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## Life – a journey of many steps!

I had the great pleasure of walking and climbing on the Giants Causeway at the weekend and was awestruck by its beauty and amazing molten formations. As I climbed from stone and stone or ridge to ridge, I took a moment to figure out the safest and most advantageous step on each occasion. I watched the movement of those stepping before me, watching their progress or challenges and letting that inform me also. Some steps were too high so I needed to use one or two other stages or use both of my hands in the process also to get to the desired level.

The months of May and June are months of transition for many people who are graduating from school level and colleges, changing jobs or retiring. For some parents the 'empty nest' is on the horizon as the young move on to new opportunities. Retirement for self or spouse brings on a new unknown, the prospect of which might seem a nightmare or a dream opportunity. Transitions occur at all times in the year, but numerically in a more pronounced way in summer time.



Connecting the transitional times with the experience of the Giants Causeway, taking time to find the right steps to take at the right time makes all the difference. It left me thinking about all the steps that I have taken in my own life. Like those whom I followed on the rocky steps, I have been blessed to have great friends, guides, educational opportunities, jobs at all stages of life and good fun at all stages. If any one step in my past had been different (and I never wished that it had been different), I wouldn't be ministering in the Lucan partnership now!

I have no advice for anyone in a transitional space as every person's journey is unique. I just know from my own experience that I always had what I needed to do what was necessary by trusting my gut instinct, following my heart, chatting with God daily, doing the right thing for those in need in my life and environment and taking time with friends. A light has been shone on my path so far and I've had good company at all stages. Regarding the Lucan parishes!-it would have been truly tragic to have missed this step! In case you didn't notice, I'm more than happy, so any challenging steps before this (they were very few and minor) were worth it to arrive here!

To all in transition, follow the right steps for your own journey and may you enjoy the trip and each arrival point. Life's journey is not without its' surprises.

*Cathy Burke*

*Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

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

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

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



### Opening hours

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

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

#### Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

### Leaving School

The Leaving School - A guide from Citizens Information (2024) has been published online in English (pdf) and Irish (pdf). Copies are available in our Centre.

We are currently surveying schools on how the guide could meet students' needs better and plan to distribute a new version of the booklet in late 2024 or start of 2025.

Read more about leaving school on our website and check out further education and training

### Working Family Payment (WFP)

*How does the Working Family Payment support parents in employment?*

Working Family Payment (WFP) is a weekly tax-free payment for parents in low-paid employment.

You must have at least one child that you support financially and who normally lives with you. If your children do not live with you, you must be wholly maintaining your ex-spouse, ex-civil partner, or ex-cohabitant with whom the children are living.

The child must be under 18, or under 22 and in full-time day education. Whether you qualify for the payment and how much you get depends on your average weekly income and your family size.

### *I work part-time do I still qualify?*

Yes, but you must work as an employee for 38 or more hours per fortnight. You can combine your weekly hours with your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant's hours to meet this condition. Time spent on Community Employment, Tús, JobBridge or the Rural Social Scheme cannot be used to meet this condition.

### *Does being self-employed count?*

No. You must be an employee to get the WFP and time spent working in self-employment does not count towards hours worked for the WFP.

### *What happens if my working hours are reduced after I qualify?*

Once your application has been approved and you get the WFP, it is paid at the same rate for 52 weeks and then you must apply again. It does not change if your earnings from work go up or down during that year.

If your hours are reduced, but you still work at least 38 hours per fortnight, then your WFP payment will not change until the 52 weeks are up and you are reassessed.

If your hours are reduced and you no longer work at least 38 hours per fortnight, then you are no longer entitled to WFP.

### *What if I have another child?*

If you have another child your claim for WFP will be reassessed and you may get a higher payment.

### *How to apply?*

You can apply online at [MyWelfare.ie](http://MyWelfare.ie) if you have a MyGovID verified account. Alternatively, you can fill in an application form for Working Family Payment. You can get a copy of this form in your Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office or CIC office.

You can get help filling it in at an Intreo Centre, Social Welfare Branch Office or Citizens Information Centre.

**You can find out more** about getting the WFP for your home on [https://bit.ly/WorkingFamilyPayment\\_WFP](https://bit.ly/WorkingFamilyPayment_WFP) or call us on 0818 07 4000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm).



## Letter to the Editor

I have noticed the increasing use of the word “Volunteer” both in St. Mary’s Parish and elsewhere to describe parishioners who are members of the various ministries associated with parish life. As a member of a Parish Ministry, I have to say that I find this word offensive and I was comforted to find recently that I am not alone.



