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## Congratulations to former Lucan South Priest

On Tuesday last it was announced in the Pro-Cathedral, that Pope Francis has appointed Fr. Donal Roche as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin. Fr. Donal is well known in these parts having served in Divine Mercy Parish for over seven years from 2005 to 2012. Donal is a native of Mourne Rd parish in Drimnagh and has, since his ordination in 1986, served in a variety of appointments from School teaching to parish priest. He is well remembered in Divine Mercy, where his relaxed easy-going manner endeared him to many people. He is fluent Irish speaker and was called on for many years by the local Irish Schools for the big sacramental occasions. He left Divine Mercy to serve the following 11 years in Wicklow town until last summer, when he was transferred to the Cabinteely-Foxrock partnership of parishes.



*Bishop-elect Donal with members of his Family including Dympna former Parish Secretary in Divine Mercy*

He takes up his new role at a time of great transition and change in the Dublin Diocese, and will doubtlessly be a great support to Archbishop Farrell in meeting the unique challenges being posed by the rapidly changing circumstances that we find ourselves in. His variety of pastoral experience will doubtlessly be of great benefit.

We wish Fr. Donal every blessing in his new role and we look forward to welcoming him back to Lucan for a visit after his Episcopal Ordination. A date for the ordination has not yet been announced.

*Philip Curran  
St. Mary's & St. Patrick's 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

**The State Pension (Contributory)** is paid to people from the age of 66 who have enough (PRSI) contributions. It is sometimes called the old-age pension. The State Pension (Contributory) is not means tested. You can have other income and still get it.

As the social insurance (PRSI) conditions are very complex, you should apply for a State Pension (Contributory) if you have ever worked in Ireland and have paid PRSI contributions (stamps) at any time.

If you retire early, make sure that you continue paying PRSI contributions or that you are getting credited contributions (if you are eligible). This can help you get a contributory pension when you reach pension age.

### Qualifying age for State pensions

The minimum qualifying age for all State pensions is 66.

You can choose to defer claiming your State Pension (Contributory) up to age 70.\*

### Invalidity Pension

If you are getting an Invalidity Pension, you can transfer to the State Pension (Contributory) at the full rate at age 66.

### Payment for people who retire at 65

If you retire at 65, you may qualify for a benefit payment until you reach 66. To qualify for this

payment at 65, you must have stopped working and meet the (PRSI) social insurance conditions.

### Changes from January 2024

Changes to the age you can claim a pension, long-term carers contributions and how your pension is calculated have been introduced in January 2024.

### Age you can claim\*

From 1 January 2024, you can claim your pension anytime between the ages of 66 and 70. Your PRSI contributions from work, between age 66 and your pension claim, can be used to help you qualify or get a higher rate of State Pension (Contributory).

### Long-term carers

From January 2024, if you have cared for someone for 20 years (1040 weeks) or more, you may get a Long-Term Carers Contribution on your PRSI record for each week that you provided full-time care. These contributions can only be used to help you qualify for the State Pension (Contributory). The person you are caring for must have a disability requiring full-time care.

### Calculating pensions

From January 2025, there will be a 10-year transition to using only the Total Contributions Approach (TCA).

Read more about the upcoming changes on [gov.ie](http://gov.ie).

### Brexit and your pension

On 31 January 2020 the UK exited the EU. However, you will still get your Irish State Pension (Contributory) or UK State Pension, as before. Irish and UK citizens living in Ireland can still benefit from social insurance contributions made when working in the UK.

To qualify for a State Pension (Contributory) you must be aged 66 or over and have enough Class A, E, F, G, H, N or S social insurance contributions (PRSI). These are also called full-rate PRSI contributions.

### You need to:

Have paid PRSI contributions before a certain age  
Have a certain number of paid PRSI contributions  
Have a certain yearly average number of PRSI contributions since you first started to pay PRSI (this is the average rule) OR have a certain total number of PRSI contributions (this is the Total Contributions Approach).

### Apply for your social insurance record

You can request a copy of contribution statement through [MyWelfare.ie](http://MyWelfare.ie). To do this, you need your PPS (Personal Public Service) number.

**More information is available on our website**

## Drama on the way back!

Here at Lucan Drama we've been busily working to bring drama back to Lucan in 2024.



We are thrilled to announce that we will be staging a number of 1 act plays from May 12th to May 15th at the upstairs venue in Courtney's of Lucan.

The directors and crew are in place, rehearsals about to begin and the location is absolutely terrific.

We are very grateful to the management and staff at Courtney's for being so generous in opening up their facilities to us.

Details on tickets, dinner packages etc to follow, keep an eye out for the Newsletter and on our Facebook page.

## Kildare Animal Foundation

will have a stand at the  
**Antiques and Collectables Fair**

Osprey Hotel, Naas.

