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Sunday 15th March 2026

Celebrating St Patrick's Day!

St Patrick's Day is a Holy Day and a Bank Holiday celebrating the gift of knowledge and faith in Jesus Christ brought to Ireland by St Patrick and other missionaries who arrived around the same time in the early centuries.

The knowledge that we have of St Patrick is great on account of having access to his annals: The Confessions of St Patrick. The Confessions are an autobiographical account of St Patrick's life-giving account of his early life, his captivity as a slave and his mission on escape from captivity.



But after I came to Ireland, I tended flocks (of sheep) daily and I prayed frequently every day. More and more, the love of God, and the fear of him (respect & awe) grew in me, so too did my faith increase, and my spirit was stirred so that in a day I would pray up to a hundred times, and the night time was similar; even when I used to stay out in the woods and on the mountain, I would rise up before daybreak to pray in snow, frost and rain, but I used to feel no ill-effect nor any sluggishness, because, as I now realise, the Spirit was burning in me at that time.

(Confessions, Part 2, section 16)

St Patrick turned to God during his captivity and grew deeply in relationship with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Patrick accepted his time of captivity as time apart to review and change his life as a young man. He cast no blame on his captors nor anger with Irish people who were his captors.

In *The Confessions*, St Patrick wrote in praise of God and about his desired mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with many nations – in reflection of the prayer in the psalms. Patrick was humble before God and full of gratitude for what he had been given in life, even his time in captivity.

When Patrick returned to Britain, became a priest and was appointed as a Bishop, he chose to return to Ireland to do as he had earlier desired – to share the knowledge of Jesus Christ with those on our island! As we know, there are many places in Ireland where St Patrick is believed to have preached and engaged people in faith: Downpatrick, Tara and Croagh Patrick. He engaged with the people in their own beliefs and brought the Christian dimension into discussion. The life of Jesus Christ and the call of Jesus to live faith actively was compelling for many who then chose to be baptised.

At this time of celebrating St Patrick, it is a time of celebrating the gift of faith and what is most valuable to us in our country right now. What is it that holds us firm when the winds of challenge pull on us? What is at the root purpose of our lives? If everything was taken from us, what carries us forward? To quote psychiatrist Victor Frankl and philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche: if we have a good enough why we can do any how! Faith in Jesus Christ is my why! What is yours!

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

Ban on hedge-cutting from March until August

To protect nesting birds and other wildlife, hedge cutting is illegal from 1 March 2026 to 31 August 2026.

During this time, you must not:

Cut hedges, Dig them out (grubbing), Burn them, Destroy them

There are some exceptions, for example, if you need to remove shrubs or hedges on your land to stop it being hazardous on a public road.

Hedges (also called hedgerows) are usually found around the edges of fields, land boundaries, or by the sides of roads. They provide food and shelter for animals and: Create wildlife corridors, Store carbon, Reduce fertiliser run-off

This seasonal ban helps birds and other animals to nest safely and raise their young.

Find more information, including how to report illegal hedge-cutting, in our hedge cutting page on our website.

Supports for survivors of residential institutional abuse - From 6 March 2026, there are new health and education supports available for survivors of residential institutional abuse.

You can apply for these supports if you got compensation under the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002 or a related settlement.

If you're eligible, you can get some health services for free from the HSE. They're available for life, are not means-tested, and include:

GP and surgical care

Approved drugs and medicines

Nursing services

Home help services, if an assessment shows you need them

Dental, eye, and hearing services

Counselling related to your time and experiences in a listed institution

Chiropody services, if referred by a doctor or nurse

Physiotherapy services, if referred by a doctor

You can also get grants to start or continue your education. The grant amount depends on the course or training you do. For example, you can get up to:

€800 for a part-time post-leaving certificate (PLC) course

€2,000 for a full-time degree course

You don't have to be living in Ireland to get this grant.

Find out more about supports for survivors of residential institutional abuse on our website.

What is the Living Alone Increase?

The Living Alone Increase is an extra payment for people who are living alone and getting a social welfare payment.

How to qualify:

If you are 66 or over

If you are aged 66 or over and live alone, you will qualify for the Living Alone Increase if you are getting one of the following payments:

State Pension (Contributory)

State Pension (Non-Contributory)

Bereaved Partner's (Contributory) Pension

Bereaved Partner's Pension under the

Occupational Injuries Benefit Scheme

Incapacity Supplement under the Occupational

Injuries Benefit Scheme

Deserted Wife's Benefit

If you are under 66

If you are under 66 and live alone, you will qualify for the Living Alone Increase if you're getting one of the following payments:

Disability Allowance, Invalidity Pension, Incapacity Supplement, Blind Pension

Do I have to live alone to get the increase?

You must live alone to get the increase in your payment. However, there are some exceptions – details on our website.

The rate of the Living Alone Increase is €22 per week in 2026.



Open Mic Night at Lucan Drama

The performers are in place, the venue is in place, all we need is you, the audience.



If you'd like an evening of poetry, music and drama then why not start your St. Patrick's Day celebrations a little early this Monday March 16th, upstairs at Courtney's. Doors open at 7.15 with the entertainment starting at 8pm.

