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## **Who Do You Think You Are Talking To?**

I smashed one of my teeth into smithereens last week and was left with what left like a million sharp little knives ripping at the inside of my cheek. It hurt! As soon as 9.00a.m. came, I dialled my dentist and when my call was received I launched into a graphic description of my problem! A moment of silence followed and then the listener said: ***who do you think you are talking to?*** – clearly, I had the wrong number! I was speaking to an accountant in a large accountancy firm! He wasn't going to sort my tooth problem! I then dialled with greater care and got the appointment with the correct relevant professional!

Now, that was a funny conversation which started the day in the right tone for both myself and the accountant – his name was Jim! However, we all have conversations every day without really checking who we are talking with! What I mean by that is that we often come from our own place of passion, complaint, pain, exuberance, ..... without checking if the person we are talking to has the right tools to deal with what we are saying in the moment. Most of us arrive out into the day looking reasonably well turned out and neutral for the roll out. That might take a lot of make up or pretence on some days, as service and professionalism requires a little acting.

Every single person we encounter has a story and on some days the chapter of the story might be a difficult one to bear. The person serving us at the till, driving the bus or managing a bank may have left a young child or a person with special needs in somebody else's care for the day even though they may have been crying on separation. The teacher, nurse, receptionist may have a concern about someone with addiction or illness of some kind in a close to vulnerable state on departure from the house. Anyone we encounter may be suffering from anxiety or poor mental health or just a sore tooth. Everyone encounters tough challenges, at some stage, generally needing to get on the track of daily life regardless.

We generally greet one another at the beginning of the day asking how one is before we get the machinery of life rolling in the workplace. Receipt of a verbal unfiltered outpouring, such as mine with the accountant, is not the desire of anyone, which is why suitably qualified and equipped people are paid to receive same! However, we can all offer a kind attitude to all whom we encounter as we never know what anyone else is going through on any day.

*Cathy Burke*

*Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

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

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

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



### Opening hours

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

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

### Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

## Leaving School

*I'm finishing school soon and don't know what's next...*

If you're getting ready to do your Leaving Cert, or you have recently finished school, you might be interested in checking out the Leaving School guide.

Leaving School is a free booklet from the Citizens Information Board with information for young people about finishing school and entering the adult world.

### What's in the Leaving School guide?

The guide covers everything you need to know about life after school, including:

Career paths and starting work for the first time  
Apprenticeships and training

Applying for college, student grants and other financial supports available

Disability supports in college

Finding a place to live, Studying abroad

Taking a year out and deferring your college place

Looking after your mental health

Sexual health and wellbeing

You can find more information about topics covered in the guide through links and QR codes that bring you to [citizensinformation.ie](http://citizensinformation.ie)

Where can I get a copy of the [Leaving School guide](#)? It's available online and in print. You can find online copies of Leaving School in English and Irish on the Citizens Information Board website. Printed copies have been sent to post-primary schools. You can contact reception at the Citizens Information Centre to request a printed copy (subject to availability):

Email: [info@ciboard.ie](mailto:info@ciboard.ie) or [lucan@citinfo.ie](mailto:lucan@citinfo.ie)

You can find out more about leaving school at <https://bit.ly/LeavingSchool2025>, or call us on 0818 07 4000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm) or at Lucan CIC.

## Treatment Abroad Scheme

You may be able to use the Treatment Abroad Scheme to get the treatment in the EU, EEA or Switzerland if you are a public healthcare patient and if the:

Treatment is not available in Ireland, or

Treatment is not available within the usual time needed to get it, taking account of your medical circumstances

*Other rules apply for the Treatment Abroad Scheme, including:*

The treatment abroad must be in public healthcare.

Treatment must be pre-authorised.

You do not have to pay the healthcare provider abroad for pre-authorised treatment.

You must be referred for treatment abroad by an Irish-based consultant who is treating you as a public patient. You cannot refer yourself or be referred by a GP.

The Treatment Abroad Scheme may include travel costs for the patient and a travelling companion where appropriate.

**How to apply for the Treatment Abroad Scheme (TAS)** You, and your referring consultant, must complete an E112 application form (pdf).

You must send this to the HSE TAS office with a copy of your referral letter from your consultant when applying.

You should apply early, as you will have to wait for the HSE to approve your treatment abroad before you travel.

In the E112 form, your consultant must confirm that:

They are the consultant that is currently treating you.

They assessed you within a 2-week period before making an application to the HSE.

The application is based on their own medical opinion. A consultant cannot fill in a form at the request of another person.

**Terms and conditions apply – see our website.**

## 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 15th May 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](mailto:vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com) to register your interest.



Please note that the Lucan Toastmasters AGM will take place from 9pm so guests/non-members are welcome for the first half of the meeting only until 9pm.

