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## Midsummer Night's Dream! Bonfire Night!

Midsummer's night/St John's Eve/Bonfire Night was the highlight of our year, second only to Christmas, as children. The tradition of Bonfire Night was celebrated in the west of Ireland until the late seventies when 'more modern' activities began to take over. We prepared for it for weeks by gathering burnable rubbish from neighbours and friends building the pile in a safe place round which there was space for a few families to picnic, sing, play music, tell ghost stories and dance. We referred to the night as both Bonfire night and St John's Eve with both names commonly applied.



Families tended to gather in clusters around the various townlands. Our tiny farm was the centre for a few families every year as my father was a master, understated organiser with a calm and ever positive outlook. He did everything in such a way that it all seemed so effortless despite the vast number of work, local community and farm tasks he carried out every day. The stack ready for fire was symmetrical and beautiful in structure and usually burned evenly due to good planning. Therefore, after long days during which hay was cut, turned and stacked; the turf cut and turned; the potatoes, onions, carrots, peas, cabbages and corn were watched and treated for infestations before harvesting time arrived, this evening of family and village fun and relaxation was more than welcomed by all and engaged in with wholehearted childlike enthusiasm.

With the bonfire light shining as light diminishes in the evening, we prepare to celebrate the birthday of St John the Baptist on 24 June; the one born to shine the light before Jesus, his cousin. For those whose birthday it might be this weekend, we take light from you as you bear the light of St John! In whatever gathering we might find ourselves this weekend let us take stock of the bright lights in our lives; make some effort to connect with others and family; celebrate the everyday new birthday celebration of life and dance with some carefree abandon with those who accept us as we are. We celebrate what we have sown in daily life and remain ever ready to harvest what we can from the fruits of life with the inner and surrounding fire-stack energy of life providing all that we need for today!

*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

### Is your dog a restricted breed?

Do you own a dog? 🐕

If your dog is a restricted breed (or a strain or cross of one), they must be:

🐾 Kept on a short strong lead (under 2 metres)

🐾 With someone over the age of 16, who is able to control them

🐾 Muzzled when in a public place

🐾 Wearing a collar with the name and address of their owner, at all times

### Restricted breeds of dog in Ireland

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No breed of dog is currently banned in Ireland. But, if you have certain types or breeds of dog, there are additional rules you must follow. This applies to the following types of dog, as well as strains or cross-breeds of these breeds:

American pit bull terrier

English bull terrier

Staffordshire bull terrier

Bull mastiff

Dobermann pinscher

German shepherd (Alsatian)

Rhodesian ridgeback

Rottweiler

Japanese akita

Japanese tosa

Bandog



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With someone over the age of 16, who is able to control them.

Muzzled when in a public place

Wearing a collar with the name and address of their owner, at all times

The rules on muzzling and leashing do not apply to dogs used by the:

Gardaí

Dublin Harbour Police

State Airport Police

Rescue teams in rescue operations

The rules on muzzling do not apply to guide dogs for the blind.

### Rules about selling dogs in Ireland

There are rules about the sale and supply of pets, including dogs.

If you sell or supply 5 or more pets in a calendar year you must:

Register with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Keep records about pet animals for sale or supply

Include certain information if you are advertising an animal for sale. For example, if you are advertising a dog for sale, you must include its microchip number.

Not sell or supply pets under a certain age. This is 8 weeks for dogs.

If you are advertising a dog for sale, the advertisement must have the dog's microchip code.

These rules are set out in the Animal Health and Welfare (Sale or Supply of Pet Regulations) 2019. There is a Code of Practice (pdf) for people who sell and supply pet animals.

### Guard dogs

A guard dog used at a non-residential business premises must be with a handler or secured so that it cannot roam freely around the premises or escape. A notice must be displayed at the entrance, informing the public that a guard dog is on the premises.

### Further Information

There is information on our website about where you can report animal cruelty.

**Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ISPICA)**

By email: [helpline@ispca.ie](mailto:helpline@ispca.ie)

By phone: 0818 515515 (in emergencies)

On the ISPICA website



### Meet our Lucan Tidy Towns Mascot!

We need your help – our friendly Mascot needs a name!

