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Sunday 8th June 2025

Exam Time!

I don't think anyone who sat the Leaving Certificate will ever forget anticipating or doing the exams! The exams are well underway now with the preparatory work done or not done. Either way, the experience is a step on life's journey gaining from the dedicated study time or gaining a lesson in life on what it takes to achieve one's goals! On the other hand, perhaps Leaving Cert is not the step that will lead to the next desired goal in life.

Weekends and days between exams are sometimes post-mortem periods for students and those who support them.

Some students benefit from post-mortems as a reassurance of good progress and for others the same process opens up a pit they'd prefer to leave behind and to look towards the next paper instead. There is no right or wrong in this as it depends on the individual personality of the student concerned. There presents a tension for those who are supporting the student in an effort to do the right thing in unknown territory.



The Leaving Certificate, or any other exam, stands in a moment in time as a stepping stone into a future hoped for and yet unknown. There are many other stepping stones leading towards the same hopes or through new life-learning that might bring one a totally different direction. The journey of life never follows the straight line that might be originally anticipated. The journey of life has a series of blind bends on the road that can lead to **Wow** moments or moments that challenge us to find a different direction. It's in those moments that we find out what we are really made of. In those moments we deepen friendships and discover new friendships.

To students in the process of sitting exams, just keep going, doing what is your best in this moment in time. There are lessons being learnt as well as results being gained, so nothing is wasted, no matter what. Exams of this form work really well for some. For others, exams are not the form that will aid them to affirm their best personal gifts and talents. It's only one process on life's journey with a world of new, yet unknown, opportunities opening for each one regardless.

Best of good luck and good wishes to all concerned.

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

What is the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance?

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BSCFA) is a payment to help families with the cost of school uniforms and shoes.

Many families get the BSCFA automatically. If you are paid automatically, you don't need to apply for the BSCFA. You will get notified on your MyWelfare account or by post before the end of June 2025.

If you are not notified by the end of June, you will need to apply for the BSCFA - see 'How to apply' below.

The closing date to apply for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance is 30 September 2025.

Can I get the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance?

You can get the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BSCFA) if you have a child that qualifies, and:

You are getting a qualifying social welfare payment, or are participating in an approved employment, education or training support scheme. See a list of qualifying payments and schemes on Gov.ie

Your household is within the BSCFA income limits (see 'Income limits' on our website). You and each child you claim the BSCFA for are resident in Ireland.

Does my child qualify?

To get the BSCFA, your child must be:

Aged between 4-17 on 30 September in the year you apply.

Aged between 18-22 and returning to full-time second-level education in a recognised school or college in the autumn of the year you apply.

Your child must be resident in Ireland.

Foster children

Foster children do not qualify for the BSCFA. This is because foster parents get a Foster Care Allowance, which includes help with the cost of clothing and footwear for the child.

How much is Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance?

Rates of BSCFA 2025

Child's age on 30 Sept. Rate of payment

Age 4-11 €160

Age 12-22 €285*

*Children aged between 18-22 must be returning to full-time second-level education in a recognised school in the autumn of 2025.

The BSCFA opens for applications from 4 June 2025.

If you don't get the payment automatically, you can apply for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance online at MyWelfare.ie. You will need a verified MyGovID account.

If you don't have a verified MyGovID account, you can call the BSCFA contact centre on (071) 919 3318 or 0818 11 11 13, and they will help you to set one up. They can also post you a paper copy of the application form.

Applications for BSCFA will close on 30 September 2025.

You should apply for the BSCFA before the closing date if:

You have applied for a social welfare payment and are waiting for a decision on your application, or

You have appealed a decision not to award you a social welfare payment

Your BSCFA application will be decided when you get a decision on your social welfare payment application, or on your appeal.