**Thursday 15th May 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 two Thursdays 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, May 15th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

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



**Darkness Into Light returns to Lucan! This Saturday, May 10th 2025**

After the huge success of Lucan's very first Darkness Into Light Walk last year, the Lucan Darkness Into Light Committee are proud to bring it back again for 2025. Once again St. Catherine's Park will host the local walk in support of Pieta, the national charity providing free, professional support to people impacted by suicide and self-harm.

Registration: [www.darknessintolight.ie](http://www.darknessintolight.ie) don't forget to click Lucan to register for the Lucan Walk.

**Re: Mohammad Sarwar Chaudhary late of 6, Belmont Lawn, Galloping Green, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin, Ireland.**

I am trying to contact his son Ammar Raza Chaudhary and would be obliged to receive any information on his movements or whereabouts regarding a family matter.

*Abu Bakar Chaudhary*

Contact No: 00353 838840343

Address: 6, Belmont Lawn, Galloping Green, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin, Ireland.



## Lucan ICA

**Monday 12th** All the ladies are doing a class in chicken scratching cushion with Breda Bohan. 10-30 to 12-30pm

**Tea Rota** are Miriam and Marie.



## Lucan Senior Citizens

**Wednesday 14th May:** Social Morning and lunch in the Spa Hotel, from 10.30am – 2pm.

*New members always welcome!*



## St Mary's, Lucan

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

### Sunday Mass Times:

Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon  
and 7pm

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

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



### First Holy Communion

Best wishes to the boys and girls of *Gael scoil Eiscir Riada* who make their First Holy Communion this Saturday.

*Please remember them in your prayers.*



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

**Confessions:** Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

**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.*

### Rosary

The Rosary will be said at the Grotto outside the Church each evening for the month of May at 6.30pm Monday to Friday.

*All are welcome,  
Legion of Mary*



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

**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.

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

**St Mary's Parish Divine Mercy Devotion:** At every holy Mass, during the consecration we hear the words: *"Take this all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of Me"* Similarly, in the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy in praying to God the Father, we "offer the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world" It is on the basis of Jesus' own sacrificial offering, made present at every Mass, that we ask God to pour out His mercy on us, and on the whole world. Every Wednesday morning, during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in St. Mary's parish church after the 10am Mass and until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed.

**Deepest Sympathy** to the family and friends of *Sheila Woulfe*.  
*May she rest in peace.*



**Medjugorje Mass** St Mary's Church,  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Mass at 6.15pm.**  
(Rosary, Confessions and Prayers 5.45pm)



Would like to thank the parishioners of St Mary's for their support on their recent cake sale. They raised €966 which will go towards funding the group's annual Youth Development Trip which will take place from 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025. This trip is fundamental as the group reach out to communities in rural Ireland. It is instrumental in keeping a strong bond of faith and friendships within an ever increasing group of young people who provide liturgical music on a weekly basis in both St. Mary's and St Patrick's. At present there are 26 members in the group.

*Many thanks for the continued support from the parishes of St. Mary's and St. Patricks.*

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

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



**Sunday Mass Times:** 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.  
**The 10.30am Family Mass** is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

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

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

### First Holy Communion

Best wishes to the boys and girls of *Scoil Mhuire N.S.* and *St John the Evangelist N.S.* who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday.

*Please keep them in your prayers.*



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

**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.

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

### Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

On Saturday **24th May 2025**

#### Bus leaves

**St Joseph's Lay-by:**  
8.15am

**St Patrick's Church, Esker** 8.30am

**The Statue at Dodsboro** 8.45am

The cost is €25 and to book your seat, please contact one of the following:

**Marie T. Anderson 087 269 1786**

**Marie McBride 087 122 6766.**



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

Church Gate collection before and after  
all Masses **THIS Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

**Sunday Mass Times:** Vigil: 6pm.  
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

**Weekday Masses:** Mon.-Fri.9:15am. Sat.10am

Masses livestreamed on [www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

### First Holy Communion

Best Wishes to the boys and girls of *Divine Mercy Junior N.S.* who will make their First Holy Communion this 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

**8.50m** Benediction. *All welcome*

# Anniversaries

## Marie Clerkin

**21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Will those who think of Marie today,  
a little prayer to Jesus say.

*Lovingly remembered by  
Gerard and extended family*

Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us,  
St. Bernadette pray for us.



## Lorcan M Duke

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*Letter to my Father,*

Sad though I am, lost in a wilderness of anger,  
hurt, loss and pain for 40 years, the time has come  
to finally let you go.

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh  
on me, my Helper.*

Stayed on this earth you would have,  
for my sake, and others, I know, but  
you were saved and went to be with  
the Saints and Angels.



Sent from above to spend too short a time on this  
earth, you were a shepherd to those who needed  
support.