**Sunday 10 March from 12 noon**

Lots of jewellery, ceramics, vintage ware, artworks and so much more with all proceeds from KAF stand going to the care of sick and injured animals.



*Admission € 3.50*

## Lucan Active Retirement Association

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.

We are looking forward to a four day Whist Break in the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon starting on the 24th March.

## Esker Active Retirement Association

We had another good day at our club this week, with whist, scrabble and bowls being enjoyed by our members. 30 ladies have signed up for our trip to Bord Gais in July to see Pretty Woman the Musical, we're really looking forward to that.

Do come along to meet us any Wednesday at 1.30. Venue is St Andrews Parish Hall in village. Remember there are no strangers, only friends we haven't yet met.

## Drink Tea for MND

## Tea Morning

to raise funds for  
**Motor Neuron Disease Association**

**St. Mary's Parish Centre**  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**  
**10.30am – 2pm**



### Raffle on the day....

Prizes include Vouchers for Carroll's Pub/Restaurant 2 x €25, Kenny's Pub / Restaurant 2 x €25, Sabatini Restaurant €50, Karen's Beautician €40, and so many more great prizes.

**Come along for a great day and support this worthy cause!**

## Community Connect

**Drive & Drop Event 10<sup>th</sup> March 11- 1 pm**  
**St Mary's Church Car Park**

### DONATE TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED!

Help us to gather much-needed essential items for pregnant mothers and families with new babies around the country – just pick up a few extra items in your weekly shop!



Welcoming a new baby is a very special time in any family's life, but can be a challenging time for those who are struggling financially. Every donation you make will go directly to a family in need.

Financial donations also accepted on the day.

**For more information**

see: [www.communityconnect.ie/driveanddrop/](http://www.communityconnect.ie/driveanddrop/)

## Parish Notes

### St Mary's, Lucan

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



**Sunday Mass Times:** Vigil: 6.30pm  
Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Friday 10am and  
**7.30pm.** Saturday 10am.

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

#### Confirmation

Best wishes to the pupils  
*Lucan Educate Together* and  
*St Andrew's* schools who will  
receive the Sacrament of  
Confirmation this Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March.



*Please remember them in your prayers*

**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.*

**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.*

**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.

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

**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.

### Baptisms in St. Mary's

During the month of February here in St Mary's parish we were pleased to celebrate the baptisms of Aria, Cian, Odhrán, Sienna, Penny, Clodagh, Lily and Hugh. We invite you to include them and their families in your prayers.

From March of this year there is a new procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony.

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

Dates are bookable on line. If you need to cancel email: [secretary@lucanparish.com](mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com)

#### Scriptural Reading (Lectio Divina):

John14:6: *I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no one cometh unto the Father except through me.*

Most of us think we will have time in the future to sort things out, so we put off decision making until it can't be avoided. In some cases, we never get round to deciding. The paradox is that surely it makes more sense to sort important matters out at the beginning rather than the end of our lives. Either way, wherever you are on that journey, hearing the message of Jesus as spoken directly in the Gospels, meditating on it and contemplating on how it might change our lives is so important in finding the answers.

Lectio Divina meet every Monday evening at 7.30pm in the Bungalow to reflect for an hour on the following Sunday's gospel. All are welcome. *John McCrory*

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

## Winner of Trip to Medjugorje



Winner Colette Grant was presented with her free ticket for the May 2024 Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, by Pat Colgan.

The draw and presentation took place after the Medjugorje Mass in St Mary's last Monday night. *Congratulations to Colette!*

## 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.

**Prayers of the Church:** Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

**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](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.

A new **Stained Glass Window** in memory of **Fr. Denis Carroll**, will be blessed at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

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

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

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

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

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

### St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all  
Masses **NEXT**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

*Thank you for your aenerosivt.*

**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](mailto:secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie)

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

## Acknowledgement

### JERRY BUTLER R.I.P.

On behalf of Gavin, Pierce, Anne-Marie, Caitriona and myself, I would like to express our appreciation to all those who sympathised and supported us following Jerry's recent death.



To Fr. Philip for administering the Sacrament of the Sick and for celebrating his Funeral Mass. To Catherine from the Funeral Team for assisting us with the Liturgy and prayers at home. To Fr. Joe for his kind words, prayers and homily. To

Fr. Tom and Fr. Locky for concelebrating with Fr. Philip. To Kathy, Peter and Fionnuala for the lovely music. To Cunningham Funeral Directors for their professional assistance.

To all those who attended the house and the Funeral, those who sent messages of condolence and Mass Cards and to our neighbours for their support during Jerry's illness and at the time of death.

Mass will be offered for your intentions.

*Nora Butler*

## Death Notice

### MONICA CRUCES (nee LYNAM)

Originally from Dodsboro Cottages. Passed away on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at her home in Liverpool. She is survived by her beloved husband Stan, sons John, Mark and Paul, brother, sisters, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews and many friends in Lucan and Liverpool.

