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## **Carving the Shape of Life from Passion!**

I watched a little of the Oscar's ceremony during the week, with interest in seeing how well Jessie Buckley would succeed. Jessie's acceptance speech included her thanking her parents for encouraging her to dream and to carve from her passions in life!

I'm really blessed to have been able to follow my passion for catechesis and education for all of my life from an early age. I feel fully alive in both situations and working in a situation where I now combine both, it is truly wonderful!

Every single person has a strength and interest which draws them into what makes them really tick and function to best potential. It may not be the path for which high CAO points are required or it may be a path for which more than one can achieve in CAO points can be attained. Thankfully, there are many points of entry into most occupations and courses now, so that it is now easier for the passion to override obstacles.

It is strong in Irish DNA to opt for the safe and pensionable job. We have long lived with insecurity and poverty in our history with survival at the core for many. However, the way that each one can contribute to their own happiness and to the fruitfulness of the community in which one lives and works, gleans more from those who are passionately engaged in what they do. Choosing a path on which one will be financially safe but miserable or counting the days to retirement is a way to live life wearily and for the Friday feeling only!

Life is too short to miss the opportunity to feed and gain from the great passion of enjoying one's own personal gifts and talents. The particular passion might be unusual but it belongs to the one who owns it and who, if given the freedom and encouragement, will find a way to ensure that savouring one's passion is a part of one's regular, if not daily, experience. Sometimes, it is necessary to put securities above passions, but not for longer than necessary. We must walk our own path, not the path of anyone else. We must live our own lives true to ourselves so that we add to the beauty of the big picture of our lives together. Listen to the signposts of the niggles and the drives in self!

*Cathy Burke*

*Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

[www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

Email – [lucan@citinfo.ie](mailto:lucan@citinfo.ie)

Our office is located in the Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre, Ballyowen, Lucan



### Opening hours

#### Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

#### Reception open

Tuesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Thursday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

**Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS)** is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8pm on 0818 07 4000

**MABS** – the Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over 20 years. MABS phone service is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm on 0818 07 2000

United Nations World Water Day  
is on 22nd March 2026

**The information on our website** is available in **Gaeilge**, the Irish language - just press Gaeilge in the top righthand corner of our web page.

### Irish Passports

*How to apply for your first Irish passport if you are over 18.*

If your previous passport was issued when you were a child and has not yet expired (or has only recently expired), your application is considered a renewal application and not a first-time application.

Adult passports are valid for 10 years. If your last passport was issued over 15 years ago, you must apply as if you were a first-time applicant.

The Passport Service processing times are at least 8 weeks before your travel date if you are applying by post and at least 20 days if you apply online.

The latest turnaround times are available on the Passport Service's website. If you need to send documents, the processing time will only start when the Passport Office receives them. If the Passport Service needs to request more supporting documents, the turnaround time can take longer. Applying online is the quickest way to get a new passport.



### You can apply for your first Irish passport:

Online, through Passport Online.

By post, through Post Passport.

Applying by post through Post Passport Passport Online is the fastest way to apply for your passport.

**Since 1 December 2025**, the Passport Service will no longer accept the green APS1/APS2 application forms. If you are living in Ireland or Northern Ireland and want to submit a paper application, you can contact the Passport Assist Service or phone +353 01 613 1795.

**Post Passport** is a service provided by An Post.

### Passport Online service

You can use the Passport Online service to apply for your first Irish passport from anywhere in the world.

You need access to a printer for your first passport application. You must give an email address. You must also be able to pay by credit or debit card. You will have to send original documents to the Passport Service after you have completed the online application form.

### How long will my passport application take?

Online applications are completed in approximately 20 working days for first-time applicants.

Paper-based applications will take significantly longer than Passport Online. You should use Passport Online if you have travel plans within the next 3 months.

If you are applying by post, the estimated processing times are at least 8 weeks (not including postage times). This period may be extended at certain times of the year due to increased application numbers.

First-time postal applications from the UK take at least 8 weeks.

You can check the Passport Service website for current processing times.

### Tracking the progress of your application

The Passport Service provides a Passport Tracking Service. This service lets you check the status of your application online. You must have the application number from your form to use this service (this number is in the top left-hand corner of the application form).

**Signing the passport** – When you receive your passport, you should sign it.

Our website has full details about passport applications including information about the documents that are required and digital photographs.

## Lucan Senior Citizens

On Monday we said goodbye to our friend Pat Scanlon, who was a valued and long-term member of our Senior Citizens Club.