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 9th June at 7.30pm 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 how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Please note that this will be the last meeting before we break for the summer in July and August. We will recommence on **8th September**

43 Beech Grove, Lucan
Garden Open Day
& Art Exhibition
in aid of



Date: Sat 14th June 2025
Time: 10.30am – 4.30pm
Bring a Friend
Contact: Joe & Áine Clayton 086 0561497

Lucan ICA

Monday 9th June: We continue our chicken scratching cushions that the ladies are making, they are all enjoying the class.

Tea hostesses are Noreen and Maura.



Lucan Active Retirement Association

We went to Fairyhouse Racecourse last week, where we had our own box, programme and a meal.

A great day out was had by all with some winners and others just breaking even on the day. Our next outing is to the Tina Turner Tribute later this month.



Why not come and join us. We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays 11.30 - 2.30am. Lots of activities to enjoy. Scrabble, Cards, Bowls, Coffee, Cake and the chat. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends.

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 12 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 12 June 2025, 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 two Thursdays 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 12th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

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



Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 11th June – Outing to the Arboretum Garden Centre leaving lay-by at 10 o'clock.

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

First Holy Communion

Best wishes to the boys and girls from *Gaelscoil Naomh Padraig* who will make their First Holy Communion this Saturday



Please remember them in your prayers

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

On Saturdays after the 10am Mass to 11.30am (funerals permitting)

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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 the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041)

Lectio Divina:

Lectio Divina meet every Monday evening (except Bank Holidays) at 7.30pm in the Bungalow to reflect for an hour on the following Sunday's gospel.

All are welcome.

Visits to the housebound:

If you are house-bound you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

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 10.30am Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date.

Dates bookable on line.

Divine Mercy Devotion:

Every Wednesday, in after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world, asking God to defeat evil and bring peace to the world in these troubled times.

Cuppa:

Why not come into the Coffee Dock for a cuppa and a chat after the 10am Weekday Mass and on Sundays after the morning Masses.



Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of *Gary Flood*, Sarsfield Park.
May he rest in peace.



**Society of
St. Vincent de Paul
St Mary's Conference,
Lucan**

**For assistance, phone: 01 8550022
or email: info@svp.ie**



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan

Monday 16th June

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary, Confessions and Prayers 5.45pm)

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6pm.
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Masses livestreamed www.lucansouthparish.net

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.

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

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

Legion of Mary:

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje: Every Thursday.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass. **After Mass:** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction.

8.15pm Adoration and Confessions

8.50m Benediction. *All welcome*

Vocations Society of St. Joseph:

We will now be meeting on the last Monday of the month at 9.45am in The Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South.

The Society has been set up in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan for all the Lucan parishes and are looking for new members. All welcome.

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.

Scouts Cake Sale

Our local Scouts will hold a cake sale outside the church after Masses

THIS Sunday 8th June.

Please support!



Wednesday tea/coffee morning:

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

Bingo:

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

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.

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Baptisms in St Patrick'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 10.30am Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. Dates bookable on line.

Adoration:

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

Confessions:

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

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

Every Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St. Patrick's Church) from 7.00pm to 7.45pm.

Tea/Coffee:

Every Wednesday 10:30am in the Parish Centre.
All are welcome

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **NEXT Sunday 15th June**

Thank you for your generosity.

Anniversaries

Nora Byrne

45 years gone from this world

Late of Dodsboro

Your life was a blessing

Your memory a treasure

You were loved beyond words

And missed beyond measure

From your loving family



Anthony 'Sid' Kennedy

5th Anniversary away from home, 8th June

Missed each and every day by your family and friends.