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be  
called sons of God.*

**Matthew 5:9 BSB**

Where there is love, there's quiet peace,  
A tranquil place where turmoils cease,  
Love changes darkness into Light,  
And makes the heart take wingless flight,  
Oh blest are they who walk in love,  
They also walk with God above.

Written on your resting place are those words.

*Well remembered, never forgotten. Loved by all.*

**Lorcan M Duke M.P.S.I.**

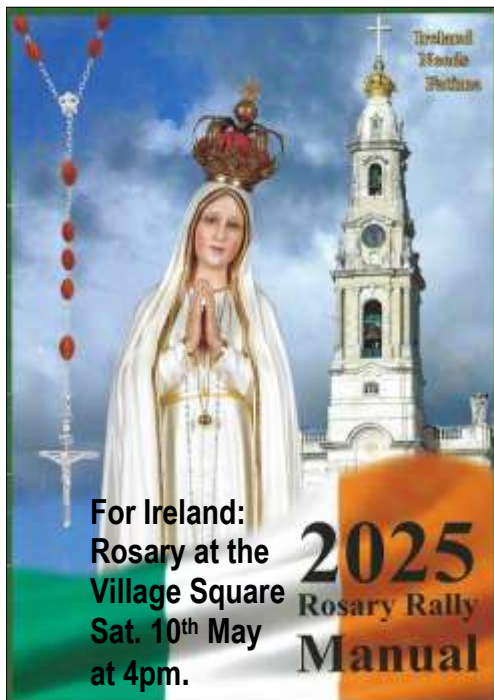
**His 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass takes place on  
Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon in St Mary's  
Church, Lucan.**

This Mass will be shared with his earthly brother  
and brother in Christ, **Fr. Sean Duke C.S.Sp.**  
(formerly Round House, Lucan & Lushangonyi,  
Taita, Diocese of Mombasa, Kenya) who entered  
into eternal life on:

**8<sup>th</sup> May 1988, 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who  
believes in me will live, even though they die; and  
whoever lives by believing in me will never die"

**John 11:25 NIV**



**Hospice  
Sunflower  
Days**



**Harold's Cross  
Blackrock  
Wicklow**  
Respite Rehabilitation Reassurance

## Can you spare an hour or two for Hospice Sunflower Days?

Sunflower Days is one of Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services most important fundraising events of the year!

- Our volunteers will be returning to shopping centres all over South Dublin on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June.**
- We are currently recruiting volunteers for South Dublin— a few hours can make all the difference!
- Please contact 01-4911072 or [fundraising@olh.ie](mailto:fundraising@olh.ie)

## Quote:

There are very special people in our lives that will  
NEVER leave us...  
Even after they are gone.

*From the Divine Word Missionaries Calendar*



### Summer is back! Alleluia!

Great to feel the sun on your back once again, and hopefully it will shine on all the Darling Buds of May – our First Communicants. We wish them all every blessing as they reach this milestone.

### A New Pope!

Wonder will we have the news over the weekend.....

We were just counting up how many Popes most of the Newsletter team have witnessed in their lifetimes – Seven so far, and two of them came to Ireland.....

- Pius XI, 1939 – 1958
- John XXIII, 1958 – 1963
- Paul VI, 1963 – 1978
- John Paul I, 1978, 33 days!
- John Paul II, 1978 – 2005
- Benedict XVI, 2005 – 2013
- Francis 2013 - 2025



Just thinking.....

Wearing shorts in May?

Bold move.

Bring a parka just in case.....

Living on earth may be tough, but it includes a free ride around the sun every year!

I may not be a wonder woman,  
But I can do things that'll make you wonder!

### From the top of the bus!

With the best will in the world, it is proving very hard to see how this site will be better than what we had previously. We'll have to wait and see!

### Castletown House

It doesn't look like this venue will be open to the public anytime soon, despite reports of progress just a month back. It is a shame that such an amenity has been off limits for so long .....

On top of all that, there are reports of vandalism having taken place on the OPW site over the bank holiday weekend. Vehicles and cameras were damaged to the tune of €50,000.

You have to wonder what goes on inside some people's heads!!!!

### Paper Bag charges!

What do you think of being charged for a paper bag to put your newly purchased clothes in? While some retailers have been charging up to 20c for the paper carrier bag, this week, we heard of another major store bringing in the charge – in aid of some charity, is what they say! Surely, we can decide on our own charities. Who wants a retailer picking the same for us, and making themselves look good?

Music, Poetry, Drama or Song .  
Register or just come along !

**THE CONNECT FACTOR**

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Kenny's Bar  
8pm to 10 30pm

In association with

Find us here

2nd Tuesday of every Month

@connectfactoropenmic

### Summer.....

- Hair gets lighter.
- Skin gets darker.
- Water gets warmer.
- Drinks get colder.
- Music gets louder.
- Nights get longer.
- Life gets better.....



