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## A Pilgrims Tale

50 pilgrims from the parishes of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's spent a beautiful week from April 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> in northern Italy. Our trip began with a late-night arrival in Assisi, a beautiful hilltop town in the province of Umbria. Assisi is known world over because it was the birthplace of St. Francis the renowned reforming friar of the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Our first full day entailed a fair amount of walking the streets of the ancient town. We visited the tomb of St. Francis himself and also the tomb of St. Clare, his first female follower. The atmosphere in those special places is difficult to describe, you certainly come away with the feeling that you have been in the presence of something profoundly sacred.



While in Assisi we also visited the shrine of a very modern shining example of holiness, Blessed Carlo Acutis. Carlo was just 16 years old when he died of leukaemia. He was born in London in 1991, where his parents were working at the time. Shortly after his birth they returned to Italy where Carlo grew up. Throughout his short life Carlo exhibited a deep faith and was instrumental in bringing his non-practicing family back to the practice of their faith.

His mother testifies that apart from her wedding and funerals she rarely attended church until her young son pleaded with her to bring him to regular Mass. Carlo was a child of his times and was a keen computer gamer. He also established a website dedicated to documenting the many Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He had a deep faith in the Lord and expressed the wish to be laid to rest in Assisi, a favourite place of his. His shrine contains his mortal remains, dressed in contemporary jeans and casual jacket in Nike runners. It attracts pilgrims from all over Italy and far beyond. Our group had the opportunity to pray there.

From Assisi we journey to the small Tuscan town of Montecatini which was our base for the next five nights. From here we made a day trip to the beautiful town of Lucca. Here in the 7<sup>th</sup> Century, an Irishman, Freddiano by name, was elected bishop and his mortal remains are displayed under the main altar of the Cathedral. The local priest was delighted to welcome pilgrims from Ireland and made us very welcome. The cathedral also contains the mortal remains of a local girl, St. Zita whose feast day occurred on our visit. Our other excursions included Pisa, home of the famous leaning tower, and its magnificent Cathedral as well as Florence with its awe-inspiring Duomo.

On a less religious note, our pilgrimage brought us to a nearby vineyard for a wonderful lunch and a wine tasting experience. We all came away rosy cheeked and in good form!

En route to the Airport our final port-of-call was to the beautiful town of Orvieto and to the shrine of a Eucharistic Miracle in the Magnificent Cathedral there. We spend a pleasant couple of hours exploring another character filled historic town.

In summation, I think it's accurate to say that a good time was had by all!

*Philip Curran*

*St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Parishes*

*Lucan*

## 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

### Scam warnings

You can stay aware of scams using government agency warnings, such as those on the Garda website and the Department of Social Protection

### Upcoming local elections in June 2024

Voting in the local elections will be held on Friday, 7 June 2024. Polling stations will open from 7am to 10pm. Check if you are registered to vote - information is on our website.

If you want to vote in these elections, you must be registered to vote by Monday, 20 May 2024.

If you are eligible, you can apply to be included on the Postal Voters List or the Special Voters List up to 11 May 2024.

### How to vote in a local election

You do not have to be an Irish citizen to vote in a local election. However, you must be ordinarily resident in the State to register on the Register of Electors. You may not vote in both a county council and a city council election.

*To vote in a local election, you must:*

Be over 18 years of age

Live in the local electoral area

Be listed on the Register of Electors

*To find out if your name is on the Electoral Register you can:*

Check online at [checktheregister.ie](http://checktheregister.ie), or

Your local authority office

If you want to be added to the Electoral Register, you can complete an application form and return it to your local authority. Application forms are available online at [checktheregister.ie](http://checktheregister.ie) or at your local authority office.

Send your completed application form by free-post to your local authority. There is no need to put a stamp on the envelope.

You can also register to vote online at [checktheregister.ie](http://checktheregister.ie). If you are registering for Dublin, you can register at [voter.ie](http://voter.ie).

You can read more about registering to vote on our website.

### European Parliament election in 2024

Voting in the European Parliament election will be held on Friday, 7 June 2024. Polling stations will open from 7am to 10pm.

Check if you are registered to vote.

If you want to vote in this election you must be registered to vote by Monday, 20 May 2024.

If you are eligible, you can apply to be included on the Postal Voters List or the Special Voters List up to 11 May 2024.

### Who can vote in a European election?

To be eligible to vote in European elections in Ireland, you must be:

A citizen of the European Union

18 years of age

Listed in the Register of Electors

If you are an EU citizen and you were not registered to vote in previous European elections in Ireland, you must apply for registration and complete a statutory declaration form (EP1) which is available from City and County Councils.

The forms are sent to your home Member State to prevent double voting.

You can find more information on our website about registering to vote and how to check if you are registered to vote in Ireland.

### Living in another EU country

You cannot vote in more than one country or constituency.

### Best Wishes

to our grandson **Cian** who makes his First Holy Communion this Saturday in St Patrick's.

Hope you have a great day.

Love Nanny and Grandad Cummins.



