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Decisions! Decisions!

I discovered Ignatian (St Ignatius of Loyola) spirituality some years ago and find that, along with other spiritual perspectives, that it has brought me into a deeper heart-space of prayer and relationship with God, myself and others. It allows me a greater freedom to live peacefully with some uncertainty having found that the state is usually the testing of direction and decision. As part of the discovery, I realised the process of Ignatian discernment and engage in it cyclically. Life Coaching might be the secular equivalent with the acknowledgment of God's presence being the greatest difference between the two methods.

This time of year is decision making time for many people; some with trepidation about making the wrong choice. Some decisions are bigger than others. Decisions need a process and a testing time of experience. I've never bought a piece of furniture or kept a piece of clothing without trying it for size, comfort and general suitability. (Well, that's not true re my clothes – you should see my wardrobe – point in principle!)

What does Ignatian discernment look like?

It's God focused. It brings us to the heart of the reality for those who believe that we are created by God, with the gift of free will, with many talents and accordingly, with many good choices that can be made to arrive at a variety of right decisions and places. It is not a matter of there being only one right path at any stage which consequently provides us with a life that is a real adventure in which we hold the compass/free will and can choose many paths as we wind our way to destination.

Process of Ignation Discernment

1. Identify the choice for discernment, e.g. college course, change of job, issue with a relationship,.... Note pros and cons.
2. Formulate a concrete positive proposal – I'll take X course/job or change course/job in order to.....
3. Pray for openness to God's direction so that the choice will be to give glory to God and as a means of own best self-expression.
4. Gather all information, talk to people with knowledge, with family, friends to test the plan and how it really might sit with you – look at the offered possibilities, drawbacks and obstacles also.
5. Bring it back to chatting with, and listening to God as in point 3.
6. What are the advantages and disadvantages? How does either side of decision sit with one's own inner peace, love, joy, courage, confidence – fruits of the Holy Spirit - possible signs of being at one with God & self?
7. Confused still? – pray for freedom and openness with broader conversation with trusted people.
8. Trust God. Test the decision. Make a decision. Be grateful for choice. Discernment is ongoing in its cycle through life.

Cathy Burke

Catechist for the Partnership of Parishes in Lucan

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

Springboard now open for applications

You can now apply for free Springboard+ 2024-2025 courses.

If you're unemployed, you

Must be looking and available for work.

Can keep your existing social welfare payments

If you're working, Level 6 courses are free.

Find out more at [Springboard+](https://springboard.ie)

Fair Deal Scheme

I'm in full-time care in a nursing home. Currently, the Fair Deal scheme covers some of my nursing home expenses. How do I apply to have income from renting my home excluded from the assessment?

Under the Fair Deal scheme, you pay a certain amount towards the cost of your care in a nursing home and the Health Service Executive (HSE) pays the rest. Exactly how much you pay is determined by a financial assessment.

What is the Financial Assessment?

To work out how much you pay towards your care, the HSE assesses your income, cash assets and non-cash assets. Then allowable deductions (such as income tax and health expenses) are subtracted leaving your assessable income. The

assessment does not count the first €36,000 of your assets (€72,000 for a couple).

You pay 80% of your income (minus deductions) and 7.5% of the value of your assets per year towards your care. If you are part of a couple, you pay half of these amounts, 40% of your income and 3.75% of the value of your assets per year.

Is the rent from my home counted as income?

Since 1 February 2024, if you own your home (your principal private residence) and are renting it out to a tenant while you are in a nursing home, you can apply to have all of the rental income exempted from the financial assessment. So, you can now keep 100% of rental income from your home. Before, 40% of rental income from your home was paid towards your care.

Only rental income from your main home is exempt from assessment. If the property you are renting out is not your home, the rental income is assessed, and you must pay 80% of it towards your care.

The tenancy in your rented principal private residence must be registered with the RTB, unless it is a type of rental agreement or letting that is exempt from RTB registration. Contact the Residential Tenancies Board for advice on this.



How do I apply to keep my rental income?

To apply, you should complete the Principal Private Residence Rental Income application form (pdf) and send it to your Local Nursing Home Support Office with copies of your: Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) registration approval letter
Rental agreement showing the rental amount
Latest notice of assessment from Revenue

If you cannot fill out the application form on your own behalf, a Specified Person, Decision Making Representative or Care Representative may complete the application form.

Read more about the Fair Deal Scheme at

<https://bit.ly/fair-deal-scheme>

or call Lucan CIC or CIPS

Lucan Drama

Lucan Drama is delighted to announce that we will be performing a show during the Lucan Festival.



