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You Can Be Whatever You Want! Really?!

I don't particularly like the phrase: you can be whatever you want to be! I have heard it said by young people who declared that they wanted to be famous footballers or work in NASA when they didn't play or like playing football or have any interest in scientific matters! I could dream of being a ballerina but as I don't enjoy dancing or have the willingness to apply myself to it I'll never pirouette on any stage! I'll satisfy myself tapping my fingers on the steering wheel instead.

There is a difference between a dream and a passion: a dream may have some reality, whereas a passion has the energy to drive a flame which grows from our interests and talents. However, even a flame of passion will die if not provided with enough matter to give it energy i.e. genuine interest, time and application. I'm considering this at a time when I see young people focused on points and future occupations.

I have always had the great fortune to work at what energised the flames of my passion to work in education and faith development in parish settings. It has never felt like a chore or a burden as it has enabled me to unfold my own personal gifts and talents in partnership with others who share the same interests. It is not something from which I count days to retirement or wish to end as I look forward to each day and each challenge. This, to me, is living the dream!

I would wish for each young person, who is looking at points and driving themselves hard to gaining their best examination results, that they may have the courage to follow their heart, instead of the crowd, and let their own natural talents lead them to the occupational starting point. It's only a starting point with numerous other milestones along the way from which to spring sideway directions as one moves forward in life.

I know that my own chosen starting point is responsible for the truly wonderful experiences which I am able to enjoy now along with the other wonderful milestones and people whom I encountered along the way. A decision which I made at the age of eighteen years, the thread of which was carried through every other decision made along the journey of life to date, is responsible for the fact that I have the truly wonderful privilege of working in Lucan now.

Every young person has within them what they need to live good, creative, happy and fulfilling lives. Every young person has the capacity to find their own starting point in the world of today, even if it seems strange or somewhat unstable. Our passionate interests, gut core and heart sense are our most reliable compasses, as no one can live in the footsteps of another. Carpe Diem!

Cathy Burke

Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

What date is Easter Monday this year?

The date of the Easter Monday public holiday is different each year. This year Easter Monday falls on 21 April 2025.



Do I get a day off on Good Friday?

Good Friday is not a public holiday.

This year, Good Friday falls on 18 April 2025.

While some workplaces close on Good Friday, you have no automatic entitlement to time off work on that day.

Read about your rights on public holidays on our website.

When are schools closing for Easter in 2025?

All schools close for Easter on Friday, 11 April 2025, unless they need to make up for time they've lost due to unforeseen school closures. If a school needs to make up such time, it can shorten the Easter break by staying open, up to and including Wednesday, 16 April 2025.

All schools re-open on Monday, 28 April 2025.

Compensation for overbooked, cancelled or delayed flights

Air passengers departing from an EU/EEA airport have protections under EU law. These protections also apply to passengers leaving from an airport outside of the EU/EEA but arriving at an EU/EEA airport on an EU/EEA licensed carrier.

If your flight is cancelled, the airline must give you a choice of:

A refund of the cost of your ticket within 7 days.
Re-routing to your final destination at the earliest opportunity, or at a later date if you prefer and if seats are available.

You may also be entitled to compensation depending on when you were told about the cancellation and whether you were offered a suitable alternative flight.

My flight is delayed, am I entitled to anything from the airline?

You must be offered free meals and refreshments depending on how long the waiting time is and if your flight is covered by the law.

The following flights are covered by law:

Delays of 2 hours or more in the case of flights of 1500 km or less.

Delays of 3 hours or more for all flights within the EU of more than 1500 km, and all other flights between 1500 km and 3500 km.

Delays of 4 hours or more in the case of all other flights.

You must be offered free hotel accommodation if you need to stay overnight for one night or more, as well as transport between the hotel and the airport. You must be offered 2 free telephone calls, fax messages, or emails.

If your flight is delayed for 5 hours or more, you must be offered a full refund. This includes a return flight to your first point of departure.

What if I get upgraded or downgraded?

If you are offered an upgrade, the airline cannot charge you anything extra. If you agree to be downgraded, the airline must reimburse you a percentage of the difference in price between your original seat price and the new seat price.

You can find out more about air passenger rights in the European Union on

<https://bit.ly/CancelledDelayedFlights>, or call us on 0818 07 4000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm).

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 2nd April – Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am– 12.30pm

New members always welcome!



Lucan Active Retirement Assoc. 20th Year Dinner Celebrations



Founder Members of Lucan Active Retirement Association.

The following is a list of local businesses and friends who contributed spot prizes, which helped to make the dinner a huge success: Adrian Dunn Chemist, Allied Irish Bank, Carrolls Pub, DNG Estate Agents, Jacqui Molloy, Kenny's Pub, Kiniron's Chemist, Lucan Credit Union, Lucan Village Pharmacy, M&S, McDonald's Auctioneers, O'Brien's Sandwiches SV, O'Neill's Pub, SuperValu.

Thanks to Willie Poole who supplied a great collection of photos of club members from times gone by, which attracted an enormous amount of attention and great memories, and Marie McCormack, who helped collect the spot prizes.

Sarsfield Park Residents Assoc.

The estate is very busy with construction traffic and new structures we would request all drivers slow down, in the estate due to the visual obstruction now opposite the construction site. Please remember our kids and elderly neighbours may not be able to react in an emergency situation. The impact/hazards of the construction site highlighted with SDCC and our elected representatives has now come to life.

