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Sunday 2nd June 2024

The Future Grows from Current Decisions and Actions!

We offer heartfelt congratulations to Bishop Donal Roche who was ordained auxiliary bishop to Bishop Paul Dempsey in his new appointment as auxiliary bishop also during Mass in St Andrews Church in Westland Row on Sunday. Bishops Donal and Paul arrive with strong pastoral experience, a collaborative attitude and a rooted Gospel vision which will enliven their service in support of Archbishop Dermot Farrell.

The newly formed team of bishops commences in times when the form of church and parish is changing in line with fewer people choosing to engage in Catholic faith. Consequently the numbers of priests in service is declining as is the number of people engaging in voluntary activity. Priests and volunteers grow up in families where faith is practiced. A reshaping of church community and parish structures in line with current realities and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit will bring us into a fresh space.

While hundreds of parents, in our parishes in Lucan, choose to progress children through the Rites of Initiation in Faith (Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation) each year the follow through and commitment to actual parish participation is marginal. The future shape of our local parishes depends on the choices which are made individually and corporately in current times. We are building a legacy which will become that of the next generations by our current actions and choices. The shape of church and society which we wish for our children and grandchildren grows from what we do, or don't do, now.

In the lifetime of the current diocesan leadership the shape of parish, diocese and Catholic country will change beyond anything known to us to date. As we scan the parishes in the country of Ireland we see church buildings closing, parishes in various forms of partnership, parishes amalgamating under the shared leadership of all people involved. Great changes will occur in a very short space of time as has been the case down through the history of the church and all living organisations.

This is a time of transition in many aspects of life in Ireland. As with all times, this transition is a gift which we are called to open with the eyes, hearts and minds anew with trust that God has purpose and guidance to bring us to a fruitful place. New wine needs new wineskins! Providing new wine and new wineskins requires suitable conditions and takes a lot of effort and care. The shaping of the present and future is placed in our hands and the outcome will be the result of our efforts and participation.

We wish every grace and blessing on Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Bishop Paul Dempsey and Bishop Donal Roche as they lead us in the light of the Spirit.

Cathy Burke

Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes

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

Dealing with Problem Debt

If you owe money and you are not able to keep up with the repayments, the debt can become a problem. If you are in this situation you may find yourself:

Missing payments and getting letters from creditors.

Borrowing money to pay bills and catch up with arrears.

Making promises to pay unreasonable amounts.
Facing legal action.

It is important to take action to deal with your debts and stop the situation getting worse. For example, if you don't start getting your debts under control, your creditors could go to court and eventually repossess your home. This can happen even if you have no mortgage on your home or your mortgage payments are up to date.

Getting help from MABS

The Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) is a free and confidential service for people with debt problems and money management problems. MABS can help you to explore your options and deal with your debt in a systematic way. Its website mabs.ie provides information and resources.

You can use the My Financial Healthcheck tool as a starting point to find the right information, advice and support.

Managing your money: MABS can help you manage your money and stay on top of your bills. You can use the MyBudget tool to help you make a budget plan. There are also tips on managing your money to make your money go further.

Dealing with creditors: MABS has agreed a protocol with the Banking and Payments Federation of Ireland (BPFI). The lenders that have signed up to the protocol have committed to work with MABS money advisers to help customers with their debt problems and agree a sustainable plan of repayments. The protocol between MABS and BPFI (pdf) allows for write-off of some debt, at the lender's discretion.



MABS can also help you to agree a sustainable repayment plan with your other creditors that have not signed up to the protocol.

Accessing personal insolvency options: All MABS services are registered as Approved Intermediaries with the Insolvency Service of Ireland (ISI) and can bring you through the process of getting a Debt Relief Notice if this is an appropriate solution for you. MABS can also advise you on how to access the other personal insolvency options – see below.

Dealing with mortgage arrears: MABS has Dedicated Mortgage Arrears (DMA) advisers that can give you independent expert advice if you have difficulty with mortgage arrears. DMA advisers can help you find out what type of financial, insolvency or legal services you need and help you to access them.

MABS is involved in providing free support to people with mortgage arrears, as part of the Abhaile scheme. Abhaile can offer financial and legal support and advice.

Contacting MABS

You can call the MABS Helpline on 0818 07 2000 from 9am to 8pm, Monday to Friday. You can also request a callback, email helpline@mabs.ie or make an appointment to meet a money adviser in person in one of the nationwide network of MABS offices.