Esker Cemetery Lucan

Annual Mass for the Deceased

will be celebrated on

Sunday 31st August 2025

At 3pm

(weather permitting)

Cemetery Collection in aid of St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown

Medjugorje Pilgrimages 2025



	October	All Pilgrimages
Depart:	M	Booking Deposit €200
Nights:	E	Single Room Supplement:
Normal Price:	D	9 Nights: €220
Pat's Price:	J	7 Nights: €150
	U	
Depart:	G	22 nd October
Nights:	O	7
Normal Price:	R	€875 pps.
Pat's Price:	J	€780 pps.
Spiritual	E	Fr. Ubaldo
Director:		

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(Details from Marian Pilgrimages)

Terms & Conditions apply

Tour Operator: Marian Pilgrimages

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To Book, Please Contact:

Pat on 087 2238911 or

Marian Pilgrimages on 01 8788159

And say you are travelling with Pat's Group



Follow us on Facebook at Medjugorje News Lucan

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ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT PILGRIMAGE
Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope



DEPART	RETURN
Friday 6 June 2025 @ 8.00am	Sunday 8 June 2025 @ 1.00pm
Friday 4 July 2025 @ 8.00am	Sunday 6 July 2025 @ 2.00pm
Friday 8 August 2025 @ 8.00am	Sunday 10 August 2025 @ 2.00pm

Advance Booking Essential (to secure seat on boat)

Cost €145 includes coach, boat and stay on island

Direct Coach departs Parnell Square outside

Hugh Lane Art Gallery at 8.00am sharp.

For full information and booking form contact:

St. Oliver Plunkett Pilgrimage Office
Tel: 086 385 3027

St. Oliver Plunkett
90 Bessford Green,
Ballymore,
Dublin 4.
Tel: 01 484 1171



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Sarsfield Park Residents Association

There hasn't been much progress on the development in 62 due to no management presence on site - unfortunately the end date appears to be pushing out into new year but we will live in hope.

The Council have also decided that the entrance to our estate is dangerous and needs to be made narrower. We have made representations to the council we have had been promised with a meeting. Planned works schedules during July Aug for lower impact to school traffic.

Dates for Calendar:

Next residents meeting 24 Jun 2030 in Kenny's lounge, and 24 Sept, 18 Nov. *All welcome*

LOST & FOUND

Lost: Gold Bracelet in or around Supervalu Shopping Centre 31/5/2025.
Phone 086 3745813

Found: Gents Black Watch, in Chalet Gardens.
Phone 086 0609401

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

Find us on Facebook and Instagram to see what's going on in the centre!



Baby & Toddler: Our group will be back on Monday 11-12.30

Active over 55's: Come join us on Thursdays for some active fun. Physical activity can be fun, social and a little bit competitive. The games are accessible and inclusive for all. Let's celebrate your abilities. The games will include Flisk (Disk throw), Malai (cornhole) and Scidils (Bowling). We may also have some prizes at the end of the 3 weeks. Stay for a cup of tea and a chat.

Starting June 12th 1pm-3pm for 3 weeks.

Volunteer's: As the centre is growing, we are looking for the help of locals. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer at some of our events please get in touch.

Room Booking: Would you like to book a room in the centre for a meeting or a group activity? We have some availability and offer competitive rates. Email us to make a booking.

Exams underway, and not the typical weather I might add! Hopefully all the students have eased into things by now.



Village 'Green'! As we were going to press this Thursday morning, lots of workers were visible on site – like ants in hi-viz jackets. Hopefully this is a good omen.

Did you know that around the year 1900, the River Griffeen was one of the top three trout streams in Ireland, the others being in Leixlip, and one in Kerry.

Also, the upper stretch of the Griffeen was known back then as the *Rathcreena River*.



Ruaille Buaille at Lucan House this Saturday – Bring the kids along for a brilliant experience – don't forget the raincoats!

Music, Poetry, Drama or Song .
Register or just come along !

THE CONNECT FACTOR

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Kenny's Bar
8pm
to
10 30pm

In association with

Find us here

2nd Tuesday of every Month

@connectfactoropenmic

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.

Just asking – a few questions about our Village on behalf of Readers.....

1. What was the initial costing of the work on the Village Green?
2. What is expected to be the final costing for this work?
3. We ask the above question as there have been widespread reports of concrete being laid, and abruptly dug up again for some reason – True or False?
4. Where is the money coming from?