Note to Members: AGM is scheduled for **14th April** at 8:30pm in Kennys, please forward any motions to be raised to the committee by 31/3.

We would like to wish all the Mammies, a Happy Mothers' Day today!

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 31st March: Crafts continue Monday with different projects taking place.

Tea Hostesses are Pauline & Mary C.



Last Monday we had a very interesting talk on Making a Will and The Decision Support Services given by Paula Maguire. Paula was very helpful and answered all the questions put to her.

Next Monday 31st we will have a brief committee and a Business Meeting starting at 10-30am, we hope to have a good attendance of members.

Handcraft week will take place from 7th-11th April in An Grianán where 4 Ladies will attend, hopefully learn new crafts and bring back to the members.

Pauline

Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday: 5th of April, 2025
2pm – 5pm
St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Future 2025 dates: May 10th (later start time)
June 14th, July 12th

Kindly sponsored by:





Please drop by and join us for a Cuppa



Minder & Toddler Group

Thursdays

in

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



All Welcome!

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times:

Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon, and 7pm

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Evening Mass: Monday to Friday 7.30pm.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On Saturdays after the 10am Mass to 11.30am (funerals permitting)

St. Mary's Readers' Roster April

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of April 2025 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Christian Meditation: We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.

All welcome. Sr Geraldine

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group: We meet on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041)

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday morning in St Mary's Parish Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This devotion, revealed to St Faustina by Our Lord is a prayer of atonement for our own sins and the sins of the whole world. We pray especially for evil to be defeated and for peace in the world.

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

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



Baptisms: 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.

Email: secretary@lucanparish.com

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 husband, family and friends of **Kathleen McGarrigle**, Ardeevin.

May she rest in peace.



Medjugorje Mass


St Mary's Church, Lucan

Monday 7th April

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary, Confessions and Prayers 5.45pm)


Medjugorje Pilgrimages 2025



	April	October	All Pilgrimages
Depart:	28 th April		Booking Deposit €200
Nights:	9		Single Room Supplement:
Normal Price:	€895 pps.		9 Nights: €220
Pat's Price:	€820 pps.		7 Nights: €150
Depart:	30 th April	22 nd October	Travel Insurance extra
Nights:	7	7	(Details from Marian Pilgrimages)
Normal Price:	€845 pps.	€875 pps.	Terms & Conditions apply
Pat's Price:	€770 pps.	€780 pps.	
Spiritual Director:	Fr. Ray Kelly	Fr. Ubaldo	

Tour Operator: Marian Pilgrimages
Fully Bonded - Fully Licenced
Professional Guides

To Book, Please Contact:
Pat on 087 2238911 or
Marian Pilgrimages on 01 8788159
And say you are travelling with Pat's Group

 Follow us on Facebook at Medjugorje News Lucan

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



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

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

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

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

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

Tea/Coffee: Every Wednesday 10:30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome*

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 on
www.lucansouthparish.net

Confirmation

Best wishes to the pupils of **Griffeen Valley Educate Together N.S.**, **Lucan Community N.S.** and **Lucan East Educate Together N.S.** who will make their Confirmation next Saturday.

Please remember them in your prayers.

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

Prayers of the Church: Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.
The Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm for private prayers.



Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

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

Legion of Mary:

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

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

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

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

8.15pm Adoration and Confessions

8.50pm Benediction. *All welcome*

St Joseph's Young Priests Society:

St Joseph's Young Priests Society has been set up in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan **for all the Lucan parishes**. We meet up on one Wednesday a month at 10.40am. in the St. John Paul II Room.

Home Visits Holy Communion: If anyone who cannot come to Mass would like to receive Holy Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900.

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

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



Koins for Kids

Koins for Kids

have a target of €1,000,000 to raise funds for equipment in the New Children's Hospital!

We accept all types of coinage and all types of notes, old money, new money, old notes, pre-decimal, foreign, anything you no longer have a use for and that might be lying in a drawer or a lint filled pocket of an old coat. We can make good use of it.

Contributions can be left in St Mary's Parish Centre, Lucan or the sacristy in St. Mary's Church.

Many thanks, Damien Douglas, 0879519222.

Anniversaries

Kitty Brady

17th Anniversary, 31st March

Loving memory of my mam Kitty
Loved and remembered always Joe



Anna Carton

4th Anniversary, 27th March

Late of Hillcrest View
Your life was a blessing
Your memory a treasure
You are loved beyond words
And missed beyond measure
Sadly missed by her loving husband Liam, sons Mark and Shane, daughter Tara, family and friends.

Anniversary Mass for Anna on 30th March at 12:00 in St. Patrick's, Esker.