## Ahmadiyya Muslim Association

Our community in Ireland is deeply committed to charitable work, and since 2015, we have raised over €80,000 for various Irish charities.

We are organizing our annual Meena Bazaar, a women-only event featuring Asian food stalls, handmade crafts, traditional clothing, a henna and beauty corner, and a kids' activity area.

### Event Details:

Date: Sunday, 18th May 2025

Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Venue: Griffeen Valley Educate Together National School, Griffeen Glen Blvd, Kishoge, Co. Dublin



This year, a portion of the proceeds will go to Trócaire and ActionAid, supporting humanitarian relief efforts for the Palestinian people.



## Lucan Railway Station

All country rail lines from Dublin have a stop on the outskirts except on the Kildare/Cork line. The three other country rail lines have a stop on the outskirts. The Sligo line has a stop at Maynooth, Wexford line has a stop at Bray and the Belfast line will be well service with Dart extension to Drogheda. This makes travelling by rail more convenient.



Adamstown has the facilities for country trains to stop at this station and this should happen for the benefit of Lucan and surrounding areas. A stop at this rail station would suit many users travelling to a wide area of Ireland both south and west.

This station would make rail travel more convenient, easier to access for many, especially for early morning trains and it is well serviced by buses.

This station should be renamed Lucan and Adamstown station and put Lucan on the rail map.

Tom Newton 086 3127364  
Transport Officer ACRA.

## Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: [info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie](mailto: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!



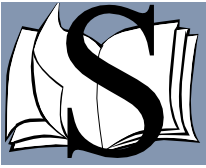
**Baby & Toddler:** Our Baby & Toddler Group will not take place this week but we will be back on the 19th May.

**Active over 55's:** For the next 4 weeks our over 55's will take part in the Bealtaine Festival. We will do 4 weeks of crafting to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Bealtaine.

**Other News:** The Lucan record fair will take place at the centre on the 17th May at 10.30 to 4.30 look forward to see all the music enthusiast. Volunteer's: As the centre is growing, we are looking for the help of locals. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer at some of our events please get in touch.

**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.





## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Careers:** Our 5<sup>th</sup> yr students 5th Year, accompanied by Mr. Todd, Mr. Carey and Ms. Farrell, went on a guided campus tour of Maynooth University today last Thursday. The visit was designed to open the students' eyes to the wealth of opportunities that await them in higher education and to give a first-hand look at the vibrant academic and social environment that Maynooth has to offer. Throughout the day, our students were actively engaged, asking thoughtful questions and showing genuine curiosity about college life. Many of them expressed how the experience had given them clarity and motivation to start planning their next steps after secondary school.

In all, the campus tour was an inspiring and informative experience. It not only showcased the excellent academic and social facilities at Maynooth University but also highlighted the broad spectrum of career possibilities available to our students. We extend our sincere thanks to the university for their hospitality and to our staff for organizing the visit.

**New 1<sup>st</sup> yrs:** Last Tuesday evening, our school hosted a well-attended and informative meeting for the parents and guardians of incoming 1st Year students. This annual event aims to support families as they prepare for the important transition from primary to secondary school, and to ensure that both students and parents feel informed, supported, and welcomed into our school community. It was presented by our principal Mr. O' Meara, deputy principal Mr. Canning and Mr. Lyons (who will be their Year-Head throughout their time with us).

Mr. Lyons gave an excellent Power point presentation to those in attendance. Topics covered included the timetable, the Free Book Scheme, learning supports, subject options, Guidance, extra-curricular activities, the code of conduct, uniform, lockers, the school app, ordering from the canteen and Orientation Day. The evening concluded with a Q&A session, where parents had the opportunity to ask questions and raise any concerns.

We look forward to welcoming our new 1st Year students in September and to working in

partnership with their families over the coming years.

**Hurling:** Well done to 5th yr Killian Costello, who started at wing-back for the Dublin u20 hurling team in their outstanding victory against Offaly in the Leinster Hurling Championship 1-4 final, held at St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge on Monday afternoon. Offaly are the reigning All-Ireland champions at this age-group so it was a tremendous scalp for the Dubs, who won 4-12 to 0-17. Killian started at wing-back and he was extremely influential throughout with his strength in the air, reading of the game, timely interceptions and classy delivery into the forwards. The Dubs will now face Kilkenny in the semi-finals.



The Dublin Minor Hurlers were beaten by Kilkenny in their 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Tier 1 encounter on Saturday. TY students Derry Ware and Henry Greene were both involved in the game against the holders of the competition and both impressed with their energy, determination, skill and speed. Brian Whelan is currently recovering from injury and he has unfortunately missed out on being involved in the three matches the team have played so far. Dublin will now play Westmeath in the 1-4 finals this weekend.

**Athletics:** The arrival of the milder Spring weather traditionally heralds the start of the Post-Primary Schools Athletics season. Coláiste Phádraig entered an impressive team of 22 students this year at the West Leinster Schools Track and Field Championships held over two days last week at the National Athletics Stadium in Santry Demesne.

