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## Exploring the Scriptures

In our tradition, people can sometimes maintain a distance from the Bible because they are unsure of how it might be relevant in the ever-changing world we live in, or simply find the Scriptures too large and daunting to approach by oneself. Therefore, the focus of this year's Scripture Summer School is *Unlocking the Bible: Keys for Understanding Today*. This course will aim to offer keys with which to understand, read, and interpret the Bible for life, for change, for liberation, for personal prayer, and for discipleship.

The final day of the course will also feature a *Lectio Divina* session led by Professor Séamus O'Connell, and an in-person launch of the Tarsus Scripture School by Archbishop Dermot Farrell.

## Course Structure

The course this year will take place in-person, but also be available online via live-streaming. Each session will also be recorded and made available afterwards in a similar way to past online courses. For those who plan to come to Maynooth, there will be the option to attend daily Eucharist, and there will be time each day for you to study, reflect, or simply explore the beautiful campus grounds and surrounding town. If you require accommodation, there are options on campus – details are found further below.

## Details & Pricing

- **Location:** St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth
- **Dates:** Monday June 12th to Friday 16th June
- **In-Person Attendance:** €50 *per Person*\*
- **Live-Streaming & Online:** €50 *per Household*
- **Booking on:** [www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie](http://www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie)

\* In-person attendees will also receive access to the online resources and online recordings. Accommodation and meals are not included in the course fee.

### SUMMER SCHOOL

### IN PERSON AND ON LINE

From understanding how the Bible came to be...

...to engaging with the Word of God today

June 12-16

St Patrick's College

Maynooth

# UNLOCKING

# THE BIBLE

### Keys for understanding today

For booking, content, timetable and hospitality please go to the TSS website

## 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

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.

*Continued from last week:*

*There are 3 different types of social welfare agency arrangements.*

### **Temporary agent arrangement**

If you are unable to collect your payment at a post office for a short period of time a temporary agent can be appointed by completing an Appointment of Temporary Agent Form (pdf) which is available at the post office. When collecting your payment the agent presents and signs this form along with their photo identification and your social services card or Public Services Card.

Nominating an agent to collect your payment

If you are unable to collect your payment at a post office, due to an illness or loss of mobility for example, you can nominate a person to do this on your behalf by completing and returning the form Authority to Appoint an Agent form (pdf).

Arrangements are made with the post office to facilitate the agent collecting the payment and you are notified of this.

If you are not able to manage your financial affairs

If you are not able to manage your financial affairs, an agent may be appointed to collect your payment and act on your behalf. In this case a medical practitioner must certify that you do not have the capacity to manage your financial affairs. There is a section for this certification on the Authority to Appoint an Agent form (pdf).

The agent nominated is often a family member, a care representative or a representative of a nursing home or hospital.

The payment is made electronically to a nominated bank account. It is recommended that a separate account be set up for this purpose.

In the case of a Ward of Court or an attorney appointed under an enduring power of attorney (see below), the DSP will make payments directly to the Committee of the Ward or to the attorney by nominating them as agent for the social welfare recipient. All such payments will be made electronically to a nominated bank account.

Appointed agents have a legal duty to ensure the money is used for your benefit and they must also deal with other aspects of your social welfare payment. This includes notifying the DSP of changes to your circumstances.

Read the DSP information on appointing someone else to act on your behalf.

### **Power of Attorney**

A power of attorney is a document in which you (the donor) authorise another person (the donee or attorney) to act for you in certain matters – on your behalf and in your name – in accordance with the terms set out in the document. A power of attorney can be specific (limited to a particular purpose, for example, sale of your house in your absence) or general (entitling the attorney to do almost everything that you yourself could do).

A power of attorney must always be in writing.

*There are two kinds of power of attorney:*

Power of attorney which gives either a specific or a general power and ceases as soon as the donor becomes incapacitated; Enduring power of attorney which takes effect on the incapacity of the donor

### **Trusts**

Property, including money assets, may be held in trust on behalf of another person or to achieve a particular purpose. A trust exists when a person (the trustee) holds the property of another (the settlor) for the benefit of named people. The beneficiaries may be the settlor or may be other people.

By creating a trust you can ensure that, should you subsequently become mentally incompetent, your affairs will be managed in a particular manner. The trust continues to be administered by the trustee for your benefit without the necessity to have you made a ward of court.

A trust is also a useful tool if you have a child with a disability and you want to ensure that they will be cared for if you become incapable or after your death.

Trusts are legally complex and have tax implications so you should take legal and tax advice. There are different kinds of trusts of which the most usual are express trusts and discretionary trusts. Discretionary trusts are especially useful if you want to provide for an incapacitated child without affecting their entitlement to State benefits. Certain trust funds for permanently incapacitated people may have tax exemptions.