James Eiffe

8th Anniversary, 28th March

Sometimes goodbye means, I'll see you later
Sometimes goodbye means, I'll see you tomorrow
Sometimes goodbye means, I'll see you soon
But when goodbye means, I'll never see you again
That's when goodbye hurts so much
So cherish your loved ones
And when goodbye means, you'll see them soon
Take that as such a precious gift
Because the final goodbye, hurts a lifetime
Missing you Da
Your loving son Viv and Joanne xx
Also remembering **Ma (Breda) xx**
and **Bro (Squinty) xx**



Betty Fallon

3rd Anniversary, 28th March

Thinking of you today, Mam,
But that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday
and the day before that too.
We'll think about you tomorrow
And as the years come and go.
We'll think about you forever
Because we loved you so
Sadly missed and loved by your daughters Catherine, Liz and Mary, son Gabriel, grandchildren and great grandchildren



John Kilduff

41st Anniversary

Chapel Hill
In loving memory of our dear father Jack.
Silent thoughts of times together
Hold memories that last forever
Remembered by all the family

Dan Rogers

3rd Anniversary, 2nd April

Of my much loved husband, dad and granddad Dan.
Gone from our home your smiling face
Your laughter still fills our house
The loving things you did for me is missed
Most of all so much the love we shared Dan
No matter what went wrong
You were always there to help me carry on
You had such a big heart for every one you knew
That's why everyone loved you
I miss you Dan so much my heart its broke in two
But the love we had for each other
Will help me carry through
until we meet again pet.
Your loving wife Mary
Together forever xxxxxx

Damien Watchorn (Daie, Domo, Dom)

1st Anniversary, 30th March

First away from home
My husband in heaven
If I could visit heaven,
Even for a day,
Maybe for a moment,
The pain would go away,
I'd put my arms around you,
And whisper words so true,
That living life without you
Is the hardest thing I've had to do.
No matter how I spend my days,
No matter what I do,
No morning dawns or evening falls,
When I don't think of you.
I'll carry you in every step I take,
In every decision, every move I make.
Though I can't hold you in my arms today, Daie,
I know you're with me in every way.
My love, my life, my everything...
Much love always, Edel
I miss you xx

Birthday Remembrance

Declan Kane

60th Birthday, 28th March

Birthday remembrance of our son Declan whose 60th Birthday occurs on the 28th March.

Just as you were

You will always be

Someone special in our memory

Never forgotten by his Mam. Sisters

Susan and Aideen, nephews and

nieces and brother in law.



Divine Mercy Parish and Schools Fundraiser

On April 4th Divine Mercy Schools and Parish are hosting a Garth Brooks tribute act in the Spa Hotel. All funds will go towards the schools and Parish. Tickets are on sale on Eventbrite, in both schools and the parish centre. So get your Stetson and Cowboy boots and come along to enjoy the show !

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mammies in Lucan!

We hope all have a lovely day.



Don't forget! Clocks go forward this

Saturday night / Sunday morning...

An hour less in bed – leave it to the powers that be to have Mother's Day this Sunday!!!!!!

Spring has definitely sprung this past week!

The Daffs are beginning to say goodbye, but the beautiful Cherry Blossoms are arriving, as well as some wonderful Magnolias in all their splendour.

April Fools Day on Tuesday! Beware of those young tricksters.....

Fire at old CPI buildings on Sunday evening last, caused much alarm with the heavy black smoke blowing over Lucan, after having smoke blow over us from the Dublin Mountains a few days earlier. The road at Mill Bank was closed to traffic for most of Monday.

All Welcome!

Items held over.....

We regret that some items are still being held over due to pressure of space!

Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills. Our next meeting is on Thursday 3rd April at 7:45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip and guests are most welcome to join us. Come along on the night or contact vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com to register your interest.



Thursday 3rd April 2025, 7:45pm
Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, W23 W280

- Do you want to **finally** conquer your fear of public speaking?
- Do you have a speech or presentation coming up that you need help with?
- Do you want to make new friends?

If so, then Lucan Toastmasters is the place for you.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak! Come along on Thursday next, April 3rd, where a warm welcome awaits you.

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



Salesians College, Maynooth Rd, Celbridge

Lawn Bowling Reopening 2025 - Free Beginners Sessions

Join us for a new season as our ACRE Lawn Bowling rink reopens. **Commencing April 9th.** We'll be running free taster sessions/lessons for beginners.

To put your name down contact:
Frances@acreproject.com

Dates for your diary.....

Plant Sale and Bake Fair taking place on Saturday May 17th and Sunday May 18th 2025.

Creative Writing - Writing for Joy

Weekly creative writing workshop led by ACRE Artist in Residence Krystal Sweedman. Free 6 week course starting June 2025.

To reserve your spot contact:
flowritecreative@gmail.com

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

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



Baby & Toddler: Our Baby & Toddler Group is on Mondays from 11-12.30 this is suitable for ages 0-3 and gives parents or caregiver a chance for a chat and well-deserved cup of tea.

Active over 55's: We have had an amazing turn out for our Chair Yoga with full capacity for this class. Great to see everyone looking after body and mind.

Other news: We are delighted to have been awarded funding from the Community Centre Investment Fund. This will enable us to do some well need refurbishments to the centre making it better for all using it.

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

Thank You!

Community Connect extends a huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Drive & Drop donation event last weekend!

Your kindness and generosity will make a real difference to families in need.

We are so grateful for your support in helping babies get the best start in life!





St. Joseph's College

St Patrick's Day: Well done to the TY's who volunteered their time and connected with Lucan's St Patrick's Day Festival committee. The students had a stall where they were doing face painting and balloon making to make the day memorable for children attending the parade.

Derry Trip: Thirty students from fifth and sixth year politics and history classes visited the city of Derry last week. They took in sights and the history of the Museum of Free Derry, the Apprentice Boys Museum and a tour of the murals along the Bogside. Thanks to Ms McGroarty for organising the trip.