Funeral will be held in Liverpool.

## Anniversaries

### STEWART DOWLING

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 5<sup>th</sup> March

In loving memory of Stewart.  
A light is from our household gone  
A voice we loved is stilled  
A place is vacant in our home  
That never can be filled.  
Gone but not forgotten.  
Rest in peace.



### ORLA CAREY

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 8<sup>th</sup> March

Forever young. Much loved daughter and sister, auntie and grand-aunt. Late Beech Park.  
Missed in the morning of every day, Orla  
Missed in the evening as light fades away  
Missed in a thousand and one little ways  
Around every corner a memory stays  
You gave us years of happiness Orla  
Then sorrow came with tears  
You left us lovely memories  
We will treasure through the years  
We thought of you with love  
But that is nothing new  
We thought about you yesterday  
And days before that too  
We think of you in silence  
We often speak your name  
All we have is memories and a picture in a frame  
Your memory is a keepsake  
With which we'll never part  
God has you in his keeping  
We have you in our hearts.

*Love you forever, Mam, Dad, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews xxxxxxxxxxxx*

### WILLIAM ARTHUR MORRIS

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 4<sup>th</sup> March

**(Dad)** The day was only dawning  
And we knew you couldn't stay  
You closed your eyes and drifted off  
To heaven far away.

Loved and missed every day.

*Your loving daughter Jean, sons, Billy, Harry and Joe and sons-in-law Dessie and Gerry*

### WILLIAM ARTHUR MORRIS

**(Granda Bill)** Our Granda was a wise old owl  
Who taught us all so much  
He left a print on all our souls  
That distance cannot touch.  
We think of him when we make tea  
When we try to solve the riddle  
When the shoes are shined or his song  
Is played and all other times in the middle.  
Always in our hearts.

*Lisa, Karen, Kevin and families*

### ROGER MULLARKEY

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 9<sup>th</sup> March

Remembering Roger on his fifth anniversary.  
*From May, John, Paul, Tom, Eoin, Verona and Ruairi and all their families*

## Lucan ICA

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March: Craft Group will be busy finishing their jewellery projects, some will be continuing with knitting and crochet.



**Tea Hostesses:** Noreen Doolan and Mary Skelly.

We remember Lucy Gannon on her 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary on 17<sup>th</sup> March R.I.P.

We wish Mary Shanagher a speedy recovery, we miss her on the Monday morning. Stay warm in this frosty weather.

## Come Celebrate sisterhood, empowerment & the joys of spring! With @ WCI-Lucan



Open to all women seeking friendship, support, & belonging.

Please bring a dish to share with your sisters – your favourite homemade treat or store-bought delight adds to our joy!

To book your spot use the QR code or

Contact WCI Lucan WhatsApp/ call/text 083-860 7947. Email: [lucan@womenscollective.ie](mailto:lucan@womenscollective.ie)



**Anam Cara South Dublin** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's

monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 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.



**Happy Mother's Day** to all the Mams of Lucan. Put your feet up and enjoy the day!

**Spring Snow!** The 1<sup>st</sup> of March brought us a great covering of snow, but thankfully, it didn't

hang around.



John McIntyre met Young Cuchullain, out for an early poc around in St. Catherines, before the snow got too heavy.

The very next day, we had beautiful sunshine and all was well again.



Another reader spotted these young Highland calves in the parkland. We are so lucky in Lucan to be able to enjoy places with such diversity.

## Lucan Senior Citizens

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30 – 12.30.

*All welcome!*



## St. Joseph's College

**Senior Soccer:** Well done to our senior soccer team who had a great 5-3 victory last Thursday versus St Kevin's Community College. On the day we were helped by a fantastic hat trick by Rachel Barrett and goals from Orla Maher and Sienna Muldowney. St Joseph's now progress to the next stage of the cup competition.

**U14 Gaelic football:** The under 14 Gaelic football team had a great win against Kishogue Community College. St Joseph's played really well on the day and took their chances in a very competitive game. The under 14 Gaelic football team are back in action this coming week in the next round of their championship.

**Dublin minor football:** Hard luck to fifth year students Chloe O'Shea and Rachel Johnson who were part of the Dublin minor football team who were beaten in the first round of the Leinster minor football championship against Meath. It is a fantastic achievement to be selected to represent their county at minor level and we are very proud of them. The Dublin minor football team will play Kildare in the next round.