**Info: Decision Support Service** Tel: 01 2119750

Homepage: <https://www.decisionsupportservice.ie>

Email: [queries@decisionsupportservice.ie](mailto:queries@decisionsupportservice.ie)

## Lucan Toastmasters

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 18th**, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, checkout our Facebook 'Lucan Toastmasters' our website at [www.lucantoastmasters.com](http://www.lucantoastmasters.com) or email us at [vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com](mailto:vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com)



## Lucan Planning Council

Transport and traffic are major issues in Lucan. We are seeking a petition from residents to encourage National Transport Authority (NTA) to engage with us to find a solution.

**Buses:** We are seeking to extend bus route L52 into Blanchardstown Hospital and restore it to the previous areas it covered, and to restore bus route 25. Buses should take shortest route to the city, and we have workable proposals to achieve this. We are going door to door at present and have heard many say buses are passing full, many areas are with no direct bus to city, and passengers have to blind change with no guarantee of timely connection.

**Roads:** Griffeen Avenue, Newcastle Road, and Lucan village are choked with traffic due to extending housing without a traffic plan.

All can be solved by direct face to face dialogue with the NTA. We have new ideas for Luas, Rail, and Roads, and we ask you for your support please in signing the petition when we call.

*Caitriona McClean (Sec) 086 3898327 Joe Byrne 087 6152229 (Chair), Tom Newton 086 3127364*

## Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May: **Social Morning** in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30 – 12.30.  
All Welcome!

## WAR

Yvonne, Lorraine, Dermot & Niamh.

George, Features, Martin & Gary.

Bertie, Angie, Noel & Tommy.

The 3 quiz teams at the centre of the drama that takes place at the Barrytown Inn.

Who will win? Who will survive? To find out, book your tickets now.

All is fair in love and WAR.....or is it?

**Tickets for WAR** are now available. Lucan Drama will present Roddy Doyle's WAR from **Tues May 23rd to Sat May 27th** at the home of drama in Lucan, the Lucan SPA Hotel.

Tickets are 12/10 euro each and can be booked by TEXTING your name, day/date required and no. of tickets to 086-3018982. You can pay for your tickets on the night and both cash and card are accepted.

The Lucan SPA Hotel is offering a dinner/theatre special with a 2 course meal plus tea/coffee and a ticket for the show for 30 euro. To book this special offer please phone the Lucan SPA Hotel directly on 01-6280494.

**Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep**

## Lucan ICA

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May: **Craft Group** continuing with their various projects – jewellery making, crochet, embroidery, knitting etc.



**Tea Hostesses:** Maura Kennedy and Patricia Harding.

We are now making final arrangements for our 47<sup>th</sup> Birthday dinner and play in the Spa Hotel on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Congratulations to Pauling Bligh on winning the Susan Morris Trophy for her beautiful candlewick embroidery cushion at the Dublin Federation Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

## Mother & Toddler Group

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



# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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



**Sunday Mass Times:** Saturday 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)



**Christian Meditation:** We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow. *All welcome, Sr Geraldine.*

**Scriptural Readings:** We meet from 7.30-8.30pm every Monday evening in the Bungalow opposite the church. The group will read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel to get a deeper understanding of the Word of our Lord. *All are welcome.*

### Rosary at the Grotto

The Legion of Mary will say the Rosary every weekday Monday to Friday during the Month of May at 6.30pm at the Statue of Our Lady in the Church Grounds.

You are very welcome to join us.



**Bethany Bereavement Support Group:** We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 10.45am and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 8pm of the month in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen to or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. *Sr Geraldine.*

**Divine Mercy Devotion:** On Wednesdays after 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to participate in the devotion regularly or occasionally. *St Mary's Divine Mercy Group.*

**Legion of Mary:** We meet every Thursday evening at 5.30pm in Room 4 in St Mary's Parish Centre for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

**Baptisms:** Dates are bookable on line. If you need to cancel [secretary@lucanparish.com](mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com)

**St. Vincent de Paul** church collection at all Masses **NEXT** Saturday/Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> May.  
Many thanks for your generosity.

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

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

**Sunday Masses:** Vigil Saturday 7pm,  
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 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)

Best wishes to the boy and girls of **St Thomas' N.S.** who will make their First Holy Communion this Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

*Enjoy your special day.*



**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.

## Parish Pilgrimage to Knock 2023

**On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Bus leaves St Mary's Church, Lucan, at 8am, The Statue at Dodsboro at 8.20 am and St. Patrick's Church, Esker, at 8.40 am.**

The cost is €20 and to book your seat please contact one of the following:

**Marie McBride 087 122 6766 /  
Marie T. Anderson 087 269 1786**

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

Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **NEXT** Saturday/Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> May.