Under 17 soccer: Well done to the under 17 soccer team who had a brilliant win against Ringsend Community College in the regional semi final on Monday. The goal of the game came from Chloe Doyle and player of the game was Aoife Doherty. Best of luck in the final everyone!

Parents Association fundraising quiz: As part of our ongoing efforts to support our young athletes, the PA organised a table quiz in Kenny's pub, Lucan on Friday 28th February to raise funds for new jerseys. The quiz was a great success with a fun night had by all. Thanks to all staff, parents, pupils and friends of the school who attended on the night and to all those who supported our raffle. A special thanks to Mr Smyth who prepared the questions and answer sheets and was a wonderful quiz master on the night. His hard work and entertainment at the quiz was very much appreciated.

A total of €3708.73 was raised from the quiz and raffle. Two sets of soccer jerseys and one set of

GAA jerseys have already been ordered for the school. These funds will go towards paying for these. The PA are in the process of ordering jerseys for other teams with the remaining funds. The quiz and raffle would not have been possible without the help of our sponsors, many thanks for your generous. New members of the Parent's Association are always welcome. The PA meet once a month in the parish centre. The next meeting is on Tuesday 1st April 2025.

TY retreat: Transition Year went on a retreat to Dublin City centre to visit some of the city's oldest and most beautiful churches. They were guided on this mini pilgrimage by Anita Phelan from I Am Retreats.

Voice of Poetry: Well done to all first year students who competed in this year's Voice of Poetry competition run by the English department. All contestants were amazing! The winner will be announced in May during the whole school awards day.

Fundraising for St. Vincent De Paul: On Friday, 21st March, we made our final donation to St. Vincent De Paul of funds raised from our 2025 Calendar. We were delighted to donate €900 to help with families in need. In total, our Joey's 2025 Calendar raised €1,600 this year and we are very thankful to all the students, parents, families and school community who supported this fundraiser by taking the photos while out on their Tidy Town duties, by purchasing a calendar or two and spreading the word! We are very grateful to our sponsors – Costello Ltd (Kerry), MyVet and Lucan District Credit Union! We still have one or two calendars for the remaining nine months of the year! Thank you to the Séamus Clandillon and the local St. Vincent De Paul conferences for their support of school initiatives and in looking after local families when in need.

TY songwriting and video making workshop: The TY's enjoyed a fun filled and creative workshop as they set about composing an original song. First they came up with the lyrics and then came up with a cracking melody to go with the lyrics. "Summertime" is an upbeat catchy dance anthem which is sure to light up the summer. The students also shot a great video which captures the summer vibe and the world premier will take place at TY Graduation in May. It's one to look forward to.

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Follow Us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Lucan Community College

Archery Achievement: Amanda Kubiak in 5th year took part in the Irish National Archery Championships and won gold in two categories, Senior Women and Under 21 Women. Congratulations Amanda.



6th Visit to Office of the Ombudsman for Children: Thank you to Brianna for an excellent workshop and tour of "Office for Ombudsman for children", for our 6th Yr Politics and society students today. Thank you also to Ombudsman Niall Muldoon, who dropped in to listen to students views. Well done to our students, for their excellent participation!



Belong To Quality Mark: Lucan CC were delighted to be awarded the Belong To Quality Mark last Friday after 18 months of hard work by the school community. This initiative aims to create an environment where students feel safe and welcome regardless of who they are. Thank

you to all the teachers who were involved in achieving this and making a positive and inclusive learning environment.



First Year Gaelic Football: Well done 1st year Gaelic footballers Dublin division shield winners.

Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board invites applications for the following permanent post:

Caretaker (full time)

Coláiste Phobail Leamhcáin
Lucan Community College



Lucan Community College

Esker Drive, Lucan, Co. Dublin, K78TF67

The Caretaker shall provide an efficient and effective range of caretaking, cleaning/maintenance and security service. He/she will be flexible with excellent interpersonal and organisational skills.

All appointments are to Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB) and the successful candidate will be assigned in the first instance to the school above.

Application form and job description is available from the Recruitment Section, e-mail apply@ddletb.ie

The latest date for receipt of applications is 4:00 p.m. Friday 11th April 2025. Shortlisting may take place.

Late applications will not be considered.

Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board is an equal opportunities employer.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Table Quiz: A reminder that the Parents Association's pub quiz fundraiser takes place in Carroll's pub in Lucan Village on **Friday 4th April @ 8pm**. Tickets (which can be purchased on the night) cost 10e per person and the quiz will run with tables of four on the night. All monies raised will go towards funding for school facilities.

Fundraising: Coláiste Phádraig held a hugely successful "sleep-in" fundraiser in the school last Friday. The event was a part of the school's Pieta Amber Flag Initiative, which recognises the individual efforts to create a healthy, inclusive environment that supports the mental well-being of different groups, in this case secondary school students. 21 1st yr students took part in the event, having raised money through sponsorship cards. Ms. Farrell, Ms. Deane, Ms. Shanahan, Ms. Cooney, Ms. Thompson and Mr. Kelly supervised the sleep-in which took place in room 10 and the Study Hall (which are adjoining rooms). The eager students all arrived in the evening time, with their sleeping bags and supplies for the night! Domino's Pizza kindly supplied pizza and refreshments free of charge for the students, and we are very grateful to them for their generosity. In truth, no-one got much sleep through the night, as the students stayed awake chatting excitedly while the poor, exhausted teachers remained alert, but bleary eyed and a little drained of energy! The event ended at morning time as the students got picked up and headed home for some much needed sleep! To date, the event has raised 815euro for Pieta House, with some further sponsorship money expected in the coming days.