Pat was a kind and gracious lady who enjoyed all the club activities. We have lovely memories of celebrating her last two birthdays with her in Marymount. We will remember Pat for her gentleness and lovely smile.

*Rest in peace, Pat.*

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am – 12.30pm, Easter Party and Easter Bonnet Competition in St. Mary's Parish Centre.



Recently our accountants have been in touch informing us that we are now at a level where we need to have an AGM each year along with our monthly board meetings. We expect it will be in about 3 weeks-time before we go back to Malawi again.

It is a big operation now with lots of stories to be told so if there is anyone looking for material, then we can make the links.

We have a media graduate on the staff now (who we put through school and college) and some University Students from the Media Department

The website address for any contacts required is [Wellsforzoe@gmail.com](mailto:Wellsforzoe@gmail.com) and we will make the links.

*John and Mary Coyne*

## Lucan Drama

A big thank you to everyone who turned out on Monday last to support our latest Open Mic Night.



We had poets, singers, storytellers and actors who provided nearly 3 hours of great entertainment to a packed house. It was a great way to start the St. Patrick's Day celebrations. As always thanks to the team at Courtney's for looking after us.

Next up for Lucan Drama is **The Beauty Queen of Leeanne** and tickets will be on sale very soon.

## Lucan Active Retirement Association

Members went to see the film "Wuthering Heights" and thoroughly enjoyed it. Some members will be going to "The Falls Hotel" in Ennistymon for a short break and play some card games.

Chair Yoga is starting 9th April.



We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, every Thursdays at 11.30am.

New Members always welcome. Why not come and join us, we would love to see you there. Lots of activities to enjoy - Bowls, Scrabble, Cards, and the chat.

Most importantly we have Coffee & Cake at 1pm.

## Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: We have invited our Community Garda Anne Gabbett to talk to us on scams, safety in the home, and security. It should be a very interesting morning.

**Tea Rota** – the "two Marys".

Get well wishes to Kathleen and Ann who are unwell at the moment.

We had a very enjoyable quiz with Irish based questions, and Miriam and Marie were the winners.



**Happy Birthday Johnny**  
on Sunday 22nd March.  
Enjoy your day!

# 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

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

### Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday 10am.  
Monday to Friday: 7.30pm

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

Best Wishes to the boys of **St Mary's B.N.S.** who will be Confirmed next Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

*Please keep them in your prayers*



### St. Mary's Readers' Roster April 2026

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of April has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

**St. Vincent de Paul Church Collection**  
at all Masses

**THIS 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:

We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.  
*All welcome, 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 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, or a bereavement of any kind. To make an appointment please contact the Parish Office by phone 01 6217041 or email [secretary@lucanparish.com](mailto: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 house-bound 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.

**Deepest sympathy** to the family and friends of **Patricia (Pat) Scanlon**, Beech Park and to the family and friends of **Mary Murphy**, Elmbrook.  
*May they rest in peace.*



## St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/ Adamstown

[www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)



**Sunday Mass Times:** 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.

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

### Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday 10am.

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

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

### Baptisms in St Patrick's:

Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony. The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10.30am Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. Dates bookable on line.

### 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 **THIS Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
*Thank you for your generosity.*

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://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](http://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.

**During Lent, Weekday Evening Mass  
will be in St Mary's Church  
at 7.30pm covering both  
St Mary's and St Patrick's.**

# Anniversary

**Maura Connelly**

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, 24<sup>th</sup> March**

(Lucan, Co. Dublin and formerly of Kilnamona, Co. Clare).

'Every day in some small way, memories of you come our way. Though absent, you are always near. Still missed, loved and always dear'.

*Lovingly remembered by all nieces, nephews and brother, James.*

**Anniversary Mass will be offered in St. Patrick's Church at 10.30am, the 29<sup>th</sup> of March.**



**Joe Fennell**

**6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 20<sup>th</sup> March**

*Remembered, loved and missed by his son, Michael.*



The Patient Volunteer Service commenced in September 2024. The service has been tremendously positive and has had a huge impact on our patients and visitors experience in the hospital.

The Service provides personal and practical support to patients and visitors attending St James's Hospital. From simply helping someone check in for their clinic appointment, or guiding/walking with a patient to their clinic destination.