*Thank you for your generosity*

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

**For the month of May**, we will say the Holy Rosary at **11:40am on Sundays** (before the 12pm Mass) to remember Our Lady in a special way.

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

**All Masses will be livestreamed on**

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

Best wishes to the boys and girls of  
**Divine Mercy Junior School**  
who will make their  
First Holy Communion  
this Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Have a great day!



### May Saturday Morning Mass – 9.15am

Because of First Holy Communions and Confirmations, the Saturday Morning Mass during the remainder of May will be celebrated at **9.15am**



**Knock Pilgrimage**

**SATURDAY  
JUNE  
24TH**

Bus costs €20 per person and is required when booking your seat

Tea is available in St. John's Centre in Knock but please bring a packed lunch.

Booking can be made through the parish office from 9.45 to 1pm Monday to Friday.

Bus departs Church car park @ 8am



### 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.

**Prayers of the Church:** Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

The Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm for private prayers.

**Legion of Mary:** Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at **7.30pm** in the Confessional Room in the church. Their works include visitation of homes, nursing homes, prisons and outreach to the poor. All welcome.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:** The aim is to pray for vocations and also try to help seminarians financially. We also assist seminarians throughout the world spiritually. We would gladly welcome new members. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month for 1 hour.

**Catholic Faith Formation for Children:** Would you like your children to know more about God and the Catholic Faith? We are thrilled to invite your children to a programme that would help them to understand and appreciate their faith. They will explore their faith through age appropriate, interactive activities, discussions etc. **When:** Starting from September 2023  
**Where:** Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan  
**Age groups:** Between 6-12 years and 13-17 years.

**Also open to all children of neighbouring parishes and there is no fee.**

If you are interested, please contact the Office 01 457 2900 or E: [catechism-lucansouth@gmail.com](mailto:catechism-lucansouth@gmail.com)

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Confessions every Saturday 5.45pm and after Saturday evening Mass.

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



### Wednesdays tea/coffee morning:

There is a cup of tea/ and a slice of cake **after 9.15am Mass every Wednesday** in the St. John Paul II Room (room with tables and chairs

to the right of the porch at the main Church entrance). **All are most welcome.**

## Derek Keating R.I.P.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Derek's wife Anne, daughters Sinead and Niamh and the extended Keating family on the passing of Derek on Saturday last.

Derek contributed to the political notes in Lucan Newsletter for many years, first as County Councillor and then as T.D.

He worked endlessly for the people of Lucan and surrounding areas.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.*

*Lucan Newsletter Team.*



At our committee meeting this week members learned of the death of Derek Keating former TD and Councillor.

Members recalled that Derek as a Councillor had instigated the revival of Lucan Festival in 2009. Derek supported the Festival over the years.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife Anne and family.

*Joe Byrne,  
Chairman*



### 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 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June.**
- We are currently recruiting volunteers for South Dublin– a few hours can make all the difference!
- Please contact Anne Harrington on **087 6764586** or [aharrington@olh.ie](mailto:aharrington@olh.ie)



We are SeniorLine, Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We had over 20,000 calls last year and have remained open throughout Covid to support many lonely and anxious people. We are available every day of the year 10am-10pm. We now need to recruit more volunteers.

### 'Are you a good listener?'

SeniorLine, Ireland's national telephone service for older people is inviting women and men aged 55+ to train as volunteers for our service.

**If interested, please contact 087-7450721. Thank you'.**

Leixlip Union of Parishes

## PLANT SALE RAFFLE



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RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE  
DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON

SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023

TICKETS €5 EACH (in aid of parish funds)

PLANT SALE ON SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2023  
IN THE CANON DESPARD CENTRE, CHAPEL HILL  
LUCAN, CO DUBLIN 10AM – 2PM

1<sup>st</sup> Prize

Quilt

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

Garden Hamper

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

Garden Hamper

### QUOTE:

"When something bad happens, you have three choices. You can either let it define you, let it destroy you or you can let it strengthen you."

*Dr Seuss*



**Lucan House** – Very interesting and welcoming news on the possibility of the local council purchasing the famed historic site! Let's hope it comes to fruition.

### **Thrills and Spills galore**

in Lucan on Saturday last as the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Liffey Descent paddled its way along the 30km route. The sun came out to play just as the boats hit the weir, and the crowd though smaller than usual, cheered on all the competitors.



**And while waiting for the boats**, the view across the river was quite spectacular with the many Lilacs hovering above the Weir View houses – perhaps this was the real '*Star of the Show*'!!!

**Smart Electricity Meters** being installed at a fast rate all around Lucan these days. Hopefully we'll all be enlightened about our usage, and if nothing else, we won't be depending on a meter reader calling, or receiving estimated bills.....

