competitions were also held during the week using the Digi media facilities within the school where the students had to guess the artwork and the artist of various pictures. Well done to everyone involved.

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**Follow us on:** www.stjosephslucan.com

## St. Mary's BNS

Our student union presented a €1075 cheque to St. Vincent de Paul as part of a Christmas fundraiser.

The photograph includes: (*front row, left to right*) Seamus Clandillon, who represented St. Vincent de Paul, Pearse O'Connor, Michael Kilcullen, Thomas Cooney and Max O'Neill. In the back row, left to right, is Ayman Ahmad, Evan Gormley, James Lynch, Ollie McCormack, Eric Savin, Turlough Fahey and Dara Burke, Principal.



The student council organised this fundraiser by asking all boys to wear Christmas jumpers on the last day in school before the Christmas holidays.

## Women's Collective Ireland – Lucan New Term Brochure for January 2023

We have range of programmes available this term. If you would like a copy of our brochure, contact us:

WhatsApp/Phone: 083 860 7947/ 089 611 2018  
email [lucan@womenscollective.ie](mailto:lucan@womenscollective.ie)

**Community Development:** This is an 8-week program to Develop and build women's confidence providing them with the skills, tools and belief in themselves to consider taking on a role within their community. Enabling collective action on issues which are important to them. "There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish." — Michelle Obama  
Start Date: **Tuesday 31 Jan 2023**  
Venue: Ballyowen Community Centre  
Time: 10.00am -12.00pm  
€10 registration €2.00 per week (Places Limited)

**The Magic of You:** 8-week Personal Development programme with fun & creativity course content

- Simple Mindfulness • Self-Compassion • Building Self Confidence • Managing Stress
- Decision making • Using Affirmations • Setting Goals • Vision Boards

**This programme is supported by the DDLETB**  
Start Date: **Tue 31 Jan 2023**  
Venue: Adamstown Community Centre  
Time: 10.00am -12.00pm  
€10 registration €2.00 per week (Places Limited)

**Yoga:** Are you looking for a midweek lift join us for Restorative Yoga and meditation. Restorative yoga is a restful practice that is all about slowing down and opening your body through passive stretching  
Start Date: **Wednesday 1st Feb 2023**  
Venue: Ballyowen Community Centre  
Time: 10.30am -12.00pm  
€30 for term - Non-Refundable (Places Limited)

**Crafty Byrds:** Come along to learn a variety of arts and crafts. Have a cuppa, chat and make some new friends.  
Start Date: **Thursday 2nd Feb**  
Venue: Ballyowen Community Centre  
Time: 10.00am -12.00pm  
€10 registration €2.00 per week (places are limited)

**Women's Group:** A social women's group for 60's and over is starting. Come along to connect with new friends and like-minded people. Special events, workshops or classes may also be provided based on the group's interest.  
Start Dates: **Tuesday 7th Feb**  
Venue: Ballyowen Community Centre  
€2.00 euro per week (Places Limited)

**Monthly Reading Circle:** Monthly Reading Circle always open to new members. Looking for a fun way to enjoy books and meet new people? Are you reading/listening to books more? Come join our book club. New folks are always welcome! Each month the group reads a book and hold a session to review the main points and discuss the issues raised, but mostly to have a chat.

Once a Month: **26th January 2023**  
Venue: online/Ballyowen Community Centre  
Time: 7.30-8.30 pm



The poster for 'Lifelong Learning' features a blue and yellow color scheme. At the top, it says 'LUCAN LIBRARY AND DDLETB'. The main title 'LIFELONG LEARNING' is in large yellow letters. Below it, two bullet points list activities: '• YOGA - WED MORNINGS' and '• COMPUTER AND INTERNET SKILLS - TUES AFTERNOONS'. A yellow button says 'STARTING SOON'. At the bottom, it provides contact information: 'Contact Lucan Library for more information', '01 621 6422 / lucan@sdblincoco.ie'. A circular inset photo shows an elderly woman in a yellow sweater sitting at a desk with a laptop.



The poster for 'Financial Planning' has a blue and orange background. It features a hand holding a yellow wallet with coins. The text reads 'FINANCIAL PLANNING WITH LUCAN DISTRICT CREDIT UNION AT LUCAN LIBRARY'. The Lucan Library logo is in the top right corner.