And it's Free....see you there and Happy St. Patrick's Day to all.

Lucan Drama Bringing Drama to your Doorstep

**Daffodil Day
Friday March
20th**



**At Tesco
Supermarket
And Supervalu,
Lucan**



Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 16th March: We will have a quiz about all things Irish this morning.

Prizes for the winners.

Please wear something green as we celebrate St Patrick.

Tea Hostesses are: Noreen and Geraldine.

We will also be collecting for **Daffodil Day Cancer Society**. Please donate generously to this great cause. It is one of our annual charities.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our members and to the Newsletter Staff.

Enjoy the Lucan Parade!



Carers & Toddlers Group

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

All Welcome!



Now that the weather has become kind again we have recommenced our gardening

programme. Working our way from the roads leading into Lucan, we did some preparation of soil, tidying and planting of beds on Adamstown road and on Lucan road, St. Edmundsbury area. We received a generous donation of plants from a well known local gardening guru, Joe Clayton. In addition, we were happy to accept plants from Damien Kearns of Bretland. These plants had been put down in the village park specifically for the Christmas season and have recently been replaced by more permanent plants.



Go raibh maith agat - Gardening Guru Joe! Agus Áine freisin as on cupán tae!

Most of these plants have been rehomed at the large newly developed bed at the entrance to Lucan Heights and the Adamstown Road. Many thanks Joe and Damien!

By now you will all have spotted our new environmentally friendly solar powered Belly Bins with attractive Lucan scenes. We hope they will encourage all of us to keep the place tidier.
Kevin O'Loughlin

Anam Cara
Supporting Parents After Bereavement
**ONLINE BEREAVEMENT
INFORMATION EVENING**
Thursday 19 March
7pm - 8.30pm
For all bereaved parents
register at <https://bit.ly/3NntfOW>
GUEST SPEAKER: DIANE CLABBY

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

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

Tuesday 17th March - St Patrick's Day:

Masses:

Vigil Monday 16th 7.30pm

Tuesday 17th 10.30am and 12noon.

NO Evening Mass on Tuesday 17th March



Weekday Masses:

Monday (except Tuesday) to Saturday 10am.

Monday (except Tuesday) to Friday: 7.30pm

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Congratulations to the girls of **Scoil Mhuire GNS** who were Confirmed on Thursday 12th March.

Please keep them in your prayers



St. Vincent de Paul Church Collection

at all Masses

NEXT Saturday/ Sunday 21st /22nd March.

Many thanks for your generosity.

Adoration: Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am unless there's at funeral.

Confessions: After 10am Mass on Thursdays and Saturdays (providing there is not a funeral. After Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Christian Meditation: There will be **NO** meeting this Tuesday as it is St Patrick's Day.

Sr Geraldine

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.

Legion of Mary: Meeting every Thursday 6.30pm in the Parish Bungalow for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

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.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

Members of the Bethany Group are available to meet by appointment 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, or a bereavement of any kind.

To make an appointment please contact the Parish Office by phone 01 621 7041 or email secretary@lucanparish.com

Divine Mercy Devotion: Wednesdays, in the church after the 10am Mass and until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed to atone for our sins and the sins of the whole world. With the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar we pray God to defeat evil in the world and bring peace in these troubled times.

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.

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.

Recent Death

Deepest sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **James (Jimmy) Bradley**, Woodfarm Acres, Palmerstown.

May he rest in peace.



Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday:

March 14th, 2026

2pm – 5pm

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



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.

Tuesday 17th March - St Patrick's Day:
Masses: Tuesday 17th 10.30am and 12 noon.
NO 9am Mass on St. Patrick's Day.

Weekday Masses:
Monday (except Tuesday) to Saturday 10am.

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Congratulations to the pupils of
Scoil Áine, who received the
Sacrament of Confirmation
on Thursday 12th March



Please remember them in your prayers

Adoration: Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am unless there's a funeral.

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.

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 your name and address, or email us at: secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie

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Tea/Coffee: Coffee Morning every Wednesday after the 10am Mass. Do drop in. *All welcome.*

**St Vincent De Paul -
St Patrick's Conference**
Church Gate collection before and after all
Masses **NEXT Sunday 22nd March**
Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje: 7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.
7.30pm: Holy Mass.

After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. **8.15pm** Adoration and Confessions
8.50pm Benediction.

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

Home Visits Holy Communion: If anyone who Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900.

Divine Mercy Food Bank: Donations of **non-perishable food items** can be left in the green containers inside the doors of the church.

Wednesday tea/coffee morning: There's 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 for 7.30pm. *All welcome.*

**During Lent, Weekday Evening
Mass will be in St Mary's Church
at 7.30pm**

(Except this Tuesday 17th March)

**covering both
St Mary's and St Patrick's.**

Anniversaries

**Jack Collins – 19th Anniversary
15th March - Late of Sarsfield Park
Also remembering his birthday on
19th March**

Think of Dad as living
in the hearts of those he touched.
For nothing loved is ever lost
and he was loved so much.
Forever in our hearts.

