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I'm Not Bothered!

I recently became aware of the word nonchal (nonchalant) being in vogue as a way of presenting as being indifferent to the happenings in the world. At first it seems like a selfish stance fixing distance between oneself and any possible harsh reality. However, this attitude is not presenting for the first time as it is the one which shows its' face when societal changes seem beyond what one can fully understand or embrace at a time. It was very much alive in the sixties when a maelstrom of change kicked into action.

Having a bank of years behind one and a cache of life experience usually gives resilience and a safe enough knowledge that we can cope with most of what comes our way. However, for those who are younger, the rate of change and range of challenging issues are in burgeoning abundance like dandelion seeds floating in the air on a warm windy summers evening! They are almost too many and too elusive to be contained by anyone. Only a small number will be viable and ever take root – the rest are like the hot air in which they float.

Adopting a personal presenting attitude of ***I'm not bothered*** is understandable where one is assailed by issues, strong opinions and a certain coercion enabled by social medial platforms. It's a coping mechanism and a resting place needed to sit back and find equilibrium in today's fast-moving world. It is an attitude reminiscent of the duck which is paddling like crazy underwater!

What people need and want doesn't really change. What can change is how we adapt to the environment in which we seek what we need and want with the core base of human needs for love, acceptance and being cared for always sitting as the foundation. Look at the sliding decline of dating apps as some realise that the platforms are the largest beneficiaries and that person to person without photoshopping is not so bad! Built environments of any form have always been revised and restructured with the same applying to societal environment. The built environment of presented perfection is exhausting and impossible in the long term!

I'm not bothered might be another way of indicating that ***I don't know how to cope*** in the present! The ways of the world have as much meaning today as in previous times. Our young people are as hopeful, as creative and as resilient as always. As always those who are young sometimes need us to be walls to lean against before they take the next step. Their eyesight is keen for their time and their inherent skills and insights are the contemporary tools for the tasks of the day. Let's enjoy the journey together and keep a sense of humour through it all!

Cathy Burke, Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

What is the Common Travel Area?

The Common Travel Area (CTA) is an arrangement between the United Kingdom (UK) and Ireland that gives a variety of rights to citizens of those countries. It includes more than the basic right to travel freely between both countries.

On 8 May 2019, the Irish and UK governments signed a Memorandum of Understanding (pdf) reaffirming the Common Travel Area and identifying the rights and privileges of Irish and UK citizens within the CTA. It also reaffirmed the commitment to maintain the CTA following Brexit (pdf).

Your rights within the Common Travel Area

Common Travel Area rights can only be exercised by citizens of Ireland and the UK. If you are not a citizen of Ireland or the UK, you cannot exercise Common Travel Area rights.

For the purposes of the Common Travel Area, the UK covers:

England

Scotland

Wales

Northern Ireland

The Isle of Man

The Channel Islands

Irish and UK citizens have the right to live, travel, work and study within the Common Travel Area. The rights of Irish citizens have been recognised in the UK's Immigration and Social Security (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020.

Irish and UK citizens can live in either country and enjoy associated rights and privileges, including:

Access to social benefits

Access to healthcare

Access to social housing supports

The right to vote in certain elections

The Common Travel Area does not relate to goods or customs issues. You can read about the trade agreement between Ireland and the UK in [Brexit and Ireland](#).



Border control and the Common Travel Area

There are no routine passport controls in operation for Irish and UK citizens travelling between the 2 countries.

However, you must show identification to board a ferry or an airplane, and some airlines and sea carriers only accept a passport as valid identification. You may also be asked by an immigration officer to prove that you are a citizen of Ireland or the UK, so you should carry a passport with you. You can also use an Irish passport card, or other proof that you are an Irish citizen.

If you have family members who are not UK or EEA citizens, they may need a visa to enter Ireland or the UK. A residency scheme for family members of UK citizens who move to Ireland after 1 January 2021 is now in place.

The Common Travel Area also involves some co-operation on immigration issues. A non-EEA national, for example, may be refused permission to enter Ireland if they intend to travel onwards to the UK and they would not qualify for admission to the UK. Irish immigration officers have the power to carry out checks on people arriving in the State from the UK and to refuse them entry to the State on the same grounds that apply to people arriving from outside the Common Travel Area. These checks are carried out selectively.

You can find out more about travelling to the UK from Ireland on our website.

Sarsfield Park Residents Assoc.

Residents Meeting on Tuesday, 11th at 8:30 in Kennys.

Membership fees are now due. Payment can be made via Revolut or through your collector.

Note: Submissions for the boardwalk need to be submitted **by 12th March at 5 p.m.** We are curious as to whether the “random” planting of new trees has anything to do with this? The idea of moving car parking spaces from the village into our estate is absurd.