## Lucan Drama - World Premiere - Upstairs at Courtney's

We here at Lucan Drama are delighted to be given the opportunity to perform 'Guess Who's Coming for Coffee' by our very own Graham Donlon. This piece has never been staged before and the tale of a coffee shop, its owner and customers where nothing ever happens....until today, is sure to delight audiences.



Starring Noel Creanor, Ellen Downes, Conor Hillman and Sinead Comerford and directed by David Doyle this piece has plenty of laughs and insights in modern life and relationships.

The play is part of our evening of One Acts and tickets for both the show and a special dinner/show package are available at [www.gr8events.ie/Lucandrama](http://www.gr8events.ie/Lucandrama). The evenings of three plays run from Sunday May 12th to Wednesday May 15th.

There is limited availability for tickets so book now and we look forward to seeing you there.

## Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep!

## Sarsfield Park Residents Assoc.

We held our AGM and the Officers were returned to positions again this year. Thanks to the residents for coming along and providing input

In the past two meetings we have had local Reps Liona O'Toole, Shane Moynihan and Joanna Tuffy join the meetings were residents were able to voice their issues directly- thank you all for making the time to come and visit with us.

We have an estate clean up 16th May and we ask all residents to clean outside their own property - we will have bags, gloves and some pickers available. Please join in and help keep our estate tidy

I have requested the council address the brambles on the steps as they are impeding safe access from our residents and school children. Hopefully they will cut them back

Next Residents meeting is the **10th June** in Kennys

## 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 16th May at 7:45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip and guests are most welcome to join us for the first half of the meeting. The Club AGM will be held during the second half. Come along on the night or contact [vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com](mailto:vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com) to register your interest.



**Thursday 16th May 2024**  
**7:45pm - Meeting - Guests Welcome**

**9pm - AGM - Members Only**  
**Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, W23 W280**

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

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

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak! Come along on Thursday next, May 16th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

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

**PHOTOGRAMMETRY PRESENTATION AND EXHIBITION  
LAUNCH WITH PAUL BUTLER AND THE STUDENTS OF ST.  
JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.**



Do join us next Thursday at Lucan Library from 2pm to 4pm as the Students of St. Joseph's College, alongside Tony Reid from Lucan Library and Paul Butler from the Society for Old Lucan, launch their Photogrammetry project based on the Gravestones of St. Finian's Churchyard with their historical context, here at Lucan Library. Photogrammetry is the art and science of extracting 3D information from a series of photographs of an object or site to produce an exact 3D model or a 3D image. This will include a talk by the Students and Paul, a video display of their progress, 3D images, an exhibition as well as actual 3D prints of some of the selected gravestones. All are welcome to attend, just drop in!



# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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



### Sunday Mass Times: Vigil:

6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

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

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

### *First Holy Communion*



Best wishes to the girls of  
*Scoil Mhuire G.N.S.*  
who make their First Holy  
Communion this Saturday.

*Hope you all have a lovely day.*

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Saturdays. (funerals permitting) from 10.30am to 11.30am. *All welcome.*

### Christian Meditation:

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

*All welcome, Sr Geraldine.*

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

### Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet on the 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 Sr. Geraldine.*

### 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 necessary to defeat evil, for peace in the world and for our journey to eternal life.

### Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

After Saturday 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

### Scriptural Reading (Lectio Divina):

Meetings are held in the bungalow every **Monday night (excluding bank holidays) between 7.30 and 8.30pm** when we reflect on the following Sunday's gospel. All are welcome.

### Visits to the housebound:

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

### Baptisms 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 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. This is a return to the practice we had before Covid restrictions.

### Dates are bookable on line.

If you need to cancel email:

[secretary@lucanparish.com](mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com)

### Coffee Dock Open:

Every Sunday Morning and weekdays 10am to 12 noon. *All Welcome.*

**Deepest Sympathy** to the family and friends of **Mary (Maisie) Sheedy**, Ballyowen and to the family and friends of **Mary Murphy**, Beech Park

*May they rest in peace.*



## Rosary

The Legion of Mary continue to say the Rosary for the month of May

At the statue outside St Mary's Church each weekday evening at 6.30pm.

*All are Welcome*



## Medjugorje Mass

In St Mary's Church

**13<sup>th</sup> May at 6.15pm.**

(Rosary and Prayers at 5.45pm)

**Guest Speaker:** *Deacon Don Devaney*

All welcome

## 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.

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



### First Holy Communion

Best wishes to the girls and boys from *St Thomas' J.N.S.* who make their First Holy Communion this Saturday.



*Hope you all have a lovely day*

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

**St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:** Meeting every Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St Patrick's Church) from 7.30pm to 8.15pm.