"**Murder on Chapel Hill**" is a dramatic retelling of the murder trial of those accused of the killing of Rev. James McCartan. The actual murder took place in Lucan in June 1807 and those who know Lucan will be familiar with the memorial plaque which still stands to this day at the site of the murder.

Working from the original trial transcript Lucan Drama's very own Graham Donlon has created a terrific adaptation and the play will be directed by John Jordan.

The play will run from Sept. 2nd to 4th Upstairs at Courtneys of Lucan Village and details of tickets etc will be available in the coming weeks.

Rehearsals are already under way and we look forward to seeing you again for another evening of great drama and entertainment.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep!

OPEN DAY

at

Kildare Animal Foundation

South Green Rd, Kildare Town R51 YE00

Sunday 14th July at 1pm

Plants, Cakes, Antiques, Bottle Stall, Kiddies Games, Crafts, Face Painting, Pet Gifts and much much more.....

FREE ADMISSION AND FREE PARKING

Every cent raised goes directly to the care of sick and injured animals at the shelter.

Please do NOT bring your own dog on the day as it upsets the resident animals

Final Reminder.....

Lucan Newsletter Annual Block Ads

Renewal Notices have been issued for our Annual Block Advertisements. (*pages 8 and 13*). **Thank you** to those who have replied so far.

Please remember the cut-off date for renewal is **Thursday 18th July 2024**

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105

or 085 867 1245

Follow us on Facebook (Ballyowen Castle Community Centre) or on Instagram ([ballyowen_community_centre](https://www.instagram.com/ballyowen_community_centre))

Location: We are located beside Centric Health Ballyowen and Giraffe Childcare Ballyowen, behind Lidl in Ballyowen Shopping Centre (as you come in from Castle Road).



Family Fun Day on Sunday! We are so excited to welcome people to our first ever family fun day on July 14th in the grounds of the centre! It will be a jam-packed day, including a pet farm, magic shows, a gaming van, face-painting and much more!



We'll also have a quiet hour from 11-12, and the day runs until 3pm! There will be no parking available at the centre itself so we're asking people to consider walking if they can! The event is free and we're looking forward to showing off the centre in the best possible light, and welcoming some special guests!

Well done to all our budding artists who were hard at work at the Happy Little Artists Summer Camp this week. Hope you all had a great time!

Golden Hour Club: Our Thursday afternoon club for the over 55s continues to go from strength to strength!

Here's our schedule for the coming weeks:

July 18th @ 1pm - Chair Yoga & Coffee

July 25th @ 1pm - Social Coffee Hour

August 1st @ 1pm - Movement & Coffee



D'Olier Street: 2nd Floor Lafayette House, 2-5 D'Olier St. Dublin, daily.

For appt: Phone 1800731137.

Lucan - Springfield Hotel, 6th and 7th August 15.50 – 20.10pm.

For appt: Phone 1800731137

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon. **NO 7pm. Mass**

Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Back Carpark



Entrance to back carpark at Lucan Heights is close until end of August due to construction work being carried out at St Joseph's

For Sunday Masses only you can gain entry through Scoil Mhuire gates. Turn right as you enter the Church Yard

St. Mary's Readers' Roster July: The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 10.30 and 12noon Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of July 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.*

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group: We meet on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact Sr. Geraldine through the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041)

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.

Scriptural Reading (Lectio Divina): Meetings are held in the bungalow every **Monday night (excluding bank holidays) between 7.30 and 8.30pm** when we reflect on the following Sunday's gospel. All are 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

Baptisms in St. Mary's: Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony.

The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. This is a return to the practice we had before Covid restrictions. **Dates are bookable on line.**

If you need to cancel email:

secretary@lucanparish.com

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



St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses **next** Saturday/ Sunday 20th / 21st July
Many thanks for your generosity.

Summer Dues

Summer Dues Envelopes available in the Church Porches of all three Churches

The annual Summer Dues Collection has begun.

The Summer Dues collection goes to the Common Fund, which provides the salaries of the priests of the diocese. The Common Fund was under great pressure in the aftermath of COVID, so thank you for your generosity to the Common Fund since then. If you include your name and address on the envelope, it may help with claiming a tax refund from the Revenue Commissioners.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

St. Joseph's Society Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island Sunday July 28th

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society are holding a pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island on Sunday 28th July. The coach leaves Merrion Square at 10am. Total cost, including tea and scones en route and dinner on the way home is €60. Advance booking essential. Contact St. Joseph's Office 01-6762593 or Mary McClelland

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

The Church is open Monday to Friday from **10am to 1pm** for private prayers.