A reader of the English catholic magazine “*The Tablet*” wrote recently in that journal that he is increasingly annoyed at the use of this term. He points out that Christians, even though unpaid, are working in the vineyard of the Lord. They demonstrate their commitment to the faith community by taking on such duties and responsibilities using their God-given gifts. He points out that those who take on such roles are not “volunteer” Christians and he concludes by saying that those who partake in Parish Ministries cannot be likened to enthusiasts involved in the running of, for example, a vintage steam railway.

*Yours sincerely,  
Michael Grant*

## Volunteers Needed

The **Kids and Carers Group** is held weekly in the Methodist Church in Lucan village and provides parents/minders and toddlers with an opportunity to come together, form friendships, chat and play in a relaxed space over a cup of tea. It is held every Friday 9:30am to 11:30am, during term time, in Lucan village (car parking provided) and needs volunteers to keep it open from this September.

The group has been in existence for at least 40



years but will close in June unless a group of carers/parents/grandparents/volunteers come together to run it. It is a “not for profit” community based group and the small fee collected every week is used to pay the rent and buy refreshments.

The volunteers would be required to open and close the premises, set out the toys and serve tea/coffee/biscuits. It would be a big loss to the community if it had to close its doors after so many decades.

If you feel you can spare two and a half hours a week please **contact Alice 086 0805055** or **Nicola 083 8026559**

## LUCAN TOASTMASTERS

Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills.



Our next meeting is on Thursday 20th June at 7:45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip and guests are most welcome to join us. Come along on the night or contact [vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com](mailto:vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com) to register your interest.

**Thursday 20th June 2024, 7:45pm  
Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, W23 W280**

- Do you want to **finally** conquer your fear of public speaking?
- Do you have a speech or presentation coming up that you need help with?
- Do you want to make new friends?

If so, then Lucan Toastmasters is the place for you.

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don’t worry, you won’t be asked to speak! Come along on Thursday next, June 20th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

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

## Lucan Sarsfield's Table Quiz



There will be a Table Quiz in the Clubhouse on **Friday, 14th June**, at 9.00pm. €40 for a table of 4.

All proceeds go towards the Dublin 1999 Intermediate Hurling Championship 25th anniversary celebration event, which is being held in the Clubhouse on Saturday, 6th July.

## Lucan Senior Citizens

*Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June:* Trip to Arboretum Home and Garden Heaven in Carlow.



**Bus leaving lay-by at 10 o'clock – Note earlier start!**

We stop for tea and scones on the way!

# Parish Notes



## St Mary's, Lucan

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

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

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

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

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

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

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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 and for our journey to eternal life.

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

**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](mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com)

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

**Deepest Sympathy** to the husband, parents, family and friends of **Helen Devlin**, Laraghcon. *May she rest in peace.*



### St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses NEXT Saturday/ Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

*Many thanks for your generosity.*

## Summer Mass Schedule 2024

### St Mary's and St Patrick's

Due to Summer availability of priests, the following schedule of Masses will be in effect from **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

#### Sunday Masses

**St Mary's:** Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm  
Sunday: 10.30am and 12 noon

**Sunday Evening Mass will be suspended on and from Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June until Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**St Patrick's:** 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon  
(No Change)

#### Weekday Masses

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday:**

St Mary's only 10am

**Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday:**

St Patrick's only 10am

The normal Mass Schedule will resume as and from Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm.

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

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

### Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje:

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

**7.00pm:** Rosary and Confessions.

**7.30pm:** Holy Mass.

**After Mass:** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet,  
Benediction. *All welcome*

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

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

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

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

### 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.

### Home Visits Holy Communion:

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



### Bingo:

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

### Wednesday tea/coffee morning:

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

### St Elisabeth Convent

The Sisters of ST Elisabeth Convent in Minsk  
will have a stall of icons and crafts for purchase in  
St John Paul 11 Room THIS Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tea/Coffee:** Every Wednesday 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 **THIS Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### Esker Cemetery Mass

The Annual Mass and Blessing of Graves  
will take place on

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 3pm**

*Weather Permitting.*

## Anniversaries

### ANN FOX

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary - 15<sup>th</sup> June

Your presence we miss  
Your memory we treasure  
Loving you always  
Forgetting you never.

*Always loved and sadly missed,  
Joe, Antoinette, Kayleigh, John, Elaine and Séan*



### PADRAIC O'ROURKE

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 14<sup>th</sup> June

In loving memory of Padraic O'Rourke.

Late of Roselawn, Lucan.

Padraic,

We think of you in silence  
We often speak your name  
But all we have are memories  
And your picture in a frame  
Your resting place we visit  
And put flowers there with care.  
But no one knows the heartache  
As we turn and leave you there.