We are currently recruiting new volunteers for the service. If you know anyone who would be interested in volunteering please ask them to contact the team for a friendly chat on 087 499 5792 or email: [teamvolunteer@stjames.ie](mailto:teamvolunteer@stjames.ie)



Missionaries  
of the  
Sacred Heart  
MSC MISSIONS

This May join the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart team as we walk St Declan's Way from

the Rock of Cashel to the Round Tower in Ardmore. Spiritual Director: Fr Tony Horgan MSC. For more details regarding this fundraising pilgrimage please contact Mary at 021 454 6691 or email [mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie](mailto:mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie)

## MEDJUGORJE 2026

Depart 13th May for 7 Nights  
Dublin to Dubrovnik at 7.30am



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*"In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy."*

For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie](http://www.epilepsy.ie)

**Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place THIS Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

## 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*



**Another great Lucan Parade just passed!** Well done to all the participants and organisers, and wasn't it brilliant that the sun shone!  
Looking forward to next year already!



Proof of the weather – a beautiful blue sky over the Gospel Singers!

A lad and his goat were decked out for the occasion!

**Between a Triple Crown and an Oscar**, Ireland certainly basked in glory last weekend. The future is looking bright on many fronts!

**Spring Equinox** occurs at 2.46pm this Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

March, when we have equal day and equal night! The brighter days of Summer are very welcome.....

And then next weekend, we'll see the clocks change to Summertime.....

**Road Works** – they seem to be coming to an end in many estates, with much re-surfacing going on these days.....

### NOTE!

Some items have been held over for next week's issue, due to pressure on space.



## People's Art & Craft Fair

March 2026

Open call for artists and crafters to participate in this year's

**Sat 28th and Sun 29th March**

**Canon Despard Centre,**  
Chapel Hill, Lucan.

Further Information at  
[peoplesartlucan@gmail.com](mailto:peoplesartlucan@gmail.com)



## Community Connect Thank You

Community Connect wishes to thank most sincerely all those who donated to our Drive & Drop appeal on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The support from St. Mary's Parish was fantastic. All donations have been brought to our local hub in Tallaght, and will be distributed to many mothers and babies in need over the coming weeks and months. Your kindness will make a real difference to families in need, so we thank you for your wonderful generosity.

*Best wishes,*  
*Dorota*

## Carers & Toddlers Group

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

*All Welcome!*





## Strictly Dancing!

On the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Aontas took to the stage in St. Mary's GAA Club, Leixlip for their Strictly Come Dancing

fundraising event. The group undertook this project with creativity and enthusiasm and sheer determination to ensure the event was a success. They came totally out of their comfort zone, but they certainly produced a fantastic show of magnificent entertainment. They were guided and choreographed by Daniel Maguire who is well known in the theatre circles for his excellent choreography and director skills most notably Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and his work with Alan Hughes and Rob Murphy in their recent pantomime at the The National Stadium. How he turned us into dancers in just 4 weeks is nothing short of a miracle, believe you me. I'm sure after the 1<sup>st</sup> week of rehearsals he went home wondering how he was going to get this show to a reasonable standard. His hard work and dedication spurred us all on in our group dance to 'I Wanna Dance with Somebody' from the brilliant Whitney Houston and for his patience in us perfecting our dances in our couples is a massive testament to his commitment and dedication and love in his field.



The energy from the young people and the not so young was powerful and we cannot thank enough the help of those we talked into our Strictly event. Most notably we must thank Tomaz Stachowski, Sean Harkin, Shane Gately and last but by no means least Noel Kelly for joining with members as dance partners. We are so grateful to you all and in particular for the fundraising you did on behalf of Aontas.



We thank BE Sound who absolutely transformed the stage and function room in Leixlip. The stage shone in an abundance of light in true Strictly style. Their attention to detail in the production and sound was nothing short of exceptional.



Our MC on the evening was Stella Bass who has been described by Jazziz (USA) as Ireland's top jazz vocalist and her voice didn't disappoint. Along with her amazing MC skills, she entertained the audience with some fabulous tunes during the interval. She added so much glitz and glamour to the stage.

Our judges Breda Holmes, Emma Geraghty and Kenny Wade provided us with great comments and good humour and we are so thankful to you all for giving your time to help us out with our Strictly night. Our front of house team of John Hodgkinson, Jean Elises, Noreen Nolan, Getti Elises, Anita Caulton, Paula Montano, James Montano and Cathy Burke did a mighty job. Our parish teams and secretaries, we very much appreciate all you do for us in the background. To the St. Mary's Senior Club, thanks so much for the beautiful hampers and to all our sponsors of ads and prizes we are most grateful.

The parishioners both young, old and middle of the road of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's came out in huge numbers and the room was packed to capacity which created a lovely atmosphere. The sense of community was so palpable, and the atmosphere was truly electric and added enormously to the success of the evening. Aontas stands for unity and this evening showcased the true sense of unity in our community across both parishes in the way everyone came together to encourage and cheer on the dancers. We are truly indebted to you all for your support.