*From his daughters Carol Anne, Elizabeth,
grandchildren and great grandchildren.*

**Morris - William Arthur (Granda Bill)
13th Anniversary 4th March 2026**

We know that you are happy now,
In Heaven high above,
The rainbows and the little signs
Remind us of your love.
We miss the little chats we had,
The stories that you told,
Your wisdom flows through all of us
With the memories that we hold.

*Loved and missed everyday by your
grandchildren Lisa, Karen and Kevin, their
partners Andy, Breda and Rachel.
Your beloved great grandchildren, Laurajane,
Nikki, Daniel, Kelsie & Craig.*

**Nanny Fox (Mary/Foxy)
14th Anniversary 23rd February 2026**

A great woman to bake the bread,
With us you broke the rules.
You weren't the normal nanny
All pearls and boring shoes.
You always found some time for fun
And gave the best advice
Most memorable were the special days
A shared tippie with a slice.

*Loved and missed every day by your
Grandchildren. Karen, Lisa and Kevin.
Partners Rachel, Breda and Andy.
Great grandchildren. Laurajane, Daniel, Craig,
Nikki and Kelsie.*

Birthday Remembrances

**Jonathon Heffernan
56th Birthday on 12 March**

Love you and think of you
Today and every day since
Your 16th Birthday.

Mam and Chris.



**Jean Fox (2nd away)
10th March 2026**

Happy birthday to our little Ma
We send you so much love
If God could give us just one wish
We'd snatch you from above.
Our dream would be to see your smile
And feel your loving touch.
That gentle way you helped us all
Our strength our pal our crutch.
We'd get the biggest, sweetest cake
A sparkly balloon
To celebrate our brightest star
Up there beyond the moon.
Adored and missed beyond words
*Karen, Lisa, Kevin, Breda, Andy, Rachel,
Joe and Jerry. xxxxxxxx*

**Nanny Jean (2nd away)
10th March 2026**

You gave the biggest best hugs
From when we were very small
You held our hearts from our first days
Until we were very tall.
We're sad we cannot party now
On this your special day.
But we hold your love within our hearts
And know you will help us find a way.
Happy Heavenly birthday Nanny Jean.
*Forever loved by your heartbroken
Grandchildren. Laurajane, Daniel, Craig, Nikki
and Kelsie. Xxxxx*

Acknowledgement

Tom Smith

Thank you to all those who sympathised, or sent
Mass Cards, on the occasion of my brother's
death.

Sr. Geraldine

I Said A Prayer for You Today

*I said a prayer for you today and know
God must have heard; I felt the answer
in my heart although He spoke not a word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame (I know you
wouldn't mind); I asked for priceless
treasures rare of a more lasting kind.
I prayer that He'd be near you at the
start of each new day.*

*To grant you health and blessing fair and
friends to share your way.
I asked for happiness for you in all things
great and small,
but that you'd know His loving care I prayed
for most of all.*



Happy Mother's Day to all the Mams of Lucan! We hope all have a lovely day, and get to put the feet up!



Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our Readers at home and abroad. Birdie is heading for the Lucan Parade on Tuesday – let's hope the weather obliges!

Best wishes to all involved in the Lucan Parade – a lot of hard work gone in there!



Belated Birthday Wishes to **Pat Colgan**, who along with friends, celebrated his 85th Birthday last week. Hope you had a good one, Pat!



Having a blast at the ESB Science Blast! These 4th Class Students from Scoil Mhuire, featured in RTE's *news2day*, recently. They attended the event in the RDS, where they discussed the possibilities of the strength of spaghetti of all things.....

Big day for Irish Rugby at the Aviva this Saturday, as Ireland take on Scotland, in what has been a very exciting competition this year.

Let's hear it for the Boys in Green!

Cheltenham – We've heard that several locals had great luck with the horses this year!

Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a welcoming, vibrant club helping people to improve their public speaking, communication and leadership skills in a structured and supportive environment. Whether you want to present confidently at work, speak comfortably at a family event, or simply challenge yourself in a safe space.



Our next meeting takes place:

**Thursday 19th March 2026, 7:45pm-10pm
Springfield Hotel, Leixlip. W23 W280**

Who Is It For?

Lucan Toastmasters attracts a diverse mix of members, including:

Community Members

Individuals who want to overcome fear of public speaking

People looking to meet new friends in a positive environment

Anyone wishing to grow personally and challenge themselves

Professionals

Those preparing for presentations, interviews or new roles

Managers seeking stronger team communication

Entrepreneurs pitching ideas

Students & Early Career Professionals

Building confidence speaking in groups

Developing leadership skills early

Preparing for job interviews

We meet twice per month, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the [Springfield Hotel, Leixlip](#) at 7.45pm. Admission is free for new guests and there is no obligation to speak.

Come along next **Thursday 19th March**, where a warm welcome awaits you!

Visit our website www.lucantoastmasters.com or email vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com to register your interest. You can also follow Lucan Toastmasters on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#)

People's Art & Craft Fair March 2026

Open call for artists and crafters to participate in this year's event
Sat 28th and Sun 29th March

The venue is
Canon Despard Centre,
Chapel Hill, Lucan.