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

## Parish Pilgrimage to Knock 2024

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Bus leaves St Joseph's Lay-by  
At **8.30 am**

St Patrick's Church Esker  
The Statue at Dodsboro  
(times to follow)



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.**

**Tea/Coffee:** Every Wednesday Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome.*

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

Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **NEXT Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

**Sunday Mass Times:** Saturday Vigil: 6pm.  
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

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

### Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of

**Medjugorje:** Every Thursday, in the Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South.

**7.00pm:** Rosary and Confessions.

**7.30pm:** Holy Mass.

**After Mass:** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. *All welcome*

### 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.

### 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.

## Lucan Pilgrimage to Assisi

What a wonderful experience to be part of the Lucan Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi! It was a joy to see familiar faces and make new friends. We mixed and mingled all week.

Group events don't just happen. Tour guide Kieran of *Myriam Pilgrimages* planned and saw to every detail, shepherding us along the way, sharing interesting facts & stories at every venue. Frs. Philip and Ubaldo concelebrated Mass each day in beautiful cathedrals, feeding our hearts and our eyes, encouraging us to lift our voices in songs of praise. Michael Grant, in the planning stage, shared his knowledge on that Italian region. Annamarie Hand put her organizational skills to good use before and during the pilgrimage. Her quiet manner, thoughtfulness and kindnesses throughout the week are very much appreciated.

*Sincere thanks you to all.*

*J&A.C.*

## Anniversaries

### MARIE CLERKIN

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 11<sup>th</sup> May

Will those who think of Marie today

A little prayer to Jesus say.

*Lovingly remembered by Gerard*

Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

St. Bernadette pray for us.



### JEAN NOHILLY

51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 11<sup>th</sup> May

Remembering Jean Nohilly and also Jean's husband **Tom** and children **Elizabeth**, **Jimmy**, **Tom** and **Michael Nohilly**, whose anniversaries occur through the year.

*Lovingly remembered by all their families*



## Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

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Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

Follow us on Facebook (Ballyowen Castle Community Centre) or on Instagram (Ballyowen\_Community\_Centre)

### Golden Hour Retirement Club

To celebrate Bealtaine Festival we are launching our Golden Hour Retirement in Club which started Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

Call in for a weekly coffee on Thursdays and meet people in your community. We will also be offering a range of classes various weeks. You'll just need to register for the classes by giving the centre a call. Keep an eye out for the schedule!

### May 16<sup>th</sup>

1pm - Tai Chi

2pm - Social Coffee Hour

### May 23<sup>rd</sup>

1pm - Meditation & Mindfulness

2pm - Social Coffee Hour

### May 30<sup>th</sup>

2pm - Social Coffee Hour


*June schedule to follow.*

**Assistant Centre Co-ordinator:** The closing date for applications for our open role as assistant centre co-ordinator is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Email [info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie](mailto:info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie) if you would like to know more.

**Thank you Peter:** This week, the Board and tenants of the centre bid farewell to Peter who is retiring as centre attendant after many years of loyal service. Peter will certainly be missed as part of our team and we are grateful for his contribution to centre life.

**Padre Pio**  
**National Pilgrimage**  
at Holycross Abbey  
Thurles, Co. Tipperary E41PH01  
Contact 0504-43124 or hbparishoffice@gmail.com

SUNDAY 26th May 2024  
Ceremonies Begin at 1.30pm



Contact: **BREEGE**  
Phone: **086 2725875**



**Anam Cara**  
South Dublin,  
the organisation  
that supports

bereaved parents, is holding its monthly **Parent Evening** for bereaved parents on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7:15pm 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 whether their death was recent or not.



**The 63<sup>rd</sup> Liffey Descent** takes place this Saturday, so get yourselves down to the Weir for lots of thrills and spills!  
Indeed there are one or two of Birdie's team remember the first one!

### **Super Garden and who might turn up on it!**

Here at Lucan Newsletter, we're all massive fans of Super Garden and Bloom, and were pleasantly surprised on Tuesday last when a former Lucan Curate showed up.



None other than the bould Fr. Tom, now of Castledermot, was there to support his Sacristan, John Dooley who's creation featured on the programme. With Fr. Tom's blessing, he's sure to be on a winner.

**Great to see that the weather** is finally allowing us to get outside to tackle some much overdue pruning and planting in the garden.

Many of us, however, are finding that overgrown grass verges have provided cover for dog waste bags, sweet wrappers, discarded vapes and other assorted litter.

Where possible, a small area of unmown lawn in a section of our front or back gardens would have the same positive impact on local biodiversity without the need to dispose of other people's waste.

**Lucan Drama** is calling us this coming week. Birdie is looking forward to the productions in the new venue.

**Spotted two Lucan ladies** in the *Women of South Dublin* exhibition at Lucan Library – Lisa Bramble and Paula Pigott got the nod for their dedicated work in the local Arch Club. Well done, Girls!

**Did you notice that the plaques** have been removed from the entrance to Lucan House this week, though the Italian flag is still flying – preparations must be underway for departure!

**And the Election Posters are up!** We wish all candidates in both the Local and European elections, the best of luck. No doubt, they'll all be getting in their 10,000 steps daily over the next few weeks.

### **French national library quarantines four 'poisonous' books!**

And guess what – two of those poisonous books are Irish. All four books have emerald green covers, and the pigment was likely laced with arsenic, to get that particular colour.