5. **Has a problem arisen?**
(Progress is very slow on the site, and it has been noticed that workers are in short supply over the past few weeks).
6. **Is this water-feature (right) intentional?**

We do understand that the project was to take over a year to complete, but it would be reassuring to see some real progress at this stage.



Please put our minds at ease!

Can any anybody – someone in authority or a local representative - give us the answers to these few worrying questions?

First in with the above answers can have whatever space required in next week's issue!



CHOOL NEWS



Scoil Mhuire G.N.S.

Inter-Schools Library Quiz Success

We are incredibly proud of our 5th and 6th Class quiz teams, who represented our school brilliantly in the Inter-Schools Library Quiz. Both teams performed exceptionally well, showcasing their impressive knowledge and teamwork.

A special congratulations to our 6th Class team, who secured first place! They went on to represent our school in the next stage of the competition at Ballyroan Library and did exceptionally well.

Well done to all involved!



Back Row (L-R): Tazkia Kalam, Ciara Hughes, Sophie Mannion, Aisling Maher.

Front Row (L-R): Kaitlyn Hevey, Grace Burns, Leah Nolan, Ellie Wall

Grandparent's Day

On Wednesday, 7th May, First and Fifth Classes in Scoil Mhuire GNS welcomed some very special visitors into their school - their wonderful grandparents! Grandparents were treated to a concert, with songs, poems and beautiful tin whistle playing, followed by a tour of their granddaughters' classrooms to showcase their projects and art work. The girls enjoyed meeting each other's grandparents in the hall where tea and chats were flowing!

It was a joyful and heart-warming morning, and we were so proud of the children for making their Grandparents feel so welcome and loved.

First Holy Communion in Scoil Mhuire GNS

On Saturday May 24th, the girls from Second Class made their First Holy Communion in St Mary's Church. It was a wonderful day for all of the girls and their families. Their teachers Ms Walsh, Ms Dempsey, Ms Kenny and their SNA Ms Cooper were so proud of the girls. A big thank you to the pupils from Fourth Class who sang beautifully in the choir, led by Ms Faughnan.

Scoil Mhuire GNS Hockey Success

Scoil Mhuire GNS shone at the Rory Cunningham Cup held in Weston Hockey Club on a very sunny Friday morning on the 16th of May. All three of the school's hockey teams played with great skill, determination, and teamwork throughout the tournament. A special well done to all of our players, including some brand new to hockey, who showed great spirit and promise. We're especially proud of our Sixth Class team who emerged as overall winners!

A huge well done to all involved — a fantastic achievement for the school!



Santry Sports

On Monday May 19th, pupils from Fifth and Sixth Class attended the Santry Sports Athletics event. They took part in various track and field competitions, showcasing their talent. The 5th class relay team performed exceptionally well throughout the heats, and secured a place in the final. It was a great day out for all.



Scoil Mhuire G.N.S. *cont'd....*

Camogie Success for Scoil Mhuire GNS

On May 27th, Scoil Mhuire's 6th class camogie team won their Semi Final, securing them a place in the final of the Cumann Na mBunscol competition. They played a fantastic game with a winning score of 5-4 to 4-1. Thank you to all the parents and staff that came along to support them! A huge thank you to their mentors Ms R Gleeson and Ms A Byrne.



Back Row: Aisling Maher, Julieann Doyle, Jessica McGuire, Aoife Reehill, Vanessa Gladney, Daisy Mae McCormack, Caoimhe Fitton, Eve Dillon, Molly Whelan, Emily Rose Sheridan..

Front Row: Aobha Donnelly, Lana Daly, Kriti Tummala, Eadaoin Butler, Elyse McIlreavy, Holly Ennis, Hollie Lyons, Hannah Burke, Lily O'Connor, Martha Deighan, Sarah Bastible

Ruaille Buaille

The pupils of Scoil Mhuire GNS have been enjoying the lead up to the Ruaille Buaille Music Festival. Pupils in Ms Faughnan's Fourth class participated in a Composition workshop with composer Abigail Smith. They experimented with sounds in the environment to create a unique composition. Furthermore, our musicians from classes 4th-6th have been busy practising their performance which will take place on Saturday June 7th in Lucan House. Well done to all the girls involved.