### University honours and entrance scholars:

During the week some of our staff attended the UCD Entrance Scholar Awards. It was a fantastic night where eight of our 2023 Leaving Certificate class received awards from UCD for achieving high Leaving Certificate results. The students included Tara Hollowed (Commerce), Lola Munnelly (Science and Biology), Aoibheann Scott (Commerce), Sarah Eraseril, Sadeem

Elhadi, Aoife Duffy, Kayleigh Cheng and Mikolaj Malinowski. In a similar ceremony in DCU two of our past students were recognised for achieving over 600 points in their Leaving Certificate. These students were Aleena Saji (General Engineering) and Swetha Adusumilli (Psychology and Disruptive Technologies). Well done girls, we are very proud of you all!

**Careers Talk:** On Friday morning the guidance department organised for representatives from the National College of Ireland were in the school to talk to fifth year students about college courses that they offer. The students got lots of information from the talk on courses in the areas of business, computing, psychology and early childhood.



**Religion retreat:** On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, the religion department brought transition years on a retreat called "A Pilgrim Path". Tour guide, Anita, provided a walking tour for the students that involved visiting four significant churches in Dublin city centre, including the Newman University Church and St. Andrew's Church. Throughout the retreat, students were encouraged to reflect on the ways they can eliminate distractions from their daily lives in order to seek out peace and connect with themselves through meditation and to immerse themselves in the historical relevance of each church they visited.

**U14 camogie:** It was disappointment for our under 14 camogie team on Tuesday morning as they were beaten by St. Mary's, Naas in their latest championship game. They play again next Wednesday against Mountsackville, a game they will have to win to progress from their group.

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**Instagram:** @stjosephscollegelucan

**Website:** [www.stjosephslucan.com](http://www.stjosephslucan.com)



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Soccer:** Our **u17 soccer team** advanced to the 3<sup>rd</sup> rnd of the Leinster Junior Shield after defeating Coláiste Cois Life 3-1 last week. Kai Keogh, Will Smith and Eoin Maher scored the Lucan goals. The team will now travel to Clonkeen College, Blackrock for their last 16 clash.

Our **senior team** also progressed in their Leinster Shield after another penalty shoot-out win, this time against Borris VS on Tuesday. The game finished 1-1 after extra time, with John Donoghue scoring the team's goal with a stunning strike, before Lucan again held their nerve from the spot to win 4-1 and secure a place in the 1-4 finals. Niall Ryan Doyle continued his sensational form in the Lucan goal with three saves in the penalty shootout. They will next face Scoil Mhuire, Clane at home for a place in the semi-finals.

**Careers:** 37 of our 6<sup>th</sup> yrs students braved the horrendous weather conditions last Friday to attend a campus tour of UCD. The students met with Ms. Hunt and Mr. Todd on campus before beginning their tour with an Admissions presentation in the Gerard Manley Hopkins Centre. The group were then taken on a 60 min tour of the spacious campus where they got to see the James Joyce Library, the O' Brien Science Centre with its sleek, state-of-the-art science labs, the Sutherland Law School, the enormous Sports Centre with its impressive facilities (including a fantastic Sports Hall, gym and swimming pool), the huge number of pitches for different sports, the School of Business, the Engineering and Materials Science centre, the very modern Arts and Humanities building, the Earth Sciences centre with its enormous tiered, lecture halls as well as the beautiful woodland gardens and beautiful lakes. The students even got the chance to have an impromptu snow-fight on campus! Our 6<sup>th</sup> yrs thoroughly enjoyed the tour and they are to be commended on their maturity (snow-fighting aside!), attentiveness and exemplary behaviour throughout.

**Music:** On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, our music club visited the Irish Rock "n" Roll Museum in Temple Bar. The museum gave students the opportunity to tour a working recording studio and rehearsal space. Complete with state-of-the-art Neve desk (one of the most iconic mixing desks in existence) along with other professional equipment, this was an opportunity not usually available to the public. Students got to learn the history of the famous musicians who have passed through the halls and discovered exclusive memorabilia from the likes of U2, Thin Lizzy, Sinéad O Connor and many more. Among their



favourite finds were Michael Jackson's pyjamas (worn while recording some of his last songs in Westmeath) and Phil Lynott's school report card. The highlight of the trip for everybody was the highly anticipated Jam Room, which was set up with a full drum kit and a guitar and bass hooked up to professional Marshall Amps. The lads enjoyed playing music together and got to explore each instrument and would have stayed there all day! The tour guide was amazed at the students' musical knowledge and loved their interaction and passion for music. The music theme continued after the museum as students visited music stores to play even more instruments and others visited record shops and added to their record collection. The whole day was a very immersive and rewarding experience for the students.