Email to the contractor engaged on the age-friendly apartments, seeking clarity on a number of queries from the residents’ association. We await their response, and for now, no construction has started.

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 10th March:

All ladies busy at different projects. We are hoping to do a class in chicken scratching soon.



Next week, we will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with a quiz and all are asked to wear green, members are asked to read a poem or sing a song, and also to support St. Patrick’s Day Parade and to speak the Cúpla Focal!



Tea Hostesses: Anne Byrne and Anne Beales.

Get Well Wishes to Marie Trunk who is recovering after a fall.

Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday: 8th of March, 2025

2pm – 5pm

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan





Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 10th March** at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

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

Give blood, save a life!



Lucan Community College
Esker Dr, Lucan, Co. Dublin, K78 TF67

Wednesday 12th March 2025
5:00pm - 8:30pm

Call **1800 731 137** to book an appointment.
Check your eligibility at giveblood.ie

1 in 4 of us will need a blood transfusion in our lifetime...
...and 1 blood donation can save 3 lives.

giveblood.ie    

The Lucan Memorial Campaign

Remembering Lucanians who lost their lives through conflict.

With public consultations for the future of Lucan House due to commence. We would be grateful to anyone who would consider raising the prospect of a local war memorial within the Lucan Demesne. Thank You.

Please visit The Society for Old Lucan website: soc4oldlucan.com

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times:

Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon, 7pm

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Evening Mass: Monday to Friday 7.30pm.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com



Confirmation

Best Wishes to the girls of **Scoil Mhuire G.N.S.** who will be Confirmed next Thursday 13th March.



Please remembered them in your prayers.

An Introductory Course to the BIBLE

The Bible is one of the most significant set of texts ever compiled. People may have heard key stories from it, yet for many it largely remains a mystery.

What is it really about? Where to begin?

Tarsus Scripture School of Maynooth College has made available an Introductory Course - 'OPENING the BIBLE' which is aimed at those who want to take that extra step. There are six presentations to help you open the Bible and begin reading Scripture.

The course is available to everyone online, at any time, and it's FREE.

Log on to:

www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie or look up: youtube tarsus scripture school.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On Saturdays from the conclusion of the 10am Mass to 11.30am – funerals permitting.

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.*

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.

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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.

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.*

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 are bookable on line.

Email: secretary@lucanparish.com

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.



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan

Monday 10th March

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary, Confessions and Prayers 5.45pm)

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

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

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

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: 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*

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

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
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.



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*



St. Patrick's Parish Lucan Lottery

Join our weekly Parish Lotto

Your support makes a real
difference. The jackpot increases
every week plus a weekly prize.

To join now simply go to our parish website
<https://www.stpatrickslucan.ie/st-patricks-parish-lucan-lottery/>

Joint Parish and Schools Fundraising Night

'Friends In Low Places'

Garth Brooks Tribute Concert
Mark Prouse Ireland's Leading
Garth Brooks Tribute Act



Friday April 4th 8.00pm
Lucan Spa Hotel

Tickets €20,
available soon

Funds raised will be shared among our wider
parish family, Lucan South Parish, Divine Mercy
Junior National School and Divine Mercy Senior
National School.

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all
Masses **NEXT Sunday 16th March**

Thank you for your generosity.

Quote:

Patience is a form of wisdom.

It demonstrates that we understand the fact that
sometimes things must unfold in their own time.

From Divine Word Missionaries Calendar

Anniversaries

Orla Carey

26th Anniversary, 8th March

Of our much loved and missed daughter, sister,
aunty and grandaunt.

Late of Beech Park

Forever Young

With a nature you could not help loving
And a heart that was purer than gold
We will always remember
Your beautiful smile
Your memory will never grow old
So on this your 26th Anniversary
There is something we wanted to say Orla
You're so wonderful to think of
But so hard to be without

*Loving you sweetheart and missing
you beyond words, your heart-broken Mam, Dad,
brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces. xxxxxx*



Stewart Dowling

2nd away from home, 5th March

Memories are something

That no one can steal

Death is a heartache

That no one can heal

Some may forget

Now that you are gone

But we will remember

No matter how long

*Sadly missed by Mam and Dad, brothers,
daughters, nieces and nephews.*

Love you, always in our hearts Son. R.I.P.



Are You Looking To Make Lent Special?

Why not come along to a one
night per week programme starting on
Wednesday March 12th and concluding on
April 16th in Our Lady's Parish Centre,
Leixlip 8/8.30 to 9/9.30pm followed by tea.
(March 12th 8.30 pm start.)

Charis Ireland, which is part of Charis
International set up by Pope Francis, has invited
all small Christian communities to host an
outreach programme during Lent to mark this
year's Jubilee year theme "Pilgrims of
Hope" This is our response to the invitation.