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.

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.



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at 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: There will be **NO** meetings of the prayer group until September.

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

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

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **NEXT Sunday 21st July**
Thank you for your generosity.

Anniversary

Eithne McGarrell

5th Anniversary – 13th July

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine.
And He moulded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother
And He gave that dear mother to me.
*Loved and missed every day by your husband
Eugene, your children and grandchildren.*



Please note there is **NO** charge for acknowledgement, anniversaries etc.

Annual Esker Cemetery Mass

Will take place on
Sunday September 1st at 3pm

As parking can be a problem, those living within walking distance are asked to come on foot if at all possible.

As September weather can be unpredictable we advise coming prepared.

The collection taken at this Mass (after the sound hire costs have been paid) will be donated to St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown.



**ST. JAMES'S
HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION**

The iconic **Liberties Fun Run** is set to make a triumphant return on Wednesday, **July 24th**, bringing together over 1,200 runners, from elite athletes to enthusiastic walkers, all in support of St. James's Hospital.

This year's event promises to be especially memorable with a new route that includes the historic St. James's Gate for the first time, thanks to our sponsor, Diageo, and a new partnership with the Liberties Festival.

Celebrating and supporting the launch, Olympian and long-distance runner Catherina McKiernan will also be participating in the run!

The event is selling fast so make sure to reserve your spot today and be part of an amazing run through the historic St James's Gate.

Job Vacancy for Parish Secretary

St Patrick's Parish, Lucan, is currently recruiting a Parish Secretary. The role is offered initially on a one-year fixed term and part-time basis for 20 hours per week, 9.30a.m. – 1.30p.m., Monday – Friday.

Reporting to the Parish Priest, duties include:

- Providing an administrative service to St Patrick's Parish, Lucan
- Managing the parish office with effective use of up-to-date office systems
- Receiving members of the public and dealing with enquiries
- Maintaining computerised accounts for the parish
- Recording and managing parish records
- Responsibility for payroll function

Requirements:

- The successful candidate will have at least 5 years administrative experience.
- Robust book-keeping skills and experience is essential and a Certificate in Accounting Technicians of Ireland (IATI), is desirable.
- Up-to-date computer skills including Microsoft Word, Publisher and Excel with some database experience.
- Highly developed interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate effectively
- Ability to work well as part of team.

To Apply

Letters of application with enclosed curriculum vitae should be emailed to Fr Philip Curran at pcurran@dublindiocese.ie before 5p.m. on Friday 19 July. Add Application for Secretary Post to subject line on email. A job description will be sent to all candidates on application or enquiry.



Well done to our local Tidy Towns Group who gave the Liffey Bridge a new coat of paint last week. It is looking brilliant, and would look even better if the sun would shine on it!



A lot of effort is being expended around the Village and local estates, keeping them spruced up with many floral displays and general tidiness. Let's hope it all pays off!

Below: Swords Group upcycled an old wheelbarrow in their Tidy Towns efforts!



Anyone for Chess? We've noticed the game becoming very popular in Lucan these days. It started with some adult classes a few months back, now the Library are hosting games for children, and rumour has it that a Chess Tournament will be held during Lucan Festival this September!

Birdie will have to get grinds in Chess!

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 September 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. This can lead to QQI qualification.

The following subjects are available this term:

Spanish for Beginners

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Introduction to Microsoft Excel (Spreadsheets)

Intercultural Awareness

Business English

Improving English and Communication Skills

Digital Media

Reception & Frontline Office Skills

Advanced Spreadsheets (Microsoft Excel)

Payroll



For more details, contact

lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie

Or call (01) 6283557.



Positive Habits of Mindful People

Curiosity Habit: Approach everyday things with curiosity – and savour them.

Forgiveness Habit: Forgive their mistakes – big or small. We have all made mistakes for which we want to be forgiven.

Gratitude Habit: Show gratitude for good moments – and grace for bad ones – and gratitude for good moments – and grace for bad ones – and gratitude that we are alive for both.

Compassion Habit: Practice compassion and nurture connections and relatedness with all living creatures.

Peace Habit: Make peace with imperfection – inside and out.

Vulnerability Habit: Embrace vulnerability by trusting others – and ourselves.

Acceptance Habit: Accept – and appreciate – that things come and go – like the breath.