Further information at
peoplesartlucan@gmail.com



Start Time

The Lucan Parade takes place at 3pm on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday 17th March.

Parade Assembly

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 latest 2:30pm.

Parade Route

The Parade commences at 3pm sharp and proceeds down Dodsboro Road, under the N4 bridge onto the Leixlip Road, past McDonalds, onwards towards The Bally Alley pub, and left at AIB into Lucan Village, past the review stand located adjacent to Coffee Works / Carrolls / Muintir na Tire and disperses up through the village past Lucan House and towards the Liffey Bridge. The parade takes two hours approximately to complete the route.

Parade Dispersal

Meeting point to pick-up parade participants after the parade is St. Mary's Boys National School.

Road Closures

Road closures from 2pm to 6pm approx. The following are the road closures:

Dodsboro Road / Tandys Lane

Old Celbridge Road / Leixlip Road (R835)

Lucan Road from the Village to St Marys Church (R835)

Adamstown Road from Courtneys to N4 (R120)

No through road through the village

Chapel Hill Open for North & South bound traffic crossing the Liffey Bridge

Parade Running Order

- 1 Flag Bearers
- 2 Crumlin Community Marching Band
- 3 Parade Marshall Liam Cullen
- 4 23rd Lucan scouts
- 180th Lucan scouts
- 142nd Dublin Esker Scouts
- 48th Lucan Beavers Scouts
- 5 Little Blue Heros
- 6 Adamstown Blue Connect
- 7 Lucan Special Olympics Club
- 8 Andrii kryzhanivsky
- 9 5 Star Attics
- 10 Lee-Byrne Academy
- 11 Beech Park FC
- 12 Goldwings Owners Club Ireland
- 13 Dew Drops Ireland
- 14 Stagg Cycle
- 15 Lucan Sarsfields GAA
- 16 Serena Brady Academy of Dance
- 17 VJ Driving School
- 18 Westmanstown's GAA Club
- 19 Go Workout 12
- 20 Dominos Ireland (Shorecal Group)
- 21 Lucan Boxing Club
- 22 Indian Ladies in Lucan
- 23 Esker Celtic FC
- 24 Fit Kids Fit Teens Dance (FKFT)
- 25 Split Rock LTD (The mini builders)
- 26 V-Styles Hair Experts and Academy
- 27 Na Gael Óga CLG
- 28 I-Beatz
- 29 Lucan United FC
- 30 Odia Society of Ireland (OSI) India
- 31 Gospel Choir
- 32 Ahmadiyya Muslim Association
- 33 SuperValu Lucan
- 34 Finglas Concert Band
- 35 Red Cross





CHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Glasnevin Trip: Our TY history class had a great visit to Glasnevin cemetery on Tuesday where they got to experience Irish history at its core. Well done to everyone for excellent participation and to Shane our tour guide.



Student Site Visit: Our construction studies students were treated to a site visit of our school extension by the site manager Zack. Great to see the groundworks progress and new technologies used in the foundations. This is a great example of theory being put into practice.



Enterprise Awards: Congratulations to our students who achieved great success at the South Dublin Student Enterprise Awards. Raghad, TY student, was runner-up in the Senior Category. Sameerah was the Overall Intermediate Winner and will represent South Dublin at the National Student Enterprise Awards in May. Samuel was the Overall Junior Winner and will also represent South Dublin at the National Student Enterprise Awards in May. Well done to all the runners-up who put in a great effort.



TY Ski Trip: Fifty-four Transition Year students travelled to the Italian Alps for this year's school ski trip, spending five nights in the village of Lavarone. The group stayed in a hotel right on the slopes, allowing them to head straight out each day to practise their skiing. For many students it was their first time on skis, and the first few days were a challenge as everyone learned the basics. With practice and determination, confidence quickly grew. By the end of the week, everyone had mastered the chair lifts and was skiing down



the blue slopes. It was a brilliant week filled with fun, teamwork, and unforgettable memories for all involved.

Joseph's College

Bronze and Silver Gaisce Trip: Last Thursday and Friday 92 TYs and 13 Silver Gaisce students were certainly put to the challenge of their Gaisce Award. On Day 1 of their Adventure Journey in Glendalough, the rain was relentless, the wind was strong but the spirits were high. After the long hike all arrived back to the An Óige Hostel to warm showers and delicious food and relaxed for the evening. On day 2, thankfully the sun was shining as the students, teachers and guides completed the second part of the hike. With clearer skies the views of the Wicklow mountains and surrounding scenery was a breath taking and made the day extremely enjoyable. Thank you to all the teachers and guides for their help & endurance on the mountain throughout the two days.



Past student recognition awards:

Congratulations to past students Aoibhinn O'Connor and Aine Roche Moore who received third level awards during the week. Aoibhinn received an Academic High Achievement Award and is studying Engineering in UCD. Aine received an entrance scholarship award at NUIM where she is studying Primary School Teaching. We are very proud of you both and best of luck in your studies!