Primrose Hill Gardens
is an old-world garden with
many different plants in flower

Open 1st June – July 4th,
and

Heritage Week 16th August – 24th August

Open daily from 2pm – 6pm

Adults €6.00. Children Free.

Top of Primrose Land, Lucan.
Post Code K78L1W9



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 2025. The Return to Education Programme 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 Excel (Spreadsheets)
Career Preparation / CV and Interview Skills
Business English Language Skills
Data Entry – Improving Keyboard Skills
Office Skills
Business Administration
Word Processing (Advanced)
Social Studies (Introduction to Sociology)
Payroll Using Sage Software

For more details, contact

lorraine.kavanagh@ddletbaes.ie

or call (01) 6283557.





PALMERSTOWN CAMERA CLUB 16TH ANNUAL

PHOTOGRAPHY Exhibition

Palmerstown Camera Club

14th & 15th June 2025
10am to 4pm

PALMERSTOWN PARISH CENTRE
LOWER KENNELSFORT ROAD
PALMERSTOWN D20 K732



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- Over 100 images to view
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FREE ENTRY

LUCAN HOUSE – new beginnings for Ruaille Buaille!

In the heart of Lucan Village, the stunning grounds of Lucan House will play host to the Ruaille Buaille Music Village 2025 on **Saturday June 7th, from 12 noon.** including an extensive range of Cruinniú na nÓg @ Ruaille Buaille events – BE THERE!



Events include

Joan Pinos and the Apocadixie Six, from Barcelona, SongTales presented by Thomas Johnston

The Trad Buaille Stage – Fiddles, Banjos, Mandolins, Drumadore – lots of drums....

Kylemore Early Music Ensemble, Listening Post – Sonic Tapestry: Sounds of Lucan House

Juggling and Circus Workshop and Performances, Sensory Explorers for all sizes and ages

The Mobile Library will also visit



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roselucannewsletter@gmail.com

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annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

Reports and Ads. 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.



Lucan Library – June Events

History Talks for Adults

Thursday 12th June, 7pm. Secret Placenames of Dublin with historian Cathy Scuffil. Dublin is a fascinating city, with a proud and long history. But did you know that this history can be told through the place and street names that are so familiar to us on a daily basis? So, if you would like to know the origins of say Dame Street or Fishamble Street, or if you have ever wondered how Marrowbone Lane was thus named, The Secrets in Dublin's Placenames may provide some answers. All welcome.



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RE-INFORCEMENT
PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Lucan Library
Wednesday 18th June, 12noon - 8pm
Members of the project team will answer questions
ALL WELCOME!




Hues to My Muse

My journey through life in colour, emotions and experiences. A collection of Indian Folk art and expressionistic style of work by Satabdi Deb, on display for the month of June.

Come & Watch Satabdi Deb give a live Art Demonstration on: Saturday 14th June, 1.30pm
All Welcome!
Lucan Library

Little Wiggles - Thursday 19th June, 10am Sing, dance, move and play helping children develop communication and social skills through music and movement. For pre-school children. Booking essential from Thursday 12th June at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/little-wiggles-for-preschool-tots-tickets-1380379675769?aff=oddtcreator>

Lucan Library Knitters Club – Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new member's welcome



The Civil War and the people of the Inner City;
A talk by historian
Liz Gillis

Lucan Library
Thursday 19th June at 6.30pm,
All Welcome

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group - Thursdays 12th and 26th June, 10am – 12noon. Lucan Library Creative Writers Group - Thursdays 12th and 26th June, 10am – 12noon.

Lucan Library Classic Film Club: Tuesday 24th June, 5.30pm.
Register at Library Desk.