The majority of our athletes entered in the track events and all competed extremely well. We had 4 athletes qualify for the Leinster Finals which will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May in Tullamore. Our u16 300m relay team of Conor Teehan, Conor Abbott, Paddy McGonigle and James Fatogun qualified with a superb run and time. Conor also qualified for the u16 mile and Intermediate 3km. We are very proud of all of our athletes who put themselves out there and gave their best in a high standard Championships against very experienced athletes from West Leinster Schools. They will all have gained further experience themselves and they are all determined to participate again next year.



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS *cont'd.....*

**Sports Day:** Our annual Sports Day was held in the school on Friday and it was a fantastic day of competition, athleticism, strength, speed, agility, skill, endurance, teamwork, effort, excellence, excitement and drama!



It was a fine, pleasant Spring morning, with temperatures hovering around a crisp 14 degrees. While it may have been a far cry from Wednesday's unexpected 23-degree heatwave, the cooler weather proved ideal for athletes and spectators alike.



There were some fantastic events throughout the day that brought out the student's ultra-competitive side!



Well done to the medal winners and to everyone who took part. The day ended with the traditional Teachers v Students match, with the students eventually winning on pens after a dramatic 3-3 draw.

**Barnardos**  
Because childhood starts in Ireland

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you enthusiastic, outgoing and fun? We're looking for YOU! Barnardos fundraising team have a number of exciting events planned this year, so we are inviting you to become a volunteer with us and with your support we can create a safe space for children to learn, grow and thrive.

**Who, what, where?** Scan to complete our volunteer form

- Riverdance**  
Volunteer collectors needed to shake buckets outside the Gaiety Theatre over the 12 hour Riverdance-a-thon. Shifts generally 4 hours.  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 10am - 10pm**
- Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle**  
We need volunteers to support with water stations, marshalling & registrations, among other roles. The cycle starts and ends in Kiltamey, with volunteers stationed along the route and at pit stops at Cahirciveen and Kenmare.  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July - All Day**
- Barnardos Giving Day**  
Volunteer collectors needed to support in 3 collection locations - Liffey Valley Shopping Centre, Dublin; Crescent Shopping Centre, Dooradoyle Limerick; and Mahon Point Shopping Centre, Cork. Shift generally 4 hours.  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 5pm - 9pm**

**GIVING DAY**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY OF THESE EVENTS (OR FUTURE EVENTS), PLEASE EMAIL: [USA.TODRIN@BARNARDOS.IE](mailto:USA.TODRIN@BARNARDOS.IE) STATING THE EVENT IN THE SUBJECT LINE

For all of these events, supervision and support will be provided. Suitable for age 16 and above.

## Minder & Toddler Group

Thursdays,  
in St. Mary's Parish Centre,  
from 9.30 to 11.30am.  
All Welcome!



### Contacts:

**Community / Schools/ Local History**  
[marylucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:marylucannewsletter@gmail.com)

### Sport / Politics

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### Parish Notes / Anniversaries

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**Reports and Ads. etc** may also be left at the usual addresses:

St. Mary's Parish Centre  
Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.



**Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.**

## Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club had the last monthly competition of the season. It was held on Wednesday the 30th of April in the Palmerstown Parish Centre.

The theme was (Macro).

The winners in novice were Annie Whitley, John O Flaherty, Maria Harrington.

Intermediate winners were Ciaran O Rourke, Miriam Power, Liam O Dalaigh and James Grandfield.

Advanced winners were Kevin Naughton, Gerry Phelan, Aoife Tierney, Orla Brady. Gareth Hayes, Lorraine Kelly and Susan Carney.

Well done everyone, and the image of the month went to Miriam power.

Palmerstown Camera Club is always open to new members joining. We run every Wednesday night from 8 to 10pm.



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 12th May 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

## People's Art & Craft Fair Lucan Summer 2025

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

**"People's Art & Craft Fair"**

**Sunday 1st June**

**and BH Monday 2nd June 2025**

at Canon Despard Centre  
Chapel Hill, Lucan.

The fee for the 2 days  
for artists is €60 per stand,  
and €60 per 6ft table  
or €40 per 4ft table for crafters.



Please contact us at

[peoplesartlucan@gmail.com](mailto:peoplesartlucan@gmail.com)

for a booking form as soon as possible  
as places will fill up quickly and we  
have limited space.

*We look forward to hearing from you*

**ACRE**  
project

Salesians College,  
Maynooth Rd, Celbridge

**A COMMUNITY RETHINKING  
ITS ENVIRONMENT**

## ACRE Plant Sale and Bake Fair 2025

We're delighted to announce the return of our Annual Spring/Summer ACRE Fundraising **Plant Sale and Bake Fair** taking place on **Saturday May 17th and Sunday May 18th 2025**. You can expect beautiful blooms and plant, delicious cakes, treats, breads, coffee from local artisan bakers and fun interactive workshops.