**Eurovision 2023!** The less said about it, the better. It's not the glamorous show from years ago anymore! Super Whacky these days!

### **Hillcrest gets ready for summer!**



The Hillcrest Flower Fairies were out last weekend setting their Summer beds – Well done to Seamus, who keeps an eye on the above spot all year long!

**King Charles III** - Between the thrills and spills, many of us were keeping an eye on King Charles big day! You don't have to be a royalist to be interested, but there is something magical about the pomp and pageantry of such big events.



*Evie was spotted enjoying the Liffey Descent, at the Weir, in the beautiful sunshine!*

### **Sarsfield Park Residents Association**

At our residents meeting we presented the little information we have with regard to a proposal by SDCC to build 6 number age appropriate homes on the plot at 62. This was met with significant disbelief by the residents present. Although only at a proposal change it was felt it would impact our residents' daily lives significantly. The Association hopes to engage with Council and Councillors to address the fears the residents have.

**Clean up day Sat 20th May at 10am**  
**Family Day Sept 2nd - More to follow.**  
**Next meeting Tuesday 6th June**

## SOCIETY FOR OLD LUCAN (SOL)

SOL is the local history group for Lucan; open to everyone.

Free to join - email

[OldLucan@gmail.com](mailto:OldLucan@gmail.com) to be

added to our members' mailing list where full details of projects are shared.

Facebook group; "Society for Old Lucan (SOL)" & Twitter: @Soc4OldLucan.

Website: <https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/>



### April Tour of Lucan House:

*Report by Paul Butler*

On the 22nd of April SOL welcomed the first tour of Lucan House grounds with the Triumph classic car club. The tour brought us around this incredible historic site which holds a lot of wonderful local history, and the attendees were delighted to see inside the grounds and learn of the history of the site and grounds and an insight to the many people who have lived there over its many years from when it was a Castle to the beautiful Palladian house that stands there today. The Ambassador even came out to say hello and look at some of the classic cars on display. He was extremely impressed with an old Fiat 124 classic car they brought along. All attendees had a wonderful day, even with the harsh weather we encountered and said they would love to return. A big thank you to Ambassador Corrias & family for letting us access Lucan House grounds and to Riccardo Fusco, groundsman & security, for all his help. I would also like to thank Audi Murray, Ber Boylan and Eugene McGrattan (all members of SOL) who helped on the day and will be hosting future tours as guides. We will be running more tours throughout the year, so please keep an eye on the Facebook page and members emails for future dates.



[Photo: Paul guiding the group. Credit: Audi Murray]

## Dates for Lucan Demesne Tours for 2023

*by Helen Farrell*

As Paul mentions above, we have been so lucky to be allowed access Lucan Demesne by Ambassador Corrias, to give free guided tours to the public. This is an enormous opportunity for Lucan to show how rich our historical and archaeological heritage is, and to showcase Lucan as a heritage destination.

We have been very busy in SOL since Christmas in setting up all the resources etc. to organise these tours, hence our recent "radio silence" here! All tours are run by SOL volunteers who have been researching and training in advance of their tours. We have a great core group organised including the SOL Committee, plus members Audi, Bryan, Joe, Bernadette, Noel, and Eugene. We know that the demand will far outstrip supply, but so as be fair, we will notify those that have signed up to our SOL newsletter first (see link above), and then open booking to the public for any remaining spaces.

Each tour will be different, as different tour guides have different interest areas and foci. We have tried to have a mix of weekend and weekday tours. Tours are subject to weather conditions and agreeing to Health & Safety guidance and attendance at a briefing at the start of the tour.

*Dates for your diary for the remaining tours (and associated guides) are:*

- Thu 18th May – Helen Farrell
- Fri 23rd June – Joe Byrne
- Sat 8th July – Jonathan Cully
- Wed 16th Aug – Eugene McGrattan

*(Heritage Week)*

- Sat 9th September – Audi Murray
- Sat 14th October – Paul Butler
- Nov date TBC

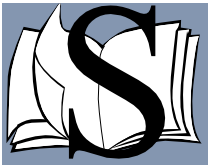
A small number of additional tours for schools and groups may possibly be accommodated, subject to availability of guides, so please bear with us as we roll out the 2023 schedule. Please email [OldLucan@gmail.com](mailto:OldLucan@gmail.com) to request and we will add you to the waiting list.

### Sources for the Study of Irish Family History – Maynooth Uni Course

There are a limited number of places available for people to take part in the Maynooth University Dept. of Adult and Community Education Summer Schools: Sources for the study of Irish Family History: These 1 week long 5 credit modules will take place from Monday 12 June to Friday 16 June 10.00-5.00 each day. The cost is: €435.00.