Dublin South MABS, Clondalkin, Civic Offices, Ninth Lock Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22, D22E9X5
Tel – 0818 07 2270, email clondalkin@MABS.ie

Lucan ICA

Death of our founder member Philly Burchael 25th May 2024.

It is with great sadness we have been informed of the death of our founder member Philly Burchael, having joined Lucan ICA Guild for the first meeting in 1966.

Philly, as we have known her was a treasure, a lively and friendly lady who attended all Guild meetings and functions; she served as President twice in 1976 and 1983 and on committee.

Philly always gave freely of her time, knowledge and expertise in the

area of crafts *ie* patchwork, quilting, fabric painting, decoupage, knitted dolls, chicken scratching and cushion making. Philly loved her garden and shared her knowledge and plants with us, her favourite colour was purple.

Philly loved to do comedy sketches for our group night - one making a Christmas cake of a different kind - flour all over herself, currants and raisins spilling out - brushed up and put back into the cake! All due to the amount of alcohol consumed and put into the cake, she would put a bottle of pretend whiskey on her head and stagger around the room.

Philly had great memories of her life in Lucan, her schooldays, she would along with her next-door neighbour Phyllis Lacey entertain us with what they got up to in the early days. One favourite saying was "Do you remember it Jem! Ah I remember it well" - They were dressed up as 2 old men - great entertainment.

We will miss her so much, rest in peace Philly, we send our deepest sympathy to Anita, Patrice Aaron and her brother Ray.

Pauline & Mary and members of ICA.



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 6th 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 to register your interest.



Thursday 6th 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 1st and 3rd 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 6th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

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

Garden Open Day

Fundraiser for



@ 43 Beech Grove, Lucan
Sat 8th June 2024
10.30am – 4.00pm

Support this very worthy cause.
Stroll around the garden.
Relax and chat.
Tea/Coffee served.

Bring a friend

Donation on leaving

Contact:
Joe & Aine Clayton 086 0561497



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Is Ireland's only Children's Hospice, providing palliative and hospice care and support for children with life-limiting conditions and their families from all across Ireland.

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

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

St. Mary's Readers' Roster June 2024: The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of June 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.*

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.

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.

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.*

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Phil Burchael**, Sarsfield Park, and to the husband, family and friends of **Anne Moran**, Airlie Heights. *May they rest in peace.*



Medjugorje Mass

In St Mary's Church

10th June at 6.15pm.

(Rosary and Prayers at 5.45pm)

Log on to: Lucanparish.com

Facebook: [medjugorje.mass.lucan](https://www.facebook.com/medjugorje.mass.lucan)

All welcome



Anam Cara
South Dublin,
the organisation

that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 10th June at 7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.**

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

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



Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Saturday June 8th at 12 Noon

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Mass will be followed by refreshments.

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 (room with tables and
chairs to the right of the porch at the main Church
entrance).

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: Monday to 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: 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.*

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



Esker Cemetery Mass

The Annual Mass and Blessing of Graves
will take place on

Sunday 1st September at 3pm

Weather Permitting.

Acknowledgement

DAMIEN WATCHORN

30th March 2024

I (Edel) would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to each of you who supported me on the recent and incredibly heartbreaking loss of my husband Damien, 'My Love, My Life, My Everything'.



Thank you to Fr Joe Poole for your support and celebrating Damien's farewell Mass at St. Mary's and his final journey at Newlands Cross. Also organising Damien's month's mind in our home on April 30th 2024 is truly appreciated, the poetry and reflections you chose personalised it to Damien and I, making it very special.

Thank you to Michael Cunningham and team at Cunningham's Funerals for their professionalism, support and advice at the most difficult time in my life. I am most grateful for your help with organising Damien's final farewell.

Thank you to Nikola Hendy for your beautiful songs, Jackie's florist Ballyfermot for the gorgeous flowers, and SuperValu of Lucan for all you did. Simon and the staff at O'Neill's of Lucan for your support and the lovely food, I am truly grateful.

A very special thank you to my family, Dad, Mam, Carli, Adrian and Roisin, my nieces and nephews for your ongoing love, presence and support. To my bestie Helen C, my wonderful colleagues and friends Deirdre L, Michelle C, Donna M, Shifali M, and Tracy S; School pals Foxy and Ash; Damien's best pal Ken; your support and friendship have been immeasurable in supporting me through these very dark days and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincere thanks to the incredible staff at St. James's Hospital Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit (you know who you are), there aren't words that suffice for all you did for us, you made a very difficult and heartbreaking time so very special and precious also, I will never forget your kindness.