Dublin Evening Post

4th June 1807

Last night, between ten and eleven o'clock, as Mr. Macarty, (Priest of Lucan) and Mr. Lynch, jun. were returning from Dublin, they were attacked by six robbers, near Conif. Stream, who shot Mr. Macarty dead, and beat Mr. Lynch very much, and robbed both of their watches, and whatever cash they had about them.—The Priest was a man of most excellent character, and very much esteemed by all descriptions of People in the parish; his loss is much regretted.—Patrols are henceforward to take place between Lucan and Palmerstown.

Since writing the above, the driver of a jaunting car has given such information to Justice Wilenke, as, it is hoped, will lead to a discovery of the whole gang; he is now in active pursuit of them.—It is hoped if the watches are offered for sale or pledge, that the persons will be taken up.

The above press cutting gave the shocking news of Fr McCarthy's murder in 1807. The murder happened at the top of Chapel Hill and there is a memorial stone inserted in the wall outside the Canon Despard Centre (formerly St Andrews School).



The Festival is delighted to announce that **Lucan Drama** will as part of the Festival be staging a play based on the official transcript of the trial of the 2 accused.

It is called **A Murder on Chapel Hill** directed by John Jordan.

It will be performed on the Tues, Weds and Thursday nights in Courtneys upstairs lounge.
Further details later.

Joe Byrne
Chairman

Did you know.....

'Allodoxaphobia' is the fear of other people's opinions!

My Granddaughter

It only seems like yesterday
That I wheeled her up and down
And round the block the whole day long
Around, around and around.

I wheeled her till she fell asleep
Then placed her in her cot
And, in a few short months, it seemed,
She was a walking, talking tot.

Before long, she had started school
And from her house we walked
The same route every single day
While hand in hand we talked.

These days she's independent
She walks to school with friends
And never has trouble sleeping
Especially at weekends.

She entertains and makes us laugh,
Writes songs that make us cry,
Makes cookies so delicious
And the tastiest stir fry.

And now, she's towering over me
Or could it be I'm shrinking?
I love our conversations,
Discussing what she's thinking.

And today we came full circle,
It wasn't even planned,
When she walked me the whole way home
Together hand in hand.

Rita O'Brien, Lucan Writers Group



Older people need your support!

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people. ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months. Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

A dip in the archives 1994

The International Year of the Family

Population of Lucan approx. 17,000.

23rd Jan: “**Lucan Directory**

.... Some years ago a group of people in Parish Development and Renewal decided to enquire about the services in the Lucan area. The idea of a Lucan Directory was born – or reborn: the local 23rd F.B.S.I. Scout Unit compiled one some time back..... The good news this week is that the Directory had become a reality and will be officially launched on Monday by Minister of State Joan Burton T.D. The plan is to supply it to every home in the Lucan and Esker Parishes.....”

30th Jan: “**This week they said.....** (in *The Foxhunter*)

“I have always associated Lucan with style – not just in the buildings, such as the lovely bridge across the Liffey, but in the people, with their vibrant local community spirit and a determination to support enterprise in the area” *Joan Burton, T.D.*

“I take this opportunity to announce that our parish is making plans to build in the coming year a Parish Centre which it is hoped will provide meeting rooms, a parish office, a Newsletter office, a assembly area, a kitchen and a coffee dock.....”

Fr. Michael Lambe P.P.

12th Jun: **The New Parish Centre**

Cost: the total cost of the building and fitting out the new Resource Centre is about £300,000. Thanks to the support of those contributing to the Planned Giving Campaign and the sustained work of the collectors, it is possible to take on a commitment of this scale with nearly half of the funds in hand before construction commences as required by the Diocese.....



6th Feb: “**Presentation Sisters**

This week the Presentation Sisters announced that they will withdraw from all their ministries in Lucan by summer. The sisters will move out to other communities and the convent will be used in future as a Mission House for the Presentation Sisters.....”

Lucan Junior Violin Class



Ciara O’Toole, Nicola Sunderland, Siohban McHugh, D. Ryan, Ashling O’Brien, Ciara O’Grady.

26th Jun: **Provision of Library for Lucan**

At a recent public meeting called to discuss specifically the provision of a library for Lucan, we have become aware that consideration may be given to other areas now that Tallaght Library is near completion.
Lucan Community Council

18th Sept: **Up the Dubs!**

The sign on the Lock Road says it all! ‘**Best wishes to Super Dubs Jack and Tommy, from Lucan Sarsfields’**.....

Note: Lucan men, Jack Sheedy and Tommy Carr, were on the losing Dublin side that day, with Down taking Sam up North.

How
time
flies!