Places are limited so if anyone is interested contact Kay on [kay.loughlin@mu.ie](mailto:kay.loughlin@mu.ie) with Summer School Query in the subject bar as soon as possible.

*Report continued next week.....*



## CHOOOL NEWS



### Lucan Community College

#### **TY's head Back to the 80's!**

Our TY's brought their amazing production of 'Back to the 80's' to the stage in Lucan Community College this week. Three sold-out performances will take place on the 9th, 10th, and 11th of May where audiences were treated to a trip down memory lane to all the great hits of the 80's! Well done to Ms Geraghty her team for all of their hard work and dedication over the past number of months to give our TY Musical students memories that will last a lifetime.



#### **Geography Field Trip**

The fifth year Geography classes took an amazing trip to Kippure filled with beautiful views and nature. The trip was led by Ms Flanagan and Ms Quirke. Students learned all about the rivers that surround us and how they affect the landscape. The trip was engaging and was an amazing educational experience. (Kamran Dar, 5th Year Lucan Community College)



#### **Badminton Competition**

Well done to our Senior Boys Badminton Team who had a thoroughly enjoyable experience playing Adamstown and Kishoge in our first ever senior badminton blitz.

Kacper was nominated as LCC player of the tournament.

A special well done to our 3rd year girls' badminton team who played against the senior badminton girls teams from Adamstown, Kishoge and St Joseph's, winning three out of six of their games. Kerry was nominated LCC player of the tournament.



#### **Lucan CC MFL Teachers win competition!**

A belated congratulations to our Modern Foreign Language teachers Ms Clarke and German Language Assistant Katharina who were selected as a winning entry in the Post-Primary Languages Ireland (PPLI) "Something from our Culture Box!" competition. The box was inspired by Katharina's journey to becoming a Language Assistant. Well done!



### ART EXHIBITION at LUCAN LIBRARY

**Lucan Community  
College Adult Education  
& the Art Students from:**

**The Drawing & Painting  
Class**

**Invite you to view their Art  
Exhibition**

**Running to Tues 30<sup>th</sup>  
May**

**Venue: Lucan Library,  
Newcastle Road, Lucan**



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Basketball:** Congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> yr basketball team who claimed the All-Ireland Junior Boys League “B” title after defeating Le Chéile, Tyrellstown by 2 points in a dramatic and enthralling Final held at the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght last Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Le Chéile started the game well and led 12-8 at the end of a tight 1<sup>st</sup> 1-4. They soon extended their lead to 19-10 but our 2<sup>nd</sup> yrs kept their composure to close the gap to 3 points by half-time. Point Guard Lewis Adjinakou scored a brilliant three pointer plus two baskets while Cian Kelly got two important baskets for the team.

Le Chéile started the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-4 really well and quickly went 27-19 up. Two superb 3 pointers from the influential Ciarán O’ Sullivan plus baskets from Lewis and Aaron closed the gap slightly but Le Chéile still lead by 5 at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-4. Two baskets from Aaron plus one from Noah reduced the deficit to 1 point (35-36) before Le Chéile scored two baskets of their own to stretch their advantage to 5 points with just 2 mins remaining. Noah Dolan broke Lucan’s run of missed free throws to make it 36-40 before a three pointer from Lewis reduced the deficit to one point with 42 seconds left of the clock.

Lucan desperately needed a score but with 9 seconds left on the clock their opponents had an in-bound throw right on the end line next to Lucan’s basket. Thankfully Lucan’s inspirational captain Lewis made a great steal from Le Chéile’s throw and was immediately fouled by a panicked opponent. As they had already committed 5 team fouls in the final 1-4, this meant that Lucan were awarded two free throws with just 6.5 seconds left on the clock! His 1<sup>st</sup> free throw was perfect as it went straight into the basket without touching the rim to level the scores at 40-40. Lewis then held his nerve and placed his 2<sup>nd</sup> throw right down the middle of the basket to give Lucan the lead for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in the entire match!

Le Chéile then crucially lost possession due to a nervous fumble and this gave Lucan a throw. Le Chéile had no other option at this stage other than make a tactical foul and this is what they did as Cian Kelly was fouled almost immediately to give Lucan two free throws. At this stage there was 2.8 secs left on the clock! Cian scored the 1<sup>st</sup> of the throws to open up a 2 point lead (42-40) for his team and Le Chéile then incredibly called for one final time-out, just to add to the already unbearable tension!

It was clear that they had only one plan at this stage. They would have a restart inside Lucan’s half again and then go for a three pointer and

hope for the best. This is exactly what they did and just before the buzzer went they had a shot from distance but it was well off target. The final buzzer went immediately and the Lucan players and supporters erupted into joyous celebrations.