To Damien's son Jamie, his many friends, the extended Watchorn and Carey families near and far, and all who travelled from overseas including Damien's sisters Mary and Lucy and nieces Leah and Kelly for participating in Damien's Mass from Canada, a huge heartfelt thank you.

As there are so many people to thank it is impossible to mention all, please know I am forever grateful for all the love and support shown to me over this really difficult time.

Mass will be offered for your intentions

Míle Buíochas, Edel, Hillcrest Lucan.

Anniversaries

MICHAEL BALFE

4th Anniversary - 3rd June

Today we remember
Not just the sorrow of his passing
But the joy of all the moments
We shared with him.

Lovingly remembered by his wife Catherine and family



Birthday Remembrances

ALAN CAREY

3rd June

Birthday remembrance for Alan Carey, Ballydowd.

"Always in our thoughts
Forever in our hearts.

Missing you beyond words Al.

Love Mam, Dad, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews

SANDRA CORRIGAN WHELAN R.I.P.

4th Birthday Away from Home

Days go by and turn to years
And birthdays here again
Time and years mean nothing
And the heartache, is just the same
Every step we take, a memory of you
Our tears, and never to far...
Words only, are not nearly enough
To say, how missed you are.
*Happy Heavenly birthday to our beautiful Sandra
with love from your family xx*



June Bank Holiday Weekend, and the weather is looking good.

At this time of year, our thoughts are with the students sitting their State Exams, as they cram in the last bit of study in preparation for the

next couple of weeks – it will all be over before they know it!

Good Luck to all taking part in the Women’s Mini Marathon this weekend – no doubt, lots of money will be raised for various great charities.

Well done to the group of Westbury residents for the time and energy they put into trimming and cleaning the grass verge alongside their homes on the Newcastle Road. Their hard work did not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

Fr. Tom gives good blessings! Wouldn’t you know it, the garden which former Curate, Fr. Tom gave his blessing to in RTE’s Super Garden competition, has won a place at **Bloom** in the Phoenix Park this weekend – and we are off to check it out!

Esker Active Retirement Assoc.

We had our final Chair Yoga with Geraldine today, leaving us all really relaxed. Hopefully we can organise further sessions outside club time, so that we can continue with usual activities, such as indoor bowls, card games and scrabble.

We still have meetings planned till end of June, so anyone wishing to join us is very welcome. We meet Wednesdays at 1.30 to 4 pm, in St Andrews Parish Hall, Main Street, Lucan.

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 5th June: Social Morning in St. Mary’s Parish Centre, 10.30 – 12.30.

All welcome.

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

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

Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Coffee break at 1pm.

Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.



MARYMOUNT CARE CENTRE

FAIR DEAL & THE ASSISTED DECISION-MAKING (CAPACITY ACT)

DEMENTIA EVENING

INFORMATION & SUPPORT EVENINGS

Marymount Dementia Team welcomes Marymount Care Centre Director Conor Mc Nulty to discuss Fair Deal & the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015.

THURSDAY
6TH JUNE 2024

EDUCATION CENTRE
MARYMOUNT CARE CENTRE
7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

BOOK NOW +353 1 820 4500
foh@mmcc.ie



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.

Pilgrimage to Knock

On Saturday 25 May last a large group of pilgrims travelled from the parishes of St Patrick's Esker and St Mary's Lucan to Knock Shrine. Pilgrims boarded the bus at the layby near St Mary's Church, then outside St Patrick's Church before our last pick up point at the Marian Shrine, Dodsboro. From the outset a hum of conversation permeated through the bus, with pilgrims catching up with friends they met on previous pilgrimages. It appeared that everyone had brought not only their petitions but also their raincoats just in case. It seems that we pilgrims associate Knock Shrine with rain. The Knock Apparition description is of Our Lady, St Joseph and St John the Evangelist, enshrined by a blaze of heavenly light on the south gable wall of the parish Church, while behind them to the left stood a plain altar with a cross and lamb. The witnesses who saw the Apparition in August 1879, watched the apparition in pouring rain for two hours while reciting the rosary.

Leaving the Basilica and making our way to the Bus Park for our return journey confirmed we were correct in ensuring we brought our raincoats as a light misty rain began to fall. Once more we headed eastwards to Longford, this time taking the route through Ballyhaunis. Having partaken of a light meal in Longford we were once more homeward bound. Indeed one might say that the journey home to Lucan was lightened by our Happy Wanderers sing-a-long, while others might disagree!!!