Our Mascot is on the look-out, and we know you wouldn't dream of littering because you want Lucan to look its best when the Tidy Towns Judges come round!

But we need your help – we REALLY need to name our friendly Mascot. Can you think of a suitable name for our colourful chap?

Send your entries for the competition by email to [lucantidytowns@gmail.com](mailto:lucantidytowns@gmail.com)

**Closing date for entries is Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June.**

*Good luck!*

## Hedge-cutting Ban

Under the Wildlife Act, it is against the law to cut, burn or otherwise destroy vegetation including hedges between 1st March and 31st August, with few exemptions. The reason for the hedge-cutting ban is to stop disturbance and destruction of nesting sites of many wild bird species.

LEARN MORE AT  
[birdwatchireland.ie/hedgecutting](http://birdwatchireland.ie/hedgecutting)





Photo: Michael Finn

## Lucan ICA

*Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June:* As this will be our last Craft Group meeting until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, we will have a little tea party and a fashion parade. Ladies please dress up in your favourite summer outfit; there will be a prize for the winners.

**Tea Hostesses:** Mary Curley and Pauline Bligh.

President Pauline wishes all members a very happy and relaxing summer holiday whether at home or abroad. Hoe the weather obliges, we all need sunshine and Vitamin D to prepare us for winter. Stay safe and enjoy!

Looking forward to seeing you all back on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We say a big thank you to our local Community Garda Ann Gabbett for the very informative talk she gave us on Security in the Home, Scams, Personal Security etc. We enjoyed it all.

*Mary Curley*



## 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*

## 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.

Next Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June will be our last meeting before the summer break.

# 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 **NO 7pm. Mass**

**Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday 10am.**

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

### Ministers of the Eucharist - An Appreciation

Several, long-standing, loyal, Ministers of the Eucharist have stepped down in recent times for various reasons. The parish owes them a huge debt of gratitude for the wonderful way they have carried out their ministry, quietly and without fuss over many years. One gentleman – Michael Griffin, was one of the very first Ministers of the Eucharist appointed to St. Marys in 1979! We thank him sincerely and Phyl Burke and Mary Coyne. May God bless them all for their generosity. I take this opportunity to also thank those who stepped down around Covid times and afterwards. Your service to the parish was very much appreciated.

*Philomena Cleary*

**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.

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

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

**Divine Mercy Devotion:** Every Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Parish Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This devotion, revealed to St Faustina by Our Lord, is necessary to defeat evil, for peace in the world and for our journey to eternal life.

**Deepest Sympathy** to the wife, family and friends of **Ned McGregor**, Sarsfield Park and to the family and friends of **Michael (Mick) Fahey**, Esker Lawns.

*May they rest in peace.*



### St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses **THIS**

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.

## 180<sup>th</sup> Lucan Scouts



**THIS** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

The 180<sup>th</sup> Lucan Scout Group are holding a  
cake sale after Masses on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.  
The scouts would be grateful for your support  
of their work with children and young people  
in our parish

**PLEASE SUPPORT**

## 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: Tuesday, Thursday and  
Saturday at 10am.**

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

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

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

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

**Communion for the Homebound:** If any  
member of your family is sick and homebound,  
and would like to receive Holy Communion, do  
please let us know. You can ring the Parish Office  
on 01 628 1018 and leave you name and address,  
or email us at: [secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie](mailto:secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie)

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

## Anniversaries

### Dermot and Margaret Hassett 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Please pray for Dermot and Margaret whose anniversaries occur at this time.  
*Sandra Hassett Condon*



### Mick Waldron 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 21<sup>st</sup> June

Deep in our hearts you will always stay  
Loved and remembered every day.  
*Remembered by Carol, Gary, Kim, Marie, John. Also, his grandchildren Kellie, Mark, Sarah and Daniel.*



## The Annual Esker Cemetery, Lucan Mass for the Dead

Will take place on

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

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

As September weather can be unpredictable we advise coming prepared.

## Esker Active Retirement Association

We had over 60 members at our end of season party in St Andrews Parish Hall today. There was a great atmosphere, with food, wine and fantastic music. Our lovely singer Sharon had us all up dancing for over two hours, she was so generous with her time; we all had a brilliant afternoon.