Inclusion Week: Our Inclusion Week, which was held in the school from Tuesday 18th to Friday 21st March, was a great success with a whole host of interesting and enjoyable activities for our extremely diverse student population. Bunting flags representing the huge number of countries that our students originate from were put up around the school. Colourful Pride flags were also on prominent display over every classroom door and throughout the school.

Past pupil Robbie Lawlor, who is currently doing his PhD in DCU and exploring effective HIV treatment activism in Ukraine, spoke to 6th yr students about the topic. He spoke with a raw honesty and passion that really hit home with the students.

Our 1st and 2nd yr students had a Sports Day to celebrate and promote participation, inclusion and diversity. They got to play Gaelic Football,

basketball, soccer, Olympic handball and baseball.

On Wednesday, 1st and 2nd yr students attended an autism awareness talk hosted by "As I Am", an organisation dedicated to supporting the Autistic community and their families to fully engage in Irish life, and build the capacity of society to facilitate true inclusion.

Kahoot quizzes were held in Junior Cycle classes, with many of the questions based around the different world religions, cultures, languages and flags.



Friday was Colours Day and the students were encouraged to wear red, to send a powerful message of anti-racism (similar to the "Show Racism the Red Card" campaign). Well done to everyone who helped make Inclusion Week so successful, meaningful and memorable for all involved.

Soccer: Our 1st yr soccer team advanced to the 1-4 finals of the Dublin Metropolitan League after a hard-fought 2-1 victory, after extra time, against Clonkeen College, Blackrock last Thursday. Clonkeen dominated the 1st half and they took a deserved lead after 15mins when their number 10 lashed home from inside the box. Lucan regrouped at half time and they deservedly drew level 10mins into the 2nd half thanks to a sublime, dipping half-volley from out near the side-line by Jack Kennedy.

Extra-time was needed to separate two-evenly matched teams. Just 2mins into the 1st period of extra-time, Finn O' Sullivan cut inside and hit a well-struck, right-footed effort into the bottom corner, for what proved to be the winning goal. They will now play at home to St. Fintan's Sutton in the 1-4 finals.

Football: Hard luck to our u16 football team who were beaten 4-8 to 2-6 by Belmayne ETSS in the Dublin League "C" Final held in Abbotstown last Friday. The teams were level at half-time (1-3 apiece) with Daniel Godson getting the Lucan goal. Conor McHugh did manage to breach the Belmayne rear-guard with a well-taken goal but the team tired a little late-on, and Belmayne ran out deserving winners in the end.

SECOND ARTICLE: The Consequences of SDCC's Misuse of Section 38 to Alter a Part 8 Approved Project

This week, we examine the troubling consequences of South Dublin County Council (SDCC) altering an existing **Part 8 development** by invoking **Section 38 of the 1994 Road Traffic Act**. This move raises serious questions about transparency, community trust, and the integrity of urban planning processes.

Consequences of Section 38 Changes to the Approved 2022 Part 8 Project

1. Cyclist Safety Concerns: The proposed changes would place a cycle path along **Old Lucan Road**, exposing cyclists to significant safety risks. Cyclists would be forced to ride in close proximity to a busy 50 km/h roadway whilst cycling against the flow of traffic. This proposal blatantly disregards the **National Cycling Guidelines**, which emphasize five essential needs for cyclists: **Safety, Comfort, Attractiveness, Directness, and Coherence**.

How can SDCC justify a plan that compromises cyclist safety, especially when the existing Part 8 proposal—featuring a boardwalk which takes the cyclists off the road completely—fully addresses these needs?

2. Environmental Impact: In 2022, SDCC determined that the environmental impact of the Part 8 proposal was negligible, concluding that an **Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)** was unnecessary. However, no environmental study has been conducted as part of the current non-statutory consultation. Why has SDCC failed to conduct an environmental assessment for these new changes, especially when the original proposal was deemed environmentally sound? Is this an attempt to sidestep scrutiny?

3. Reduction in Parking Availability: The removal of **8 car spaces** on Old Lucan Road would reduce parking availability for up to **162 cars per day** in an area where affordable parking is already scarce. This change could harm local businesses by reducing customer access and complicating drop-offs and pick-ups at nearby crèches. Transferring these parking spaces to the far end of **Sarsfield Park** will create significant inconvenience for parents and could lead to decreased foot traffic and revenue for local businesses. These new proposed spaces are 1.9km by car away from the existing spaces. How can SDCC claim that relocating parking 1.9 km away is a practical solution, especially when it will exacerbate congestion on Main Street and negatively impact local businesses and access to child care?

4. Overflow Car Park in Sarsfield Park: Creating an overflow car park in **Sarsfield Park**, a well-established residential area, contradicts principles of good planning. This move would increase daily traffic flow, leading to higher noise and air pollution, a heightened risk of accidents, and greater congestion in an area already struggling with heavy traffic during peak times. Why is SDCC prioritizing parking convenience over the quality of life for Sarsfield Park residents, particularly when this idea would have been rejected during the 2022 Part 8 consultation?