*Loved always and never forgotten by his wife  
Christine, son Andrew and daughter-in-law  
Annie, grandchildren Aoibheann and Siomha,  
sisters Miriam and Wynn, sisters-in-law Martina  
and Anne and all the extended family*



## Birthday Remembrance

### DANIEL ROGERS

80<sup>th</sup> Birthday - 14<sup>th</sup> June

Thinking of you on your 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

It's especially difficult today

Not to have you here

To celebrate the times we've shared.

I wish I had just one more chance

To see your happy smile

To laugh and celebrate with you

Just for a little while

I'll hold on to you forever

Deep within my heart.

And though you are not here with me

Know that we'll never part.

This day was always special

So, I just want to say

That I'll be thinking of you with love

On this your birthday, loving husband Dan.

*Loved and missed beyond words, love Mary*



## ICA NOTES

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June:

Ladies will be busy as usual. A lot of different crafts being worked on.

We will have a talk on "Safety in the Home".

### Tea Hostesses are:

Mary Duffy

Abigail O'Callaghan.

We send get well wishes to any member who is ill at this time.



## Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: [info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie](mailto: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)



*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).

### Golden Hour Retirement Club:

This week we will be hosting an art class for our retirement club. It's a great way to try out a new creative skill and create something artistic. All levels are welcome! If you'd like to register for your free spot please email, message or call the centre (details below).

### Upcoming Schedule:

June 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm - Irish Dancing & Coffee

June 27<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm - Social Coffee Hour

July 4<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm - Bridge & Coffee

July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm - Social Coffee Hour

July 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm - Chair Yoga & Coffee

July 25<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm - Social Coffee Hour

August 1<sup>st</sup> @ 1pm - Movement & Coffee

### Community Day:

We're excited to share that we will be hosting a community fun day on July 14th. Put the date in the diary! More details to follow - so keep an eye out on our social media. We look forward to seeing you there.

# LUCAN FESTIVAL

Two weeks ago the Italian Ambassador Mr Ruggero Corrias and his wife Ms Vania Lorenzo held a reception at Lucan House to celebrate Italian Independence Day.

Not alone was it for the Italian Independence Day but it was also to mark the Italians leaving Lucan House as our own South Dublin County Council have bought the House and lands.

We wish the Ambassador and his wife best wishes on their new life in Madrid.

No longer will there be an Italian Ambassador in Lucan but we will also miss His Excellency's P A Ester Tossi who has been a great help to the Festival.

Since 1949 (75 years ago) there has been an Italian presence in the House and it should be noted that the House was beautifully restored in 1961 and well maintained ever since. It's likely that we would not have the House intact if the Italian Government had not bought it in 1954.

Lucanians always enjoyed our day on the Sat of the Festival in the grounds. This year with the permission of SDCC we will be once again in the grounds and we promise you a really great day. The **DINOSAURS** will be Back!

*Joe Byrne, Chairman*



**Happy Fathers' Day to all the Dads of Lucan!** Hope you all have a good one.

**As the dust settles on the recent elections**, we send congratulations to all our newly elected local Councillors, and look forward

to regular reports from each of them.

**Mid-Summer's Day / Summer Solstice** this coming week – the longest day actually falls on June 20<sup>th</sup>, this year. You wouldn't know it with the weather we're having these days!

**Euros take off this weekend**, though they nearly go unnoticed to most of us when the Boys in Green are not involved – let's hope for better times ahead.

**Dubs take on Mayo** in Roscommon, this Sunday – that's something to look forward to.

**On the Athletic front**, the Irish have done brilliant in Rome this past week, and let's not forget local girl, **Saoirse Fitzgerald** who took gold in the women's 800m in Spain, earlier in the week. Big well done to Saoirse!

**Lucan Lodge** – our thoughts are with the residents and their families as this saga continues. It is very worrying – hopefully a satisfactory solution will be found.

## **STOP!**

**Please stop cutting your Hedges and Bushes until 1<sup>st</sup> September.**

Our Garden Birds are nesting. Their numbers are rapidly decreasing.  
**Help Stop Biodiversity Loss!**



## **LOST**

**iPhone** lost around Lucan Village / Tesco, last week.

If found, please contact: 086-2587607.

## **FOUND**

**Car Key found** in St. Mary's Church Car Park on Monday 10/6/24.

Collect from St. Mary's Parish Office.

## Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

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

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



Mount Sackville  
Secondary School

Memories of Mount Sackville Secondary School In 2024/2025, Mount Sackville will proudly celebrate 160 years of education in Ireland. We plan to produce a publication marking this occasion.