The Irish books were two volumes of *The Ballads of Ireland* by Edward Hayes published in 1855.

The Library has been testing for such books since 2019.

### **Happy Birthday**

to

**Mary (May) McCarthy**

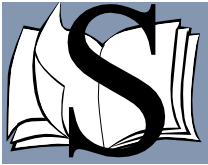
(nee Nohilly) of Allenswood, Lucan,  
from all her loving family and friends



### **Lucan Senior Citizens**

*Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Social Morning and lunch in the Spa Hotel, 10.30 – 2.30 approx.*





## SCHOOL NEWS



### St. Joseph's College

**Biology trip:** Fifth year biology students had a brilliant day out last Thursday at Lullymore Heritage Park. The students were completing the field study element of their leaving certificate course. At Lullymore, the students were examining the presence and amount of various plant and animal species and using various pieces of equipment in the process. The students worked excellently with their instructors on the day and learned a huge amount about the ecological landscape around the heritage park.



**Under 14 Gaelic football:** A massive congratulations to the under 14 Gaelic football team who won their semi-final last week against Holy Faith, Rathcoole. The girls played brilliant on the day and now progress to the final next week.



**Stay awake:** Last Thursday, the Cinnire team held the annual first year Stay Awake. The night was full of fun, games, activities, song and dance.

A massive thank you to the Cinnire team for organising the night for the first years and all their work during the year in welcoming the first years to the school and helping them settle in.

**Move magic:** On Friday, the transition year students were working with Movie Magic. In this workshop the students wrote, recorded and shot their own movie. At the end of the day all the students then sat down and watched all the short movies the class had made.

**Dublin minor camogie:** A massive congratulations to fifth year student Mia Farrell who was part of the Dublin minor camogie team who won the All Ireland Shield final on Saturday against Wexford in Carlow. It was a brilliant game with Dublin coming out on top 1-19 to 2-15. Mia is a goalkeeper and on the day she had her own personal fan base who travelled to Carlow to support her.

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**Instagram:** @stjosephscollegelucan

**Website:** [www.stjosephslucan.com](http://www.stjosephslucan.com)

St Andrew's NS PTA presents

# MUSIC

# BINGO NIGHT

24 May Doors at 8.30 Carroll's Gastro Pub, Lucan 10€ per person

Please Help us to raise funds for playground equipment for St Andrew's NS - ALL WELCOME!  
Raffle on the night with lots of great prizes to be won

If you cannot attend but would still like to make a voluntary contribution, please scan the QR code. A huge thank you from the PTA for all your continued support.

### Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. No charge for your first meeting. Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Coffee break at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.



## Lucan Community College

**TY Student progresses to Leinster Final with Dublin Minors:** Congratulations to Cian Gavin who was selected for the Dublin Minor team that competed against Kildare in the Leinster Semi Final on Tuesday night. The Dublin Minors advanced to the Leinster Final after defeating Kildare 2-10 to 1-12. Cian is pictured with three of his Lucan teammates.



**Transition Year Performance of 'The Audition' takes to the stage!** On May 8th and 9th, TY Students staged two sold-out performances of "The Big Audition" last Wednesday and Thursday. After months of practice and preparation for their big performance, our talented students took to the stage to showcase their acting, dancing, and performance abilities. Congratulations to everyone who was involved, especially their teachers Ms Geraghty, Mr Murphy, and Ms Nolan.

### **Talented Sixth-Year student represents Ireland:**

Congratulations to Amelia McNamee, our gifted sixth-year student, who competed in the Portimão International Rhythmic Gymnastics Tournament this past weekend. Amelia placed 34th overall when the competition concluded on Sunday!



### **Science students hit**

**Scifest:** Our second and third year students brought a range of fascinating projects to the Scifest science fair held last week at TU Tallaght. Congratulations to all those involved, and special

thanks to Ms Walsh and Ms Healy for accompanying the students.



**Green Schools Students win award:** The Green Schools team attended the Neat Streets award ceremony last week at the Gresham Hotel, where they received certificates for finishing the Anti-Littering & Waste Prevention Program successfully. We are proud of our school community for maintaining a clean environment!



### **The Marie Keating Foundation Mobile Unit**

The Marie Keating Foundation will be bringing its mobile unit to Ballyowen shopping centre from 10:00 until 15:00 on the 17th of May. Anyone is welcome to come to the unit on the day and speak with one of our specialists' trained nurses. The aim of the Marie Keating Foundation is to bring life-saving messages on cancer prevention and early detection to as many people as possible. We will be providing information on the day in relation cancer prevention and what steps you can take to help reduce your risk. We will also have information on the most common cancers in Ireland and signs and symptoms to look out for. This is a free service, and we are happy to speak to individuals or small groups and answer questions they may have. Please note there is no cancer screening provided.