Everyone welcome. Further details on parish
website: www.oln.ie

Birthday Remembrance

Jean Fox

"First Birthday away from home"

A heavenly Birthday Wish Ma
Your chair may now be empty
Like the void left in our hearts
We cherish all the memories
And all those cards from arts and crafts

We know you loved a party
And always made a fuss
So we will celebrate your life
Like you did for us

As we say happy birthday Ma
Just know we love you dear
The chair may still be empty
But our memories hold you near

Happy Heavenly Birthday Ma

*Loved and missed every day by your husband
Dessie, children Karen, Lisa, Kevin. Brother Joe
and Son/daughter in-laws Andy, Rachel, Jerry,
Breeda. Grandchildren. Laurajane, Daniel,
Craig, Nikki and Kelsie.*

FR. MICHAEL SOPOCKO
50th Anniversary Celebration

Fr. Sopocho was St. Faustina Spiritual director.
Jesus said to St. Faustina
*"He will be My visible help for you on earth. He will
help you to carry out My will" (Diary 53)*

*There will be a special Holy Mass to
celebrate the 50th anniversary of Fr. Michael Sopocho in
The Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South.*

Please join us for this very special night to honour him

Monday 10th March @ 7pm
Celebrant: Fr. Aidan Kieran
Special Guest Speaker: Dermott Dowdall

CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY - LUCAN SOUTH - K78 NH05



The school has been asked to open a third class for autistic children. To do this they must take the classroom back from The Wombles.

Whilst we all recognise the importance of supporting children with autism, the closure of The Wombles at this location will not only leave children without crucial early learning opportunities but will also place an immense strain on working parents who depend on after-school care. Many of us have built our work schedules around this service, knowing our children are in a safe, familiar, and supportive environment. The impact extends beyond our families, affecting six dedicated early years educators who may lose their jobs.

Early years education plays a vital role in identifying children who may need additional support or early intervention, and The Wombles has been instrumental in ensuring children receive the help they need from an early age. Over the past decade, they have provided Level 7 support for children who have gone on to thrive in school.

The closure of The Wombles will also have a significant impact to the provision of supports for children in Scoil Mhuire. The revenue the school receives from The Wombles goes directly into Scoil Mhuire paying for services such as the Speech & Language Therapist and the Occupational Therapist.

If Wombles have to leave the school this coming September this will mean that they can no longer afford these additional services. We may not see the negative impact of this cut to our services immediately, but over time the overall Special Education service the school provides will diminish.

We would be extremely grateful if you could share this online and in the next edition to ensure the wider community is aware of the situation and hopefully it will encourage them to sign our petition to save The Wombles.

*Kind regards,
Nascienza*



Lucan comes 1st!!!

According to **Kfm Radio**, Lucan is the most beauty obsessed town in the country. A survey they picked up on showed demand for cosmetic enhancements, like botox, lip fillers, micro needling and teeth whitening, in the town over the last five years. Dublin City was in second place, followed by Cork, Limerick and Drogheda, Navan, Waterford, Dundalk, Swords and Naas, making up the top ten places.

Now to the real beauty of Lucan!

Isn't it lovely to see the Cherry Blossom arriving, and we also noted several spring colours popping up courtesy of our Tidy Towns people, while the greening is even more evident this past week.



Take care! If visiting the demesne, beware of burnt-looking areas, if you have children or pets. On Wednesday last, the remains of a fire, were still burning away with little flickers of flames!



One would imagine the area would be hot for some time, even after the flames had gone, so just take care!

LAST CHANCE ON CONSULTATIONS!

Lucan House and Demesne Masterplan consultation closes on 13th Mar at 5pm.

Lucan Road Boardwalk Alterations consultation closes on 12th Mar at 6pm.

Login to Consult.SDublinCoCo.ie to complete the survey or submit any observations.

Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade 2025

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



Parade Marshall

This year we are very pleased to welcome the Little Blue Heroes as the 2025 Parade Marshalls.

Little Blue Heroes Foundation was established in April 2017 and is a not for profit registered charity. It is a voluntary led charity with one person from the community to operate the day to day running's of the charity. It is supported by An Garda Síochána and the Garda Commissioner. The charity receives no state funding and relies heavily on community support to enable it to provide its services to families in need.



The charity's two main aims are providing financial support to families directly or indirectly through many of our programmes. It's second aim is granting the wish of the children we support to become Honorary Gardaí within An Garda Síochána. The children are issued their own Garda uniform and are welcomed into the force by their local Gardai. To date the charity have assisted 760 families and have 408 Honorary Gardaí across the country. Little Blue Heroes Foundation have give out over €1,000,000 in aid to families over the last six years. (Press Release Date 7th July 2023).

<https://www.littleblueheroes.org/press-media-pack>

Parade Running Order

Parade running order will be available middle of next week.