Knock has a timeless air about it, it still retains the stalls selling all manner of religious souvenirs outside the walls of the Shrine while inside the walls there are some notable additions as in: how the Gable wall is enshrined, the Reconciliation Chapel, the Museum and the surrounding landscaped gardens, plus the air of companionship and understanding from fellow pilgrims not only those sharing your journey but also those who you fleetingly meet and share a nod of recognition and understanding.



Our first stop was for tea & scones in Longford before continuing our journey to Knock. The buzz of conversation ceased to allow us to recite the Rosary together, no doubt each of us fervently recited our prayers knowing that we were bringing special requests to Our Lady of Knock. Once we alighted the Bus we gathered together to mark the occasion with a group photo. We then went our separate ways before regrouping in the Basilica for the Concelebrated Mass and Anointing of the Sick at 3pm. Other special moments include the Loreto House Intercultural Group wearing their traditional costumes, who in song and dance brought the book of the Gospels and later the Offertory gifts, to the Altar during Mass.

Our number included three visitors to Ireland from the Philippines, they were: Maria, Rodolfo & Benilda. They were advised that 'no visit to Ireland would be complete without a visit to Knock Shrine' and thus they accompanied us on our journey to Knock. The words they used to describe their journey were very special, enriching and spiritual. I believe we pilgrims would agree with our friends from the Philippines.

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SCHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

School Awards Day: Last Thursday we had our annual awards day in the school sports hall. As always it was a brilliant day with members of the board of management, parents association and past students all in attendance. A special word of thanks to Ms. Hanlon and Ms. McMahon who both put a massive amount of work into organising the day and making sure everything ran so smoothly. A special word of thanks for our outgoing student council who have done so much hard work for their fellow students throughout the academic year. Congratulations to the students who have been nominated onto the student council for next year. The big winners on the day were Riona McKearney and Jennifer Guest. Riona was voted by her teachers and fellow students as the 2024 student of the year and Jennifer was voted as head girl for the 24/25 academic year. Well done girls!



Earth Day: TY students worked with Siobhan, one of our TY Options tutors exploring sustainable making. Papermaché elements were made, painted to make origami boxes for Mancala sets using foraged materials. Students are encouraged to consider sustainable making practices and biodegradability.

Joey's Tidy Town and Lucan Tidy Towns: 4A1, 4A4 and Joey's Tidy Towns group partnered with Lucan Tidy Towns conducting a survey of businesses in the village to ascertain their understanding of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and to progress Lucan

village's entry in the Supervalu National Tidy Towns Competition.

Rubbish Film Festival: South Dublin County Council in partnership with Create school provided a workshop for TY students who collaborated to create a one minute film and a poster, based on environmental issues that will be screened at a special awards event on the 3rd May

Flag Day Committee in Leinster House: On Tuesday, 28th May, the second year Flag Day Committee visited Leinster House. The students were greeted on arrival by Emer Higgins TD and had a tour of the houses of the Oireachtas, a Q&A with Emer and then lunch in Trinity College. A poem written by Caoimhe Daffy won the overall Flag Day Scholarship of €1,000 last week. The Dáil held a debate and vote on recognising the state of Palestine on Tuesday at 2.00pm. The Palestinian Flag flew yesterday on the grounds of the Dáil for the first time. Emer Higgins spoke on Tuesday evening in the Dail and she was so impressed with the references to peace in Caoimhe's poem, that she read the poem in the Dail giving reference to both Caoimhe and St. Joseph's in her speech.

Let's Chat Medicine Workshop – UCD and Barretstown: Fatiha Mostafa, Kayleigh Tobin Rehill and Shannon Goode all attended the "Let's Chat Medicine Programme," spending two days in UCD labs and three days in Barretstown Campus, Co. Kildare. This initiative was run by UCD in collaboration with Barretstown and The Young Persons Advisory Group (YPAG) at the National Children's Cancer Service. The topic was genomics and its role in personalised medicine. The students acquired knowledge of personalised medicine while gaining an insight into careers in the personalised medicine space. All students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



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Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Graduation News: Congratulations to our 101 6th yr students who graduated in St. Mary's Church and the school on Thursday 23rd May. We are very grateful to Fr. Ubaldo for officiating the mass and for his thoughtful words of advice and guidance to the students, words that really resonated with them.

The students then returned to the school where the Sports Hall filled up with close to 500 people as parents, guardians, family, friends and staff gathered together one final time to bid farewell and wish good luck to the class of 2024.