## Lucan Library – May Events

### Bealtaine Festival - Celebrating Creativity in Older Age



Stephen Fagan is a guitarist and singer from Clondalkin in Dublin. With over 40 years playing experience Stephen has been a full-time musician/musician educator since 2005 and loves to facilitate active musical workshops for all ages using guitar, voice, ukulele, bodhrans, scarves and various shakers. Dublin-born Claire Sherry's passion for music ignited at a young age, propelling her into a distinguished career as a versatile musician. An accomplished player & All Ireland champion of many instruments, Claire excels in the fiddle, mandolin, banjo, guitar, tin whistle, and viola. All Welcome.

#### Felting Workshop with Martina Kirwan

Saturday 17th May, 11am - 1pm  
Booking essential via Eventbrite from Saturday 10th May at 11am:  
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/felting-workshop-tickets-1323808670369>

#### Dublin Climate Action Week 12-17 May

Wednesday 14th May, 5.45pm - 7.45pm

##### Stitch and Sustain:

Upcycled Tote Bag Workshop for Adults. Adult beginners will learn the basics of sewing machine operation and create their own unique upcycled tote bags. Participants will bring or use provided upcycled textiles to construct a practical and eco-friendly bag. Booking essential as places are limited, from Wednesday 7th May at 5.45pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/stitch-and-sustain-upcycled-tote-bag-workshop-for-adults-tickets-1281015244079>

**HOME ENERGY SAVING KIT**  
**LIVE DEMONSTRATION**

Discover smart ways to save energy at Lucan Library.

Dublin's Energy Agency Codema will walk you through the five handy tools in the Home Energy Saving Kit, which help you measure things like heat loss, appliance efficiency, insulation and hot water usage.

The best part? The kit is free to borrow from all Dublin libraries - making energy saving accessible for everyone.

**THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 6.30PM**

#### Table Quiz for Adults

Thursday 22nd May, 2pm

Register at the Desk to book y



**Lucan Library Classic Film Club:** Tuesday 20th May, 5.30pm. Register at Library Desk.

**A Year in the Woods with Paul Clements**

Following surgery, Paul Clements spent a year in a remote cottage in the woodlands of Montalto Estate, Co. Down. Through the lens of a curious observer and a budding bird watcher, he describes in exquisite detail his discovery of the restorative power of nature.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm**  
Lucan Library  
All Welcome

An event for Bio Diversity Week 19 - 23 May 2025

#### Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner

Wednesday 14th May, 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 <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sensory-play-sessions-for-pre-school-children-tickets-1328048090589>

## The Moss That Haunts My Lawn *by Paddy Mulhern*

Friends tell me they are worried,  
That I look pale and drawn,  
It's this never-ending struggle,  
With the moss that haunts my lawn.

Many the nights I lie awake,  
Toss and turn 'til dawn,  
Trying to think of ways to fight,  
The moss that haunts my lawn.

Fantasies of flawless green,  
Overtaken in the morn,  
By a mottled patchwork pattern,  
Of the mosses in my lawn.

Raked and spiked and dusted,  
Muscle, sweat and brawn,  
But every time I turn around,  
There's more moss in my lawn.

Studied weighty journals,  
Did research 'till I yawn,  
Hired a horticultural guru,  
But the moss still haunts my lawn.

I've come to the conclusion,  
That I am just a pawn,  
In some game between the grasses,  
And the mosses in my lawn.

Or else I am the object,  
Of some wicked leprechaun,  
That has been sent to torture me,  
Spreading mosses in my lawn.

When my worn rake is stilled,  
Please pray my soul to save,  
And kneeling, take some comfort,  
From the moss that haunts my grave.



 TALLAGHT CHORAL SOCIETY  
presents

Vivaldi - Gloria  
Schubert - Mass in G  
Selected Arias



Conductor  
Brian Murphy

Organist  
Tristan Russcher

Sopranos  
Aisling Kenny  
Róisín O'Grady



Mezzo Soprano  
Sharon Carty

SATURDAY 24TH MAY  
4pm  
Terenure College Chapel

TICKETS €15  
Available at [tcsmayconcert.eventbrite.ie](http://tcsmayconcert.eventbrite.ie)



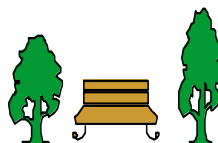
ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HER CANONISATION  
**A WONDERFUL DAY OF CELEBRATION**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30pm to 5pm**  
*Avila Carmelite Centre, Bloomfield Avenue, Morehampton Road, Donnybrook, D04YF66*

Veneration of the Relics of St. Therese and her parents, St. Louis and St. Zélie Martin.  
Exhibition of historical items from the life of St. Therese and the Martin Family.  
Speakers: Fr. Michael McGoldrick OCD  
Sr. Isobelle Smith, MMM

**Veneration of the relics will be in the Chapel between 2.30pm and 5pm.**





## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



**Camán to Croker** Our U12 girls had a great day out in Croke Park with three wins from three! It was braids and ball wall at dawn before a great run out of the tunnel being the first Dublin team of the day. A great experience for the girls.