You are invited to the Rally for Life, the biggest pro-life event of the year, where thousands Stand for Life and to protect mother and baby. JULY 6th, PARNELL SQ, Dublin 1.30pm.

Join us to call for URGENT change to Ireland's shocking abortion rate.

It's estimated that 10,000 abortions took place in 2023, a heart-breaking total. The Rally will send a powerful message to call for real support for women and urge the government to Stop Aborting Our Future.

The committee want to thank our members who brought beautiful home baked cakes which were so much appreciated, and who also brought gifts for the raffle. Thank you all for helping to make the day such a success.

Our day trips have now been confirmed and lots put their names down today for one or both trips. The first is on Thursday 18th July to Roscommon visiting Arigna Mining Experience. Then August 14th we are going to Avoca Mill and Avondale House. There is good interest in both trips but still places available for anyone who would like to come along, all very welcome. Just text Hilda on 0876427746.

**Club will reopen for usual activities on 11th September.** Till then have a lovely summer.

## Lucan Senior Citizens

We enjoyed a trip to The Arboretum in Carlow last week, and had some serious shoppers in our midst.....



Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30 – 12.30.  
Lunch in Hermitage Golf Club at 1 o'clock.

**Club closed until September.**



**Mid-Summer** as we go to press, and what glorious weather it has given us on the longest day and shortest night of the year – unusual for it to fall on 20<sup>th</sup> June. Hopefully the sunshine will last!

**Strawberry Moon 2024:** Summer's first full moon will rise the next day, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – this will be the lowest full moon of the year, and should be spectacular if we can see it.

**E-Scooters:** There has been no end of information on what should or should not be permitted with E-Scooters, but sad to say that they are still being driven on footpaths among pedestrians, and it is frightening to see the number of them transporting two people – a mother and toddler was a sight to see this past week!

You wonder how these new laws are being enforced!

**Breaking Lights:** Another worrying feature of modern times, is cars breaking traffic lights, even close to schools. It can only be a matter of time until some poor unfortunate falls victim.

**Leaving Cert Exams** will conclude on Tuesday next with Japanese, Politics & Society, Arabic, Religious Education and Applied Maths the final subjects.





# SCHOOL NEWS



## Scoil Mhuire GNS Award Winners

Scoil Mhuire Girls' National School, Lucan, scoops major award in the All-Island Junior Entrepreneur Programme Awards!

The school was among the top award winners in the All-Island Awards announced this week.



Teacher Mary Ward's Sixth Class in St. Mary's Girls' National School, Lucan, received the Top Teams Award for their JEP business, Bowtique Bows – handmade hair bow accessories. Using YouTube instruction videos, the class learned how to make bows

**6th Class, Scoil Mhuire GNS - Bowtique Bows- various styles and colour hair bow accessories**

and developed a 5 step process to ensure all the bows were made to a high standard. They also designed and made a device to help them make the bows faster. They worked together to create a range of colourful hair bows that would appeal to different age groups. It was the perfect product for an all-girls school. The budding entrepreneurs had a ready market for their product, and they made sales of €725 and a profit of €611.



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@moundsackville.ie](mailto:memories@moundsackville.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.

## St. Andrews N.S.

**Green Flag Ceremony for our water flag.**



We were delighted to receive the flag and also to have been chosen as one of the top schools in the country for our work on the water theme.



## Lucan House

At a time when Lucan House has is coming into public ownership, it's interesting to reflect on some events of the past....



The Rt. Hon. Agmondisham Vesey really shaped the Lucan we know today. He inherited the old Sarsfield castle with its damp cold walls – described nearly two hundred years previously as being held together by the tapestries.

In 1773, much against his wife's wishes, he knocked down the castle and built Lucan House. Mrs. Vesey feared she would miss *“the dear old castle with its riches*

*and thousand other Gothic beauties”*, but she was delighted with her new house especially with the room Vesey had especially designed for her, with its rounded exterior wall, overlooking the river and beautifully landscaped grounds.

Rear view of Lucan House – Mrs. Vesey's room was on the first floor, from where she could look out in several directions over their magnificent estate.

Beneath it was the drawing room, now the dining room. It is believed that the design of the Oval Office in the White House was taken from the plans for this room in Lucan House.