As usual at these bittersweet occasions, there were mixed emotions for the students as they celebrated the completion of their second-level education, at the end of their 5/6 year journey (depending on whether or not they did Transition Year). There was a sense of joy and celebration of their time in Coláiste Phádraig, tinged with a little sadness that is common to graduation ceremonies, as the realisation dawned on the students that they would soon be leaving behind a lot of friendships and happy memories as they prepared to sit their exams and move onto the next stage of their lives.

6th yr student Yeldo Joseph gave an excellent Valedictorian Graduation speech in which he reflected on some humorous memories of his time at Coláiste Phádraig. He also made a presentation to Mr. Geraghty on behalf of the students and wished him well on his impending retirement.

The students were then called onto the stage in groups of three where they received their graduation certs, 6th yr group photo as well as a set of cufflinks as mementoes of their time in Coláiste Phádraig.

We wish the class of 2024 good luck in their exams and all the best for the future.



Transition Year: The Transition Year Graduation was held in the Sports Hall on Wednesday 22nd May. It was a brilliant evening of nostalgia, laughs, memories and celebration of a hugely successful and enjoyable Transition Year Programme. The hall was decorated with posters and photos of the various projects and subject based activities the students got involved in throughout the year. There were also lots of beautiful potted plants that the TY Horticultural class have grown since September, that parents were invited to bring home with them. Dara Reilly and Evan Whelan acted as MCs for the night and they did a superb job, using humour to great effect especially.

The students put on a short play entitled "The Crime done in Rhyme" and the cast did a brilliant job bringing the short, humorous murder mystery to life on the stage. The play is a parody of *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss and it was the perfect choice as the stage and set requirements were minimal with just a few common and easily accessible props required.

Academic awards were then presented for each subject, while there were also special awards in areas such as film directing, Inclusion Week, work experience, strength and conditioning, Guidance, Theatre and Stage, GAA coaching, Media and Production, CPR, rowing, health and safety, horticulture, drama and spirit of TY.

To wrap up the evening's entertainment, an end-of-year video montage of the year's activities was displayed on the screen.

Tea, coffee, biscuits and sandwiches, kindly served by the Parents Association, completed a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining night for all. Congratulations to the TY classes of 2024 on their graduation.

Soccer: Hard luck to our Transition Year soccer team who were defeated 1-0 by Portmarnock CS in the Leinster Cup Final held at Stella Maris Dublin Port Stadium on Wednesday 23rd May.

Exam News: Our 6th yr students sat their Computer Science Leaving Cert written exam in the school on Wednesday 22nd May. The exam was worth 70% of the overall marks, with the students having already submitted their projects worth the remaining 30%. The students reported that the exam was challenging but fair and that they were relieved to have completed one of their exams fully by now.

The Junior Cycle and Leaving Cert exams begin for all students on Wednesday 5th June at 9.30am. English is first up for everyone and hopefully the papers will be kind to all.

Lucan Community College

Student Fundraiser: Well done to Calvin Greene (Class Biles) who held a fundraiser to raise funds to support the Laura Lynn foundation. On behalf of Amelia and Calvin we would like to say 'thank you' for your support in reaching our €500 fundraising target and to all of our Rowers who completed the 132km Row the-Liffey challenge!

Transition Year Graduation: Congratulations to all of our wonderful Transition Year students who graduated from Transition Year last week. A huge thanks especially to Ms Higgins (TY Coordinator) and Ms Clarke (Year Head) for organising a wonderful ceremony.



Congratulations to Riain Murphy for receiving the **'Transition Year Student of the Year'** award at the TY Graduation ceremony. Riain received his award from Ms Clarke (Year Head) and was awarded as a result of his hard work and representing his year group with model behaviour, participation, and hard work.

Congratulations to Thomas Cockerell for receiving the **'Spirit of Transition Year'** award at the TY Graduation ceremony. He truly exemplified the essence of TY with his remarkable enthusiasm and active participation in the TY program throughout the year.

Saoirse's Athletics Success:

A huge congratulations to Saoirse Fitzgerald (5th Year) who has been selected to represent Ireland at an international track event in Barcelona on June 8th.



Graduation 2024

Congratulations to the Class of 2024 on their recent graduation from Lucan Community College. A wonderful ceremony was celebrated last week with a special thanks to Mr Grimes (Year Head) and Ms Malone (Deputy Principal).



Congratulations to Saoirse Balfe who was awarded **Student of the College** at the 6th Year Graduation.



Ruby Crocker Dunne deserves congratulations for being awarded **Student of the Year** at the 6th Year Graduation.