On Development

13th March: “Cinema Site: Lucan Planning Council welcomes the residential development of this site, but calls on the people of Lucan to encourage public access to the Liffey by lobbying our local representatives and calling on the Planning Authorities to ensure public access is maintained.

13th March: “Priests Field (*beside Jet Station*): Lucan Planning Council supports the residential development of this site and commends the detailed plans submitted to the Planning Authorities. These plans show generous tree-shrub planting schemes, green space and consideration for the topography and surrounding buildings.”

24th April: “A major planning application has been lodged for the triangle of land near the Foxhunter (The old Gravel Pit), bounded by the entrance to exit from, and bridge over the Motorway. The application, in the name of P.J. & F. Holdings, has three components: (i) 5,382 sq.m. of retail warehousing (possibly Woodies); (ii) 414 sq.m. for drive through restaurant (roof design similar to well-known multinational); (iii) 570 sq.m. of garden centre and ancillary offices.

The site is effectively the entrance to Lucan. The area is zoned industrial. Success of the present application would be an extremely heavy traffic concentrations at this point and the visual impact deserves most serious consideration.....”

3rd July: Permission Granted: Gracedale Ltd. Old Cinema Site, Main Street, Lucan. 21 residential units.

18th Sept: Permission Granted: St. Andrew’s Hall, Main Street, Lucan. A: Demolish the existing parish hall and B: erect a 3 storey residential block of 6 apartments and 1 maisonette.

Note: This was the old St. Andrews School on Watery Lane, going down to the Weir

29th Oct: Permission Granted: Finnstown, Lucan. 5 shop units with 5 apartments overhead, Medical Centre with 4 apartments overhead and Public House.

18th Dec: Permission Granted: Courtney’s Bar, Lucan. Extension to permitted first floor mezzanine lounge and thatched roof.

16th Oct: Have you got £700,000 to spare? If so, you could make a bid for the 170 acres of land at Lucan Demesne which was “*The estate has 48 acres of woodlands running parallel to the river in the most idyllic setting you could imagine.*”

It also has two lodges, a modern bungalow, and a courtyard with two houses

29th Oct: Austin Currie T.D. (Dublin West) had tabled a Parliamentary Question to the Minister for Finance asking him to consider acquiring the Lucan Demesne in the interests of preserving the amenity of the Liffey Valley and ensuring public access to it.....

Schools Liffey Descent



29th May: Congratulations to Shane Kinsella, centre, who came 1st in the U.16s Schools Singles and to Daniel Hickey, left, and Stephen McCarthy, right, who came 2nd in the Canadian Canoe Class, in the recent Schools Liffey Descent. All three are pupils of Colaiste Phadraig.

25th Sept: Lucan Newsletter Award

“Lucan Newsletter Staff had a most enjoyable day on Wednesday last when we went to the prize giving ceremony of the Religious Press Association at All Hallows College.....

As our prize was based mainly on dialogue between the Newsletter and the local community, we must thank you for winning it for us by the regular contributions you send us for printing. So take a bow!”

Lucan Library – July Events

All events and activities are free of charge.

All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required.

Summer Stars Reading Adventure

Summer Stars is back for all our junior library members! Ask at the library desk for a Summer Stars Reading Card. Return your completed card when you have read 8 books and receive rewards for your summer reading! All completed cards will be entered into a draw for a prize at the end of the summer!

Wednesday 17th July and 24th July, 3pm-5pm

Pottery Workshops with Elena Butter (children **MUST** attend both)

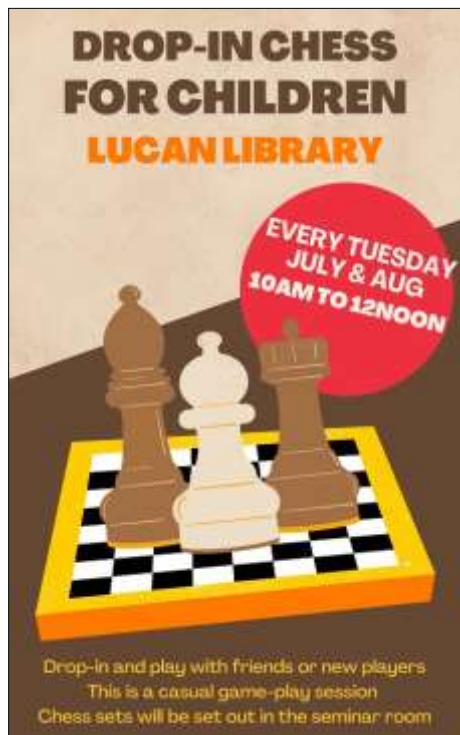
Suitable for children aged 9+

A fantastic opportunity to use a Pottery Wheel with Elena. In the first workshop, the children will create their piece at the pottery wheel. In the second workshop they will return to paint their pottery piece.