We invite past pupils and staff to share with us your stories, photographs, or any archival materials of your time here or your association with the school.

You may contribute in the following ways:

By email to [memories@mountsackville.ie](mailto:memories@mountsackville.ie)

By post to Mary Delaney, Mount Sackville Secondary, Chapelizod, Dublin 20.

By presenting the material at the school reception in a sealed envelope with your name and address to ensure you have the original material returned safely.

## Primrose Hill Gardens

Are open for summer flowers.  
Also, tree walks in a scenic setting.

*Very top of Primrose Lane, Lucan,  
in Lucan Village.*



Adults - €6  
Children - free

Open since 1992

Open month of  
June to July 7<sup>th</sup>

2pm – 6pm every day

And *Heritage Week*

17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2pm – 6pm



## Esker Active Retirement Association

We had a very good attendance at club today, for our usual activities, bowls, scrabble and cards.

**Next Wednesday 19th June** is our end of season party in the hall, when we will have music, dancing, food and wine. We do hope our members will come along and enjoy the fun. Usual time 1.30.

We are starting up again on Wednesday September 11th. We will be going on a couple of day trips during July and August, details will be posted on club WhatsApp.

**Provisional dates for day trips** are 24th July and 21st August. On 7th August Helen has organised a coach to take about 30 members to an afternoon tea dance in the Royal Marine Hotel Sutton. On 11th July a large group are going to see the Musical *Pretty Woman* in Bord Gais.

So never a dull moment for our Active Retired Group, I think we are living up to our name!

Palmerstown Camera Club  
Invites you to our annual exhibition.  
Up to 100 images on display.  
We hope you can join us.  
10AM-4PM  
22-23RD  
JUNE  
Kindly Sponsored By  
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PALMERSTOWN PARISH CENTRE  
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Remember when....





## A dip in the Archives

1974 – Continued from last week

Lucan 50 years ago

7<sup>th</sup> April 1974

**“Bulldozers in Action:** Big bulldozers have been very busy in Lucan last week. At Dodsboro they have levelled the ground at the Hatchery and eventually the Hatchery itself, to make way for 64 houses to be built by Lucan Green Homes Ltd.

The bulldozers are also at work at Esker, between esker Glebe and the graveyard. It could be for 48 two-storey houses and seven bungalows planned to be built by P. L. Holdings Ltd.

It seems that the speculators have been very busy. Lucan village and the Lucan people have not been considered except when exploiting them. But one thing is a little bit clearer and that is the Lucan by-pass. Taking a line on the map from Ballydowd through the housing estates like Rose Lawns, Beech Park, Esker Glebe, Vesey Park, Hillcrest Ardeevin, it seem that the way is clear. But when will it start? If ever?”

14<sup>th</sup> April

**“New Shopping Centre:** These plans show the layout of the new shopping centre at Hillcrest near the Dodsoro Road. It consists of a Public House, Clinic, 8 small shopping units, Petrol Station and a Supermarket. Planning permission was granted to Messrs. Gallaghers earlier this year and work has already started.

We can see plenty of parking ..... the supermarket is big, the smalls hopping units are essential to make a shopping area, the Clinic seems very small and the pub well it’s a necessary evil.

It is a pity that the shopping centre was not on the Newcastle Road and be nearer to Lucan village, thus being more beneficial to the rest of Lucan."

6<sup>th</sup> January 1974:

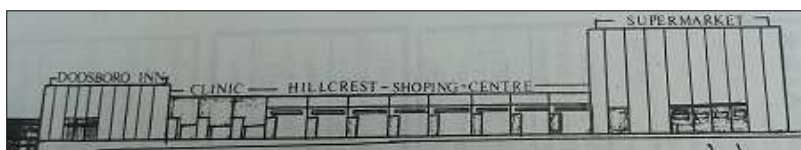
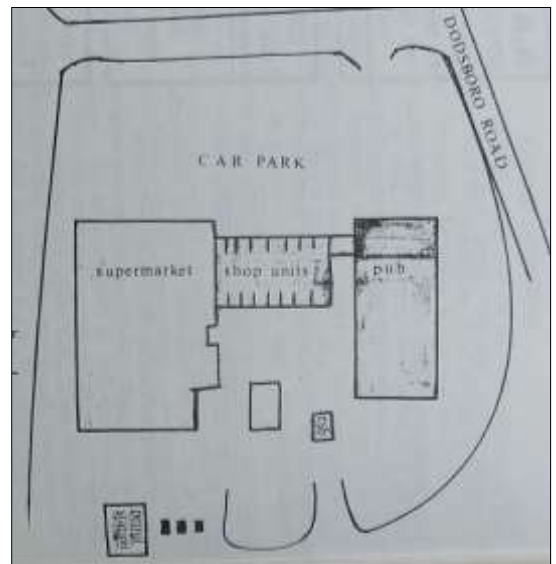
**“Preliminary Anticipation:** The indications just now are that there are very many difficulties ahead in 1974. More than that, we have just been enduring and feeling the bitter effects of the oil embargo imposed by Arab nations. We have all been led to be very much dependent on oil for energy and heating for home, office and industry and we have been caught napping at t time when we were not prepared for it.....