**Coding:** During EU Coding Week, our 1st and 2nd Year Coding classes took part in the Bebras Computing Challenge. This challenge introduced computational thinking to students, by allowing them to solve interactive tasks online. It is run in over 60 countries and took place back in November. The aim of Bebras is to get students all over the world excited about computing. In this an international problem solving competition, students had 40 minutes to answer 15 puzzles. The results were published to schools this week and they revealed that 14 of our students have qualified for the national final to be held in Maynooth University in April. Huge congratulations to 2<sup>nd</sup> yrs Troy O'Sullivan, Nate Crawford, Conor Gilmore, Liam Barrett, Tadhg Bohan, Senan Walsh, Conor Teehan, Anish Iyer, Ancel Jobi, Aaron Jobin, Rory O'Connor, Shane Clare and Elliot Hsiao as well as 1<sup>st</sup> yr Daniel McDevitt. We wish them the best of luck in the final.

**LCVP:** The 6<sup>th</sup> yr LCVP classes all submitted their LCVP Portfolios of Coursework last Friday to their teachers Mr. O' Carroll, Ms. Peele and Mr. Murtagh. Having completed their recorded interviews earlier this year, the students had to complete a Career Investigation (on a potential career for themselves), a CV, a Summary Report (on a trip they did to Emerald Park) and a Work Experience Diary. The Portfolio is worth 60% of the overall marks and completing them by the deadline can be a fairly stressful experience for the students (and teachers!) so everyone involved was delighted to finalise and submit them on time and tick another one off their extensive to-do-list in this hectic time for our overworked exam students!

The written part of their exam is worth the other 40% and this will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

## Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club are in winning form, we recently won a plaque as **Top Club in group B Monochrome in Photographic Society of America** and also came in the **top Quartile of the World Photographic Cup**. We meet weekly every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm in the Palmerstown Parish Hall. Why not attend one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how your photography could benefit from being a member just drop in or contact [Secretarypcc82@gmail.com](mailto:Secretarypcc82@gmail.com)

Recently in Palmerstown Camera Club, we had the judging night for Panel competition and below we have three of the winning images:



**Advanced Winner** “Portraits on the Street - Lorraine Morris”.



**Non-Advanced Winner** “Whistle Blowers – Miriam Power”.



**Non-Advanced Runner-up.** “The beat goes on- Owen Connolly”.

## Lucan Library

**St Patrick's Bank Holiday** & Staff Training Day  
All branches of South Dublin Libraries will be closed for the St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday on Saturday 16th and Monday 18th March.



We will also be closed on Friday 15th March to facilitate staff training. Our libraries will reopen with normal opening hours from 9:45am on Tuesday 19th March.



**Irish Astronomy Week.** Monday 11th March, 7pm. **Birth of the Solar System:** Michael McCreary of the Irish Astronomical Society will present this fascinating talk on the birth of the Solar System. He will provide a brief introduction to astronomy, how the solar system came into existence, how the Sun works and the different types of planets and where they are. Booking advised at: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/birth-of-the-solar-system-tickets-825584795347>





# Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Parade Marshal Abby Shiels

1	Flag Bearers Lucan Scouts	23	Dew Drop Indian Drum Band
2	23rd Lucan scouts, 180th Lucan scouts, 142nd Esker Lucan South Scouts	24	Lucan United Football Club
3	Little Blue Heroes	25	Lucan Sarsfields GAA
4	Barberstown Castle and Grand Marshal (Abby Shiels)	26	RTH Property Management
5	St. Patrick ( Ronan Smith )	27	Finglas Concert Marching Band
6	SuperValu Lucan	28	Ahmadiyya Muslim Association of Ireland
7	Cara Cheshire Home	29	Roof n Stop
8	Lucan Lady Birds	30	Jimmy Stagg & Lucan Cycle Club
9	Andri Kryzhanivskyy	31	Beech Park FC
10	Lucan Chinese Community	32	Adamstown Cricket Club
11	Club Pro Garda Westmanstown Gaels GAA Club	33	Star Dance Academy
12	Arthur Griffith Park FC	34	Lucan BMX Club
13	Serena Brady Academy of Dance	35	Lucan Harriers
14	Lucan Boxing Club	36	Maharashtra Mandal Ireland – Dhol Pathak
15	Lee Byrne Academy	37	Hayley Flynn Academy
16	V Styles Lucan	38	EFAST
17	Na Gaeil Óga CLG	39	Lucan Red Cross
18	Lucan Gospel Choir	Lucan Concert Band performing at Spar Dodsboro from 2pm to 3pm.  St. James Brass & Reed performing at the AIB gate from 2pm  Free Face Painters, Clowns, Balloon Artists at Bank of Ireland in village from 2pm	
19	5 Star Attics		
20	Vikings Dublinia Ostman		
21	Goldwing Owners Club		
22	Lezim Girls		

**Parade Start time and route:** The parade will assemble and commence at the large green located at Green Park Road / Westbrook Park / Hillcrest Close in Hillcrest (adjacent to Tesco) from 2pm, be in place by 2:30pm. The Parade will start at 3pm.