Well done to the panel and also to Mr. Kelly and Ms. Tuohy who guided the team throughout the campaign. The players are also very grateful to their three coaches, Alseny Bah, Gabriel Sales and Joel Mananga.



**SciFest:** Well done to our four participants at the National Final of SciFest which was held last Thursday in TUD Tallaght.

1<sup>st</sup> yrs Daithí Reilly and Nate Crawford posed the question “How hard do you have to slap a piece of chicken before it cooks?”. Despite the unusual and somewhat humorous title, the project was extremely serious as they explored the use of residual kinetic energy and its potential to be harnessed. The judges were impressed with their use of advanced physics formula and maths which allowed them to derive that you could indeed slap a piece of chicken for 554 days and it will cook! The 2<sup>nd</sup> group consisted of 2<sup>nd</sup> yrs Callum Duffy and Leo Jordan. Their project was entitled “InusCalc” which was a device they developed to correctly calculate the amount of insulin a person with Type 1 diabetes would have to inject based on a unique algorithm developed by our two bright young minds. The judges were so impressed by the unique device that they were awarded one of the top prizes, The Intel Technology Award, so congratulations to the two students on this brilliant achievement.

**Hurling:** Congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> yr hurling team who advanced to the Dublin “C” League Final after defeating Blackrock College 6-22 to 3-07 in their semi-final encounter on Monday. James Duffy (3-0), Cian Kelly (1-0), Aidan Doyle (1-02), Páidí Murphy (0-11) and Brian Whelan (1-0) getting the majority of the scores.

## St. Joseph's College

**Transition Year Forensic Workshop:** Our Transition Years completed a Forensic Science workshop where they worked together to try to solve the historic case of JFK's assassination. The students used analytical & critical thinking skills. Students explored Ballistics gunshot residue (GSR), photographic analysis, fingerprints, autopsy & the main theories / links with history. They thoroughly enjoyed this workshop.

**Coding:** Agnes Martin has again reached the Scratch National Finals, to be held in University of Limerick on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023. This is Agnes's third time to reach the finals. She has been placed 2nd and last year as you know she came 1st.

**4A4 Bake Sale:** Well done to 4A4 who held a bake sale on Tuesday at lunchtime, all proceeds went to the Children's Health Foundation. Well done to everyone involved.

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Garden Party:** St. Joseph's Parents' Association is pleased to invite you to a First Year Social Tea Party on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. This will be a social occasion, where you can come along and meet other First Year parents and enjoy some chat and refreshments. We would be delighted if you could offer your culinary skills and offer to bake or bring along some small treats for all to enjoy!

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**5<sup>th</sup> Year Politics:** Our 5<sup>th</sup> year politics class along with their teachers enjoyed a trip to Leinster house on Tuesday. They met with T.D Emer Higgins who spoke to the students about their plans for the future and she enquired as to the progress of the new school building. We would like to thank Emer Higgins for inviting our class to Leinster house for this wonderful experience.

**SUSI and CAO Talk:** Ms Allen will be giving a SUSI and CAO to interested 6<sup>th</sup> Years in the Sports Hall at 10 05am this Thursday. This is a vital talk for all the 6<sup>th</sup> years to get a better understanding of the SUSI grant system and the CAO points offers.

**Transition Year Trip:** The transition year group enjoyed their end of year trip to Causey Farm, this trip is always a highlight of the year with the students getting back to basics making homemade brown bread, meeting the farm animals and of course the ever popular bog jumping.

### SEEDS WANTED for MALAWI!



We are looking for seeds that are not genetically modified to demonstrate, grow and multiply. We will take local, out of date and in fact anything with possibilities, in brown envelopes, plastic bags or left overs, to try and grow model gardens everywhere, to be copied.

*John and Mary Coyne*  
[Wellsforzoe.org](http://Wellsforzoe.org)



**Outreach Officer  
Job Opportunity**  
Liffey Sound 96.4FM  
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This position is funded by Coimisiún na Meán.

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# POLITICAL NOTES

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### Griffen Road, Avenue & Way – Cycle

**Upgrades:** The council recently carried out a non-statutory public consultation between (March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup>) in relation to pilot scheme to deliver safer junction upgrades for cyclists. The objective is to improve existing cycling infrastructure in the area, provide safer movement facilities for pedestrians and cyclists and to traffic calm vehicles entering residential areas.

**Traffic Markings – Sarsfield Park:** The issue regarding the need for the yellow junction box to be extended in line with the paths on either side at the entrance to Sarsfield Park, was raised with me by residents once again. I raised this in Oct 2021 and subsequently at the Traffic Management meeting in Nov 2022. I am presently seeking an update toward the completion of these markings.

## Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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**Lucan House:** South Dublin County Council and the Italian Ambassador have both confirmed that, pending due diligence, it is intended that the council will purchase Lucan House and grounds. While these negotiations are at very early stages I wholeheartedly welcome this fantastic news for the people of Lucan.

**Derek Keating:** This week we said goodbye to Derek Keating former Fine Gael TD for Dublin Mid-West. Derek was a passionate politician who cared deeply about his community. He represented the Lucan area both locally and nationally with great dedication. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time. May he rest in Peace.

## Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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**Lucan House:** There is indications that SDCC could be in a position to buy Lucan House and the lands belonging to it. This would be a great public acquisition to be utilised by the general public.

### Concern Over lack of Social Clauses in

**Council Contracts:** Social clauses can be included in tendering contracts like social housing and community facilities. They promote the hiring of localised labour and apprenticeships. I have been contacted by a number of people in regard to the practise of bogus self-employment

who have been denied work on such sites. SDCC should do everything in its power to ban this practise by construction companies who are working on these projects.

**The Passing of Derek Keating:** I would like to offer my condolences to the Keating family on the passing of former TD Derek Keating. May He Rest in Peace.

## Cllr. Joanna Tuffy - Labour

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**May Council Meeting:** We had a minute silence, and speeches to mark the passing Derek Keating, former member of South Dublin County Council, at the beginning of the meeting. The speeches about Derek's achievements can be viewed at <https://sdcc.public-i.tv/> Mayor Emma Murphy also opened an online Book of Condolence to allow people within South Dublin County to express their sympathies to the family of Derek Keating. The online Book is available at [consult.sdublincoco.ie](http://consult.sdublincoco.ie) There was also a physical Book placed in County Hall for signing in person. Danny McLoughlin is retiring as CEO of the Council and gave his final monthly report which included an update that the Council has secured agreement in principle for the purchase of Lucan house. It was emphasised that this is subject to contract and the normal rigors of conveyancing and is currently very early in the process.

## Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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**New 'pétanque' club:** Delighted to see a new sports club in Lucan full of new members young and old. Griffen Valley Pétanque Club meets every Sunday at 12pm and Wednesday at 6:30pm. This is such an enjoyable sport and I was glad to assist Owen in setting up this fantastic club.

**Lucan House:** Further to the news released at Mondays council meeting regarding the Lucan House in the village I can report the following: *"SDCC has secured agreement in principle for the purchase of Lucan house. This is subject to contract and the normal rigors of conveyancing and is currently very early in the process."*

**Lucan Community College extension:** glad to receive news this week that the LCC has progressed to Stage 3 of their school extension, however the work continues. I am committed to working alongside relevant stakeholders ensuring its delivery.

## Lucan Boys National School Gaelic Football Team, c1962



*Back L-R:* Thomas Slattery, Matt Murray, Thomas Cunningham, Ray O'Neill, John Behan, Anthony Speight, Alan O'Brien, Dónal Cahalane, John Whelan.

*Front:* Colm Mc Loughlin, Norman Cassidy, Ken Saunders, Pat Murray, Declan Hughes, Anthony Quinn, Liam Ward, Peter Ging. *(Photo courtesy of John Whelan)*

*(If anyone remembers the colours of the jerseys, drop us a line! We think it is possibly blue and white.)*

### Castletown, Celbridge

**Join us for a jam packed Biodiversity Week.....**

#### **Bumble Bee Identification Walk**

**Friday, 19th & Monday, 22 May from 1:30 to 2:30pm**, in the Castletown

Parklands. Discover the world of bumblebee and help to identify them with our Head Gardener.

Rory Finnegan. This is followed by the opportunity to watch a short film showcasing how the

Castletown Parklands are managed for wildlife.

This film will run throughout the week and is on view every day in our stables at Castletown House.

*Meeting Point: Cafe Courtyard*



#### **World Bee Day**

**Saturday, 20 May at 2 - 3 pm**

Join us in our Bio-diversity Garden and take the opportunity for a photograph up close and personal with our Bee sculptures. There will be pamphlets and posters available to help with pollinators for your garden. A film showcasing Castletown Parklands and how it is managed for wildlife on view every day in our stables at Castletown House.

*'The hum of the bees is the voice of the garden'*

*Elizabeth Lawrence*



## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

**Cúl Camps**  
17/06 - 21/06 Páirc  
Naomh Cairtróna

[https://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/booking/online/?utm\\_source=website&utm\\_medium=navigation&utm\\_campaign=culcamps2023&utm\\_content=mobilenav](https://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/booking/online/?utm_source=website&utm_medium=navigation&utm_campaign=culcamps2023&utm_content=mobilenav)



### Campa Samhraidh

Níl ach cúpla spás fágtha!