Booking essential via Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/pottery-workshop-with-elena-for-children-aged-9-12-years-old-tickets-902351195717>

Children **MUST** attend both sessions, please don't book if this is not possible. Please note that this activity is not suitable for anyone with a skin allergy.



Thursday 18th July, 1pm and 2pm

Anyone4Science Roald Dahl Themed Science Workshops: 1pm for ages 6-8

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Theme: Learn how Chocolate Playdough is made!

Booking essential

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/learn-how-to-make-chocolate-play-dough-for-6-8-year-olds-tickets-920966283947>

2pm for ages 9-12

Willy Wonka Theme: Like a Scientist in Willy Wonka's Factory learn about Chromatography and how to test dyes in sweets. Booking essential

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/chromatography-learn-how-to-test-dyes-in-sweets-for-9-12-yr-olds-tickets-920970205677>

Exhibition:

The Olympics: a History from Monday 15th July

Community Games Information Session

Wednesday 17th July 6pm

Join Bianca Nistor, Volunteer Support Officer, who will explain how the Community Games work, and how your group can take part. All welcome.

Adult Chess Club - Guided Mini Tournament with Chess Leader Saturday 13th July, 11.30am - 2pm. All welcome!

Events for Younger Children: Storytime - Our regular Story-Time continues on TUESDAYS at 3pm. All welcome!

Colouring Competition for Under 6s

Ask at Desk for a Summer Stars Colouring Sheet! Two age categories: 3-4 years & 5-6 years.

Deadline: Wednesday 31st July at 7pm.

Lucan Library Classic Film Club: Tuesday 23rd July, 5.30pm. Register at Library Desk.

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday 24th July, 7pm

Lucan Library Knitters Club - Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new members welcome

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group - Thursdays 4th and 18th July, 10am – 12noon.

Information Stands: South Dublin Volunteer Centre - Thursday 18th July, 2pm - 4pm

You can follow Lucan Library or South Dublin Libraries on Facebook to see all library events across South Dublin County.

Please contact us if you wish to unsubscribe lucan@sdblincoco.ie

POLITICAL NOTES

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Lucan House: I've had a number of queries regarding access to the grounds of Lucan Demesne now that the estate is owned by the Council. The council indicated that where feasible they will consider requests. If you require information or assistance, please let me know.

SDCC Tenant Maintenance: If you are a SDCC tenant you can make maintenance requests on the SDCC Housing Online portal or in an emergency on 01 414 9393, opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 5.00pm, Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm. I've received queries about maintenance and am pleased that where urgent the issues were resolved promptly. I'm happy to assist / escalate where appropriate. Please contact me if you need assistance.

Millbank: I've raised the issue of the lack of parking for residents at Millbank and will update you when I receive a report.

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Funding for Local Groups: Well done to our local groups who were awarded Council grant funding in July under the Community and Sport Development Grants. Local recipients include Lucan Concert Band, Lucan Harriers Athletic Club, Men's Shed Lucan, Adamstown Community Summer Camp, ICA Lucan, Balgaddy Summer Project, Crosscare Lucan Youth Service and Lucan Youth Fun.

Back to School Allowance: This week, Minister Humphrey's announced that over 50,000 children in primary and secondary schools will receive their Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance. Applications open until Sept. 30th.

Kerala House Carnival: I was delighted to be a guest speaker at Kerala House Carnival on Saturday 6th July. It was a great day, with lots of activities and fun for all ages and it was wonderful to see so many Lucan residents in attendance.

Cllr. Vicki Casserly – Fine Gael, P.C.

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Deposit Return Banks: Alongside Lucan Tidy Towns, we visiting Lucan Shopping Centres New Wheelchair Accessible Deposit Return Banks. Tried and tested it provides greater independence and ease for a wheelchair user to gain access to the facility. Largest facility currently in the country and only one of two available nationally.

12th Lock Masterplan: At this week's council meeting, the 12th Lock Masterplan was approved by members for the development of studio and event space to benefit the Lucan community. Located beside Lucan Sarsfields, it is an exciting development for our county with the addition of wonderful amenities. If you are interested in the drawings or further information please feel free to get in touch.

Footpath Repairs Hillcrest Road, Westbrook Park: Happy to report following ongoing representations that works have been completed.