How unpredictable the future is! It is quite possible that very drastic measures will be taken here in line with the directives laid down by the British Government, who have reduced working to three days each week. Already there are signs that some such measures have been in the offing: some persons have been issued with protective notices and face the threat of redundancy.”

31<sup>st</sup> March

**“Re-using Waste:** The recent oil crisis brought out the importance of re-using any things that we now throw away as useless. The two important products are paper and glass.....

Waterford Glass has offered £7.50 per ton to anyone who should separate glass from other waste.....”



## Sports Clubs reporting in Lucan Newsletter.....

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club  
Dorsboro A.F.C., Arthur Griffith A.C.  
Lucan Golf, Grade ten Canoe Club,  
Lucan Celtic, Griffith Park F.C.



The Dubs were back with Heffo's Army, and Lucan Sarsfields footballer, **Kevin Synnott** played his part in Dublin's win over Galway, 0-14 to 1-6, being the final score. It was a victorious Kilkenny v Limerick in the hurling, 3-19 to 1-13.

## The Boys

The **23<sup>rd</sup> Lucan Scout Troop** was re-introduced after a break of some years, with the 48<sup>th</sup> Scout Troop also in Lucan.

The **Altar Boys** made a trip to the Gaiety to see *Jesus Christ Superstar* – with Luke Kelly playing the role of Herod!



## Groups submitting reports.....

Lucan ICA – who visited President Childers in Árus an Uachtarain in October of 1974. Sadly, the President died a month later.



Also –  
Lucan Drama, Macra na Tuaithe,  
West County Ladies Club, Palmerstown &  
District Horticultural Society,  
St. Mary's Youth Club, The Red Cross,  
Lucan Community Council,  
St. Anne's Social, Lucan Credit Union.

**“The Testing Wind:** The gale force winds that blew across the country on 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> January were the worst in living memory. Lucan had its brave and successful rescue bid of two canoeists from the Liffey by Mr. Shackleton..... Man is made to feel small in the raging clash of nature's forces.”

## Lucan Newsletter Staplers

*Left* - The weekly copies were stapled together on Saturday mornings, with a reward of sweets!

*Back:* Lorraine O'Neill, Elaine Abbey, Geraldine Harte, Patricia Gorman, and Claire Coyle.

*Centre:* Dorothy Buggle, Elaine Murray, Deirdre Moran, Lucy Moran and Imelda Collins.

*Front:* Jacqueline Buggle, Aidan Buggle, Sean Gorman and Eilish Moran

## Results of Local and European Elections - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Below are lists of the representatives from the 3 constituencies covering different parts of Lucan.



### Local Electoral Area of Lucan 5 Seats

Paul Gogarty – Non Party  
Vicki Casserly – Fine Gael  
Liona O'Toole – Non Party  
Caroline Brady – Fine Gael  
Joanna Tuffy - Labour

### Local Electoral Area of Palmerstown Fonthill 5 Seats

Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil  
Alan Hayes – Independent  
Niamh Fennell – Sinn Féin  
Madeleine Johansson – People Before Profit  
Glenn Moore – Irish Freedom Party



### LEA Castleknock 6 Seats

Ted Leddy – Fine Gael  
John Walsh – Labour  
Siobhan Shovlin – Fine Gael  
Ruth Coppinger – People Before Profit  
Ellen Troy – Aontú  
Eimear Carbone-Mangan – Fianna Fáil

**10 Women and 6 Men!**



### EUROPEAN ELECTIONS Dublin has 4 Seats

Barry Andrews - Fianna Fáil  
Regina Doherty - Fine Gael  
Lynn Boylan - Sinn Féin  
Aodhán O'Riordáin - Labour Party

All local representatives may submit notes relevant to the Lucan area, on a weekly basis. Please note that there is a limit of **150 words** including contact details. Wednesday night, 10pm is the weekly deadline.