Parade Start time and route

The parade will assemble at the large green located at Green Park Road / Westbrook Park / Hillcrest Close in Hillcrest (adjacent to Tesco) from 1:30pm, be in place by 2:30pm at the parade starting point at the Traffic Lights at Spar Dodsboro.

The Parade commences at 3pm sharp.

Good viewing points will be Dodsboro Road, under the N4 bridge and all along the Leixlip Road, McDonalds, the AIB / Garda Station, and Lucan Village. The review stand is located outside the Carroll's / Coffee Works, and the parade disperses up through the village past the Lucan Demesne. The parade takes two hours approximately to complete the route.

Road closures

Road closures from 2pm to 6pm
Dodsboro Road / Tandys Lane, Old Celbridge Road, Lucan Road from the Village to St Marys Church, Adamstown Road from Courtneys to N4. No through road through the village.
Chapel Hill Open for north bound traffic crossing the Liffey Bridge

Volunteer Stewards

We need your help to steward the parade on St. Patrick's Day, please contact Caroline Brady 085 2551602 if you would like to volunteer.



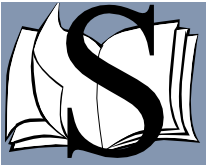
Importantly the Lucan Parade is a free day out for families. Our group is a non-profit, volunteer lead, organisation funded by a Community Grant from South Dublin County Council, donations from Lucan Traders, and various fundraising events held during the year.

Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade 1991 - 2025

eMail: info@LucanStPatricksDay.org

Website: www.LucanStPatricksDay.org

Phone: Caroline Brady (085) 2551602, Parade Organiser



SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Gaisce: On Wednesday the 26th February, our TY Bronze and 5th year Silver Gaisce students set out for their adventure journey to Glendalough Co. Wicklow. The Bronze hiked a total of 25km and the silver a total of 50km. There were some trials and tribulations along the way but we were so proud of our students for completing this difficult task and for persevering. Gaisce is Ireland's national youth award and is a personal development programme for young people aged 14–25. The word Gaisce means great achievement. The students now have to make sure they have their community involvement, personal skill and physical activity complete in order to attain their medal.



5th year Visit to Intel: LCVP 5th and 6th year students visited Intel in Leixlip Our second visit was to the Citizen Information Centre, where we were invited by Cathy White. During the tour of the office, students learned about the Centre's work and how it assists Irish citizens. A great informative day was had by all.



TY Insta Tours: Ty students enjoyed a day out in our very own capital city on Friday. They partook in a Dublin Sightseeing Tour, where they visited the most instagrammable places in Dublin — some of which were popular attractions and others were mysterious hidden gems. They visited the 16th-century Trinity College in the middle of the city, viewed some of Dublin's artistic graffiti, the statue of Molly Malone and much more.



1st year Woodwork projects: Our 1st year Wood Technology students have been very busy demonstrating their skills at Relief Carving - take a look at their amazing work.



Minder & Toddler Group

Thursdays

in

St. Mary's Parish Centre

from 9.30 to 11.30am.

All Welcome!



St. Joseph's College

Classical Studies trip to UCD: A great day was had by our fifth- and sixth-year Classical Studies students in UCD last Wednesday. They were on visit to the Classical Studies Museum, in the Newman building, arts block. The students were not only given a guided tour of the museum's exhibits, artefacts from ancient Greece and Rome), they were also allowed to work with some of the ancient objects housed in the museum. Sitting around a table, students drew, handled, inspected, measured and described a selection of ancient coins, oil lamps, figurines and pottery shards from the classical period. On the guided tour they saw: richly decorated and painted vases, death masks, tombs, tools and everyday objects used in daily life at the time. The students found the experience both enjoyable and educational. Many thanks to staff members, Sasha and Brigid for a wonderful opportunity to experience and learn from this wonderful museum.



First year basketball: Congratulations to our 1st year basketball team who have qualified for the East Regional final next Wednesday. The team have represented themselves and the school so well in the competition so far. They fought for every ball in their semi final against St. Killian's Deutchse Schule and deservedly now find themselves in the final. Special mention to Saoirse O Dowd who scored 14 out of 20 points in the semi final.



LCVP Intel talk: Thanks to Kev Mc Gonigle from Intel Ireland for coming in on Tuesday to talk with our 5th year LCVP students about what Intel do, how they contribute to the local economy and what they are doing to promote STEM in education in Ireland.

Minor Camogie: Hard luck to our minor camogie team who were beaten in their championship game on Friday morning. In a competitive game our girls unfortunately came out on the wrong side of the result. Well done to Colaiste Chillian on their win and best of luck in the rest of the competition. Our team play St. Colmcille's in their last group game next week.