Local and European Elections Friday 7th June 2024

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



Local Electoral Area of Lucan 15 Candidates 5 Seats

Agbana, Eben – Non Party
Brady, Caroline – Fine Gael
Casserly, Vicki - Fine Gael
Conway, Frank – Fianna Fáil
Coyle, Robert – The Irish People
Dwyer, Lorraine – Sinn Féin
Gogarty, Paul Nicholas - Non Party
Kerins, Mark – People Before Profit - Solidarity
Kunchalakatt, Joseph Roy – Non Party
Nolan, Stephen – Social Democrats
Ó Brádaigh, Derren – Sinn Féin
O'Toole, Liona – Non Party
Ram, Jithin - Green Party
Shah, Kamal – Non Party
Tuffy, Joanna – Labour Party

Local Electoral Area of Palmerstown Fonthill

17 Candidates – 5 Seats

Callaghan, Gavin - Non Party
Doran, Karla – Green Party
Fennell, Niamh – Sinn Féin
Fitzgerald, Shane – Non Party
Gardiner, David – The Workers Party
Gogarty, Paul Nicholas – Non Party
Griffin, Emma – Fine Gael
Hayes, Alan – Non Party
Jahanzab, Sikandar – Fine Gael
Johansson, Madeleine – People Before Profit - Solidarity
Loftus, Daniel – Sinn Féin
Moore, Glen – Irish Freedom Party
Moynihan, Shane – Fianna Fáil
Nolan, Ruth – Sinn Féin
Olatunji, Funmi Soyemi – Labour Party
Ó Murchú, Cathal – Sinn Féin
Quinn, Colm - Aontú



Local Electoral Area of Castleknock

10 Candidates - 6 Seats

Carbone-Mangan, Eimear - Fianna Fáil
Conroy, Pamela - Green Party
Coppinger, Ruth - People Before Profit - Solidarity
Daly, Luke - Social Democrats
Leddy, Ted - Fine Gael
Lynam, Phil - Sinn Féin
Mahony, Howard - Fianna Fáil
Shovlin, Siobhan - Fine Gael
Troy, Ellen - Aontú
Walsh, John - The Labour Party

Just as a matter of interest, we counted 15 women candidates in our local election areas.



EUROPEAN ELECTIONS Dublin has 4 Seats 23 Candidates

Umar Al-Qadri - Independent
Barry Andrews - Fianna Fáil
Lynn Boylan - Sinn Féin
Niall Boylan - Independent Ireland
Rebecca Barrett - The National Party
Robin Cafolla - An Rabharta Glas-Green Left
Ciarán Cuffe - Green Party
Aisling Considine – Aontú
Clare Daly - Independent
Regina Doherty - Fine Gael
Daithí Doolan - Sinn Féin
Philip Dwyer - Ireland First
Sinead Gibney- Social Democrats
Andy Heasman - The Irish People
Conor Murphy - Independent
Eamonn Murphy - Independent
Diarmaid O'Conorain - Irish Freedom Party
Aodhán O'Riordáin - Labour Party
Brendan Ogle - Independent
Stephen O'Rourke - Independent
Patrick Quinlan - National Party
Brid Smith - People Before Profit
Malachy Steenson – Independent

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.

June Bank Holiday

Please note that Lucan Library will close on Friday 31st May at 4.30pm and reopen on Tuesday 4th June at 9.45am.



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 15th June. Lots of fun for all the family!

Thursday 13th June, 3.30pm

Creating Decorations for Ruaille Buaille Festival Marquee with Elena for 9-12 year olds Booking Essential from Thursday 6th June at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/ruaille-buaille-art-session-with-elena-for-children-aged-8-12-years-old-tickets-907670044537>

Crinniu na nOg - National Day of Free **Creativity for Children** - Sat 15th 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 from Saturday 1st June at 10.30am: <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 from Saturday 1st June at <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 18th June, 5.30pm: The Talented Mr Ripley. All welcome.

Memory Lane Cafe - Dementia Friendly Event

Monday 17th June, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

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

Tea/coffee and refreshments will be served.



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 20th June, 7pm. Interactive talk by Samantha Forrest, founder of Fussy Food Plates. All welcome.

Adult Chess Club: Wednesday, 12th June, 3.30pm - 5.30pm. Come along to practice your chess with friends or new opponents! All welcome. Chess sets provided in the seminar room.