Minor Camogie: Hard luck to our Under-14 Camogie Team who lost their last group game today. Well done to Gaelcholáiste Reachrann. Onwards to the knock-out stage

National Gallery of Ireland: 5th Year Art students visited the AIB Portrait Prize exhibitions today at the National Gallery of Ireland, as preparation for their final project of the year. They also visited the European Rooms to view artwork from their Leaving Cert Visual Studies syllabus

DCU Emmanuel Concert: Last Wednesday night, 39 students participated in Emmanuel in the Helix. All of our students who were on stage performed brilliantly in front of a large crowd and the reception from the audience was amazing. We look forward to hearing you perform again next year.

LCVP: Fifth year LCVP students class visited Lucan Village as part of their 'My Own Place' project which looks at local issues in the community. They will also be getting the opportunity to talk to Vicki Casserly who has kindly offered to come in and speak with the students about the Lucan Community.

Junior Hockey Final: Hard luck to our Junior Hockey team who were beaten 2-0 in their Championship final against Muckross College. The girls played with great determination and gave everything on the field but were unfortunately undone by two goals in the second half of the game. We are very proud of the team for the effort, dedication, and team spirit they showed throughout the entire season. It has been a fantastic season and the girls deserve great credit. A big thank you as well to the parents and supporters who were there yesterday cheering the team on.



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Follow Us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan
Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Conversational Irish

in

St Mary's Parish Centre

10.30-11.30a.m.
every Wednesday.

All are welcome

Is liom
Gaeilge

Coláiste Phádraigh

Maths: On Thursday 5th March, four of our 6th yr students, Saif Abdelraheem, Rafay Kashif, Lucas Keogh and Conan Mackey, represented the school at the IMTA Team Maths Competition, held in St. Kevin's Community College in Clondalkin. The competition, organised by the Irish Maths Teachers' Association, is a long-standing event that challenges students to apply their mathematical knowledge in a fast-paced and collaborative setting.



The competition takes the form of a table quiz for teams of four students from Leaving Certificate classes, with questions based on the Higher Level Leaving Certificate Mathematics course.

Teams compete by working together to solve a variety of mathematical problems under time pressure. The quiz is made up of six rounds, each consisting of two questions, followed by a further two rounds of four questions. These rounds test students' understanding of different areas of the course, as well as their problem-solving ability, teamwork and quick thinking.

Our team placed a very respectable 14th (out of 26 teams).

We would like to congratulate the students for their effort and commitment in preparing for and participating in the competition.

Cross Country: Congratulations to TY student Conor Abbott on yet another outstanding achievement at the All-Ireland Schools Cross Country Championships, which took place in Belfast last Saturday. Competing in the highly competitive Intermediate Boys race, Conor tackled the demanding 5.1km course with determination and skill, finishing in an impressive time of 15 minutes and 52 seconds.

In a field of 116 talented and experienced runners from schools across the country, Conor delivered a remarkable performance to finish in 11th place.

As a result of his excellent run, Conor has been selected to represent Ireland at the upcoming Schools Cross Country International in Wales on Saturday, 21 March 2026. The event will see top school athletes from England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales compete at international level.

This achievement is even more inspiring considering that Conor only returned to training in January after recovering from an injury.

We are incredibly proud of Conor and wish him the very best as he prepares to represent both his school and Ireland on the international stage.



Careers: Last Wednesday, our 6th yr Construction Studies and Engineering students had the exciting opportunity to attend a school tour to a major construction site in Mount

Pleasant, Lucan. The visit was organised and hosted by **TSL Projects**, a company involved in large-scale construction and engineering projects. The tour allowed students to connect what they have learned in their Construction Studies and Engineering classes with real-world applications on a professional site. Seeing the scale, organisation and teamwork involved in such a project gave students a new appreciation for the skills and planning required to deliver modern buildings and infrastructure.

The trip provided great insight into the construction industry and may well inspire some of our students to pursue careers in this exciting and important field.



Fundraising: The final amount collected from our recent fundraising day for Oesophageal Cancer was 1,430€. Thanks again to the local community for their generous support outside Centra (Lucan Village) and Spar (Dodsboro Road) on Friday 27th Feb. Thanks also to the many students who purchased a lollipop in classrooms over the past week, which helped us reach this excellent total.

Soccer: Our u15 soccer team suffered a heart-breaking penalty shoot-out defeat to Coláiste Pobail, Setanta last week in the semi-finals of the Dublin West Minor League. The match finished 1-1, with Jack Palmer scoring from a corner in the 3rd minute, and Setanta won the shoot-out 5-4. Our u17 team suffered a similar fate, as they too were beaten on penalties by CBS Monkstown in their Leinster Junior Shield last 16 clash last week. The team had the chance to win the game from the spot before it went to penalties, but unfortunately the opportunity wasn't taken and they paid the price as they were eliminated from the competition in the shoot-out.

Our Senior team advanced to the 1-4 finals of the Leinster Senior Shield after a hard-fought 2-1 victory, after extra time, against St. McDara's CS, Templeogue on Monday. Matthew McEvoy scored the opening goal on 80mins, before McDara's equalised a few minutes later to force extra time. Jack Andrews was the Lucan hero with the winning goal in the 2nd period of extra-time. They will now face Marian College, Ballsbridge for a place in the semi-finals.