SDCC's Misuse of Authority, Abuse of Power, and Broken Trust with the Lucan Community

Altering the **2022 Canal Loop Part 8 approved project** two years later using **Section 38** is a clear

misuse of authority. This move bypasses necessary public consultation and transparency, undermining the ethical responsibility of SDCC to involve councillors and the community in urban planning decisions. How can SDCC claim to value community involvement while using Section 38 to sideline public input and push through significant changes without proper consultation? The purpose of **Section 38** is to enable local authorities to implement **traffic-calming measures**, not to alter agreed-upon Part 8 projects. The **Part 8 process**, enshrined in the **Planning and Development Regulations 2001**, ensures community involvement in key infrastructure projects. Using Section 38 in this context is inappropriate and undermines the democratic process. Why is SDCC using Section 38 to bypass the Part 8 process, especially when the proposed changes involve significant alterations to an already approved project?

Lack of Effective Communication and Engagement

SDCC has failed to communicate effectively with the over **60,000 people living and working in Lucan**. The council posted several online consultations directly impacting the village without adequate notice or engagement. By using terms like "**submission**" and "**survey**" interchangeably, SDCC has confused residents and undermined the legal weight of public responses. Is the simultaneous posting of multiple consultations a deliberate strategy to overwhelm and confuse residents, making it harder for them to respond effectively? The **Lucan Boardwalk survey** is particularly problematic. It is designed to skew responses toward a predetermined outcome, as respondents must agree to parking removal to submit their answers. This biased approach excludes opposing views and undermines the credibility of the consultation process. How can SDCC claim this survey represents fair and balanced public opinion when it is designed to exclude those who oppose the changes?

What Can Be Done? As the time to object has passed, the only option available to residents is to contact their **local councillors and TDs** to voice their disapproval of SDCC's actions. Without active community pushback, this deplorable treatment of Lucan by SDCC will likely continue. Will the residents of Lucan stand by and allow SDCC to repeatedly bypass transparency and community involvement, or will they demand accountability and fair treatment in future planning issues?

Conclusion: SDCC's actions represent a clear misuse of authority, an abuse of power, and a breach of trust with the Lucan community. By using Section 38 to bypass the Part 8 process, SDCC has sidelined elected councillors, ignored community concerns, and pushed through changes without proper scrutiny. The consequences—compromised cyclist safety, environmental neglect, reduced parking availability, and diminished quality of life for residents—are unacceptable. How can SDCC rebuild trust with the Lucan community after such a blatant disregard for transparency and fairness in urban planning? The time has come for residents to demand better from their local authority.

David Lombard

Esker Active Retirement Association

We had a good attendance at our club on Wednesday, members sharing memories of our brilliant 4 day trip to Killarney.

We had a really fantastic time, made even better as the sun shone on us for most of the time. We visited Adare on the way to Kerry, and on other days toured Ring of Kerry, Kenmare and Dingle. We had a lovely walk on Inch beach, also took in Coomeenole beach and Blaskets

The scenery is really stunning, and we got some lovely group photos at Ladies View overlooking lakes, and Sleahill. The Castlerosse Hotel in Killarney looked after us really well, with lovely food and entertainment both day and evening.

Anyone wishing to join just come along any Wednesday at 1.30 to St Andrew's Parish Hall, Main Street Lucan. All welcome.



Lucan Sarsfields Social Initiative

34 members of Luan Sarsfields GAA Social initiative under the stewardship of John Ryan had a wonderful 2 at trip to Ennistymon Co Claire this week.

We visited Bunratty Castle and folk park, toured the beautiful Loop head Peninsula taking in the Loop Head Lighthouse.

On Thursday we visited the Michael Cusack Centre, located in his home village of Carran, in the centre of the Burren, County Clare, opened in 2006 to coincide with the centenary of his death. The Michael Cusack Centre is a treasure chest of living history.



It was a wonderful enjoyable trip in beautiful sunshine with many thanks to Lucan Sarsfields GAA.

Lucan Library – April Events

Please note:

1. All events and activities are free of charge.
2. All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum.
3. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required.



Tuesday 1st April, 6.30pm. Poet's Perch Adult Poetry Group - Guest Speaker: Jan Brierton
Dubliner Jan Brierton is a mam, a fashion stylist, and a poet. Her popular first collection *What Day Is It? Who Gives a F*ck* was published in 2021 by New Island books after Jan's first ever poem went viral during lockdown. In her new collection *Everybody Is a Poem: Midlife in Rhymes* (New Island, March 2024) Jan riffs on menopause, the mental load, relationships, loss, and self-acceptance. Since the publication of her debut book, Jan has appeared on national radio and TV. All welcome



Easter Activities

Easter Activity Pack and LED Card Kit for ages 7+ Kits can be collected from Tuesday 15th April at 10am. Book your kit here from Tuesday 8th April at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/easter-activity-kit-with-led-card-for-ages-7-tickets-1299388338499>

Wednesday 16th April, 10am and 11.30am. Make Easter Power Ball Chicks with the Cool Food School. Booking essential from Wednesday 9th April. Please book for the relevant age group. For 6-8 years: Book from Wednesday 9th April at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-cool-food-school-for-kids-aged-6-8-yrs-tickets-1299235701959>

For 9-11 years at 11.30am: Book from Wednesday 9th April at 11.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-cool-food-school-for-kids-aged-9-12-yrs-tickets-1299226073159>

Thursday 17th April, 12noon
Creative Writing for 8-12 years with Maeve Devoy



Adult Chess Club – Wednesday 2nd April, 5pm.
All levels welcome.

Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner
Wednesday 9th April, 10am

Play session for pre-school children led by Rebecca. Please book a ticket for each pre-school child attending. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Booking essential from Wednesday 2nd April at 10am:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sensory-play-sessions-for-pre-school-children-tickets-1280868675689>

The MAD Mystery- A Whodunnit Special: Every great mystery needs sharp-eyed characters, unbelievable plot twists and a dash of humour. In this workshop facilitator Maeve Devoy will encourage the young writers to think like detectives, as they construct their own Whodunit

mysteries.

Booking essential from Thursday 10th April at 12noon: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/mystery-writing-special-creative-writing-for-8-12-yrs-with-maeve-devoy-tickets-1299262592389>

Wednesday 23rd April, 3.30pm
Drumming Workshop for all the family. Join

Thomas Annang for a hands-on drumming workshop where you can learn new beats and rhythms in a fun and interactive setting! Booking essential from Wednesday 16th April at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/drumming-workshop-tickets-1299275872109>

Tuesday 1st April, 9.45am - 10.45am
Infant Development 3-9 Months with Anne O'Connor. Anne will cover key developmental milestones (physical, cognitive, social, and emotional); Transition to spoon feeding & practical tips for supporting development; Considerations for development beyond 9 months. This talk is also a chance to connect with other parents in a relaxed and supportive space. Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/a-talk-on-infant-development-tickets-1275153832439>

Parent and Baby Reflexology with Anne O'Connor: Tuesday 8th April at 9.45am. Booking essential from Tuesday 1st April at 9.45am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/parent-and-baby-reflexology-tickets-1226785872569>

Musical Tots: Saturday 12th April, 10.30am. Booking essential from Saturday 5th April at 10.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-with-karen-at-lucan-library-tickets-1226756725389>



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Biodiversity Group

...*"because it's important to us all"*

As spring approaches, the daffodils flower and the grass starts growing the LSBDG plan on several new initiatives on the clubs' grounds for the next few months.

We have already planted almost 2,000 trees (the Miyawaki forestry method) in December 2024 behind the goalmouth on Pitch 1 and sprouts are already appearing. Lucan Sarsfields is part of Ireland's 100 million tree initiative.

We are planning on rewilding some grass verges around our site to promote pollination and we will soon install some bug hotels around the club. So, excuse the appearance of unkept grass areas. This has been fully thought out and discussed.

We have already put two bat boxes on a post behind pitch 1.

We are now planning to construct a rockery with native heathers and bee friendly plants outside of the AWP and plant other pollinator -friendly plants at various areas around the club.

And of course, we will try to keep up appearances with summer planting of colourful plants in our new flower gardens.

Why..... "because it's important to us all"

Annual Golf Classic

Support the Lucan Sarsfields Golf Classic this June!

We're gearing up for our annual Golf Classic in June and would love your support! This event helps fund our club's growth and success, benefiting players of all ages.

Sponsorship Options:

- ✓ Tee & Green Sponsors
- ✓ Team Sponsorship
- ✓ Prize Sponsors



Get great visibility, network, and show your support for the club!

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

Thanks for your support!

Summer Camps

Our Easter camp and summer camps for 2025 are now open for registration. Open to all boys and girls starting primary school in September or just finishing primary school this year.

We welcome both members and non-members of all abilities. All of our camps are dual football and camogie/hurling, hurls ad helmets can be provided if needed. This year alongside our camp



jersey each child attending will also receive a Lucan Sarsfields Camp sliotar!

We would like to thank Keane Windows for their continued support of our camps. Bookings can be made via clubzap, the QR code in the poster or the following link:

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

LUCAN SARSFIELDS GAA CAMPS 2025

- ✔ All camps will be dual code
- ✔ Gaelic Football
- ✔ Hurling and Camogie
- ✔ Fun games and skill development

DATES

- ✔ Easter 14th - 17th April
- ✔ Cúl Camp 30th June - 4th July
- ✔ Club Camp 7th - 11th July
- ✔ Club Camp 4th - 8th August
- ✔ Club Camp 11th - 15th August

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FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKING VIA CLUBZAP OR QR CODE

Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €3000. The Numbers were **2, 11, 12, 19**.

Lucky dip's go to Aimee Clyne, Cormac Gordon, Kevin O Toole, Alison Delahunt and Mary Roche This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €3,400. This draw is sponsored by John Ryan, Accountant.

County

The Dublin U20 and Minor football Leinster Championship campaigns get underway this week. We are very proud to have several players involved. Best of luck to Jamie Smith and Rian Doherty who line out with the U20s and David Coakley with the minors!

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

DODSBORO GOLFERS ANNUAL OUTING

Venue : Lucan Golf Club
Date : Friday 9th May
Tee Time : 14:00 - 16:00
Price : €45 (Golf & Food)
Members & Visitors Welcome
*Contact Joe Curtis (089-425-4684)

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Tree Felling – Elm & Ash Park: Following concerns about the removal of 70 trees along the treeline between Elm and Ash Park last week, I contacted the council immediately. Unfortunately, it was confirmed to me that they had ash dieback disease. I requested replanting details and since learned that this will be included in the tree maintenance programme.