*Mile Buíochas,  
Adam Hodgkinson and Jordan  
Murphy*



## Lucan Community College

**TY Gaisce Hike:** As part of their Gaisce Adventure Journey, students completed a 14km hike last Monday along the Blessington Greenway. The route was mostly flat with some hills, and the group stopped along the way to enjoy a picnic and take in the views of the lakes and surrounding hills. Conditions were moderate, with some light drizzle at times, but this did not affect the overall experience. This hike marks an important step in their Adventure Journey, with their overnight trip planned for Carlingford in April. Well done to all the students for their positive attitude and good behaviour, and to the accompanying teachers for their support throughout the day.

**U19 Ladies Soccer Success:** A huge congratulations to our U19 Ladies soccer team, who were crowned Division 2 Dublin West Metro Champions after an impressive 9–3 victory over Kishoge CC. It was a fantastic day for our school, with players from every year group contributing and showing great teamwork, commitment and school spirit throughout the game. Sadhbh Harris (1<sup>st</sup> Year) and Eve Clarke (5th Year) each scored four goals, with Reka Kiss Kalo (5th Year) adding another to complete the tally. This excellent group of players has represented the school exceptionally well over the past few months, and we are very proud of their achievements. A special thank you to Ms Collins for her work with the team throughout the campaign, and to Ms McCormack for her support and for joining us on the day of the final. We now look forward to the Leinster Quarter Final in a few weeks' time and wish the team the very best.



**Seachtaine Na Gaeilge:** Bhí seachtain iontach againn le haghaidh seachtain na Gaeilge. Bhain na daltaí ansult as na himeachtaí éagsúla a bhí a rachaíl ag ár Roinn na Gaeilge. Ina measc bhí céilí le Coláiste Cois Life, bhí tae agus plé ar siúil i seomra na Gaeilge, club scannánaíochta, comórtas bÁCála, comórtas póstaer, comórtas tomhais, tráth na gceist, ceardlann scrúdú béil don búi bliain agus go leor eile. Bronnfar na duaiseanna ar an tseachtain seo chugainn. Maith sibh uilig as a bheith páirteach go fonnmhar sna himeachtaí agus as iarracht an Cúpla Focal a úsáid.



**TY Trip to Poland:** Students had a very enjoyable and memorable trip to Poland, where they took part in a range of educational and cultural activities. They visited Auschwitz, which was a very important and moving experience, and also explored the Salt Mines. The group spent time discovering Krakow city and its Old Town, taking in the history and atmosphere. They also visited Schindler's Factory and had the opportunity to hear from a survivor, which was a particularly meaningful part of the trip. In the evenings, students relaxed and had fun together, going bowling and visiting Pixel Planet. Thank you to our students for their excellent representation of our school and all the teachers who accompanied them.



## St. Joseph's College

**Careers night:** St Joseph's Careers night will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall starting at 6:45pm. More details can be found on the school Instagram page.



**Minor Soccer:** Hard luck to the minor soccer team who narrowly lost the Regional Final in extra time to Colaiste Chiarain after a great game. Goal of the game was scored by Aoife Doherty and player of the game was Aoibhinn Brennan. Best of luck to Colaiste Chiarain in the next stage of the competition

**Derry History Tour:** Best of luck to the students from fifth and sixth year politics and history classes who are travelling to Derry on Thursday. They will take in the sights and the history of the Museum of Free Derry, the Apprentice Boys Museum and a tour of the murals along the Bogside.

**Under 14 Gaelic football:** Joeys U14 Gaelic football played against Maryfield College today, sadly Joeys lost. However, they had a brilliant come back in the second half and worked very well together. Just wasn't their day today. We would like to wish Maryfield all the best going forward in the competition. Final score: 4-9 Maryland (21) 3-8 joeys (17)

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Follow Us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan  
Find us on our Website: [www.stjosephslucan.com](http://www.stjosephslucan.com)

## 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. You don't need to have a student attending the school to come along. Tickets cost €10 per person and are available via eventbrite.com, 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.**

**Daffodil Day  
Friday March  
20<sup>th</sup>**



**At Tesco  
Supermarket  
And Supervalu,  
Lucan**



## Coláiste Phádraigh

**Awards:** Well done to 3<sup>rd</sup> yr **Adam Wheeler** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month* Award for Feb in recognition of his diligence, impeccable manners, attentiveness, maturity, application and co-operation in all of his classes. Congratulations to **Nathan Adjinkou**, from 1Heuston, who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award* in recognition of his phenomenal displays for the school's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> yr basketball teams. Comhghairdeas freisin le ón **Cathal Tallant**, ón rang 1Mellows, a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí Feabhra mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge. The three winners each received a 20euro voucher, as well as a framed certificate. They will also receive invitations to the end of year Awards Night Ceremony in May, to further celebrate and recognise their achievements. Well done also to the class tutor student of the month winners, who each received a 5euro voucher for the school canteen.