**February 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm:**

**Protecting your Family and Financial Planning**  
Presented by **John Miller** (*in-house Financial Adviser with Lucan District Credit Union*)

**Feb 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm:**

**Managing your Finances in difficult times and the importance of having access to credit**  
Presented by **Paula Maguire**, CEO Lucan District Credit Union

**All Welcome – No Need to Book!**

Contact Lucan Library for further information:  
01 6216422 / [lucan@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:lucan@sdblincoco.ie)



# Féile Bríde 2023



## Join us for a candlelight pilgrimage on St. Brigid's eve and the threshold of spring.

Assemble at the Japanese Gardens car park from 7.20 p.m.

*Car parking facilities are available at Solas Bhríde Spirituality Centre and the Japanese Gardens.*

Starting from the Japanese Gardens, the pilgrimage will wind its way past St. Brigid's Wayside Well where there will be a short ritual, continuing mindfully and concluding with a closing ritual at St. Brigid's Garden Well.

*As pilgrims we are on an outer journey to St. Brigid's well, but the invitation tonight is also to make an inner journey, a journey of heart, soul, mind and body.*

Pilgrimage commences at 7.30 pm and if you wish you can bring your own candle or lantern. Booking is not required for this event however we do ask all attendees to follow the guidance of stewards from the Civil Defence who will be assisting on the evening.

## February 1st Lá Fhéile Bhríde – Cross Weaving Workshop

Feb 01, 2023 10:00 am - 11:30 am

St. Brigid Cross is the most enduring tradition associated with St. Brigid. Learn how to weave a cross at one of our two cross weaving workshops.

**Time:** 10.00 a.m – 11.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Solas Bhríde Spirituality Centre, Tully Road. The St. Brigid's cross is one of the most widespread customs associated with St. Brigid. Traditionally, the cross is woven on Brigid's Eve and placed in the home, usually over the door, to bless all who come in or go out, and to gain protection of the household from fire and disease. A celtic blessing associated with the placing of the cross over the doorway is:

“May St. Brigid bless the house.....”

[www.solasbhríde.ie](http://www.solasbhríde.ie) or [info@solasbhríde.ie](mailto:info@solasbhríde.ie) or ph 045 522890

*Car parking facilities are available at Solas Bhríde Spirituality Centre*

## Kildare Calls for a Pause for Peace on St. Brigid's Day/ February 1<sup>st</sup> from 12.00p, -

12.05pm. *Peace is a journey of a thousand miles, but it must be taken one step at a time.*”

*L.B.Johnson.* We invite you to join with us in a Pause for Peace wherever you are.

**Venue:** Solas Bhríde Centre, Kildare

**Time:** 12.00 Mid-day. By taking a moment to pause for peace on St. Brigid's day we hope to



send out a message that we actively oppose warfare and the proliferation of arms. Let us be instruments of peace as we unite around the world to send out a blessing of peace.

## Lá Fhéile Bhríde “Book of Kildare Art Exhibition” by Josephine Hardiman

Feb 01, 2023 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

### The exhibition will be on throughout the month of February -

Solas Bhríde Centre is delighted to host 'The Book of Kildare: The Brigid Pages' by Josephine Hardiman, an Art Exhibition featuring Brigid, in original Celtic calligraphy and Illumination. Josephine Hardiman is an Artist and Calligrapher from Co. Kildare. In 2016 at Kildare's Medieval Festival in Saint Brigid's Cathedral, she demonstrated and illustrated some text on Brigid from the Ancient Manuscript 'The Book of Lismore'. The story of the long lost 'Book of Kildare' captured her imagination and inspired her to create a new, modern book for Kildare for the 21st Century.

## Vital Signs: Poems of Illness and Healing

Feb 03, 2023 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Lecture and Poetry Reading by Martin Dyar

**Venue:** Library, Kildare Town

**Time:** 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Martin Dyar grew up in Swinford, County Mayo. His first book of poems *Maiden Names* (Arlen House) was a books of the year selection in the *Guardian* and the *Irish Times*, and was shortlisted for the Pigott Poetry Prize.