Damaged Boundary Wall - R136 / Moy Glas:

The perimeter wall and fence has remained breached, and this has been raised continuously. I have asked the council once again to evaluate the 'gap' being used by people and decide on either repairing or formalising this as a safe access point. In response, they state that this will be included under the Roadworks Programme 2025. Any decision must now involve direct consultation with the residents nearest in Moy Glas.

Minister Emer Higgins TD

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New Jobseekers Pay-Related Benefit Coming into Effect:

I'm delighted to see the new Jobseekers Pay-Related Benefit (JPRB) taking effect from Monday, 31st March 2025. This is a major step forward in how we support people who lose their jobs. First introduced by my Fine Gael colleague, former Minister Heather Humphreys, this payment is one that recognises the realities of living costs and the importance of stability during difficult transitions. Replacing the current Jobseekers Benefit, the JPRB links payments to previous earnings for those who are fully unemployed and have contributed to the Social Insurance Fund. Key features: Personalised rates based on prior income. Tapered over 39 weeks: a maximum of €450 (first 13 weeks), €375 (next 13 weeks) €300 (final 13 weeks). This is a significant policy milestone, and I'm proud to see it delivered.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell. "Not just at election time" Dáil office: 01-6184078. WhatsApp: 089-2364871 Website: www.paulgogarty.com

Dáil report: This week the business of the Dáil was curtailed by opposition protests over speaking time and the designation of the Rural Independents - who are supporting the Government - as being somehow non-Government. I spoke out against this cynical behaviour on Wednesday but also criticised the way certain TDs were behaving in continuously shouting down and abusing the Ceann Comhairle. I also got to raise the issue of inadequate domestic EV charging facilities in Adamstown and other new areas as well as contribute on the extension of the ARP scheme and the Bereaved Partners Pensions Bill.

Castletown House: Have raised the need for a suitable parking area and access point.

Transition Year policy: Queried Minister on measures to assist schools, which retain autonomy in TY place allocation.

Shane Moynihan TD – Fianna Fáil Dublin Mid-West.

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Working with Cllr Jacqueline Sheehy (Palmerstown-Fonthill). **Bus services:** I will be meeting the management teams of Go-Ahead Ireland and Dublin Bus discuss local bus service provision and whether or not improvements have been made. I will always prioritise the needs of public transport users so please let me know if you have particular issues which you would like me to raise.

Public lighting on Castle Road: I have been assured that replacement public lighting on Castle Road and new lights at the entrance to Rochfort Downes will be installed by the end of April. I secured the funding for this as a Councillor and am pleased to see it delivered.

Clinics: My Lucan Clinic takes place on Monday 31 March, in Ballyowen Community Centre from 1.30 - 3pm. Please call my office to make an appointment.

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

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Lucan Village Footpaths: At this week's Lucan Area Meeting, I again raised the need to address footpaths in Lucan Village. My motion, which called for these issues to be prioritised was agreed. The council has committed to a meeting to review and explore potential solutions.

Lucan House Masterplan update: The consultation included Five interactive workshops with businesses, local groups, key stakeholders, the public and sessions with primary and secondary school students. A four-week survey received 306 responses. A marketing campaign included social media, newspaper ads, posters, direct mail to residents and businesses, and printed surveys in public locations. Feedback is under review by the project architect, with a Consultation Report to be compiled as part of the final Master Plan.

Cllr. Joanna Tuffey, Labour Party Representative.

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All social media links at linktr.ee/joannatuffey

Lucan Road, Layby, junction with road to Lucan Heights/Esker Lawns, access to back of St. Mary's Church:

The latest update from is the junction is to be widened from the planned 3m to 4.5m. However, this is being done by taking space from the island at the junction. Just to warn residents also that the island will no longer be an island and there will no longer be a slip road to turn left on to Lucan Road. These very radical changes, including changed access to the back of the Church, originate from St. Joseph's planning permission granted in 2016, and are being carried out on the school's behalf. There were a handful of submissions from the public at the time of the planning application, but those that were made did anticipate concerns being raised now.

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St. Mary's Camera Soirée

At our meeting last Friday, the Camera Soirée took part in a fascinating workshop on the use of refraction and reflection in photography and Michael G has submitted an example of the results that are possible using a simple glass of water sitting on a reflecting surface and using a striped backdrop. Donal sent in a beautiful photo of a back-lit daffodil.



Michael G was in Galway last weekend and, as the song says, “watched the sun go down on Galway Bay”. There are actually two songs named “Galway Bay”. The lesser-known one was written by a Frank Fahy, a native of Kinvara. The one popularised by Bing Crosby was written by a Dr. Arthur Colahan who was born in Enniskillen but whose family moved to Galway.



Anna sent in a photo of the beach in Achill. Brendan found some rare Black Morel mushrooms which are amongst the more desirable wild mushrooms when well cooked. Otherwise, they are very toxic. They fruit between March and June and are found particularly beside woodland tracks. Brendan found them near St. Loman's.



Frances was in Maynooth and sent us some photos of Laraghbryan which is the site of an old monastic settlement, cemetery and ruined church and is located 1 kilometre west of the town. The ruined church consists of a nave and chancel with a tower attached. Most of the ruined structure was part of a church built in Norman times which, in turn, was built on the site of a previous ecclesiastical settlement.

Until next week stay safe!