BOOK CLUBS

Enquire at the desk about joining one of our book clubs - new member's welcome!

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: 23rd March at 12noon.

Wednesday Book Club: 25th March, 7pm.



Read and Eat Cook Book Club
Thursday 19th of March at 10.30am

Seachtain na Gaeilge

1st - 17th March



ADULT EVENTS

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



Lucan Library Creative Writers Group
Thursday 26th March from 10am – 12noon

NEW “What’s the Story” Writing Club!
Saturday 21st March at 12noon:
Email Aine at Creativelucan@gmail.com to book your place or look up Creative Social on Eventbrite.ie

ADDITIONAL ADULT EVENTS

Classic Film Club- all welcome
Tuesday 24th March from 5.30

Felting Workshop with Martina
Friday 27th March at 11am.
on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) from 20th at 11am.



A Talk by the Irish Astronomical Society.
Monday 23rd at 6.30pm:
Book on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) from 16th at 6.30.

Let’s Talk About Fast Fashion
Thursday 02nd April at 6.30pm:
Book on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) from 23rd March at 6.30

Registration Day for Computer Course with DDLETB
Tuesday 24th at 12 noon.
Register your interest at the staff desk.



CHILDREN’S EVENTS

YOUNGER CHILDREN



Little Wiggles for Preschool Tots! Wednesday 25th of March at 10am. Book on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) from 18th at 10am

Musical Tots with Karen! Saturday 14th of March.
Book on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)



Every Monday at 3pm: Storytime – Changing to Mondays. Stories in English and Irish with a small arts and craft included! Please book your space on Eventbrite from each previous Monday at 3pm.



OLDER CHILDREN

Illustration Workshop with Olla for ages 8-12. Saturday 14th, 21st and 28th at 2pm:
4 Week course, participants are kindly asked to attend all 4 days. Book on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

For Parents: Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group meets twice monthly. 20th March. All welcome.



Exhibitions:

From Darndale to New York Aer Lingus Exhibition.

Swinging Sixties Fashion Exhibition



Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 11th was a hectic day in our Seniors Club. We had *The Rams* entertaining us with lovely music and singing.

We were also celebrating St. Patrick's Day and a very special 90th Birthday – Agnes Kavanagh, our longest serving committee member. It was a very special day. Happy Birthday Agnes!



Something in the water this end of Lucan – Agnes (centre), with Nollaig (90), and Maureen (94), and below, Agnes takes a spin around the floor with another nonagenarian, Billy!



Our three Gaeilgeoirí – Mary, Maureen and Agnes.



Wednesday 18th March: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am – 12.30pm.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 5th March lotto. A massive thanks to our pitch committee jackpot of €7,800. The Numbers were 5, 7, 23 & 27.

Lucky dips go to Liam Kavanagh, Cormac Gordon, Daragh Ryan, John Ryan and Roisin Sweeney.

This week's Lotto on Thursday 12th March will be for a jackpot of €8,200. This draw is sponsored by Newcastle Golf Centre and will be led by Edel Mooney.

Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.



Hurling



Our Minor B hurlers produced a strong performance at the weekend beating Ballinteer St John's by a score of 4-10 to 2-05. They have made it back-to-back wins to open their league campaign. Best of luck for the year ahead lads!!



Bereavement Notices

The death has occurred of **Mona Howard**, mother of Fiona Crowley, mother-in-law of Tim Crowley (Photographer) and grandmother to Ian Crowley (Adult Football and Hurling) The club would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Fiona, Tim, Ian and extended family at this difficult time.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam

The death has occurred of **Mary Josephine Sheridan**, mother of Ciara Sheridan, mother-in-law of Gabriel, sister of Eileen Glover and grandmother to Finn Bruton (Senior Football) and Eve Bruton (Senior Camogie). The club would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Ciara, Gabriel, Eileen, Finn, Eve and extended family at this difficult time.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

The death has occurred of **Harry Morgan**, father of Aisling Morgan-Hoare (Mentor U16B Camogie and Ladies Football) and grandfather to Caoimhe (U16B), Saoirse (U12) and Caireann (U11) camogie and ladies football teams.

The club would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Aisling, Caoimhe, Saoirse, Caireann and extended family at this difficult time.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

St Patricks Day Event

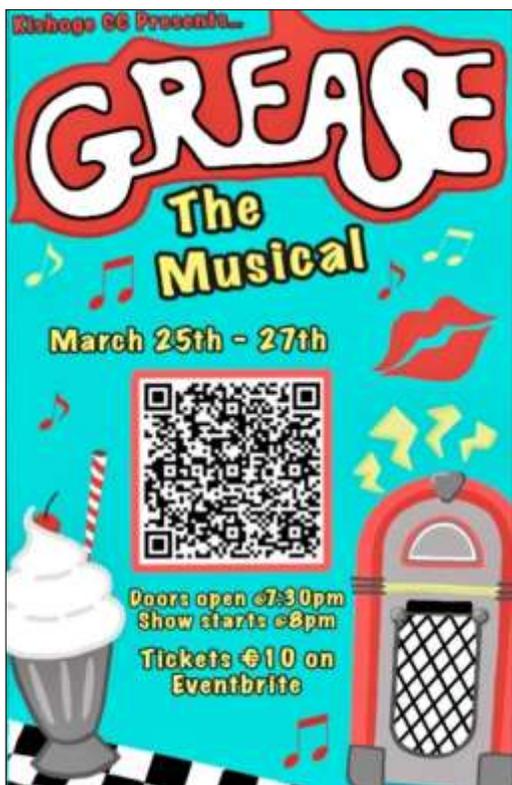
Our St Patricks Day event in the club is sold out and admission is by TICKET ONLY!!!