Under 17 soccer: Well done to our under 17 soccer team who had a great win in their latest group game. The team played very well and comfortably beat Old Bawn Community College, Tallaght. Player of the match was Sienna Muldowney. Goals were scored by Nicole Carey, Thea O'Donoghue, Ella McGovern and Isabelle Mullarkey.

Parents Association Quiz Night: A massive thank you to everyone who came along to the quiz night in Kenny's last Friday night. The quiz acted as a fundraiser for the sports teams in the school and the turnout was overwhelming – some teams even had to be turned away on the night as they could not fit into the room in Kenny's due to the turnout. A big thank you to the parents association and to Michael Smyth on the night for doing quizmaster.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com



Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 12th March –
Social Morning in St.
Mary's Parish Centre,
10.30 – 12.30.

**We will be celebrating
St. Patrick's Day –
Green Day!**

*New members always
welcome.*

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Hurling: Our 1st yr hurlers were beaten 4-18 to 4-4 by Templeogue College in the opening group match of their Dublin League campaign.

Templeogue were well ahead by half-time (3-12 to 1-03) but Lucan responded well in the 2nd half as they grew into the game and began to get some nice scores. A comeback victory was never really on though, such was the commanding nature of Templeogue's 1st half display, and they eventually won the game 4-18 to 4-4. Eolann Maher, Finn Brunton, Kyle Power and Luke Kelly got the Lucan goals.

Student Council: A new chapter in student leadership was written on 28th February 2025, as the CBS Lucan Student Council officially signed its first-ever Constitution. In a fitting setting, the "Classroom of the Future"—a space opened in 2017 to represent progress in Irish education—became the backdrop for this landmark occasion. The signing symbolised more than just words on paper; it marked the beginning of a stronger, more structured student voice within our school. With this constitution, the Student Council now has a clear framework for representation, ensuring every student has a say in school matters. It lays out the council's roles, responsibilities, and election processes—reinforcing the values of democracy, leadership, and collaboration that define our school community.

The ceremony itself was a moment of pride and tradition. Mr Keane and Mr McGill, who have been instrumental in supporting the council's development, led the signing. Then, one by one, the Student Council members added their names, with Chairman Freddie Molloy making his mark before the document completed its journey around the table.

With the constitution in place, the work of the Student Council is only just beginning. Over the coming months, the council will focus on strengthening student engagement by organising future events, ensuring student voices are heard at Board of Management meetings, and developing a dedicated Student Council section on the school website.

A new Student Council Noticeboard is also in the works, designed to keep students informed on council activities while offering an easy way to raise concerns or suggestions. Through a QR code system linked to Google Forms, students will be able to submit ideas, feedback, or complaints directly to the council—ensuring a more open and accessible channel of communication.

This is an exciting time for student leadership at CBS Lucan, and the Student Council is ready to make a lasting impact.

Football: Our u16 football team qualified for the Dublin Junior League "C" Final on Tuesday after a dramatic 1 point win in their semi-final against St. Joseph's Rush. Aidan Doyle was outstanding in the forward line as he scored an invaluable 2-1 from open play. St. Joseph's finished the game strongly and they levelled the game heading into stoppage time. With extra time beckoning, substitute Sean O' Brien kicked the winning point in the last attack of the game to seal a dramatic 2-7 to 1-9 win for the team.

Lucan will play the winners of Gaelcholáiste Reachrann/ Belmayne ETSS in the final, which will be held at Abbotsstown.

Basketball: Hard luck to our 2nd yr basketball team, who were well beaten 61-15 by an exceptionally strong Malahide CS last Wednesday in their East Boys League "A" 1-4 Final. Lucan's opponents were superior throughout the game, and there was never really any doubt about the outcome once Malahide took control in the 1st 1-4. Rian Daly (6), Ben Kelly (4), Simon Sunday (5) got the team's scores.



Religion: On Ash Wednesday (5th March), we were fortunate to have **Father Ubaldo** join us to administer ashes to our students and staff; marking the beginning of this important season in the Church's liturgical calendar. His presence brought a sense of reverence and reflection to the day, as our students gathered in prayer to receive the ashes and reflect on the significance of Lent. We are truly blessed to have such a strong and supportive link with our local church. The partnership between the school and the church is a vital part of our community, and we are committed to nurturing and strengthening this relationship in the years to come. It is through this connection that we continue to grow spiritually and provide our students with valuable opportunities for faith and reflection.

Ms. Peel would like to extend a special thank you to the newly found ERST Student Council Committee (Dara Reilly, Evan Whelan, Jayron Sarmiento and Lucas Collender) who helped organise the Ash Wednesday event and her TY class (**Ignatius**) who helped put together the Ash Wednesday information board in the lobby.