## POLITICAL NOTES

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

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Twitter: @vickicasserly

### Local Elections 2024:

I am humbled, privileged, overwhelmed and proud to be re-elected to South Dublin County Council representing the Lucan area. To my friends and family who support me, thank you so much and to those who placed their trust and confidence and vote in me, thank you! I look forward to continuing my strong vibrant representation for our area. I'm committed and dedicated to representing Lucan as always. Please feel free to reach out if I can be of assistance.

### Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

78 The Orchard, Lucan

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

### Local & European Elections:

This June, we held our Local and European elections, and congratulations to all five Councillors elected in Lucan. I am delighted that Lucan is now represented by two dedicated Fine Gael Councillors: Vicki Casserly and Caroline Brady, both of whom are committed to being hardworking public representatives for the community. Additionally, Regina Doherty has been elected as MEP and will undoubtedly be a strong advocate for Dublin at the European level.

### €200,000 Funding for Lucan Village:

Exciting news for Lucan as it receives €200,000 in funding under THRIVE, the Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme. This funding aims to allow local authorities to reimagine and bring town centres back to life through the renovation and reuse of publicly owned or derelict heritage buildings. I am excited to see the positive impact it will have on our community.

**Political Notes continued over.....**

## **Cllr. Caroline Brady – Fine Gael P.C.**

- 085 2551602

[info@CarolineBrady.com](mailto:info@CarolineBrady.com)

### **Thank you:**

I am deeply honoured and grateful for your support in the Local Election. I will formally take up position as your newly elected County Councillor at the SDCC AGM on Friday 21st June. I am eager to begin and will dedicate myself to working tirelessly for you and Lucan.

### **Posters:**

Thank you to my team who helped me take down the posters the day after the election. We also made sure to collect up all the associated cable ties. Upon counting the posters, we realized that several were removed. I would greatly appreciate it if you would inform me should you come across any discarded posters or if any reappear.

### **Water Services Strategic Plan Consultation:**

Irish Water are conducting a Public Consultation on the draft Water Services Strategic Plan 2050 (WSSP 2050). It is now open until 16 July 2024.

## **Cllr. Paul Gogarty – P.C.**

“Not just at election time”

Tel: 087-2752489. E-mail: [info@paulgogarty.com](mailto:info@paulgogarty.com)

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

### **Thank You!**

It was a great honour to have topped the poll for the third time in a local election and to be elected with a surplus on the First Count for the very first time. Thank you to everyone who has shown faith in me once again. Congratulations to my colleagues on their re-election, outgoing Cllrs Casserley, O’Toole and Tuffy in Lucan LEA; to Cllrs Moynihan, Hayes and Johansson in Palmerstown-Fonthill; and to Cllrs Brady, Fennell and Moore winning a seat this time around in their respective LEAs. Commiserations to all candidates who put their names forward but didn’t get elected and in particular outgoing Cllr Derren O’Bradaigh, who did not make it this time.

### **Bus user survey:**

Still a short time left to have your say. Add your voice at [www.bit.ly/BusCorrect](http://www.bit.ly/BusCorrect).

## **Joanna Tuffy - Labour Party Lucan Electoral Area**

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all social media links at [linktr.ee/joannatuffy](http://linktr.ee/joannatuffy)

Just a short note to say I am honoured to be re-elected as a councillor for the Lucan Electoral Area. Thank you to everyone for your courtesy and kindness to me and my team of volunteers. Congratulations to the other candidates who were elected for our area. Commiserations to those

that lost out, especially Derren O’Bradaigh who I pipped to the post for the final seat. Both he, and Ed O’Brien who did not run in this election, did great work for Lucan as councillors and will be missed on the Council.

## **Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April - Oct 2024:**

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

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

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



Ireland's Child & Family Agency

TUSLA in South Dublin are looking for foster Carers. Right now, in

your community there are vulnerable children and young people who need a safe and supportive place to live. We are looking for carers in communities like Rathfarnham; Lucan; Clondalkin; Inchicore and Adamstown. Become a foster carer today to help a child realise just how amazing they are...

For more information:

Freephone: 1800 226 771

E: [tusla.fostering@tusla.ie](mailto:tusla.fostering@tusla.ie)

Find out more at [fostering.ie](http://fostering.ie)



Koins for Kids

**Koins for Kids** have a target of €1,000,000 to raise funds for equipment in the New Children’s Hospital!

We accept all types of coinage and all types of notes, old money, new money, old notes, pre-decimal, foreign, anything you no longer have a use for and that might be lying in a drawer or a lint filled pocket of an old coat. We can make good use of it.