*Further details in next week's issue.*

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**Ardeen / Tandy's Lane/ Ardeevin – Hedgerow Clean-Up:** Thank you to the residents that raised the need for a deep clean of the hedgerow and treeline area near the entrance to Ardeen and Ardeevin off the main R835 from Lucan Village. A motion I tabled has been agreed and scheduled in Q2, so hopefully this will be completed before long.

**Kishogoe Train Station – Update:** Both my colleague Mark Ward TD and I have continued to seek updates. Most recently, I had an official question submitted to the Area Committee and separately, my colleague has received a response this week stating the anticipated opening date - June/July.

**Finnstown / Griffeen – On the doors!** The Sinn Féin team and I are almost complete in Griffeen Glen and have started speaking to resident's door-to-door in Finnstown Abbey. If I can assist you, please get in touch!

## Cllr. Paul Gogarty P.C.

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**Swimming Pool Prices Published:** Aura Leisure have provided the price list for the Lucan when it opens. This is more expensive than expected even allowing for a "sinking fund" for repair and maintenance and does not reflect a community facility. I have a motion tabled for the Area Committee meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> in this regard. Type 'pool March' in search bar of my website for a full report.

**Bus User Survey:** We need to get beyond the current 1,200 responses. Have your say with the NTA via [www.bit.ly/BusCorrect](http://www.bit.ly/BusCorrect) . Can do over phone if anyone prefers, just text me.

**Other Issues:** Lots of other updates posted regularly on my website. Items coming shortly include traffic sequencing, manhole repairs, yellow boxes, burst pipes, wall breach, schools' issues, illegal dumping, planning applications, illegal parking and canal greenway.

## Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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**Eir outage:** I have been contacting the CEO of Eir during this week to request an update on when broadband will be fully restored to Eir customers

in Lucan who have been without proper service for over a week. This is unacceptable and is having a knock-on effect for folks who depend on this for work and for education. Impacted customers should contact the Commission for Communications Regulation to make a complaint (<https://www.comreg.ie/>).

**Thomas Omer Way:** I was pleased to see work take place to clear the illegal dumping and debris from this embankment off Thomas Omer Way, adjacent to Kishoge CC. Last week, following my representations. I will now lobby the Council to secure the site to prevent this in the future.

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to former parish priest of Lucan South, Fr Dónal Roche on his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Dublin. Ádh mór air!

## Caroline Brady - Fine Gael – P.C.

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**Footpath Lucan Road:** Debris sliding on the footpath between St. Josephs and Esker Steps is reported to the council.

**Sarsfield Park:** Excess water pouring out on the footpath near the steps and onto the bungalow close by is reported to the Council.

**Kew Park:** Footpath repairs at Kew Park reported to the Council are now forwarded to the Area Roads Engineer for investigation and report.

## Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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**Science Blast:** Congratulations to the local National Schools that took part in this year's ESB Science Blast in the RDS, including St. Andrew's NS, Scoil Mhuire NS, Griffeen Valley ETNS and Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada. This is the largest primary STEM programme in Europe. It is a free, non-competitive education programme for primary schools that involves the whole class investigating the science behind a simple question. Well done to the students and their teachers.

**Recycle Event:** Do you have any electrical waste you need to dispose of? Caroline Brady and I have organised a FREE community collection of electrical waste and electronic equipment in the car park of Tesco Lucan this Monday 11<sup>th</sup> from 9.30am-12.30am. Drop down with any electrical items such as kettles, lamps and toasters. This initiative is part of our commitment to helping encourage recycling in our community.

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*Political Notes continued after Sports ....*



**Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin**



### Seaghan Ó Lanagáin R.I.P.

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of **Seaghan Ó Lanagáin**.

Seaghan has been a great servant of Lucan Sarsfields over many years, from mentoring teams to the executive. He was also involved with the lotto. In recent years, he was one of the founding members of the Social Initiative Group and was active in the group up to very recently. His love of the Irish language was very evident, and he was instrumental in setting up our Cúpla Focal club, which is very popular. Seaghan would often be seen on the sideline supporting all of our teams. One of life's gentlemen, Seaghan will be sadly missed by his family and his wider Lucan Sarsfields family.

On behalf of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club, we would like to extend our deepest condolences to his wife Mary, children Eoin, Gráinne and Sinéad, daughter in law Clóna, son in law Declan and grandchildren Leenah, Dara, Cillian and Hank.

### Easter Camp

Our Easter camp will take place from the 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> of March from 10am – 2pm daily. All children, both members and non-members, are welcome. Registration is open and spaces are limited so make sure to sign up via ClubZap or the link below.

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

### County

We had four players representing the club over the weekend with the Dublin Minor Hurling team in their draw with Limerick. Well done Killian, Senan, Mark and Oscar!

We had three players representing the club on the Dublin Minor Ladies Football over the weekend, Rachel, Siobhán and Chloe. Well done girls!