He has been the winner of the Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Award and the Strokestown International Poetry Award. With the composer Ryan Molloy, he has written a poetry song cycle, for soprano, harp and flute, titled *Buaine na Gaoithe*, which had an Irish national tour in 2018. He has held creative writing fellowships at the University of Iowa, the Washington Ireland Programme, and at the University of Limerick. He is the editor of the new anthology *Vital Signs: Poems of Illness and Healing*, published by Poetry Ireland. His next book of poems, *The Meek*, is forthcoming from Wake Forest University Press. He teaches in the School of Medicine at Trinity College Dublin. Booking details: Ph: 045 520234 or email [kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie) or visit [www.kildare.ie](http://www.kildare.ie)

## Mass at St. Brigid's Well

Feb 05, 2023 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Venue: St. Brigid's Well

Time: 10:30a.m.

Car parking facilities are available at Solas Bhríde Spirituality Centre.





## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Team News

#### Inter County

Plenty of action in the last week with Lucan players Chris O'Leary, Paul Crummey featuring in the Walsh Cup and Daire Newcombe, CJ Smith and Harry Ladd featuring in the O'Byrne Cup. Best of luck to the Dublin ladies who take on Meath in the opener of the league on Saturday.

#### Hurling

The legendary Paudi Butler, former GAA National Director of Hurling, did a great session with our Juvenile mentors on Saturday. Lots to think about for the 60+ mentors who attended.



### Social News & Events

#### Healthy Clubs - Ireland Lights Up

Great turn out last Wednesday despite the weather to kick off our "Ireland Lights Up" campaign. The initiative encourages GAA clubs to bring communities together to walk and talk in a safe environment during the dark winter evenings. We will be meeting at the 12<sup>th</sup> Lock Clubhouse at 7pm on Wednesday nights. We will walk from our clubhouse to Adamstown and back for 1 hour in total. Just sign in on each night.

Irish Life Healthy Clubs Every Step Counts challenge is still open for entry. Our club can be in with a chance to win vouchers for new kit from O'Neill's, please download the MyLife app in the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) and search MyLife by Irish Life.



#### Club Awards

Nominations are being sought for Club Person of the Year for 2022.

Please complete the form to propose a club member.

Nominations should be submitted by Monday 30th January. The award will be presented at the Annual Adult Awards Night in the club on Saturday 4th February.

### Membership

Membership for 2023 is now open

Our number 1 priority is player welfare, and we'd like to remind parents and adult players that players need to be registered and paid members of the club in order to be covered by insurance. This includes training and challenge matches as well as official club games. Any unregistered players that train or play matches are doing so at their own risk and accepting that they will cover any medical costs that may result from injuries

Just a couple of points when doing membership this year:

- As per club rules, all managers/mentors/coaches must be full members. Juvenile membership only includes Social membership which is not suitable for this role. All Family membership options include full adult memberships

- There is an option to purchase a ticket for GAA National Draw along with your membership (see first listed option on membership list). All proceeds go to the club and there is a chance to win a brand new Dacia Duster car and All Ireland Final packages

- If you have moved address since your last registration, or changed email can you please ensure that the correct details are entered on this year's application.

- There is an option to pay membership over 6 months via debit/credit card and this can be selected at the end of the process

- If you are unsure which option to select or what option are best value for money you can drop a mail to [lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com) Finally, if anyone has any issues or challenges with membership you can contact me in 100% confidence at

[lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com) and we will work together to sort something out with thanks.

*John Cosgrove, Lucan Sarsfield's Registrar*

### Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €12,200. The Numbers were **4, 10, 23, 28.**

**The 5 lucky dip prizes** go to, Peter Somers, John Egan, Patty Moore, Jim Mulqueen and Cormac Gordon.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€12,600.** The draw is sponsored by O'Grady's Hearing Care Services and will be led by Séamus Clandillon.

*Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfield's GAA Club.*



## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

### Peil Agus Iomáint

Bhí foirne peile agus iománaíochta na bhfear ag filleadh ar an traenáil seachtain seo caite! Bhí slua mór ag an dá

sheisiún (Ár bpeileadóirí thíos).

Beidh siad ag traenáil arís tráthnóna Déardaoin. Más spéis leat spórt a imirt trí Ghaeilge i mBaile Átha Cliath bí i dteagmháil linn!