**Annual Golf Classic** Our Annual Golf Classic is now booked out with 63 four balls entered on the day! We will be creating a waiting list, contact Maggie or Pat. If you would like to support the event by donating raffle prizes or sponsoring a tee box please get in touch!

A huge thanks to Colm Corrigan Builders for coming on board again this year as main sponsor. For more info or to get involved, contact Maggie - 087 286 6581 or Pat - 086 804 3331

**Summer Camps** Our summer camps and campa samhraidh trí ghaeilge are open for registration, but spaces are filling up fast. 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 our camps are dual football and camogie/hurling, hurls and 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>

**Lotto** There was no winner of our lotto jackpot of €2,200. The Numbers were 11,20,27 & 28 Lucky dip's go to Mary Ryan, Carol Hickey, Kevin Roche, Cronan Dooley, Alan & Andrew Mockler. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €2,600. This draw is sponsored by O'Grady's Hearing Care Services.



**County** Best of luck to Siobhán, Abby, Sophie & Paul this Sunday in the Leinster Senior Final. A proud day for the club to have four people involved. It would be great to get as much support in Croke Park for them as possible!

Tickets can be purchased through the following link:

<https://www.ticketmaster.ie/meath-v-louth-leinster-gaa-sfc-dublin-11-05-2025/event/1800629CA5883F8A>

**TG4 Leinster Senior Final**

Best of luck to Siobhán, Abby, Sophie & Paul on the Leinster Senior Final. Get out and support your club people & our girls in blue!

Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> / Croke Park / 2pm  
Dublin vs Meath

Tickets on sale via Ticketmaster or GAA usual ticket outlets

**Cupla Focal Club** The Cupla Focal Club has completed its 20th year in Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club. On Thursday May 1st the Fáinne Airgid was presented to 14 people who had attended the weekly course for the past year. The group ages ranged from from 20 to 84 agus bhí craic is spraoi ag gach duine. Some of those in attendance were there so as to be able to help their children who are attending Gaelscoileanna. Others just wanted to brush up on their cupla focal. Tá fáilte roimh gach duine. We will start our 21st year ion Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Group facilitators:* Teresa Quinn, Elayne Murphy, Sandra Coleman, Michael O'Grady.



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

# POLITICAL NOTES

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### Community Clean-Up – Castle View:

I have been in contact with the management company and the developer with regards to ongoing communal maintenance issues on behalf of residents. A site visit has been arranged, and I have been assured that grass cutting and litter picks will occur until the estate is taken-in-charge by the council. I am working with the manager in relation to a proposed community clean-up day too.

### EV Chargers Update – Shackleton:

I have continued in my pursuit for an answer and resolution to the 15 communal electric vehicle charging pedestals that remain out of service for several months. The company have failed to reply to my emails; however, the management company have communicated with me. They state that the developer has raised the issue directly and a software upgrade is required.

More widely, I continue to highlight the serious issues arising from an overdependence on the commercial sector to deliver public EV charging infrastructure. This will in my view require a review of the local and regional strategy plans.

## Minister Emer Higgins TD

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### Lucan Community College Quiz Night:

Well done to Lucan Community College on a fantastic quiz night fundraiser at Lucan Sarsfields on Friday 2nd May. It was great to attend. I'm also delighted to sponsor their school musical Legally Blonde, best of luck to everyone involved.

### Free Electrical Recycling Returns:

After several successful events across Lucan, I'm delighted to team up with Cllr. Caroline Brady to bring free electrical recycling back. Our first collection of 2025 is coming soon, a chance to clear out old electrical goods easily and responsibly. Watch out for further details.

### Check Your Passport:

With summer travel approaching, it's a good time to check your passport. Having followed up with the Passport Office for several local residents, I want to flag that paper applications are slower than online, especially for first-time applicants and children.

## Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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### St. Joseph's College / Lucan Road Traffic

### Calming & Roadworks:

Feedback wanted! Email me



[hfarrell@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie](mailto:hfarrell@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie) your experiences and video clips using the area - I'll bring these to SDCC.

Issues reported include reversing, difficulties for large vehicles, school coaches on paths, and tricky turns. My goal is a swift audit and immediate action on any problems. Stay updated here:

<https://buff.ly/Kff3XIA> or QR code.