**Gaeilge:** Bhí a lán imeachtaí agus gníomhaíochtaí éagsúla ar siúl ar fud na scoile le coicís anuas chun **Seachtain na Gaeilge** a cheilúradh. Bhí comórtais postaeir, tráth na gceist, cluichí biongó, toraíocht taisce, searáidí, gearrscánáin, drámaíocht, ról-imirt, díospóireachtaí agus amhráin Gaeilge ar siúl ins na ranganna Gaeilge agus bhí spraoi ag gach duine a ghlac páirt sna h-imeachtaí. Tír gan teanga, Trír gan anam.



**CBS Swap Shop:** Last Tuesday evening, we were delighted to host the very first Coláiste Phádraig Uniform Swap Shop, a fantastic initiative focused on sustainability, community spirit, and supporting families within our school. The event proved to be a wonderful success and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to the many parents who supported the initiative. Families generously donated pre-loved school uniforms, helping to give these items a second life while also reducing waste. Parents also came along on the evening to browse the available uniforms, swap items, or take pieces that could be

reused by their families. It was wonderful to see such a positive response and a real sense of community as parents supported one another while also contributing to a more sustainable approach to school uniforms.

A special word of thanks must go to our hardworking Transition Year students Alex Morley, Charlie Finnerty and Kevin Sunoj. In the lead-up to the event, they dedicated their time to carefully sorting, organising and folding the donated uniforms, ensuring everything was ready for the evening. Their effort and enthusiasm played an important role in making the event run smoothly.

We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to Ms. Farrell and the Parents' Association for their invaluable support in organising and hosting the Swap Shop. Their commitment to initiatives that benefit both our students and the wider school community is greatly appreciated. Thank you as well to the parents who swapped clothing items or made cash donations on the night.

**Soccer:** Our **Senior team** booked their place in the final play-off round of the Dublin Metropolitan League with a dramatic 2–1 victory, after extra time, against St. Fintan's CS last Monday. After a tense and scoreless contest for much of the match, Matthew McEvoy broke the deadlock with a goal in the 80<sup>th</sup> minute. St. McDara's responded quickly, however, scoring a late equaliser to force the game into extra time. In a thrilling finish, Jack Andrews proved to be the hero, scoring the decisive goal in the second period of extra time to seal a memorable win. They will now face St. Benildus College, Stillorgan, where another exciting contest awaits.

**Hurling:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> yr hurling team defeated Coláiste Cois Life 4-10 to 2-08 last Wednesday, to advance to the Dublin League semi-finals. Lucan topped their three-team group, having also beaten Clonkeen College in great style last week. The team hurled beautifully throughout the game, showing great skill, teamwork and determination from start to finish. Their sharp passing, string tackling, and excellent movement helped them control large periods of a high quality match. Eoghan Ware in the half-forward line was once again in outstanding form, finishing the game with an impressive tally of 0–7. His accuracy from both play and placed balls kept the scoreboard ticking over and proved a major factor in the team's strong overall performance. Full forward Rhys Reilly added a fine goal with a clinical finish from close range. Will Keane and Eoin McKenna also scored goals.

## ADULT EVENTS

**Monday 23rd at 6.30pm**  
A Talk by the Irish Astronomical Society.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm**  
Final Matters offers a comprehensive guide that walks you through every aspect of end-of-life planning.

**Classic Film Club**  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
from 5.30  
All welcome



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



**Lucan Library Creative Writers Group**  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 10am – 12noon

## ADDITIONAL ADULT EVENTS

**Felting Workshop with Martina**  
Friday 27th March at 11am.  
on [Eventbrite](#) from 20th at 11am.

**Let's Talk About Fast Fashion**  
Thursday 02nd April at 6.30pm:  
Book on [Eventbrite](#) from 23rd March at 6.30

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



## BOOK CLUBS

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

**Monday Lunchtime Book Club:**  
23<sup>rd</sup> March at 12noon.

**Wednesday Book Club:** 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm.

## CHILDREN'S EVENTS

**Little Wiggles for Preschool Tots!** Wednesday 25th of March at 10am. Book on [Eventbrite](#) from 18th at 10am



**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.

### Exhibitions:



**From Darndale to New York Aer Lingus Exhibition.**



**Swinging Sixties Fashion Exhibition**

**Remember:** There is no charge to become a library member, and borrowing items is also free with no fines for overdue items. So why not join South Dublin Libraries today and get access to free events, book, e-resources and much more!



## Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade Marks 35 Years with Record Turnout and Celebration

Lucan marked a significant milestone this year as the St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrated its 35th anniversary, drawing large crowds and delivering one of the most energetic parades to date.

Favourable weather conditions contributed to the success of the day. The parade took place in dry conditions, with sunshine throughout—an infrequent but welcome presence in recent weeks—adding to the celebratory atmosphere across the village.

The Parade Committee was honoured to welcome Liam Cullen of the Irish Red Cross as Grand Marshal. Liam has taken part in the parade every year since 1991, delivering first aid and emergency support. Wearing full dress uniform, he led the parade at the head of the Colour Party, setting a fitting tone for the occasion.

At the review stand, Crumlin Youth Band performed Amhrán na bhFiann, providing a moment of reflection and recognition of the significance of our national day. The performance marked a respectful pause in proceedings and reflected the pride associated with St. Patrick's Day.

From there, the parade continued with consistent energy along the full route from Dodsboro to Lucan Village. Participating groups performed throughout, contributing to what organisers described as the most energetic parade in the event's 35-year history.

### The Parade Committee confirms the 2026 prize winners:

Grand Marshal's Prize: Goldwing Owners Club Ireland

Peter Brady Perpetual Cup (Best in Parade): Lucan Special Olympics Club

Paddy Kenny Perpetual Trophy (Best Turned Out Group): Lee-Byrne Academy

Jim Toner Perpetual Award (Best Commercial Entry): Split Rock Ltd (the Mini Builders)

Muintir Na Tíre Prize (Best Youth Entry): Lucan United

Best Performance: Fit Kids Fit Teens Dance

Best Individual Entry: Andrii Kryzhanivskiy

Most Energetic: Indian Ladies in Lucan

Most Colourful: Domino's Ireland (Shorecal Group)

Most Entertaining: Esker Celtic

The committee thanks South Dublin County Council for funding and on-the-ground operational support. Thank you to Toner

Transport for the review stand, Carroll's of Lucan for providing power, Kenny's of Lucan for their continued role as our treasurers, Courtney's of Lucan for supporting our volunteer events, and the Spa Hotel Lucan for serving as the unofficial parade office.

Thank you to Lucan Red Cross for first aid and emergency response, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association of Ireland, Lucan Men's Shed, Women's Collective Ireland Lucan, and Lucan Tidy Towns, and the more than 100 volunteers who gave their time and effort to deliver the event.

Thank you to the Community Guards in Lucan Garda Station. Garda support from 1991 to today continues to make the parade possible.

Finally, thank you to the children, clubs, and community groups across Lucan who took part and delivered a strong display of skill, colour, and community spirit.

The committee congratulates all participants and prize winners. The 35th anniversary parade reflected the continued strength and cohesion of the Lucan community.

Lucan Parade over and out, see you in 2027,  
**Lucan Abú.**





## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March lotto jackpot of €8,200. The Numbers were **8,13, 28 & 29**. Lucky dip's go to Catherine Dardis, Alan McCarthy, Rory Stapleton, John Maguire and Cormac Gordon. This week's Lotto on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March will be for a jackpot of €8,600. This draw is sponsored by John Ryan, Accountant and will be led by Josephine Donohue. Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.



**Ladies Football:** Our Minor D Ladies Footballers team produced a strong performance at the weekend beating St. Brigids by a score of 5-00 to 3-05. They battled back from behind to overcome the opposition in a tight and thrilling contest. Best of luck for the year ahead girls!!



### Juvenile Football - U12 Weekend Round-Up

Under bright sunshine in St. Catherine's Park, Lucan Sarsfields' U12s kicked off a busy weekend of action with a thrilling 1-8 to 0-7 win over Na Fianna. The boys started sharply, with Aaron striking early to set the tone. Patrick and Locky were immense in defence, while Joe pulled off several fine saves to keep the opposition at bay. Jack Butler's accuracy from frees and Sam's clever link-up play helped Lucan edge a narrow half-time lead. In the second half, Cillian O'Hara's brace of points and a late goal from Jude sealed a well-deserved victory after a tremendous team effort full of commitment and skill.