**Contributions can be left in St Mary’s Parish Centre, Lucan or the sacristy in St. Mary’s Church.**



## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €2,600.

The Numbers were **7, 12, 19, 21.**

The lucky dip prizes go to Caroline Casey, Theresa Torsney, Annette Healy, Kevin Fitzgerald, Sean McGann This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €3,000. The draw is sponsored by Henley Forklift Group and will be led by Gerry McAndrew.



### Social

One of our Junior Hurlers, Tiarnán Swords, is taking part in a charity football match this Saturday 15th of June 2024 in aid of Féileacáin. Féileacáin was formed by a group of bereaved parents to offer support to anyone affected by the death of a baby around the time of birth, and the organisation is now the national charity supporting families affected by perinatal loss. We would like to wish Tiarnán the best of luck as he has been chosen to captain one of the teams. If anyone would like to contribute towards this great cause, please click the following link.

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/FeileacainFathers2024>

There will be a **Table Quiz** in the Club this Friday 14th June at 9pm. €40 for Table of 4. All proceeds go towards the 1999 Intermediate Hurling Championship 25th anniversary celebration event which is being held on Saturday 6th July. Contact Paul Stapleton for more information – 087 205 8572.

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

### 25 Card Drive

The 25 card drive resumes on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2024. We would love to see more players joining, contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 for information.

### Summer Camps

Our summer camps are now 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 multisport. The Cúl Camp is already fully booked. Make sure to register soon for the club camps as places are limited. Places can be booked via ClubZap or the following link:

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

### Cumann na mBunscol

We had huge excitement this week as several local schools competed in the Cumann na mBunscol finals in Croke Park. It was a great opportunity for our players who all put on a fine display of camogie and hurling, proudly representing their schools and club.

Congratulations to the girls and boys in Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada who both one their finals. This was the cherry on top for the GSER who also won their football final before Christmas.

Both the boys and girls in Scoil Áine Naofa also competed in CMNB finals in Croke Park. Congratulations to the girls who came out on top in their match but unfortunately, it was not to be for the lads who missed out, hard luck lads. Congratulations to our two adult players Sinead O'Keefe and Anna Breen who managed the teams.

Hard luck to Gaelscoil Naomh Padraig who were defeated in their final and best of luck to the team going forward.



### Academy

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

### County

**Hard luck** to Chris, John, Paul, Colm, Ronan and the Dublin senior hurlers in their Leinster final loss to Kilkenny.

**Well done** to Aoife, Amy, Laura, Emma and Mia in their win against Wexford with the Dublin senior camogie team.

**Hard luck** to Cian, Senan, Rian, Killian and the Dublin minor footballers in their quarter final loss last week. Well done lads, you have played a stormer all season and have done your families and the club proud!

**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.

### Buachaillí F10 - Iomáint

Cluiche iontach leis na buachaillí F10 ar an Sathairn in agaidh Ghearltaigh Uí Mhóráin. Sár obair agus go leor pasanna láimhe agus roll-ardú le fhéiceáil. Bhí na buachaillí an-mhaith ag obair le chéile agus bhí spiorad foirne láidir ann freisin. An-bhródúil asaibh.

Brilliant game on Saturday for U10 boys against Ger Morans. Brilliant work with lots of hand passing and roll lifts. Great to see the boys working together and a really strong team spirit. Very proud of you all!



### Cailíní F9 - Camogie

D'imir na réaltaí seo go hiontach ar an Domhnach. Bhíodar an-chróga agus cumhachtach agus iad ag brú ar aghaidh idir na cluichí ar fad. Bhí taispeántas scileanna uathu ar fad le sár-iarracht ó gach éinne.



### Peileadóirí

NGÓ A 1-8 Naomh Caoimhín Cillian 0-7

Bua sásúil tuillte ag an bhfoireann A aréir ag léiriú spioraid foirne ar feadh na 60 nóiméad. In ainneoin a bheith 2 chúilín taobh thiar ag leath ama, léirigh an fhoireann misneach ceart sa dara leath chun teacht thar n-ais agus an bua a fháil.



**Cumann na mbunscol**  
D'imir 33 baill NGO i bPáirc an Chrócaigh inniu idir dhá chluiche maith sibh. NGÓ abú. Páirc buan anois!



D'aimsigh Jimmy Keane cúl iontach tar éis comhimirt sciliúil ó na tosaithe. Chabhraigh cúilín ó Niall Stenson agus Darren Mac Íomhar le scór Na Gaeil Óga a shíneadh amach. Sa líne lán chúl, throid Séamus Ó Cearra go cruia le himirt mhaith ó Mhícheál Ó Nualláin. D'imir Colm Mac Gearailt an-tionchar ar an gcluiche freisin agus obair na gcapall á déanamh. Maith sibh a fheara! NGÓ abú!