### Ruaille Buaille – Lucan Children's Music

### Festival June 7, 2025:

New Music Commission: *Sonic Tapestry: Sounds of Lucan House*

Abigail Smith's new piece

explores Lucan House's natural

beauty through sound. Working with local schools, she'll weave children's voices, objects and sounds from the field into the music.

Premieres **June 7 2025** at Lucan House during Ruaille Buaille Children's Music Festival

<https://www.ruaillebuaille.ie/>.

Funded by South Dublin County Council Arts Office.



## Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell.

*"Not just at election time"*

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### Dáil report:

My contributions this week included a call to simplify the Garda vetting process, so work with multiple organisations can be covered by one clearance. In celebrating Europe Day, I also criticised the EU's shocking lack of collective response to the humanitarian relief genocide in Gaza. I also spoke on the need to support independent childcare providers while rolling out state-run childcare centres to increase overall capacity. And I raised the serious question as to whether we need to seriously examine Australia's plan to ban many social media platforms for under-16s to protect their mental health and wellbeing.

### Local issues:

Have raised dumping at the bin entrance to Hermitage Park Extension. Continue to work with Helen on the St Joseph's lay-by works. Raised early construction noise near Kishoge.

*Political Notes continued over.....*

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

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### **Doddsboro Cottages:**

The sunken mains access point and damaged footpath at Doddsboro Cottages was reported as a trip hazard. The issue is referred to the Area Roads Engineer for investigation and report.

### **Shackleton Lidl Traffic Light Outage Resolved:**

Because the estate is not taken in charge, the responsibility lies with the developer. I contacted the developer, and I'm pleased to report their contractor quickly replaced the lamp card drive after voltage spikes caused the failure. They will continue to monitor the lights at this busy junction.

### **Grass Cutting:**

I raised grass cutting and tidying of verges and open areas for Weston and Greenpark (Hillcrest). You can check the schedule for your estate at <http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/CleansingMap> If you wish to raise an issue directly with me, please phone or email me. I am also available at my office in Doddsboro by appointment.

## **Shane Moynihan TD – Fianna Fáil**

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Working with Cllr Jacqueline Sheehy (Palmerstown-Fonthill)

### **Spokesperson appointment:**

I was honoured to be appointed as Party Spokesperson on Transport by An Taoiseach last week. Transport is a core quality of life issue for people in Lucan, and I am looking forward to getting to work. I was also appointed to the Oireachtas Transport and Good Friday Agreement Committees in éineacht leis an Coiste Gaeilge, Gaeltachta agus Pobail na Gaeilge (Irish Language, Gaeltacht and Irish-speaking community).

### **Public health nurses:**

I raised the ongoing shortage of public health nurses in the Dáil last week and was informed that recruitment is now well underway for the vacant posts. I will continue to keep the pressure on on this issue.

Online safety: Fianna Fáil is seeking to survey parents on online safety - if you would like to participate, please log on to <https://www.fiannafail.ie/parenting>.

## **Cllr Jacqueline Sheehy - Fianna Fáil**

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### **Colthurst & Rochfort Residents:**

I was pleased to attend the recent meeting of Colthurst and Rochfort residents recently. The Residents Association have done a wonderful job and I look forward to collaborating with them to address the concerns they have raised with me.

### **Balgaddy Road crossing:**

Thanks to residents and service users at Stewarts for working with me to get agreement for the installation of a pedestrian crossing near the Church of Divine Mercy. I will be working with the Council to get a finalised installation date. Community Grants: If your community or sports group would like assistance with applying for South Dublin community grants, please let me know.

## **Lucan Harriers AC - Memorial Mile**

**Join us at our track to remember loved ones who have passed.**

**This is open to everyone in the community.**

**23/05/2025 @ 6:30pm.**





## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Some members of the Soiree took advantage of the fine weather and went off on a field trip while other remained in the Parish Centre to work on photographs that might be candidates for our next annual exhibition which, allowing for the summer holidays, will be upon us before we realise it.

Donal gave us a phot of part of the interior of Ryan's of Parkgate Street, which according to their website is a beautifully restored Victorian Pub with original fittings.



Kay gave us a tree laden down with beautiful blossoms.



Joe caught our favourite Heron in flight.



Michael G was in East Clare and Limerick earlier this week and gave us a view from one of the windows of the Craggaunowen Castle, built around 1550 by John MacShioda Macnamara. Today, Craggaunowen Castle is not just a structure of the past—it is a living piece of history. Visitors can explore the castle and admire several artefacts from its era, offering a glimpse into the lives of those who once called it home. It is located close to the town of Sixmilebridge.



Michael had time to spare in Limerick, waiting for his train back to Dublin and took some panoramic photographs of the Shannon River from Arthur's Quay in the direction of King John's Castle and Thomond Bridge. Interestingly the Shannon River is the longest river in Ireland and Britain with a length of 360 km.

*Until next week stay safe!*