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Hurling:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> yr hurlers were defeated 3-09 to 2-0 by St. David's Artane on Wednesday in the 2<sup>nd</sup> group game of their Dublin League "A" campaign. It was a much improved performance from the team against very strong opposition with Daniel Wallace and Mason Butler scoring goals with excellent finishes. After suffering defeat in their opening game also, the team know that nothing less than victory in their final group game will suffice if they wish to advance to the knockout stages of the competition.

**Football:** Hard luck to our 1<sup>st</sup> yr football team who were well beaten by Belvedere College in the Dublin League "C" Final held at Abbotstown on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The team won all of their games in great style to qualify for the Final but they came up against a team that would not have looked out of place at "A" level. Daniel Wallace managed the team's only point of the game as the Lucan forwards struggled to impose themselves against Belvedere's physically imposing backline. The team were exhausted at the final whistle having given absolutely everything for the entire game. The final score-line was harsh on our brave 1<sup>st</sup> yrs but they can look back on a very good campaign with pride despite the disappointment of missing out on the Dublin title.

**Soccer:** Our u17 soccer team advanced to the Leinster Junior Shield semi-finals after a comprehensive 11-0 win against Monkstown CC team last Thursday. Kai Keogh, John Donoghue, Emmet Kelleher and Seán Connell (2) got among the goals but the star-of-the-show was defender turned striker Eoin Maher who scored an incredible 5 2<sup>nd</sup> half goals to complete an emphatic victory against surprisingly meek opponents. The team will now face De La Salle, Dundalk next week for a place in the Final.

**LCVP:** Our LCVP students went to Emerald Park (formerly Tayto Park) in Ashbourne, County Meath on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, accompanied by their teachers Ms. Shanahan, Ms. Gough and Mr. O'Carroll. The trip was part of the LCVP Programme with the students required to complete a Summary Report on a visit to a business. The group arrived at 9:45am and they assembled in the conference room where they enjoyed a presentation about the park. They learned about the recent rebranding, employment opportunities in the service industry and the expansion of their business among other things. They were then taken on a walking tour and the students filled in a handout that they can use for

their summary reports. The group then had free time to enjoy the exciting rides and attractions. An educational and fun day was had by all.

**SciFest:** Well done to the ten students who took part in the Dublin Regional SciFest one-day STEM fair held at the Tallaght TUD campus on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. This was the largest contingent ever from the school and they were all extremely busy in the recent weeks putting the finishing touches to their high-standard projects. Although the students missed out on the main awards, they all performed superbly and represented the school with tremendous distinction.

**English:** As part of the English Department's literacy programme, a *Drop Everything And Read* (DEAR) week was held in the school last week. All Junior Cycle students took part and the principal announced the 20 minute periods every day where the students stopped working in their classroom and took the time to read quietly a book that they had brought in. The library fully opened its doors on Monday to students and the English teachers took their classes over for a few periods during the week.

Some of the more popular titles read by students this year included *The Outsiders*, *The Boy in the Smoke*, *Wings of Fire*, *The Lost Heir*, *Once*, *Artemis Fowl and the Artic Incident*. The sports books were very popular with the students of course while some others preferred such literature classics as *Fahrenheit 451*, *Lord of the Flies*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and *The Three Musketeers* so it was great to see such an eclectic mix of reading material in the different classes.

**Geography:** Our 5<sup>th</sup> yr Geography students travelled to Glendalough on Tuesday to carry out a fluvial study of the Luggduff Brook River. The students spent a lot of time in the river studying various geographical features relevant to their Leaving Cert course such as erosion, deposition, gradient and river discharge. Once the hard work was done, they had some free time for lunch in the great outdoors and a scenic stroll back to the bus while viewing the beautiful geographical features that Glendalough has to offer.

The students now must follow up by completing a research project for their LC Geographical Investigation worth 20% of their overall marks. The teachers were delighted with the behaviour, co-operation and active participation of the students throughout.



# POLITICAL NOTES

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As this is the last political notes until after the local elections, I want to use the opportunity to thank to the Lucan Newsletter team for all their work and the space they give to local political notes. Thanks to all for their work with me on local issues including my fellow local councillors and local residents. Looking forward to the election campaign for the next four weeks and best of luck to all candidates and their teams of volunteers.

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**Darkness into Light – Lucan:** Wishing well to everyone taking part in this weekend's Darkness into Light events. In aid of Pieta House, this hugely successful annual initiative has culminated in localised events, with one right here this weekend in Lucan and supported by lots of people and businesses.

### Footpath Repairs – Esker Lane South:

The condition of the pavement at Esker Lane South, outside Esker Educate Together was brought to my attention recently. Although not included in the current footpath repair programme, I have requested an inspection to determine any necessary works for approval.

**On the doors!** The Sinn Féin team and I have been in Moy Glas, Esker Woods & Meadows, Elmbrook and Old Forge over the past two weeks. I have started speaking to residents door-to-door in Castlegate, Adamstown. If I can assist you, please get in touch!

## Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

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**Thank you** to all in Lucan Newsletter for your continued support to public representatives in ensuring we have the opportunity to share updates with our community.