The Life of a Suitcase

By Anita O Kearney

Pulled from the cubby hole or from God knows where
covered in cobwebs, spiders and hair

Pull off the tags from trips gone by
time to catch a bus, a train, only this time we fly

My owner he sits on me to get me to close, zips bursting at the seams, surely he knows

Inside are old stains of lotions and crumbs of strange foodstuffs shared with all of his chums



It's check in time and I'm brimming with pride,
nobody else knows what's hidden inside

Leave room now for souvenirs, sandals and seashells,
not too sure where I'm going but sure all will be well

Thrown onto a Plane now it's belly is full, flying
much higher now than any seagull

I spot a pink suitcase and give it a wink, it
doesn't wink back though, oh wait it's not pink

I'm all puffed out now like The Rock off the telly,
can't wait to get out now from this metal bird's belly

Flung onto a conveyor belt I look for my owner,
scan all the long faces,
oh goodie here's a corner

Grabbed up by my straps it's so undignified,
slammed onto a trolley and pushed outside

Did I tell you I love travel, well I lied

Looking over my shoulder I see one lonely bag,
going around and around and looking quite sad

Wow is that sun
I really can't believe it
don't throw me in a cubby hole leave me out to bathe in it

Seeing ankles all day it can make you quite cranky,
squeaky wheels bumps and curbs the life of a suitcase quite frankly

Rummaging time is really not fun when my owner needs something for shade from the sun

White walls and cold tiles, is this all there is, I thought I'd be out there having fun and bucks fizz.

It's time to go home now
feeling fuller than before
10ks overweight, will he honestly fit more

I'm home now and empty feeling rather overused,
thrown back into that cubby hole all battered and bruised
But look on the bright side I travel a lot
see the world for free,
in comfort... OK, maybe not.

Looking for something different to do this St Patrick's Day?



The Duck Race

is back in Kilcock, from 2.45 pm.
Cash prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd ducks.
Ducks will be on sale outside Supervalu, Kilcock on Saturday 15th March from 10 am, for €5 each, with proceeds in aid of voluntary social clubs for people with additional needs.
For further information feel free to contact us at northkildarearchclub@gmail.com

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Affordable housing:

I was delighted to welcome Housing Minister James Browne TD to the constituency last week to mark a milestone in the delivery of 400 affordable homes at the Crossings in Adamstown.

Special class in St Joseph's:

I welcome the announcement of a special class for St Joseph's for the coming school year, as sanctioned by the National Council on Special Education.

Tree maintenance:

Good to see long overdue tree maintenance take place in Abbeywood and on Ballyowen Lane recently - two locations I advocated for inclusion in the Tree Maintenance Programme as a councillor.

Tap in Esker Cemetery:

I was encouraged by a response from the Council this week stating that they were assessing the feasibility of installing a water tap in the old Esker Cemetery.

Minister Emer Higgins TD

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Major investment in Grand Canal Greenway:

Lucan is set to benefit from the 2025 Greenways funding with a €2 million investment in the Grand Canal Greenway (12th Lock to Hazelhatch Bridge). This long-awaited project will enhance walking and cycling links between Lucan, Adamstown, and Hazelhatch, improving connectivity and sustainable travel options. After years of delays, this funding marks a key milestone for Lucan's active travel network.

Don't forget to have your say on Lucan House

Public consultation is still open on the future of Lucan House. This is a great opportunity to help shape the plans for this historic site. Right now, you can take part in an online survey with SDCC by accessing the survey here:

emerhiggins.ie/forms

A series of in-person events will also be held in February and March. If you're interested in attending, please email

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Shackleton – EV Chargers:

It has come to my attention that the 15 electrical vehicle charging stations situated within Shackleton, along the periphery of the north side of Airlie Park have not been working for some time. I have written to the developer to draw their attention to this and asking for more details.

Westbury / Newcastle Road – Pedestrian Crossing:

The recently installed pedestrian crossing outside Westbury Court will provide a safe crossing point to Griffen Valley Park. This was an issue raised directly with me during two previous engagements with residents on the doors in Westbury in July 2023 and April 2024. I have asked the council to seek an update from ESB Networks as to when the lights on this welcome installation will be connected.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

"Not just at election time"

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Dail report:

My contributions this week included speeches on supports for Gaelscoileanna, the need to tighten up certain aspects of asylum/immigration policy; policing and community safety, Government wastage, and a contribution to mark International Women's Day.

The Wombles Pre-School facing closure:

I've been proactive in trying to highlight the impact on 66 children and their parents if The Wombles is forced to vacate a room at Scoil Mhuire, Airlie Heights. This should not be either/or in terms of additional autism spaces being sought by the DoE/NCSE. I have a rolling update on my website in terms of PQs and Topical Debates submitted etc.

Submissions deadlines Lucan House and Boardwalk revision:

Please get your submissions in on Lucan House and/or the revised boardwalk plan by 12th March. Details on my website.

Political Notes continued over.....