The squad backed that up with another superb display against St Brendan's in Grangegorman. Lucan led 2-4 to 1-1 at the break after some great attacking play and precise finishing. The second half was even stronger — quick early scores built momentum before a string of excellent saves from the goalkeeper maintained control. Lucan dominated the closing stages, adding several well-worked goals with sharp passing moves down both flanks to close out a convincing 7-6 to 1-5 win. The game was

played in great spirit, with both sides showing fine skill, teamwork and determination.

On Saturday, Lucan's third outing of the weekend saw them face Naomh Olaf, with the team again showing big improvements in focus and communication. From the warm-up, the players were switched on and worked the ball well through quick hand passing and strong teamwork. The defence stood up brilliantly to sustained pressure, with excellent clearances and some outstanding saves from the Lucan goalkeeper. The second half brought a surge of energy as Lucan pressed high and took their scores with confidence, backed by tireless work rate and brave blocking across the pitch. Overall, it was an outstanding weekend of football from the U12 group — full of effort, teamwork, and growing confidence. The boys are clearly building on their training, showing great spirit and togetherness in every match.



**St Patricks Day** - We had a great turnout from our Juvenile players who took part in the annual Lucan, St. Patricks Day Parade followed by an evening of festivities in the club. A massive thank you to everyone who organised and took part in the parade and a special mention to Jackie and all the staff who made sure everyone enjoyed their evening in the 12<sup>th</sup> Lock.

## Major Flaw with Bus Connects

Bus Connects will come under massive pressure to deliver a bus solution for Dublin if Dublin city



planners expand the Civic Plaza in College Green opposite Trinity College by another two hundred yards to the original plan they proposed. This Plaza is very welcome addition to Dublin City; in fact, the city needs more open spaces. By looking for the extra couple hundred yards means up to one thousand bus trips a day a will be diverted to other streets for no extra passengers makes no planning sense. It will overload and add to city congestion. It will hinder extra Luas lines that are needed to serve other areas into the city.

The solution is simple drop the extra yardage they are looking for. this means there is no need for this massive diversion of buses from a vital area of Dublin that has been essential for buses users for over one hundred years. If they insist this matter will go before the new planning board, who we think don't want to start off on the wrong foot that will cause controversy for years. They city planners wouldn't end up making a major mistake like this if they considered the overall picture of transport in Dublin city.

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*Ladies of Lucan*  
**ADAMSTOWN SISTER SHED**  
*Bringing Women Together for Fun & Friendship!*  
*Ever wanted to try fun, interesting, educational things?*  
We do creative arts, wellbeing, poetry, hypnosis, trips to Bewley's Theatre, day trips to Holyhead, boules, meet-ups with Lucan's Men's Shed, and even enjoyed coffee with our Community Gardai! & more!  
- Join us at: Adamstown Community Centre - Every Friday • 10am - 12pm  
- Call or WhatsApp: 087 2795274  
*We'd love to see you!*  
Sister Sheds

**DODSBORO GOLFERS ANNUAL OUTING**  
Venue : Lucan Golf Club  
Date : Friday 15th May 2026  
Tee Time : 14:00 - 16:00  
Entry Fee : €45 Per Person (Golf & Food)  
Members & Visitors Welcome  
Contact Joe Curtis (089-425-4684)



*You never know what you'll see at the Lucan Parade!*

# POLITICAL NOTES

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**St Patrick's Day:** Lucan's parade never disappoints and this year was no different. The village looked radiant in the sun, and the colour and community spirit on display in the parade was even more radiant. Thanks to the Lucan St Patrick's Day Parade committee for organising another great family day out. Thanks also to An Garda Síochána for keeping us all safe as well.

**Councillor Tanya McDonald:** Congratulations to Councillor Tanya McDonald on her co-option to South Dublin County Council last week as a Fianna Fáil councillor for Palmerstown-Fonthill (which includes Lucan (east of R136)). You can contact her at [tmcdonald@cllr.sdublincoco.ie](mailto:tmcdonald@cllr.sdublincoco.ie) or 083-1221069. I am looking forward to working with Tanya. I want to pay tribute to Jacqueline Sheehy for her work as a councillor and to wish her well for the future.

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**ADHD Information Evening in Lucan:** It is great to see an ADHD information event taking place across Lucan and Adamstown in Adamstown Youth & Community Centre. This is an opportunity for parents, community professionals and anyone interested to learn more about ADHD, supports available and practical guidance.

Event details: Tuesday, 24th March 2026 - 7pm – 8pm. Adamstown Youth & Community Centre. The session, delivered by ADHD Connections, will offer insights, a chance to ask questions and connect with others. Well done to all involved.