\*Oscailte Anois\*\*

Campa NGO 1 -Páiste 1

<https://nagaeiloga.clubzap.com/products/11736/purchases/new>

Campa NGO 1- Páiste 2

<https://nagaeiloga.clubzap.com/products/11737/purchases/new>

Campa NGO 1 -Páiste 3

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### IRISH SET DANCING

**Friday Nights 9-10.30pm**  
**Palmerstown Parish Centre,**  
Kennelsfort Road Lower, K732  
(opposite Palmerstown House)

Drop in.

Free tuition.

€5 incl. tea & coffee

**For more info contact**  
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### Buachaillí F8 - Iomáint

Maith sibh a bhuachaillí f8, coinnigh suas leis an dea-obair! Seó iontach spóirt. Fáilte álainn curtha roimh imreoirí na Round Towers a chuir geansaí NGÓ orthu. Táimid an-bhródúil as é a fheiceáil!



### Buachaillí F7 - Peil

Cuirigí fáilte roimh an foireann is úr sa chlub - Na buachaillí F7! Bhíodar ag imirt a céad cluiche.



## DODSBORO GOLFERS ANNUAL OUTING



Venue : Lucan Golf Club  
Date : Friday 25th August  
Tee Time : 14:00 - 16:00  
Entry Fee €40 Per Person (Golf & food)  
Members & Visitors Welcome  
Contact Joe Curtis (089-425-4684)

# SPORTS

## LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### 18 Strokeplay (Gross) 5-7 May 2023

Gents Class 1 Winner John McDermott 47  
Gents Class 2 Winner Dermot Heffernan 50  
Gents Class 2 Runner Up Aaron Brazil 51 [B9]  
Gents Class 3 Winner Frank Loakman 56 [B9]  
Ladies Class 1 Winner Tracey Smith 55  
Ladies Class 2 Winner Tess Donovan 66

### Remembrance Competition

Last Saturday we had the presentation of our Remembrance Competition honouring the late Paddy Monaghan (R.I.P) and Mickey Joe Maher (R.I.P).



*Captain Brendan Keane, Tess Donovan – Ladies' overall winner of the Remembrance Competition and Lady Captain Tracy Needham*



*Captain Brendan Keane, Gareth Walsh – Gents' overall winner of the Remembrance Competition and Lady Captain Tracy Needham*

### Congratulations

This week's congratulations must go to our Junior Gents team on winning the Dublin League and bringing our fifth cup back to our club this year. The team secured the victory last Saturday on the Old County Pitch and Putt course.

Our gents' Senior and Inter teams are finishing their group sections and hopefully they will be successful in qualifying for the semi-finals and finals. Our ladies are likewise completing their group sections and again we are hopeful of them coming through the group.

We had a number of qualifiers for the Leinster Match Play last weekend and best wishes to all in the finals.



### Dublin Junior League Winners

*From left to right Ciaran Ennis, Club Captain Brendan Keane, Christian O'Reilly, Lady Captain Tracy Needham, Team Captain Stephen Needham, Sean Dillon and missing from the picture is Seamus Harper.*

### 60th Diamond Jubilee

We will be hosting our Club's 60th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary on Saturday 1st July 2023. This is a great honour for our Club and we are inviting all past and present members to participate in the events during the day and evening.

**On the Saturday we are holding three 18 hole scrambles** – 1pm, 3pm and 5pm – members, past members, family and friends are all welcome. Timesheet will be in operation and will be in the clubhouse during the month of June. If you cannot get to the club to put your name on the timesheet you can email the secretary [info@lucanpitchandputt.com](mailto:info@lucanpitchandputt.com) with the names/times or ask any member of committee to add your name to the time sheet.

We will be having the presentation of prizes for the scrambles that evening at circa 8pm followed by a groovy 60's themed night with live music.

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée



This week Anna has submitted the first photograph on this month's theme of "On the edge". She also sent in a photo of a bridge over the Rhine which has a wall of locks attached to it. It's a wonder that the bridge does not collapse under the weight! Josie captured a rainbow over Westmanstown and also sent in photos of some flowers in her garden.



Joe was in the city centre and submitted photos taken in the 14 Henrietta Street Museum, a social history museum of Dublin life that traces the history of one building's Georgian beginnings to its tenement times.



According to the Museum's website Henrietta Street is the most intact collection of early to mid-18th century houses in Ireland. Work began on the street in the 1720s when houses were built as homes

for Dublin's most wealthy families. Over the years houses such as 14 Henrietta Street underwent significant change in use. In the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century they became offices while from the 1870s 14 Henrietta Street was filled with families. By 1911 there were over 100 people in the house sharing one outside tap and lavatory. The last tenement residents of number 14 left in the late 1970s by which time the building was virtually abandoned by its owners. The museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays from 10am to 4pm.

*Stay safe until next week!*