### Social

There will be a **Table Quiz** in the club on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March in aid of Nagarhope Ireland, an Irish charity that supports the work of Nagarhope Basic School (NBS) in Nagarkot, Nepal. The cost of a table of four is €40. Please contact 0872189960 / 087066891 / 0894220302.



Our **Annual Golf Classic** will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2024 in Lucan Golf Club. The cost of a four-person team is €450. This event books up quickly and we had an unprecedented demand for tee times last year so make sure to register early. Invitations are also open for sponsorship opportunities for both companies and personal support. Please contact any member of our committee for registration, sponsorship enquiries and any other information. Maggie Mulqueen 087 2866581, Sara Hickey 086 8187070, Ruth Langton 086 8231139.



The **Cúpla Focal Club** started on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com)

### White Collar Boxing

Due to unprecedented demand, we are once again taking over the big top on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 for another White-Collar Boxing Showdown. For this event to be a success we need our members to get involved. If you are interested in stepping into the ring and joining our lineup, please contact Michaela Caseley – 086 850 8553. We are also looking for sponsorship for this event. If you have a business, work for a business or know someone who does, that might like to sponsor or advertise at our event, please contact [lucansarsfields.fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:lucansarsfields.fundraising@gmail.com)



### Lotto

We had a winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €5,400. Congratulations to Aidan Glover! The Numbers were **3, 5, 6, 11**.



**The lucky dip prizes** go to Matt O'Donovan, Keith Hannon, Niamh Clandillon, Sharon Hickey and Avril Mullins

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €1,000. The draw is sponsored by Dual Printing LTD and will be led by Mary Flannery.

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



## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

### Siúlóid Staire

“BÁC, Éirí Amach na Cásca agus an Ceol”  
Leis an treoraí siúlóide Liam Mac Amhlaidh ón bhfoireann peile. Ag bualadh ar 12.00 meánlae Dé Sathairn 9/03/2024 ag Uimhir 6 Sráid Fhearchair. Líon teoranta spásanna mar sin IS GÁ clárú. Cuir ríomhphost le d'ainm chuig [spraingo@gmail.com](mailto:spraingo@gmail.com) le spás a chinntiú. Fáilte roimh bhail an chumainn agus daoine nach bail iad araon. Le cabhair SNAG le Energia. @snagaeilge @cnagaeilge An Roinn Cultúir Ealaíon Gaeltachta.

### Buachaillí F10 - Peil

D'imir na buachaillí faoi 10 Cluiche Peile den scoth inniu i CLG Thomás Dáibhis. D'obair siad go crua agus le chéile le pasanna iontacha agus scóranna gleoite!  
Maith sibh go léir a bhuachaillí.

### Cailíní F11 - Peil

Cuireadh tús le séasúr na gcailíní Faoi 11 i bPáirc Naomh Cairtróna ar maidin agus cluiche iontach acu i gcoinne Seanchille CLG @shankill.gaa . Ba mhór an chreidiúint do gheansaí 'Gaeil Óga' an leibhéal iarrachta a bhí ar taispeáint agus roinnt scóranna den scoth bainte amach ag na cailíní de bharr obair foirne agus imirt chliste. Buíochas mór leis na tuismitheoirí agus lucht féachána don atmaisféar dearfach a cruthaíodh ar na taobhlínte de réir mar a imríodh an cluiche. Tá muid ar fad ag súil go mór le cluiche Camógaíochta na seachtaine seo chugainn, ina dtabharfaidh na cailíní aghaidh ar 'Erin go Bragh' i gCluain Aodha.



*The Under 11s girls got their season underway in St. Catherine's Park this morning with a wonderful performance against Shankill G.A.A. The level of effort on display was a credit to the*

*'Gaeil Óga' jersey with some fantastic scores achieved as a result of teamwork and clever play. Huge thanks to all of the parents and supporters for the positive atmosphere created on the sidelines as the game was played in great spirits. We are all looking forward to next week's Camogie match, which sees the girls take on 'Erin go Bragh' in Clonee.*

### Cailíní F13 - Peil

Bhí tús iontach ag na cailíní faoi 13 leis an séasúr agus bua iontach acu in aghaidh CLG Chaisleán Cnucha inné. Tréimhsí iontacha imeartha, obair foirne den chéad scoth agus cúl i ndiaidh cúl!  
Maith sibh a chailíní.





### Buachaillí F8

Do thosaigh na gaeil is óige agus an foireann is úr sa chlub ar turas CLG - Buachaillí F8. D'imir siad a chéad cluiche iomáint v Réaltaí na hEireann agus a chéad cluiche peil v Baile an Bhaspailgh.



### Buachaillí F9 - Peil

Maith sibh inniu do na leaids. Roinnt rudair fíordhearfacha le glacadh ó na cluichí. Cúl báire iontach agus roinnt scóranna áille. Tá siad ag feabhsú gach seachtain.