## Lucan Library – June 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.

**Ruaille Buaille** - Lucan Children's Music Festival It's that time of year again! Don't forget the festival finale Family Music Day in Griffeen Park Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Lots of fun for all the family!

**Crinniú na nOg** - National Day of Free Creativity for Children - Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am

**Baby Rave** for Ages 1-4 years. Baby Rave is a kid's dance party that combines song, dance & play through engaging physical activity, imagination, and FUN!

Booking essential

: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/baby-rave-dance-party-tickets-902335909997>

**3.00pm & 3.30pm** (please book only 1 session)

Let's Explore Music with the Mobile Music School for Neuro-divergent children. Ages 5-7  
Booking essential

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/learn-and-explore-music-workshop-for-neuro-divergent-children-aged-5-7-yrs-tickets-908773304417>

**Pride 2024 - Pride Movie Night** –

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 5.30pm:** The Talented Mr Ripley. All welcome.

**Memory Lane Cafe - Dementia Friendly Event**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30pm - 3.30pm**

Join us for a trip down memory lane remembering the days of the famous Irish showbands.

Please register by leaving your name with staff at the desk.

**Fun with Food:** Navigating Fussy Eating in Children aged 2-10 years, for parents/caregivers.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm**

Interactive talk by Samantha Forrest, founder of Fussy Food Plates. All welcome.

**STEAM Saturday with Helen - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2pm.** For 9 -12 year olds. Booking essential from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/steam-saturday-with-helen-wobblebot-tickets-914708095537>

**Events for Younger Children:**

**Storytime - TUESDAYS at 3pm.** All welcome!

**Musical Tots** with Karen Donnellan – **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 10.30am.** Booking essential via Eventbrite from Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-with-karen-at-lucan-library-tickets-914686962327>

**Toddler Time** with Sarah Sparkles - **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.** Booking essential via Eventbrite from Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-at-lucan-library-with-sarah-sparkles-tickets-914674575277>

**EXHIBITIONS:**

**Framed Embroidery**

**Men's Health Book Display for Men's Health Finishes 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**Pride Book Display 17<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June**

**Lucan Library Classic Film Club:**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 5.30pm.**

Register at Library Desk

**Lucan Library Creative Writers Group – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 10am – 12noon.**

**Lucan Library Book Clubs:**

Junior Book Club: Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> June, 3.30pm

Wednesday Book Club: Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm

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

**Information Stands: South Dublin Volunteer Centre** - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm - 4pm

The poster is for an event titled "Fun with Food: Navigating Fussy Eaters" held at Lucan Library. It features the library's logo and name in the top corners. The main text describes an "INTERACTIVE SESSION ON HEALTHY EATING FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS" led by Samantha Forrest, founder of Fussy Food Plates. A central image shows a white plate with a red rim, containing a child's face made of popcorn and a lemon slice for a smile. The event is scheduled for Thursday 20 June at 7 PM and is open to all.

**S** **LUCAN LIBRARY**

**Fun with Food:  
Navigating Fussy Eaters**

**INTERACTIVE SESSION ON HEALTHY  
EATING FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS**

with Samantha, founder of  
Fussy Food Plates

**THURSDAY 20 JUNE,  
7PM**

All welcome!

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last Friday the members of the Camera Soiree went down memory lane looking at photographs of old Lucan in preparation for their project. Josie proved to be an authority in identifying some of the lesser-known views! By the way the answer to last week's question was of course the Grove Cinema. It was originally known as the Premier Cinema and apparently was the first cinema owned by the Dublin Cinema Group which later became the Ward-Anderson cinema chain.

Now to the photographs. Kay has submitted some nice photos of wild Irish flowers. Ireland boasts of some 800 native plant species which not only add beauty to the countryside but also support local ecosystems.



Conor captured a hungry baby robin. Because of high mortality in the first year of life, a robin has an average life expectancy of 1.1 years. However, once past its first year, life expectancy increases.



Irene has sent in some photographs of the Plaza de Espana in Seville. It was built in 1928 for the Ibero-American Exposition of 1929 and chronicles each of the regions of Spain in ceramic provincial alcoves

and benches. The purpose of the exposition was to improve relations between Spain and the countries in attendance, all of which had historical ties with Spain through either colonisation or political union. Today the buildings of the Plaza de España have been renovated and adapted for use as offices for government agencies.

*Stay safe until next week!*