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: Monday 30th June, 12noon. Wednesday Book Club: 25th June, 7pm. Junior Book Club: Wednesday 25th June, 3pm

Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Wednesday 25th June, 10am. Play session for pre-school children led by Rebecca. Please book a ticket for each pre-school child attending. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Booking essential from Wednesday 18th June at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sensory-play-sessions-for-pre-school-children-tickets-1328440243529?aff=oddtcreator>

Cuidiu Breastfeeding Support Group meets monthly. Friday 20th June at 10am. All welcome.

Events for Younger Children:

Storytime - Tuesdays at 3pm. All welcome!

Arts and Crafts for 3-5 years with Meabh: Tuesday 17th June at 3.30pm, booking essential: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/library-crafts-tickets-1328277456629?aff=oddtcreator>

Parent and Baby Reflexology with Anne O'Connor: Tuesday 10th June, 10am. Booking essential from Wednesday 3rd June at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/parent-and-baby-reflexology-tickets-1380372514349?aff=oddtcreator>

Musical Tots: Saturday 21st June, 10.30am. Booking essential from Saturday 14th June at 10.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-with-karen-at-lucan-library-tickets-1328143997449?aff=oddtcreator>





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



New Juvenile Director of Camogie

It is with great happiness that we announce **Julie McGinley** as our new Director of Juvenile Camogie. Julie is a long-standing member of the club. She continues to play camogie at adult level, leading her team to championship success last year. Julie is also a coach and lead mentor in the juvenile section. She is deeply connected to Lucan Sarsfields and brings a wealth of experience, vision and commitment to this role. Julie and Jenny will work closely together in their new roles to develop camogie within our club.

Noctra - Pop Up Shop

There will be a Noctra pop up shop in the club on Saturday 7th June from 9am-4pm. They will be fully stocked in size small, medium and large football gloves. Cash and card payments on the day



25 Card Drive

We would love to see more players joining our 25 Card Drive when play resumes on Friday 10th October 2025.

New players please contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery 087-7469143 for information.



Annual Golf Classic

Our Annual Golf Classic is now booked out with 64 four balls entered on the day! We will be creating a waiting list, contact Maggie or Pat. If



you would like to support the event by donating raffle prizes or sponsoring a tee box please get in touch!

A huge thanks to Colm

Corrigan Builders for coming on board again this year as main sponsor

For more info or to get involved, contact Maggie - 087 286 6581 or Pat - 086 804 3331

Thanks for your support!

Summer Camps

Our summer camps and campa samhraidh trí ghaeilge are open for registration, but spaces are filling up fast. Open to all boys and girls



starting primary school in September

or just finishing primary school this year. We welcome both members and non-members of all abilities.

All our camps are dual football and camogie/hurling, hurls and helmets can be provided if needed. This year alongside our camp jersey each child attending will also receive a Lucan Sarsfields Camp sliotar! We would like to thank Keane Windows for their continued support of our camps. Bookings can be made via clubzap, the QR code in the poster or the following link; <https://lucansarsfields.clubzap.com/categories/camp/products>

Lotto

There was no winner of our lotto jackpot of €3,800. The Numbers were **3, 11, 21 & 22**.

Lucky dips go to Ailish McGarrigle, Catherine Ryan, John Quinlan, Jen Cronin, Ciaran Keane, Margie O'Flynn, Margaret Byrne, Christina O'Grady, Alan Murphy, Sharon Byrne.



This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €4,200. This draw is sponsored by O'Grady's Hearing Care Services.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

McCabes Pharmacy / Athletics Ireland - Fit 4 Life Roadshow

Last month Athletics Ireland, approved their first sponsor for the Athletics Ireland Fit4Life programme. The new sponsor (McCabes Pharmacy) and Athletics Ireland visited our Fit4Life group at our track last Monday.



McCabes Pharmacy was introduced to the group and provided BMI and blood pressure checks. They also gave a demonstration on mobility and nutrition advice.



Memorial Mile

It was a very special evening at Lucan Harriers AC where family, friends and club members attended the Memorial Mile. Tributes were paid to our dearly missed members and those who worked hard to make the club what it is today.