### Peil na Mban

Spéis agat sa pheil?  
Spéis agat sa Ghaeilge?

Beidh foireann na mban ag tosú ar ais ag traenáil Dé Luain, 23 Eanáir ar 7:30pm in Ospidéal an Rí. Bígí linn agus míle fáilte roimh imreoirí nua!



## Political Notes

### Emer Higgins – TD - Fine Gael

78 The Orchard, Lucan, Co. Dublin  
01 401 3416. [Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie](mailto:Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie)

#### Redress for apartment construction defects:

Unfortunately, there are quite a few apartments in our area that are plagued by construction defects, through no fault of the owner or the renter. I have been engaging closely with impacted residents in the area as well as the construction defects alliance and I really welcome that we now have a plan for providing redress to those living in defective apartments. The proposed measures will ensure people who have already paid or are paying towards remediation costs will be included and buildings posing the highest risk will be prioritised for remediation first. For more info get in touch.

#### Comhghairdeas!

Congratulations to Adrian Dragomir from 6th year in Adamstown Community College who won runner-up individual in the BT Young Scientist for his project AL-energy.

### Cllr Shane Moynihan - Fianna Fáil

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#### New bus route (W4):

I was happy to get confirmation today that the NTA hopes to start running the new route W4 (from Tallaght to Blanchardstown, along the R136/Outer Ring Road) before the end of June this year. This will be a welcome route connecting Lucan and Liffey Valley with Tallaght and Blanchardstown.

**St Loman's Road:** Thanks to the crew from South Dublin County Council for doing such a great job cutting back the hedges and removing the leaves on St Loman's Road, following my representation -especially during such a cold week. These footpaths and cycle paths are used a lot.

**R136 Cycle infrastructure:** I was delighted to see segregated cycleway infrastructure installed on the R136 in December. This is something I requested a few months ago and will make this stretch of cycleway safe for cyclists and motorists alike

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This Friday we continued our revision of our photoshop skills with individual members showing what they can do.

Next Friday the members of the Soiree who are interested plan to go to the Farmleigh Gallery at Farmleigh House to see a retrospective photographic exhibition presented by the Office of Public Works entitled "The Man Who Sees Through Shadows" which is by Ireland's most celebrated contemporary photographer Mick Bunn. The exhibition runs until 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

This week amongst the photographs submitted we have Josie's "January Rose". Apparently, this plant flowered last year in January as well.

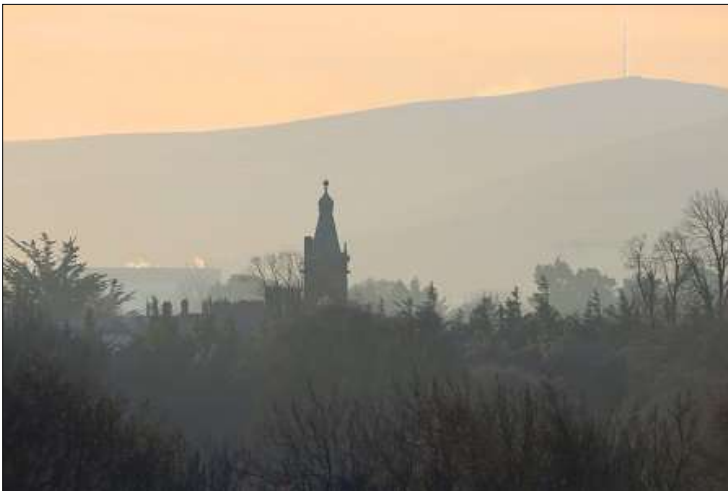
We also have some very atmospheric photographs including one taking of the Spa Hotel by Conor.



Willie was in the west of Ireland and submitted a snow covered Croagh Patrick.

Michael G was in Cork and took a photograph of the rather sad façade of what was the Savoy cinema. This cinema could hold of the order of 2,200 patrons and opened in 1932. It was home of the Cork International Film Festival from the festival's establishment in 1956 until cinema's closure in 1975. The cinema boasted

a fine Compton Cinema Organ and Restaurant. The Rolling Stones played there after their show in the Adelphi cinema in Dublin (also gone) in January 1965!



*Until next week stay safe!*