Club Pitches – Our juvenile pitch in the club opened back up this weekend for matches and and it looked in great condition for its opening fixture. A massive thanks to our pitch committee.

Advance Fixtures						
Day	Date	Time	Venue	Team	Competition	Opposition
Saturday	14-Mar	15:00	Paric Uinsinn	Minor A Ladies Football	MLF D2	St. Vincents
Saturday	14-Mar	15:00	St Mobhi Road	Minor B Ladies Football	MLF D7	Na Fianna
Saturday	14-Mar	15:00	Pitch 1	Minor C Ladies Football	MLF D9	St. Brigids
Saturday	14-Mar	16:00	AGP3	Minor D Ladies Football	MLF D11W	St. Brigids
Sunday	15-Mar	10:00	AGP3	Minor C Football	MFL D8	Naomh Mearnog
Sunday	15-Mar	10:00	Pitch 1	Senior Hurling	AHL 1	Craobh Chiarain
Sunday	15-Mar	11:00	Airlie Park	Inter Hurling	AHL 3	Crumlin
Sunday	15-Mar	11:30	AGP3	Minor A Football	MFL D1	Na Fianna
Sunday	15-Mar	11:30	Pitch 1	Junior A Hurling	AHL 4	Clann Na Gael Fontenroy
Sunday	15-Mar	13:30	Airlie Park	Junior B Hurling	AHL 7	Naomh Mearnog
Sunday	15-Mar	14:00	AGP3	Minor B Football	MFL D4	Ballinteer St. Johns
Sunday	15-Mar	14:00	AGP0	Minor D Football	MFL D11	St. Sylvesters
Sunday	15-Mar	15:00	Pitch 1	Junior C Hurling	AHL 11	St. Kevins Killians
Sunday	15-Mar	15:00	Thomas Ask Park	Junior D Hurling	AHL 12	Round Towers Lusk
Sunday	15-Mar	15:00	Somerton	Junior A Ladies Football	Cup Div 4B	Castleknock

Kishoge Community College



We are delighted to present Grease! A fun, energetic musical filled with iconic songs and big dance numbers. It promises to be an amazing show. Everyone is welcome.

The show will take place in the school on the evenings of Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th March. Tickets cost €10 per person and are available via [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie) or via the QR Code on the attached poster. Some tickets will also be available at the door on the night.

Kishoge Community College, Thomas Omer Way, Lucan, K78 DC89.

Hospitals Car Access

Hospitals particularly children's hospitals are the one area where cars should not be restricted, parking should be part of the infrastructure. To make one mistake is bad enough and now gearing up to repeat the same mistake doesn't bear thinking.

The Children's hospital accepted by most was built in the wrong location and now they are changing their mind and want to extend the Rotonda Hospital in the same location with lack of parking while Dublin City Council are planning every move to restrict the car in the centre, the car is already greatly restricted in the centre. Easy access by car is essential for parents to get to sick children and premature babies. In cases like this you wouldn't even dream of asking them to use public transport to access these children and the stress the parents may be going through. Nursing staff should also have ample parking due to the long and stressful day many of them may go through and many of them live a long way off in the countryside.

There is now a wonderful opportunity to put this right with sufficient land available beside Connolly Hospital with room for an extra hospital, transport hub and a multi-story car park. Under the Metro Dart plan all rail lines in Ireland will have direct access to this area with ample parking for the hospitals and other workers as well. Metro Link underground ignores this great hub, passes four miles away and forcing users to change and some to change twice if from the countryside. With routing like this the Metro Link underground is not suitable for a transport solution for Dublin. This hospital location would be a great benefit for Lucan and everywhere else with access by road and local Metro Dart rail overground.

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Lucan Lions Club

Luxury Hamper Raffle in SuperValu Lucan - We will be having our annual Easter Luxury Hamper Raffle in SuperValu over the weekend on **27 to 29 March**. We are grateful to SuperValu for their generous sponsorship of the luxury hampers. We look forward, as usual, to the great support from SuperValu customers. The raffle will take place in the store on Sunday 29 March. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5.

Date for your diary - Lucan Lions Club Family Easter Mile - We are holding our first ever Lucan Lions Club Family Easter Mile on the Lucan Harriers track on Easter Sunday morning **5 April from 10.00 am to 11.00 am**. See below.

There is no need to pre-register. Just turn up to this fun family event and participants can walk, jog or run. All donations will be welcome on the day.