I have been honoured and humbled to serve the residents of Lucan over the past 10 years as your local councillor. I am a passionate about making our area more inclusive, more accessible, more sustainable and a better place to live. Lucan has so many strengths and wonderful communities and I have constantly insured this was reflected in our local authority's budget. Those that know me best, describe me as an advocate and I will continue to be the strong committed and vibrant representative voice for Lucan. It has been a pleasure to represent Lucan, where I am from and where I chose to raise my two lovely boys. I am seeking your continued support on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Cllr. Paul Gogarty P.C.

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**Still working on queries:** I will still be doing routine Councillor work over the next four weeks but may take longer to respond due to canvassing pressures. I will continue posting detailed updates on my website/Facebook, so keep checking these regularly.

**Bus user survey:** This week the survey passed the 1,500-submission target, so a big thank you everyone! It will be winding up before the summer holiday period so please pass on to anyone who might be interested, not just Lucan residents. To have your say, please go to [www.bit.ly/BusCorrect](http://www.bit.ly/BusCorrect). For anyone who is not IT literate, send me a text or leave a phone message (ring twice) and I can arrange to do over the phone.

### Voter registration:

The deadline to register is Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>. This can be checked out on [www.voter.ie](http://www.voter.ie).

## Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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**Free School Books Expanded:** This Free School Books initiative is now set to expand to Junior Cycle students starting this September. The program ensures that all children and young individuals receive essential workbooks and copybooks at no cost, relieving families of financial burdens. Over 563,000 students across 3,227 schools, including 138 special schools, will benefit from this nationwide effort.

**Meeting with National Transport Authority CEO:** I had the opportunity to meet with Anne Graham, CEO of the National Transport Authority (NTA), alongside Local Election Candidate Caroline Brady. We discussed the bus and rail challenges impacting Lucan residents.

**Lucan Community College:** Supporting the parents' association campaign, I continue to work with the school and the department to progress this project to the next phase.

## Emma Griffin – Fine Gael

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I am a first-time local election candidate, and I grew up in Lucan. After studying marketing at DIT, I worked for several years in Dublin & Galway. I moved to Germany for a few years, but my heart was always at home, and I've since settled back in Lucan with my three children and currently work at Trinity College. One of my key drives over the last few years has been fighting for better services for children within the local community. I am also a member of the Mental Health Reform Grassroots Forum. Fundraising for local charities has always been a major passion of mine & have held events to raise money for MS Ireland, Pieta House & Daffodil Day. If I am privileged enough to become your local councillor, I will work to ensure we have sufficient infrastructure and supports so our community can thrive.

**Please Note: No further Political Notes will be carried until after 7<sup>th</sup> June next**

# POLITICAL NOTES

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**Entrance at Rochfort Downes:** I am pleased to announce that, following my requests, additional public lighting is to be installed at the entrance of Rochfort Downes given some concerns expressed to me about safety.

**Earlsfort footpaths:** I was pleased to get confirmation that a programme of footpath repair works will commence in Earlsfort before the end of June.

**Finding Charlie's Voice:** Good luck to everyone supporting the Finding Charlie's Voice virtual run this week.

**Darkness into Light:** Best wishes to the organisers of this weekend's Darkness into Light.

**Thank you:** Thanks to everyone I have met over the past while for their courtesy, engagement and interest. It has been an honour to represent my community and one with which I hope to be privileged once again.

Thanks especially to the Lucan Newsletter team for carrying the political notes and for keeping the community informed.

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**Thank You:** I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone involved in the Lucan Newsletter for their dedication and hard work. Meeting readers who have enjoyed my contributions has been a pleasure. I am looking forward to what lies ahead!

**Darkness Into Light Lucan:** I'm delighted to announce that Lucan has been selected as an official venue for this year's walks. Having initiated these walks in 2022 due to immense local interest, I'm thrilled that Lucan has been recognised. With a dedicated team, we eagerly anticipate marking Lucan's inaugural official event this Saturday! The walk begins at 4:15 am, meeting next to the overflow car park in St. Catherine's Park. For further details, please visit our Instagram and Facebook pages. A heartfelt thank you to all supporters, volunteers, local businesses, Fingal County Council and all the participants taking part.

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**Thank you** to all the Newsletter staff for a wonderful publication which helps us communicate with everyone in Lucan.

**Thank you** to the people of Lucan for your warm welcome. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the next few weeks.

## Senator Regina Doherty – Fine Gael

I am seeking your No. 1 vote on 7th June to be a strong voice for the people of Lucan and Dublin in the European Parliament, following on from the excellent work of Frances Fitzgerald who represented Lucan for many years.

My priorities include standing up for Dublin and our place in Europe. Improving funding and access for Irish small businesses to the EU market. Better funded Erasmus programmes, action on housing, migration, and climate.

Promoting law and order and the rule of law, throughout the EU. From creating the Pandemic Unemployment Payment (PUP), to developing the Hot School Meals programme, to banning zero hours contracts, and reforming the pension system, I have always sought to make a positive difference. It is more important than ever that Dubliners are represented in Europe by someone with experience of facing up to challenges and finding real solutions.