**The Dublin slave market in the early middle ages.**

Join us here at Lucan Library on Thursday 21st March at 7pm as guest speaker Paul Holm discusses what happened to the men and women who were sold on the Dublin slave market in the early middle ages as a few of their voices have survived to be told. You can book a place through Eventbrite at [lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](http://lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie)

# SPORTS



## LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### Winter League

The final of the Winter League was played in very dry weather conditions after our snow on the Friday.

The foursomes were spilt one each so it made for very exciting single matches and it came down to the last match and the final put on the last hole for the Tractormen to beat the Philipos.

Congratulations and well done to both teams.

Thank you to the supporters for coming out in your numbers and cheering on both teams.

Thank you to Halpenny Golf for continuing their sponsoring of this competition.

**Drive In 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024.** Our drive in will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. Wishing both our Captains Una and John and our President Michael all the very best for the season ahead – enjoy each moment. The time sheet is on the notice board for this competition.

**Membership Fees.** Membership Fees can be paid on a Sunday morning at the club house to any committee member or you can pay on line ensuring you quote your registration number. 4

**New Members Welcome – Adults and Juveniles.** Our Club is now open for membership. If you would like to join our Club please download an application form from the website and fill in the relevant details and return same – or email the secretary at

[info@lucanpitchandputt.com](mailto:info@lucanpitchandputt.com). Indeed you are more than welcome to call into the Club House and ask for any committee member who will be only too willing to discuss your enquiry – best time to call is on a Sunday from 10am

### Full Zip Tops / Jackets / T-Shirts

Members please note that Dora Keane is the contact for the stock of our club zip tops / jackets and t-shirts.

### Function Room for Hire

Please note that we have a function room for hire in the evenings from circa 5pm. Contact the secretary or email [info@lucanpitchandputt.com](mailto:info@lucanpitchandputt.com) for details of same – T&C apply.

### Wishing you Well

Great to hear our President Michael Purcell is home from hospital. Michael all the members are sending you every good wish for a speedy recovery.

## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

We are holding our **Fund Raiser for Michael Monahan on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

We have a race night at 9pm followed by music and our raffle. If you cannot attend on the night you can purchase your raffle tickets from any of the house committee or you can give a donation to the fund.

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## Political Notes *continued...*

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**Beckett's Hotel:** I had a motion down at the recent Lucan Area Meeting of the Council that asked for Council action to protect Beckett's Hotel. The hotel which closed in 2019 is a protected structure and was the home of Samuel Beckett's mother. For many years it was an executive hotel with a very popular restaurant. The Council CEO reported at the meeting that there have been site inspections by the clerk of works and the Architectural Conservation Officer and that although the site is currently vacant it is not considered to be endangered and has been found to be secure. I was also advised that the owners had a pre-planning meeting with the Council in November of 2023. I asked that the Council keep a watching brief on this because I am still concerned the building is in danger of becoming derelict and that would be a terrible shame.

### Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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**Delighted to have attended the inaugural Women of the South** event this week with the Women's Caucus, celebrating the impactful contributions of women in our county. Joining inspiring women like Winne from Adamstown Summer Camps, Nicola from 142nd Dublin Esker South, Paula, and Lisa from Lucan Arch Club was a pleasure. Congratulations to everyone involved. Wishing all the women in my life a happy International Women's Day. I'm thrilled to share this day with the inspiring women at Adamstown Sister Shed. If you'd like to get involved, feel free to reach out! A huge thanks to everyone I've met at the doors, raising issues in your area. As always, I'm available for meetings in person or by phone.

Delighted to report that new seating will be installed at our new Boules court. I continue to press for additional recreational measures.

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Well, the fall of snow last Friday morning took us all, including the meteorologists, by surprise. While the snow did not stay on the ground very long many members of the Camera Soiree were quick off the mark recording the event.



Joe captured a brilliant red bridge railings against the new snow and Anna managed to frame her back garden beautifully through her kitchen window.



Michael G. got a photo of a snow laden Japanese Maple in his front garden.

When the snow was gone Paddy located a waterfall on the Strawberry Beds.

I am convinced that one of the group circulated a photograph of an old P&T public telephone kiosk during the week but for the life of me I cannot

find it just at the moment. This put me in mind that it was recently reported that *Eir* has begun the process of removing the last of the country's pay phone boxes. The first payphone appeared about 100 years ago and at their peak there were around 3,300 such phones in the country. The younger generation will not believe that in the early days many villages around Ireland did not have an automatic telephone service and that in these locations the majority of telephone subscribers did not have 24 hour service. After 10pm each evening in general the only phone that worked round the clock was the manually operated public telephone kiosk in the village square. The last manual telephone exchange in Ireland was at Mountshannon, County Clare and closed on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1987.

*Until next week stay safe!*