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Gender Based Violence: In recent weeks there has been much commentary on the scourge of gender based violence. All forms of physical and mental violence against women has to be called out and challenged. There has been a number of debates in recent weeks in the Oireachtas on the all most normality of the subjection of vile abuse against women. This can be only challenged not just with lengthy prison sentences but changing the toxic culture that is manufactured against women in society.

Health Committee: This week the health committee examined the issue of childhood obesity. The committee was told by Safefood Ireland that 1 in 5 school children is overweight or living with obesity. In less affluent areas this goes to 1 in 4 four school children. These figures are staggering and are a warning in terms of future health outcomes.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty – P.C.

"Not just at election time"

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Delays due to bereavement: Apologies, but due to the recent illness and death of a close relative, I have been unable to respond to queries. I hope to clear this backlog shortly.

Swimming Pool sub-contractor delays: This Friday, Councillors were due to get a further tour of the pool complex. It should have been completed by now, but there appears to be a delay with certain works, which need to be finished before other subcontractors can come in.

Bus detour for road closure near Ash Park/Esker Manor/Swimming Pool: To facilitate a sewer connection on behalf of Irish Water, the road opposite Lucan Pool site and Colaiste Cois Life will be closed from this Monday 15th July until Friday. Search "Road" on my website for more details. The C1 bus will also be diverted via Esker Lane/Elmbrook Avenue.

Political Notes continued after Sport



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €4,200. The Numbers were **4, 5, 11, 19**

The lucky dip prizes go to Mary & Grainne O'Lanagain, Mary Freeman, Aimee Clyne, Jim Mulqueen, Pat O'Keefe

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €4,600. The draw is sponsored by Newcastle Golf Centre and will be led by Mary Flannery

Social:

The next outing is our Sponsor's Day in Luttrellstown on Friday July 12th, with our thanks to Greenday for their support. Tee times are from 2.50 to 4.30pm. There will not be any singles competition. Each 4-ball team must have at least one current society member or a member from 2023. Contact Mark McDonnell (086-8371979)

Hurling: This Our Intermediate Hurling Championship winners from 1999 enjoyed a 25-year commemorative reunion in the Club on Saturday night last. It was a very special occasion with a great gathering of former players and mentors and others who contributed hugely to hurling in the Club in that era. John Leonard, formerly of the County Board, presented awards to the players and mentors. There were poignant memories shared of those that had passed away in the interim, who were represented by family members. It was a memorable night and thanks to all who made it happen. Special thanks to Caitlin Donnelly (granddaughter of Peter Flannery) who produced a fabulous commemorative booklet for the event.

Photo below of 1999 Intermediate team & mentors at the reunion



The action on the field this week was at Minor level as the leagues come towards conclusion. Our Minor As had a big win away to Kilmacud

Crokes in the league. With one back match still to play, Lucan are third in the Division 1 table, but Vincent's have claimed the title.

The Minor Bs had a big win over Na Fianna to retain top position in Division 6 with one game to play, though Jude's are just 2 points behind with two games less played. Our lads play Faughs away at 11am this Sunday, where a win will keep them in contention.

The Minor Cs had a good midweek win over Vincent's but lost to St Jude's at the weekend to dent their chances of honours in Division 8.

Next weekend sees the start of the Championship for most of our adult teams. The Junior Bs and Junior Cs get the action underway on Friday night away to Erin Go Brath and Oliver Plunkett's respectively, both throw in at 7.30pm. The Intermediates open their campaign against Good Counsel/Liffey Gaels at the 12th Lock on Saturday evening at 6.15pm. On Sunday morning the Junior As are also at the 12 Lock against Kevins at 11am. Best of luck to all our teams in the championship campaign ahead.

Summer Camps:

Our summer camps are still open for registration. These camps are open to both members and non-members who are in primary school (either starting in September or just finishing). All camps will be dual sport (Football and Camogie/Hurling). Make sure to register soon for the club camps as places are limited. Places can be booked via the club website by searching 'Lucan Sarsfields Summer Camps'.

County

A huge congratulations to Amy Gorman, Laura Sharkey, Aoife McKearney and Emma Flanagan on their win over Kilkenny in the All-Ireland ¼ final. The now face Cork in the semi-final on the 27th of July in UPMC Nowlan Park. This game is throwing in at 13:15, all support welcome.

Well done to Senan Bolger who was the top scorer from play and the 7th overall top scorer in the Electric Ireland All Ireland Minor Championship. Well done to Rian Doherty who was the 3rd overall top scorer in the Electric Ireland All Ireland Minor Championship. A great achievement for both lads! Best of luck to Siobhán, Chloe, Rachel and the Dublin Minors in their All Ireland Semi-final this Thursday.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

Liosta na gCluichí

Seo liosta na gcluichí do na foirne fásta an tseachtain seo, bígí ann le tacú leo!