Vesey worked for years on his masterpiece leaving a wonderful legacy to Lucan.

Having no children, the estate passed to his nephew Col. George Vesey in 1785, and was held by his descendants – Vesey / Colthursts – up to 1921.

The Cromer family then had possession for a few years.

In 1930 the house and the land around it, including part of the Demesne as far as the car park at the Old Celbridge Road entrance, was purchased by Charles O'Connor Don, a direct descendent of Rory O'Connor, the last High King of Ireland. On his death in 1939 the property was taken over by Flight Lieutenant L.W.B. Teeling, M.P. for Brighton, who married Mary O'Connor in 1942.



### The Wedding and the President.....

In 1942, a curious situation arose at Lucan House on the occasion of the Teeling/O'Connor wedding.

Four years earlier, Douglas Hyde was installed as first President of Ireland. At the time, the British National Anthem still featured in some ceremonies involving the Church of Ireland. As Dr. Hyde was a member of this Church, there were always fears that the said anthem would be played at events, thus causing a snub to the office of the Presidency of Ireland.



*President Douglas Hyde*



No stranger to Lucan, President Hyde was a great friend and acquaintance of the O'Connor Don Family, and was invited to the nuptials.

The bride was Miss Molloy O'Connor, eldest daughter of the late Charles O'Connor Don of Lucan House, who was marrying Mr. Luke Teeling, an R.A.F. Flight Lieutenant. Best Man was the Marquess of Donegal, and the O'Connor sisters were bridesmaids. The President's secretary, Mr. Michael McDunphy, was also invited, as were many of Mr. Teeling's R.A.F. colleagues.

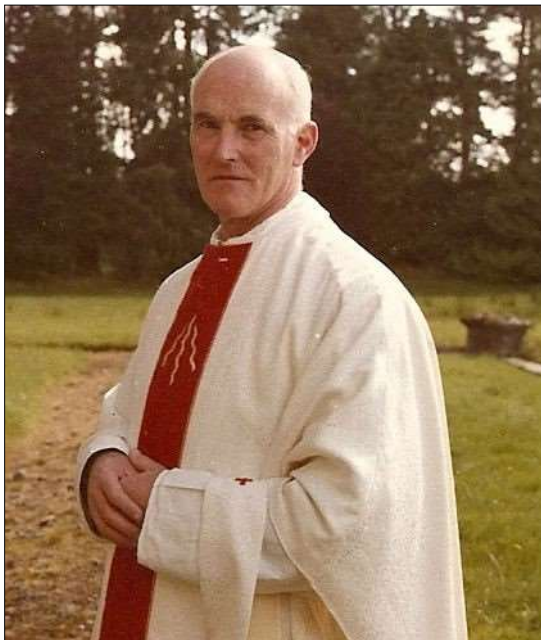
Dr. Hyde's secretary noted: "..... I was concerned to ensure that no attempt would be made by these officers to do what had been done recently on a number of festive occasions, viz to avail of the opportunity to state a pro-belligerent demonstration either by toasting the King of England and/or the singing of the British National Anthem".

He discussed the matter over the telephone with Miss O'Connor, who reassured him that there was no need to worry, as she herself would be totally against any such activity.  
*Continued over.....*

Mr. McDunphy recorded: “There were some 400 – 500 guests present at the wedding, and I felt sure, on studying the individuals comprising it, that a demonstration of the type which I had taken steps to prevent would have met with the approval and vocal support of at least 50 per cent of those present”.

However, the celebrations went off without any such incidents. Locals remember the wedding when Miss Molly rode up to St. Mary’s Church on a white horse.

The only son in the family, Charles, became a priest and so ended the male line of descent from our last High King.



*The O’Conor Don - Rev Charles O’Conor S.J. who died in 1981.*

### **A little piece of Italy in Lucan**

In 1947 the house and grounds were leased to the Italian Government, who eventually purchased the property in 1954. Since then it has been home to the Italian Ambassadors to Ireland, many of whom have been kind enough to open the grounds to the public on special occasions.

Now that South Dublin Co. Co. has purchased the property, we look forward to further updates on future access.