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Independent Candidate as a Councillor for Lucan local electoral area.

**Public Service Dedication:** As a Peace Commissioner, I've assisted many in Adamstown, Lucan, Dublin, and neighbouring counties without charge. Feel free to reach out anytime.

**Energy Efficiency:** I've collaborated with 'Adamstown Castle Educate Together NS' on an Energy Efficiency Programme, resulting in 11% energy and cost savings, and reduced carbon footprints.

**Charity Involvement:** I'm active in a charity organization addressing homelessness in Dublin.

**Forward-Thinking Vision:** I'm focused on addressing pressing issues like traffic congestion, housing, education, recreation, safety, healthcare, biodiversity, and anti-social behaviour.

Please, register by May 20, 2024, to vote at [voter.ie](http://voter.ie).

May the sun bring you new energy by day.

May the moon softly restore you by night.

May the rain wash away your worries.

May the breeze blow new strength into your being.

May you walk gently on the earth and know its beauty all the days of your life.





## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### White Collar Boxing

Our White Collar Boxing night was on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May and was a huge success. A big thank you to all the boxers, stewards, volunteers and bar staff who made this night possible.



### Social

Our Annual Golf Classic will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2024 in Lucan Golf Club. A huge thank you to Colm Corrigan Builders for sponsoring this event. As always, we encourage our members to support our sponsors.

### June Bank Holiday Draw

We will be holding a special draw for the June Bank Holiday weekend. This will take place directly after the lotto on Thursday 31st May.

1st Prize €1,000 cash

2nd Prize €500 cash

To Enter this draw please renew or sign up for a Lucan Sarsfields Recurrent Lotto Subscription via ClubZap.

This is a great opportunity to win a guaranteed cash prize while also supporting the club's weekly lotto. Sign up via ClubZap or the link below



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

### Lotto

We had a winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €4,200. Congratulations to Gerry McAndrew.

The Numbers were **1, 9, 17, 28.**

**The lucky dip prizes** go to Josephine Donohue, Colm McSweeney, Cathal Kavanagh, Aoife Doyle, Cormac Gordon.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €1,000. The draw is sponsored by O'Grady's Hearing Care Services and will be led by Mary Flannery.

### Summer Camps

Our summer camps are now open for registration. These camps are open to both members and non-members who are in primary school (either starting in September or just finishing). All camps will be multisport. The Cúl Camp is already fully booked. Make sure to register soon for the club camps as places are limited. Places can be booked via ClubZap or the following link:

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

### Hurling

It was a busy week for our adult hurlers with a double round of fixtures for all our six teams. Playing resources were stretched to the limit but we managed to field for all games thanks to good cooperation between mentors. Of the 12 games played we had 7 wins and 5 losses. There was a notable double success for the Junior C South team. Our seniors, Inters, Junior As and Junior Bs all recorded their first loss of the year, though each had a win as well this week. Our Junior C North team recorded their first win of the league with a great performance away to Wild Geese.

### County

Congratulations to Mia Farrell and the Dublin Minor Camogie team on winning the All-Ireland A Shield Final over the weekend. A great end to an already great season for Mia who has been playing a stormer in the nets and also picked up player of the match in the semi-final. It was great to see so many of Mia's clubmates out supporting her.

The Dublin minor footballers had a thrilling 1 point win over Kildare in the Leinster semifinal. Congratulations to Senan, Rian, Killian and Cian who are now Leinster final bound!

Well done to Mark, Oscar, Killian, Senan and the Dublin Minor hurlers who had a great championship win over Kilkenny over the weekend.

We had two Lucan players line out for the Dublin U16 footballers over the weekend. Well done to David Coakley and Danny Ryan.

We had four Lucan players line out for the Dublin U15 camogie teams over the weekend. Well done Erin Hynes, Holly Armstrong, Ciara Bresnan, Grace Birch and Aoife McKenna.

Best of luck to the Dublin U20 Hurlers tonight in their Leinster quarter final. Particularly best of luck to the Lucan lads on the panel, Cathal Kennedy, Jack Behan, Liam Garrigan and Massimo Pappalardo.

*Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields  
GAA Club.*

# SPORTS

## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

### National Road Relays April 28th

Lucan had a senior women's team and two senior men's teams competing at the national road relays in Raheny. The men's team and women's teams picked up 7th place.



*Aoife Coffey at Relays*

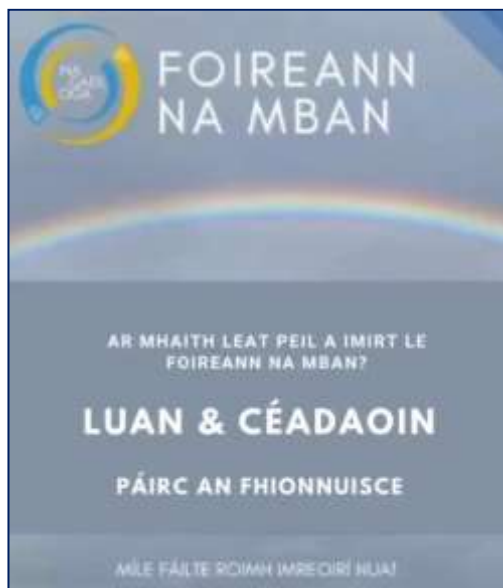


## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Fáilte chuig Nuachtlitir Na Gaeil Óga, áit a bhfaighidh tú an t-eolas is déanaí faoi gach rud atá ag tarlú inár bpobal bríomhar.