Poet's Perch – Monthly Poetry Circle for Adults Tuesday 4th June 6.30pm. All levels welcome. Feel free to bring along a poem you like or that you have written, to share with the group. Theme this month is happiness.

Chat and Play Session for Neuro-Divergent Pre-School Children with Rebecca McDermott, founder of *This is Me* and qualified Play Practitioner - Wed 5th June, 10am. Please book a ticket for each pre-school child attending. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Booking essential <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/copy-of-chat-and-play-sessions-for-neuro-divergent-pre-school-children-tickets-902242600907>

Art and Creativity for 6-8 Year Olds with Elena Buttner. Thursday 6th June, 3.30pm. Booking essential via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/art-and-creativity-with-elena-at-lucan-library-for-years-tickets-912090797127>

STEAM Saturday with Helen - Saturday 22nd June, 2pm. For 9 -12 year olds. Booking essential from Saturday 17th 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 22nd June at 10.30am. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Saturday 15th June at 10.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-with-karen-at-lucan-library-tickets-914686962327>

Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles - Thursday 27th June at 10am. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Thursday 20th 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 Week 10th – 16th June

Pride Book Display 17th – 29th June



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



June Bank Holiday Draw

This week we are holding a special draw for the June Bank Holiday weekend. This will take place directly after the lotto on Thursday 30th May.

1st Prize €1,000 cash; 2nd Prize €500 cash
To Enter this draw please renew or sign up for a Lucan Sarsfields Recurrent Lotto Subscription via ClubZap.



Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €1,800. The Numbers were **10, 11, 12, 28**

The lucky dip prizes go to Carol Masterson, Claire Joyce, Luke Murphy, Joe Carberry and Anna McGillicuddy

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €2,200. The draw is sponsored by Diamond & Gem Jewellers and will be led by Josephine Donohue.

Community Garden: We have recently started a community garden at the entrance to the club and want to make this a community garden. We need to keep it tidy, so we ask anybody passing by to pick weeds, give it a water on a hot day or add some plants/ flowers. A huge thank you to Mike Hanley and everyone else involved in this great initiative.



Social

There will be a **Table Quiz** in the Club on 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.

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.

The club has recently introduced **Honorary Life Membership**. Club Members over the age of 70, who have been members of the club for at least 20 years, can be nominated for approval by the Executive for this Membership of the club. Such nominations can be made by any full member of the club by emailing lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com



25 Card Drive: The final game of the Club's 25 Card Drive for the 2023/2014 season took place Friday night 10th May 2024 with an accumulator of €300 on offer. Congratulations to the winner Tony Rigney with a total of 61 games and to

runner-up John Kelly with 55 games. Congratulations to John O'Mahony who won a hamper and to the other raffle prize winners. We would love to see more players joining when play resumes on 11th October 2024. 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>

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

Congratulations to John, Bellew, Chris Crummey, Paul Crummey, Colm Walsh, Ronan Smyth and the Dublin senior hurlers on their win over Galway last weekend. The lads now face Kilkenny in the Leinster final in Croke Park on the 8th of June at 6pm.

Chris not only earned himself man of the match but also GAA Hurler of the week. A huge achievement, well done Chris!



Hard luck to Mark, Oscar, Senan, Killian, the Dublin Minor hurlers last weekend in their tough loss to Kilkenny in the Leinster final.

Hard luck Cathal Kennedy, Jack Behan, Liam Garrigan, Massimo Pappalardo and Eoghan Smyth in the backroom team in their Leinster Final loss to Offaly with the Dublin U20 Hurlers

Well done to Erin, Ciara and Holly who represented the Dublin U15 Camogie team against Kildare.

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

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

The Biofreeze Irish Runner 5km 18th May

The Biofreeze Irish Runner 5km took place on Saturday with 9 Lucan Harriers toeing the line for this National Championships.

While our club numbers taking part were small the medal collecting was high, 3 individual age category medals & 1 relay medal were acquired. Breda Smyth and Eileen O'Brien taking silver and Anne Whelan bronze in individual & the F50 relay team of Breda, Anne and Tricia getting bronze.



Eileen O'Brien Anne Whelan Tricia Gough at 5k Biofreeze

Conditions were dry and breezeless but a little muggy, and there was a very nasty hill at about 3km. Also running for LH were Jacek Latala, Sinead Farrell, Jacinta Linehan, Phelim Cassidy and Rosemary Gaine.

Lucan Harriers really excelled at the volunteering with the finish line totally manned by the club. They presented the medals, and distributed water, bananas, protein bars & the blue drink congratulating all 1693 finishers and taking the social media photos for so many.