*(from Treasures of Lucan)*

### **Apostolic Workers – St Mary’s**

We would like to sincerely thank the people of Lucan and surrounding areas who continue to supply us with their leftover wool.



This enables us to continue knitting up our items for the Charity ‘**Heart to Hand**’. All the knitted hats and scarfs goes to Northern Albania and Ukraine.



If you have any leftover wool and would like to donate it to us, please drop it into St Mary’s Parish Centre and we will collect them from there.

We would much appreciate it.

*Apostolic Workers.*

## POLITICAL NOTES

### Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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#### **St. Andrew's Green Flag Raising Ceremony a Success:**

St. Andrew's National School Lucan celebrated a significant milestone, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, with the raising of their 3rd Green Flag! This achievement reflects the school's outstanding commitment to environmental sustainability over the past two years. The Green School Committee, led by the dedicated teacher Ms. Jane Crawford, has worked tirelessly to implement eco-friendly practices and initiatives throughout the school.

The ceremony was made even more special with a fantastic recreation of Taylor Swift's "Shake it Off," showcasing the students' creativity and enthusiasm for environmental causes. Principal Padraic Byrne welcomed local representatives Fine Gael TD and Minister Emer Higgins, Cllr Vicki Casserly, Cllr Caroline Brady, Cllr Liona O'Toole, Cllr Paul Gogarty, and Senator Emer Currie. Congratulations once again to everyone at St. Andrew's National School Lucan.

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

- 085 2551602 [info@CarolineBrady.com](mailto:info@CarolineBrady.com)

#### **Glass debris N4 Pedestrian Bridge:**

Glass on the N4 pedestrian bridge at Tandy's Lane reported to the council and cleared.

#### **Water Leak Lucan Village:**

Water leak on the public pavement between St. Andrews Lodge and Computers R U on Main Street is reported to Irish Water.

#### **Griffen Park onto Esker Drive:**

A request to have this area examined and trimmed back has been sent to the depot for servicing.

If I may assist with this or any other issue please contact me.

### Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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

#### **Local Elections 2024:**

Its nearly two weeks since the local elections and People Before Profit would like to the opportunity to thanks all those who voted for Mark Kerins and Madeleine Johansson in the Lucan area. We look forward in engaging and representing the Lucan area in the months and years ahead.

### 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)

#### **Painting of Lucan Bridge:**

Great to see Lucan Tidy Towns out freshening up the black bollards at St Joseph's Lay-by. This reminded me to again contact SDCC about the promised painting of the Liffey Bridge.

#### **Telephone boxes Lucan village:**

Have also again contacted Open Eir who are contracted to remove these boxes, querying the long delay.

#### **St Andrew's NS Green Flag:**

Well done to the Green Schools Committee, students and staff on gaining your third (water) Green Flag on Tuesday last. Delighted to attend raising ceremony.

#### **Playground repairs Airlie Park:**

Have reported defective equipment.

#### **Footpath near AGP bus stop:**

Reported this as a trip hazard.

#### **Griffen Dog Run Park:**

Reported dangerous sharp items in soil a while back. Some action taken but more required.

#### **Bus survey:**

Closing soon. To add your voice go to [www.bit.ly/BusCorrect](http://www.bit.ly/BusCorrect) .

### Cllr. Shane Moynihan, Fianna Fáil

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Twitter: @shanemoynihan,

Instagram: cllrshanemoynihan

#### **Thank you:**

I was honoured to be re-elected to South Dublin County Council on the 7 June. Thanks to everybody who trusted me with their first preference vote and to everyone who indicated a preference. I am especially humbled to have topped the poll on the first count. Thanks to my fantastic team and my family for their support. I promise to continue to work as hard as I can for the community I represent.

#### **Dog control signage:**

I was very happy to see the erection of a new dog control sign in Hermitage Park in recent weeks. This followed feedback from park users, and I tabled the request for it earlier in the year.

#### **Weston pedestrian crossing:**

I have followed up with South Dublin County Council and ESB Networks to query the delay on the activation of the pedestrian crossing outside Weston estate.

## Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

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*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

Next week we will be hosting a bridge session for our retirement club. All levels are welcome! If you'd like to register for your free spot please email, message or call the centre (details above).