### Foireann Peil na mBan:

Tá Foireann na mBan ag lorg imreoirí nua! Bígí linn!



### Cailíní F9

Tháinig Naoise, Oifigeach Forbartha Cluichí an Chlub, suas chun píosa traenála a dhéanamh leis na cailíní F9. Bhíodar chomh sásta sin a bheith ag éisteacht leis agus iad ag cur na dtreoracha i bhfeidhm ar a gcuid scileanna. Maith sibh a chailíní. Míle Buíochas Mór a Naoise. "Cleachtadh a dhéanann máistreacht!"



## Lucan Library – May Events

- Bealtaine Festival: Celebrating Age and Opportunity – events for adults
- Poet's Perch Adult Poetry Circle
- Art and Creativity for 9–12-year-olds with Elena Buttner
- Events for Younger Children
- Lucan Library Film Club
- Lucan Library Book Clubs
- Information Stands: South Dublin Volunteer Centre
- Exhibitions: South Dublin County Tourism Strategy / Irish Myths and Legends / Lucan Community College Adult Education: Drawing and Painting Class

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

### May means Bealtaine at the library - celebrating Age and Opportunity.

**Thursday 16th May:** Creative Writing teacher Maeve Devoy will be on hand to share insight into how to get started on writing and how to improve your writing skills. New members always welcome to the Creative Writers Group so do pop in for Maeve's session.



**Thursday 16th May 6.30pm - 7.30pm**  
Lucan Concert Band. Enjoy an evening of big band music from this popular local group. All welcome.



### Thursday 23rd May, 7pm



Nikki's Lucan Vocals Fun Choir. Come along and enjoy popular tunes from Nikki Hendy's local casual choir. All welcome.

**Poet's Perch** – Monthly Poetry Circle for Adults - Tuesday 14th May 6.30pm. All levels welcome. Feel free to bring along a poem you like or that you have written, to share with the group.



**Thursday 23rd May, 3.30pm. Art and Creativity** for 9-12 Year Olds with Elena Buttner. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Thurs 16th May

### Events for Younger Children:

**Storytime** - Our regular Story-Time continues on TUESDAYS at 3pm. All welcome!



**Musical Tots with Karen Donnellan** – Saturday 18th May at 10.30am. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles** - Thursday 30th May at 10am. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.



**Tuesday 21st May, 5.30pm**  
Classic Film Club. Register at library desk.

### Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Junior Book Club: Wednesday 29th May, 3.30pm  
Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday 29th May, 7pm  
Young Adult Book Club: Saturday 25th May, 3pm

### Lucan Library Knitters Club

- Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new member's welcome



**Lucan Library Creative Writers Group** - Thursdays 2nd and 16th May, 10am – 12noon.

**Information Stand:** South Dublin Volunteer Centre - Thursday 16th May, 2pm - 4pm

### Exhibitions:

South Dublin County Tourism Strategy (Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May)  
Irish Myths and Legends (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May)  
Lucan Community College Adult Art Group – Drawing and Painting Class

You can follow Lucan Library or South Dublin Libraries on Facebook to see all library events across South Dublin County. Please contact us to unsubscribe [lucan@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:lucan@sdublincoco.ie)

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Didn't Fr. Ubaldo look terrific on the front page of the Newsletter last weekend! Rumour has it that he bought up all available copies to send to his relations and friends in Uganda!



This week Kay sent in a photograph of the last tulips of Spring and Frances sent in a photograph of the first roses of Summer.



Conor captured a terrific shot of swans in flight which he names the "Children of Lir". The story of the "Children of Lir" is too complicated to attempt to paraphrase it here.

Suffice to say that The Children of Lir were turned into swans for 900 years. After 900 years, the swans heard a church bell ring, the spell was broken, and they turned into old people and died soon after. The statue designed by Oisín Kelly in the Garden of Remembrance in Parnell Square is intended to symbolise change, resurrection, rebirth and reincarnation.



We also had some Spring Lamb from Conor.



Josie sent in some photographs from the recent pilgrimage to Italy including one of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the free-standing bell tower of Pisa Cathedral which was constructed between 1173 and 1372. It was built on soft ground that could not properly support the tower's weight and by 1990 it had reached a tilt of 5.5 degrees.

Remedial work done between 1993 and 2001 brought the tilt back to 3.97 degrees, resulting in a lean of 4.1 metres, which is where it was at in 1838. It has been declared stable for at least another 200 years!

*Stay safe until next week!*