CAMPAÍ SAMHRAIDH CLG

A Chairde,

Tá cúpla spás fós againn dos na Campaí Samhraidh. Tugann na campaí seo an-chuid tacaíocht dos na páistí/foirne a gcuid scileanna a feabhsú.

AGUS is muidne an T-AON chlub CLG Lán-Ghaeilge!!!

A few spaces available on our Summer Camps. These camps encourage the children/players hugely with the development of their skills.

And we are the only All Irish Speaking GAA Club!!!

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<https://nagaeiloga.clubzap.com/categories/camp/products>

<https://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/booking/online/>

When you're bored, just think about a few things that don't make sense, like.....

If poison expires, is it more poisonous, or is it no longer poisonous?



The word 'SWIMS' upside down is still 'SWIMS'!

If you replace W with a T in the words What, Where and When, you get the answer to each of them!

Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty!

What happens when you spill carpet cleaner all over your carpet?

SPORTS



LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Record broken and medals galore for Lucan Harriers in Belfast

Lucan Harriers athletes took part in the 2024 Northern Ireland Masters Championships on June 29th at the Mary Peter's track in Belfast.

We had Carol Kearney running in the 200m & 400m and Leanne Wellings running in the 100m and 200m Katriona Power throwing in Hammer and Heavy Hammer disciplines.

Carol and Leanne both won gold in both their races, setting the track alight with some blisteringly impressive times! It's worth pointing out that Carol's race was a combined race where runners from two younger age groups participated at the same time as Carol's race, but Carol blew them all out of the water to finish first and bring home the gold!

In the field events Katriona not only won gold in both her disciplines, but also set a new national record in the heavy hammer throw, of 12.65m!! A phenomenal achievement and testament to the training that's been done on cold wet winter nights at the Harriers track!!

Pearse Carberry won silver in the javelin, losing out on the top spot by a mere 3cm, and brings home the NI Silver for the second year in succession (and now has a new goal of NI gold in 2025!!).

Well done to all who competed, and the serious work now begins as everyone focuses on the upcoming Irish National Championships on August 4th in Tullamore!



Pearse Carberry, Katriona Power, Carol Kearney, Leanne Wellings

POLITICAL NOTES *cont'd.....*

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Ebikes charging station at Liffey Valley Park: I have learned from ESB Networks, having contacted them, that the e-bike charging stations outside Liffey Valley Park will be removed over the coming weeks as well as the paint and racks. The bikes have not been there for some time due to anti-social behaviour and I have asked ESB Networks to consult with local representatives before any new installation to identify a new location.

Road diversion: Lucan Newlands Road (between Griffeen Way Roundabout and Old Esker Lane) will have a diversion in place between 15 and 19 July for installation of a sewer connection. Dublin Bus have advised there will be a change in the C1 route for this period. Buses will proceed onto Esker Lane, Elmbrook Avenue and Willsbrook Road, back onto Griffeen Road (and vice versa). The bus stops at Lucan Leisure Centre will not be in use during this time.

**DODSBORO GOLFERS
ANNUAL OUTING**

Venue: Lucan Golf Club
Date : Friday 2nd August
Tee Time : 14:00 - 16:00
Members & Visitors Welcome
Contact Joe Curtis (089-425-4684)

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

I hope you are enjoying the “summer” weather. As I write this the thermometer is showing a temperature of 12 degrees and it’s raining! In contrast my friend in Arlington, Virginia, USA is sweltering in temperatures of around 37 degrees with almost 100% humidity. I think I prefer here!

Either to cheer us up or depress us further Donal has submitted some more photos that he took on his recent visit to France.



This time the photos come from Avignon, the historic centre of which is another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Avignon has a papal palace. This arises from the fact that in 1305 Pope Clement V, who at the time of his election in 1305 was neither an Italian nor a cardinal refused to move to Rome. In 1309 he established his court in the papal enclave at Avignon, where it remained for the next 67 years. The move of the Curia was the result of

a search to escape from the infighting of the powerful Roman families that had produced earlier Popes. Seven legitimate

popes resided at Avignon. Pope Gregory XI was the last and he returned to Rome in September 1336.

On the home front Kay has submitted photos of the sunset taken in her garden and Anna has submitted photos of sunsets taken in Milltown Malbay where she reports the weather is much better than in Dublin.



Stay safe until next week!