More details in the coming weeks



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Lucan Rezoning Proposals: Thanks to everyone who made a submission in what is only the first stage of a process. Thanks especially to all those who turned up at the briefings organised by Helen and I. The Council will now issue a report, and Councillors will get a chance to amend.

Lucan Swimming Pool: Great to know that it’s approaching handover but disappointed that there’s a waiting list on memberships. This shows the latent demand and really brings the stupidity of SDCC’s decision to ditch the Adamstown pool into perspective. Unelected officials promised in 2023/24 that they would consult with residents about whether to have a pool or a similar community amenity instead, but they reneged on this promise and ditched the pool unilaterally, something I find to be hugely concerning.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Over €7.5 million provided to adapt homes for older people and people with disabilities: I was delighted to welcome funding of over €7.5 million for housing adaptation grants for SDCC this year. This funding will have a meaningful impact on many older people and those with disabilities across Lucan, helping them to continue living independently in their own homes and communities. Key supports include: Grants of up to €40,000 for accessibility works to people’s homes. Up to €8,000 available for mobility aids.

For more information and for how to apply visit:
[\(https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-housing-local-government-and-heritage/services/housing-adaptation-grants-for-older-people-and-disabled-people-private-houses/\)](https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-housing-local-government-and-heritage/services/housing-adaptation-grants-for-older-people-and-disabled-people-private-houses/).

Holi celebrations in Adamstown: I was delighted to attend the Holi celebration in Adamstown on Saturday. It was a wonderful colourful afternoon celebrating community and culture here in Lucan. Many thanks to Cllr Caroline Brady for joining me and to everyone involved organising such a vibrant event.

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent

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Lucan Leisure Campus & Access: Aura Leisure Services has temporarily paused new gym-membership registrations at Lucan Leisure Campus. This does not affect Pay-As-You-Go. However, gym members use the app to book classes, filling quickly due to high demand. It shows how much the Adamstown pool was needed, originally planned as part of SDZ, but later reduced by SDCC

Management to the expanded “Civic Building.” SDCC Chief Executive confirmed that the pool will be handed over to Aura by end March, meaning an expected opening date April or May 2026.

Rezoning Clinics and Submissions:

Thank you to everyone who attended our rezoning information clinics. Paul and I provided guidance and a template for making submissions, opposing residential rezoning proposals around Lucan. Deadline was Friday, 13th March, and we delivered all received submissions to SDCC.

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Traffic Calming Programme 2026–2027 consultation, proposals NOT

PROCEEDING include junction tightening measures at Meadowview Grove/Hillcrest, Meadowview Grove/Westbrook Park, and Meadowview Grove/Hillcrest Walk (1 support, 7 against), the speed ramp at 67 Meadowview Grove (1 support, 7 against), and junction tightening works at Moy Glas Drive/Moy Glas Avenue and Moy Glas Park/Moy Glas Avenue (2 support, 4 against). **Proposals PROCEEDING**, subject to resources and any further objections, include the speed ramp at 31 Moy Glas Avenue (4 support, 0 against) and three speed ramps at 73, 63 and 124 Sarsfield Park (2 support, 0 against). The consultation process ensured residents’ views were directly reflected in the above outcomes.

I asked the Council to consider Meadowview Grove for the Quiet Streets Programme. They will explore solutions with residents. I requested assessment of a “No Right Turn” from Adamstown Boulevard into Meadowview at peak times.

Cllr. Liona O’Toole – Independent –

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The deadlines for both the HGV Restrictions Consultation and the Proposed Variation No. 2 to the County Development Plan have now passed.

Thank you to everyone across Lucan who made submissions and supported community efforts. I now await the Chief Executive’s report expected in approximately six weeks and will keep residents updated as the process progresses.

Local Property Tax: At the March Full Council meeting my motion was passed calling on the Minister for Housing to publish an annual report on how Local Property Tax is used. Residents often ask how much of their LPT is spent locally and what services it supports. While this information exists, it is not always easy to find. The motion asks for a clear, plain-English report published online in one accessible place helping residents better understand how their contributions support local services and infrastructure.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last week we had a photograph taken by Donal a while back to refresh our memories of what was once our beautiful Village Green. This week Michael G submitted a photo taken from approximately the same position showing what the village "Green" looked like earlier this week!



He also submitted a photo of the magnificent bank of daffodils that is in bloom at the moment at the junction of Kennelsfort Road and Lucan Road. The sight would cheer you up in these troubled times.



Few places in Ireland contain more medieval buildings than the heritage town of Trim and from his visit to the town Donal submitted another photo, this time of the Priory of St. John the Baptist. Located on the eastern edge of the town it was established around 1202 by Simon Rochfort, Bishop of Meath, for the Augustinian Friars, known variously as the Crutched, Crossed and Crouched Friars. The Irish name for Trim is "Baile Átha Troim" which means "town at the ford of the elder tree".

Anna is travelling again and this time she sent us a photo of a Ladybird, of which there are more than 6,000 described species, in a magnolia.



Paddy was in Corkagh Park again and sent us in photos of the lake in the park and of graffiti on a wall there.



Readers may recall that the park is located near the Nass Road stretching towards Clondalkin.

Stay safe until next week!