**St. Patrick's Day:** At the Tánaiste's request, I travelled to Copenhagen Denmark and Stockholm Sweden this St. Patrick's Day to represent Ireland. While away, I heard all about the celebrations including the annual Lucan Parade, celebrating 35 years! Well done to the organising committee and to Cllr Caroline Brady for what I'm sure was a fantastic day.

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### **Cost of living increases due to Iran War:**

In January, I urged the Government to do more at EU and international level to assist those opposing the undemocratic and brutal Iranian leadership. I said at the time I was “conscious of the geopolitical

context for any US Administration or Israeli attack,” but like most people, I hoped that this illegal assault would not take place, as it does nothing to help the ordinary Iranian people yearning for freedom. Of course, Trump's ill-considered war has now had a global effect, and it is pushing up costs here at home, not to mention the price gouging that's also going on.

I've urged the Government to provide appropriate supports for hard-pressed residents asap but also reiterated the urgent need to increase investment towards energy self-security.

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**Café Clinic This Week:** My café clinic this week - Starbuck's (Woodies), Friday 20 March -12.30-1.30. If you need my services as Peace Commissioner, please message me in advance at 087-2794936.

Want to discuss issues in Lucan that you'd like raised at the April Area Committee Meeting with SDCC management; please pop by!

**What's Next With Rezoning?** Submissions are still being uploaded to the consultation portal. You can view others' submissions, with the facility to filter by area / name:

<https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/node/13560/submissions>

The Chief Executive of SDCC now reviews all submissions and returns to Councillors with final recommendations to vote on, at a full Council meeting (all 40 Councillors) in May 2026. We will need to lobby Councillors from other areas, to prevent majority voting pushing through unwanted rezoning in Lucan.

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

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**Outer Ring Road R136:** Residents raised hazardous conditions on two sections 1) Junction at the bus stop at Foxborough, Lucan and 2) Roadstone, Cheeverstown. Both locations escalated to road maintenance for regular road cleaning.

**Flooding Hillcrest Road:** I continue to follow up on flooding incidents across Lucan. Residents reported flooding on Hillcrest Road before the traffic lights onto Adamstown Road, opposite St Patrick's Church. I escalated this area and followed up with the Council for inspection. They confirm that the surface water drainage lines are partially blocked due to silt in the mains. This location is now added to the jetting schedule for the coming weeks. The Council expects that jetting the mains will resolve water pooling during heavy rain.

**ADHD Connections** will host an ADHD information session this Tuesday 24 March, 7pm, at Adamstown Community Centre. All welcome.

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This weekend the photographs are by one of the members of the Soiree and they come from Taiwan. Anna is there at the moment and she sent the Soiree five photographs from that country. The members of the Soiree back home were stunned at their beauty particularly the one of the skyline of the city of Taipei, the capital of Taiwan.

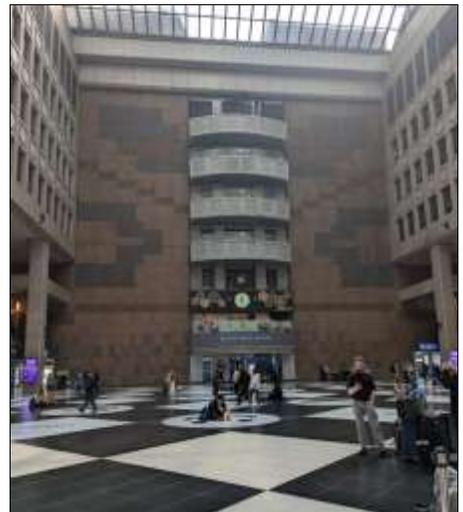


The tower is called Taipei 101 and is a 508-meter, 101-story, skyscraper in Taipei. It was the world's tallest building from its opening in 2004 until it was dethroned by the Burj Khalifa skyscraper in Dubai in 2009. Today it ranks as the 11<sup>th</sup> tallest building in the world. It costs approximately €30 buy a ticket to go to the 87<sup>th</sup> floor observation deck (in 37 seconds!), with fast-track access.



The photograph with the black and white floor is of the Central Railway Station in Taipei, built in 1987 and renovated in 2011. It is the busiest transport hub in Taiwan.

The remaining photos were taken in the city of Kaohsiung which is in the south of the island, just below the Tropic of Cancer. The city is Taiwan's third most populous and is a major international port.



One photo is of the mouth of the river known as "The Love" before it goes into the sea.



The other is of a quite road near a bustling night market in the city.



*Stay safe until next week!*