### Upcoming schedule:

June 27th @ 1pm - Social Coffee Hour

July 4th @ 1pm - Bridge & Coffee

July 11th @ 1pm - Social Coffee Hour

July 18th @ 1pm - Chair Yoga & Coffee

July 25th @ 1pm - Social Coffee Hour

August 1st @ 1pm - Movement & Coffee

**Community Fun 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 soon so keep an eye out on our social media. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Beginners Art Class:** We're starting a beginners' art class in the centre from 4th July. Book one of the last remaining places by contacting Amanda at 0851443605 or by email on

[happylittleartistsartclub@gmail.com](mailto:happylittleartistsartclub@gmail.com)

The course lasts for 10 weeks and costs 120 euro.

**Start your own business course:** Our course on 'starting your own business' kicked off this week and we are delighted to see such interest in it!

**Children's Art Summer Camp:** We are running an art summer camp for children from 8 July to 12 July in the centre (10am to 1pm). Cost is 110 euro per child. Book one of the last remaining places by contacting Amanda at 0851443605 or by email on [happylittleartistsartclub@gmail.com](mailto:happylittleartistsartclub@gmail.com)



## Happy Birthday May!



Congratulations on  
your Big Day  
and wishing you many more.....

LUCAN LIBRARY

CLASSIC  
*Film Club*

TUESDAY 25TH  
JUNE

6PM  
REFRESHMENTS  
FROM 5.30PM!

All Welcome!  
Register at the library desk

## Reminder.....

### Lucan Newsletter Annual Block Ads

Renewal Notices have been issued for our Annual Block Advertisements.  
(pages 8 and 13)

**Thank you** to those who have replied so far. Please remember the cut-off date for renewal is **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023**





## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €3,000.

The Numbers were **5, 8, 25, 28**

The lucky dip prizes go to Pat Keane, Jackie Foley, Matt O'Donovan, Sinead Sealy, Catherine Dardis

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €3,400. The draw is sponsored by John Ryan, Accountant and will be led by Shay Hurson.



### Social

Our **Annual Golf Classic** takes place this Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2024 in Lucan Golf Club. There are some great raffle prizes to be won. Tickets are available in the cafe and bar or from any member of our committee; Maggie Mulqueen 087 2866581, Sara Hickey 086 8187070, Ruth Langton 086 8231139. A huge thank you to Colm Corrigan Builders for sponsoring this event. As always, we encourage our members to support our sponsors, click the following link to view their website <https://colmcorriganbuilders.ie/>

There will be a **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class 'shorts & shades' summer disco** in the club this Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June from 7-9pm. Tickets are €10 and can be purchased in the cafe.

### Healthy Club

Our healthy club committee are facilitating another safeTALK (Suicide Alertness for Everyone), this Saturday 22nd June. Participants learn how to provide practical help by using the steps of TALK and gain information on the supports and resources available locally, regionally and nationally. Contact Audrey for more information – 087 231 2560

### 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 camps as places are limited. Places can be booked via our club website or the following link: <https://lucansarsfields.clubzap.com/categories/club/products>



**Hurling:** Our Lucan Junior B hurlers made the short trip across the Liffey to St. Catherine's Park on Monday night for their latest league match. Despite missing seven regulars due to a combination of holidays and injuries this was



more like a training match. From the time Ross Campion hit the back of the net within the first minute it was one way traffic. Scores came from all over the pitch, but it was the manner of

those scores that was pleasing. Great teamwork, support play, tackling and striking was the feature. While the forwards kept the scoreboard in overdrive, there were also solid defensive performances. Stand-in keeper Tiernan Swords didn't put a foot wrong, Dylan Ryan, Joey McSweeney, Alan Flanagan, Kian Quinn and Conor Mulqueen and Conor Sheary until he went off injured did not give their opponents a sniff of a score. Finan Breen and Cillian Morrissey bossed the middle of the pitch. Up front, the forwards took their chances with aplomb.

We now have two matches left in the league so automatic promotion is in our own hands.