LUCAN HARRIERS COUCH TO 5 MILE



Join us for the Lucan Harriers Couch to 5 Mile program!
For just €70 you will receive:

- Race entry. (5 Mile Road Race)
- Club Membership until the end of the year.
- Bi-weekly training sessions.
- Expert coaching.

€70

Scan QR code to register



T-Shirts for first 500 Entries

LUCAN HARRIERS AC 5 MILE



Wheelchair Friendly

LUCAN HARRIERS 5 MILE ROAD RACE

PART OF THE DUBLIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10:00 AM LUCAN HARRIERS TRACK



POLITICAL NOTES

Minister Emer Higgins TD

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Free Electrical Recycling event:

Final reminder that I am hosting a free electrical recycling event on Monday 9th June, alongside Cllr. Caroline Brady. Happening from 9:30am–12pm, at Tesco Lucan Carpark. Bring along any item with a plug or battery for recycling. Thanks to Recycle IT and Tesco Lucan for their support.

Free HRT:

I'm delighted that, as of 1st June, HRT is now available free of charge in participating pharmacies. This is a hugely positive step in supporting women's health and I'm especially pleased to see several pharmacies in Lucan have already signed up. Visit the HSE.ie for more info. Best of luck to everyone doing State exams. Wishing all students sitting their Junior and Leaving Cert exams the very best of luck. Remember, these exams don't define you, they're just one step in the journey.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell “*Not just at election time*” Dáil office: 01 6184078.

WhatsApp: 0892364871.

Website: www.paulgogarty.com

Ruaille Buaille:

Ruaille Buaille - Lucan Children's Music Festival takes place this Saturday 7th in the grounds of Lucan House (former embassy grounds), including the Cruinniú na nÓg @ Ruaille Buaille Music Village from 12:15-3:15pm. Led by Claire Sherry (fiddle, banjo, mandolin) and a host of friends, the Festival are delighted to expand the festival commitment to Traditional Music. Other activities include:

- Launch of the Ruaille Buaille Tune Book
 - Players from Lucan Comhaltas
 - Maeve Townsend and the Leixlip Community Band return
 - The newly formed Scoil Áine Naofa TRAD ENSEMBLE showcase their repertoire
 - Students from St Mary's GNS return for their second year
 - Mick McNamara leads a family singing session
 - Brothers Sonny Cahill (flute) & Cody Cahill (accordion) perform a rousing set
 - A Finale Session featuring all participants
- Full programme www.ruaillebuaille.ie

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

(085)2551602.

CBrady@Cllrs.SDublinCoCo.ie

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Lucan Heights Bollard Replaced:

Thank you to residents who raised a missing bollard following recent road repairs with me. The bollard was replaced promptly by the council.

Adamstown Footpath Repairs in Castlegate:

I raised concerns about damaged footpaths in the Castlegate area caused by tree root growth over time. The council committed to advancing some of the repair works this year 2025 and will revert regarding further works in 2026. I will keep residents informed.

Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

Email: hfarrell@cllrs.sdblincoco.ie

Tel: 087-2794936. Facebook: <http://bit.ly/4jHwrjR>

Traffic Calming at Sarsfield Park:

Following the incorrect curve radius installed at St. Joseph's/Lucan Road (set to be corrected during school holidays), I've inquired with SDCC about the intended curve radius at Sarsfield Park/Chapel Hill ahead of works. Awaiting a response and continuing to monitor the situation.

Griffen Dog Park Water Dispenser:

My motion for a short-sequence push-button water dispenser at Griffen Dog Park was approved. Subject to connections, it will be included in the 2026 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme.

Support for Local Businesses:

Your Local Enterprise Office offers:

- Financial grants and supports
- Advice on funding and state supports
- Information on local services and compliance
- Programmes for efficiency, sustainability, and competitiveness
- Training for new and existing small business owners
- Mentor programmes

Full details:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/SouthDublin/> or email the helpful team at info@leo.sdblincoco.ie.

Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

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Free HRT:

As of the 1 June, HRT products are free from participating pharmacies across the country. To locate pharmacies close to you which are participating, you can search at <https://www2.hse.ie/services/pharmacies-free-hrt/>.

Operation Irene:

Operation Irene started recently. This involves a number of Gardaí on mountain bikes patrolling our area including parks and public spaces. I have highlighted some areas to local Gardaí, following request by constituents. Please contact me if you would like me to highlight any particular areas to them.

Ballyowen Shopping Centre:

I am pleased that the management company of Ballyowen Castle Shopping Centre have confirmed that they will prune the trees adjacent to the boundary with Colthurst and will reline the car park as soon as there is a next spell of dry weather.



Back Home

If I had the power to turn back the clock, Go
back to that house at the end of the block –
The house that was home when I was a kid,
I'd know that I'd love it more now than I did.
If I could be back there at my mother's knee,
And hear once again all the things she told
me,
I'd listen as I never listened before,
For she knew so well just what life had in
store.

And all the advice my dad used to give, His
voice I'll remember as long as I live;
But it didn't seem really important then;
What I'd give just to live it all over again.
And what I'd give for the chance I once
had,
To do so much more joy and a little less
pain;

Safe Cycling

I recently returned to cycling, what a surprise I
got when I realised how unsafe it is at left hand
junctions. These junctions were the safest of all,
now I found these junctions are extremely
dangerous, they create a fear factor.



The problem with the new system
is for a cyclist going straight
ahead and car turning left both
seem to have the right of way at
the same time. The fear comes
into play when you hear a car coming from
behind you don't know if it may be turning.

This happens at many junctions and makes
cycling uncomfortable, you can't be looking back
to see the indicator at every junction. The old
system was safe and secure, the car driver turning
left moved in beside the kerb when it was safe to
do so, now a cyclist coming along could see the
car and allows it to turn left. At controlled
junctions it is just as bad, the fear of a car driver
trying to the beat the lights.

There is another unsafe problem at bus stops in
some areas where bus passengers must cross the
cycle lane to step on to a bus. It is essential to
make the roads and footpaths safe for pedestrians
and cyclists, more so for cycling if we want to
encourage more cycling for the sake of the
environment. There is an old saying if it's not
broken don't fix it.

Tom Newton 086 3127364

A little more sunshine – a little less rain.
But the years roll on and we cannot go
back,
Whether we were born in a mansion or in
a shack;
But we can start right now – in the hour
that's here,
To do something more for the ones we
hold dear.
And since time in its flight is travelling so
fast;

Let's not spend it regretting that which is
past;
But let's make tomorrow a happier day
By doing our "good to others" – today.

Author unknown

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

As promised, this week we have some of the nature photos submitted by Brendan that were held over from last week including demoiselle flies and a nettle vine weevil found in St.



Edmundsbury last week. The demoiselle flies are mainly found along rivers and are very sensitive to pollution. If you find them, they can be a good indicator of a healthy



waterway. Vine weevils feed on a wide range of plants, both indoors and outdoors, but they can be especially damaging to plants grown in containers.



This week we had flowers in bloom in Josie's garden.

Joe got a shot of the inside of the beautiful Marsh's Library beside St. Patrick's Cathedral in St. Patrick's Close. The Library was founded in the

early eighteenth century by Archbishop Narcissus Marsh (1638–1713) as the first public library in Ireland. There were earlier libraries but they were either in the university or in churches. Marsh's Library was intended to give anyone who was able to read a place to study. The Library was set up under an Act of the Irish Parliament in 1707 and, incredible as it may seem, over 300 years later the library is still governed under the 1707 Act with some amendments. To reduce the incidence of theft, from the 1760s readers were locked in cages (that still exist) to read the books. Jonathan Swift was one of the first Governors and James Joyce referred to the library in his *Ulysses*!



Until next week stay safe!