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Millbank:

Cllr. Shovlin, my colleague in Fingal, and I raised concerns with Fingal County Council regarding the need for maintenance and cleaning of the frontage along Millbank. This issue was brought to us by residents and businesses. The area, which serves as an entry point to Lucan from the Strawberry Beds, would benefit from improvement, and assist with improving Tidy Towns results for Lucan. Additionally, on behalf of residents, we requested the provision of an accessible parking space opposite Millbank Houses.

Have your Say:

Reminder, there are two consultations open 1) the survey for the Lucan House and Demesne Masterplan (closes 13th Mar at 5pm) and 2) Consultation on the Lucan Road Boardwalk Alterations (closes 12th Mar at 6pm). Login to Consult.SDublinCoCo.ie to complete the survey or submit an observation.

If I may assist you or your family, please contact me.

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Recent Issues Raised:

Constituents have contacted me about blocked gullies, traffic calming at Meadowview Grove/Doddsborough Road junction, road surface deterioration, debris falling onto the path on Lucan Road, pedestrian crossing lights at Westbury Drive, and the need for a pathway between Hillcrest Heights and Paddocks Grove. Some requests were expedited immediately by SDCC; others are under investigation. Contact me to raise issues in your area.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland Meeting:

The planned February meeting with TII was postponed. I compiled many concerns and suggestions from constituents about motorway and national roads in the area. No new date has been set but I will update, once confirmed.

New Controlled Pedestrian Crossing Planned:

In response to a constituent's concern about children crossing to Tandy's Lane Park, SDCC decided to install a controlled pedestrian crossing for safety.



Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent –

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“Always working, always available”

Concern Over ASD Class Expansion at Scoil Mhuire:

I have written to Minister Helen McEntee regarding concerns over the NCSE's request for an additional ASD class at Scoil Mhuire. While I support ASD provision, schools must share responsibility fairly. This decision threatens vital childcare services and local families. I will continue to advocate for all in our community.

Boardwalk via Sarsfield Estate Consultation:

I have been engaging with residents and local businesses regarding the ongoing consultation. While concerns remain over the existing Part 8 plan, the rationale for a scaled-down version has also raised issues. I am working to seek clarification and am available to assist anyone with the process.

Wishing all my amazing friends a very **Happy International Women's Day!** Celebrations are happening locally, check out **Lucan Harriers' Wall of Photographs** showcasing the incredible women in sport!

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

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Find us on Facebook and Instagram!

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 are happy to announce our next 8 week program for over 55's is Chair Yoga. This is open to Men and Women and is €5 pay as you go. Places are limited go get in touch to book a place. It is Thursdays workshop 1-2 and stay for tea 2-3.

Annual General Meeting: As Ballyowen Castle Youth & Community Centre continues to grow we are looking for new participants to join the Board of Management.

If you have experience or skills in the below we'd love to hear from you.

Board Management; HR / Finance / Operations
IT; Community Outreach.

Please contact us if you'd like to express interest or for more information.

We will be electing new board members at our AGM on March 13th @ 8pm.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



GAA National Club Draw

It is the time of year again for the GAA National Club Draw. Tickets for the draw cost €15 per ticket. All proceeds from the draw are allocated to the club selling the tickets.

This year we are again incentivising the sale of tickets. The Adult and Juvenile teams who sell the most tickets will get allocated the monies they raise up to a max value of €1K. Teams can sell their tickets online through the QR code on our poster or the link below, just select your desired team in the drop-down menu;

<https://lucansarsfields.clubzap.com/products/24009/purchases/new>

NATIONAL CLUB DRAW GAA

Opportunity to raise up to €16,000 for your GAA Club.

TICKETS €15
All money raised is retained by the club.

WIN UP TO €1,000 FOR YOUR TEAM

- €50,000 Cash Prize
- €20,000 Cash Prize
- €10,000 Cash Prize

AND MORE

Scan for tickets

In the adult section the Senior-Inter Camogie are in first place ahead of the Junior Footballers in second. The U11 Girls are leading the sales in the juvenile section, followed by the U8 Boys. Make sure to get selling your tickets, all money raised will help improve our club while the winning teams will also earn themselves their own money. The deadline for sales is fast approaching, the last day to sell and return physical tickets to the club is tomorrow the 6th of March – tickets cannot be accepted past this time!

Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €1,800. The Numbers were **1, 12, 15, 16**.

Lucky dip's go to Bridie Burke, Estelle Carr, Willie O'Neill, Alan McCarthy, John Condon. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €2,200. This draw is sponsored by Dual Printing LTD.