Lucan Harriers volunteers at BioFreeze 5k

Lucan Harriers 5 Mile Road Race September 1st

The Lucan Harriers A.C. 5 mile road race will take place on Sunday 1st September at 11am. This year will incorporate the Dublin 5 mile Road Championships.

The 5 mile race is a fast course with a 1 mile section run along the beautiful Grand Canal. The race finishes with a lap of our new tartan track and to guarantee you achieve your PB we have organised pacers for the main time points. Runners, Walkers, Joggers and Virtual runners - are all welcome! Don't miss out on a great event with lots of refreshments afterwards. Registration is now open on [Eventmaster.ie](https://www.eventmaster.ie)

Couch to 5 Mile Training

Lucan Harriers Couch to 5 Mile will be back again this year after huge success last year. This will be a great opportunity for anyone new to running who wants to challenge themselves in a supportive and safe environment. Training sessions are run on our track and coached by qualified coaches. Registration includes entry to the 5 mile race and training sessions from June 10th until September. Training sessions are Mondays and Thursdays at 7pm. Follow our Facebook page Lucan Harriers AC for more updates or for queries on the Couch to 5 mile email fit4lifelucanharriers@gmail.com



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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).

Family Fun Day: remember to save the date for our Family Fun Day on 14 July in the Centre. It is going to be epic!

Golden Hour Retirement Club: Our Golden Hour Retirement Club continues throughout June as follows:

June 6: 1pm Art, followed by Coffee Hour at 2pm

June 13: 1pm Coffee Hour

June 20: 1pm Irish Dancing, followed by Coffee Hour at 2pm

June 27: 1pm Social Coffee Hour

Would you like to learn how to start your own business? We are running a course on 'The secret to starting your own business' during June. It starts on June 13 at 7pm in the centre with an initial introduction. There is no cost, so if you're interested, please email info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Minder & Toddler Group

Thursdays

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



All Welcome!

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](#)

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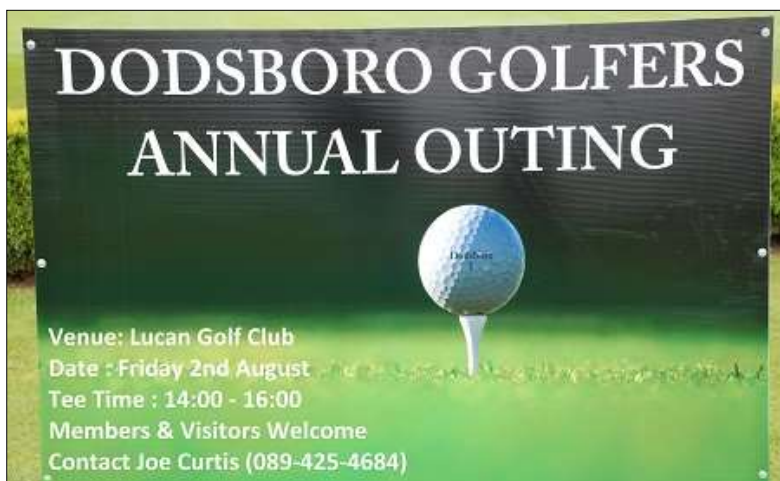
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etc may also be left at the usual addresses:

St. Mary's Parish Centre

Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée



We were back in the Parish Centre this Friday and business was as usual. This week something special - photographs taken by a young lady, Lara, who is a



granddaughter one of our members, Frances. Lara has become a keen photographer and indeed featured in the Newsletter of 3rd/4th February in a photograph of the Soiree's exhibition in the Lucan Library.



Now for some photographs from the members of the Soiree. Paddy sent in some photographs taken in the Clifden area last week end. One that struck me in particular was the one of a boat on the water and behind a colossal wind farm.

Josie has been in Portugal and sent us some photographs from Cascais which is a town in the Lisbon district and is the premier holiday destination on the Portuguese riviera.

Cascais's owes its position as a popular seaside resort to the fact that in the 1870s King Luis 1 of Portugal and the Portuguese royal family made the seaside town their residence every September.

Cascais is known for the many members of royalty who have lived there, including King Edward VIII of the United Kingdom, (after his



abdication the Duke of Windsor) who resided there while waiting for a boat to take him to the Bahamas to take up the position of Governor. King Umberto 11 who was the last king of Italy, reigning for 43 days from 9th May until 12th June 1946 lived the rest of his life in Cascais.



Stay safe until next week!