**Lucan team & scorers:** T. Swords, C. Sheary, A. Flanagan, R. Dillon, J. McSweeney, K. Quinn, C. Mulqueen, F. Breen, (0-1) C. Morrissey, A. Duffy (0-6), A. Whyte (0-2), DB. Murphy (0-2), S. Teehan (0-3), N. Higgins (2-2), R. Campion (2-6), E. Power (2-0), J. Muililins (0-1).

### Camogie



A huge thank you to Séan O'Keefe and the Springfield Hotel for sponsoring a new set of jerseys for one of our Minor Camogie teams. Make sure to check out their new RYE dining experience,

serving breakfast, lunch and dinner daily from 7am!

### 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



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

# SPORTS

## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

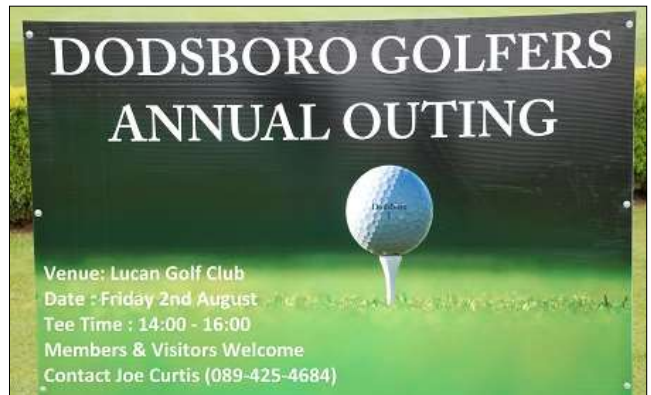
### Corkagh 5 Mile Race, 9th June, 2024

The Corkagh 5-mile race took place on a cool, windy day with 1,377 runners including a large contingent from Lucan Harriers.

The route was mainly in Corkagh Park with a short uphill stretch on the Grangecastle Road. The last mile also involved a tough uphill push towards the finish line.



There were enough challenges for seasoned runners but very manageable for first timers. Despite the strong wind several PBs were recorded.



## Adult Education

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2024. These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours, 1 morning per week. This can lead to QQI qualification.

*The following subjects are available this term:*

- Spanish for Beginners
- Introduction to Microsoft Word
- Introduction to Microsoft Excel (Spreadsheets)
- Intercultural Awareness
- Business English
- Improving English and Communication Skills
- Digital Media
- Reception & Frontline Office Skills
- Advanced Spreadsheets (Microsoft Excel)
- Payroll

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



## Active Parks

Featuring Park Fit / Park Yoga & new Park Strength classes.  
Starting Monday 1st July to Thursday 22nd August.

6:30 - 7:30	Park Fit	Park Yoga	Park Strength
Dodder Valley Park	Thursdays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays
Corkagh Park	Mondays	Wednesdays	
Griffeen Park	Wednesdays	Mondays	
St Endas Park	Tuesdays	Thursdays	

Sign up at <https://ActiveParks24.eventbrite.ie>

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Work continues on developing our project around the photographs of old Lucan. This week there is only one photograph because I think the story surrounding the image is fascinating. The image is of what is known today as the Brendan Boat which is on view in the grounds of Craggaunowen Castle, County Clare.

The British explorer Tim Severin and his four companions built this boat using only techniques and materials available in the sixth-century A.D., when St. Brendan was supposed to have sailed to America. The vessel comprised forty-nine ox hides stitched together and stretched over a wooden frame made of Irish Ash and Oak. The skin of the boat was only a quarter of an inch thick. Severin and his crew set sail from the Dingle peninsula on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1976 and completed their historic journey across the Atlantic to Newfoundland in a little more than 13 months. They took a “stepping stone” route, stopping at the Hebrides and the Faroe Islands, and spending winter in Iceland on the way. This was the same route taken by the earliest explorers.

Severin did not prove that St. Brendan crossed the Atlantic but he did show that it could have been done at the time with the techniques and materials available and that it was therefore possible that St. Brendan discovered America 1,000 years before Christopher Columbus.



The orchestral suite “*The Brendan Voyage*” composed by Shaun Davey in 1980 depicts Tim Severin’s adventure in reconstructing St. Brendan’s possible 6th century Atlantic crossing to America. The work is the first musical meeting between an Irish solo uilleann piper and a classical symphony orchestra.

*Stay safe until next week!*