Healthy Clubs

This Our healthy club committee would like to encourage our members and supporters to donate blood. There will be a blood drive in Lucan Community College on the **12th of March** from 5pm-8:30pm. More information on blood donations and clinics can be found through the following link: <https://www.giveblood.ie/>

County

Inter county action is back in full swing as always; we encourage our members to get out and support the Dubs as well as our club teams as much as possible. We had eight Lucan players representing the club last weekend with the Dublin seniors; Chris, John, Aoife, Amy, Emma, Abby, Sophie and Siobhán as well as many other players representing us at juvenile and minor levels. A special mention to Erin Hynes who represented the Dublin U16B Camogie team and scored her first intercounty goal. Hopefully the first of many, well done Erin!

*Thank You for supporting
Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.*



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Take part in our online survey!
Help us learn about what factors may influence sustainable dietary behaviours and practices amongst Irish adults.

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Our research interns from UCD and TUD are conducting research at Airfield Estate for their projects.
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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)

Lucan Library – March Events

St Patrick's Day Bank Holiday: Lucan Library will be closed from Thursday 13th March at 8pm and reopen on Tuesday 18th March at 9.45am.



Seachtain na Gaeilge. Tuesday 11th March, 3.30pm. **Bug Hotel As Gaeilge** le Méabh, for 6-8 year olds. Displaying and celebrating the different insects that live around us, using the book Óstán na bhFeithidí. No need to know any Irish, this is a dual language workshop! Booking Essential <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/failte-chuig-ostan-na-bhfeithidi-welcome-to-the-bug-hotel-tickets-1226404180919>

Thursday 13th March, 7pm

Who Gives a Focal?! 100 Words and Phrases the Irish Gave the English, with author and comedian Colm Murphy. Book here for this entertaining and enjoyable look at the Irish

Language: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/who-give-a-focal-100-words-and-phrases-irish-gave-the-english-language-tickets-1226417260039?aff=oddtcreator>

Art & Creativity with Elena Buttner

For 6-8 years: Thursday 13th March, 3.30pm. St Patrick's themed workshop. Booking essential from Thursday 6th March at 3.30pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/art-and-creativity-with-elena-at-lucan-library-for-6-8-years-tickets-1226810957599>



For 9-12 years: Thursday 20th March, 3.30pm. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Thursday 13th March at 3.30pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/art-and-creativity-with-elena-at-lucan-library-for-9-12-years-tickets-1227741621239>

STEAM Saturday with Helen

Saturday 22nd March, 2pm. For ages 9+. Booking essential from Saturday 15th March: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/steam-saturday-with-helen-tickets-1257984929789>

Events for Younger Children:

Storytime - Tuesdays at 3pm. All welcome!



Tuesday 25th March, 10am:

Rhythm Rascals - Dance and Movement for Under 4s with Marley Music. Booking essential from Tuesday 18th March at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/rhythm-rascals-with-marley-music-tickets-1257990496439>

Lucan Library Classic Film Club: Tuesday 25th March, 5.30pm. Register at Library Desk.

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: Monday 31st March, 12noon
Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday 26th March, 7pm
Junior Book Club: Wednesday 26th March 3pm

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

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group - Thursdays 13th and 27th March, 10am – 12noon.

Exhibitions: Celtic Festivals 3 - 13 March / Na Gaeil Óga 18-31 March

Who Gives a Focal?
An entertaining look at the words we Irish have given the English language with author Colm Murphy
Lucan Library
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All Welcome
A Seachtain na Gaeilge event

UNVEILED
From 'Cúchulainn' to 'The Children of Lir', a talk by writer and technologist, Niall Austin, on how Artificial Intelligence can bring Ireland's rich mythology to life for emerging generations.
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North Clondalkin Library: WED 12TH MARCH (6.30PM)
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St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The topic for this month is, as you know, gates and photographs from all over Lucan and further afield have been shared. Out of the lot I've chosen a gate in the grounds of Carton House taken by Joe and the gates at the main entrance to the Four Courts on Inns Quay in the city taken by Anna. Construction of the Four Courts began in 1786 and was completed in 1802. The work was based on a design by Thomas Cooley. When he died at the age of 44 in 1784 the completion of the task was entrusted to James Gandon. It was destroyed during the civil war and in 1932 a rebuilt and remodelled Four Courts was opened.



Kay was at Rosborough House near Blessington and sent us photos of some of the clocks there. The house was built in the mid-1700s to display the great art assembled by Joseph Leeson, the 1st Earl of Milltown. In 1902, most of the collections established by the 1st Earl were donated to the National Gallery of Ireland.



Finally, the star of the show this weekend is Conor's photograph of a murmuration of Starlings on Lough Ennell. This event is one of the great curiosities of the bird world. There are some theories as to why this phenomenon occurs – one is that there is safety in numbers, another is that it causes confusion in the minds of potential predators and finally that when they do land the birds can benefit from shared body heat by roosting at densities of hundreds of birds per cubic meter.



Until next week stay safe!