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## Pope Leo XIV



A new Pope was heralded in recent days, announced firstly by the plume of awaited white smoke and then by declaration from the balcony in St Peter Square. The announcement was awaited by all worldwide, Catholics and people of other faiths and no faiths. Our new Pontiff chose the name Leo. Pope Leo XIII lived at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century into the 20<sup>th</sup>. He died in 1903. He was progressive in his thinking and alert to the gifts and challenges of industrialisation. Pope Leo XIII published the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* which was concerned about social justice with particular regard to the rights of workers, the right of people to own their own property and enterprises. Both socialism and capitalism were at large at that time and were strongly opposed by Pope Leo as being contrary to Gospel values.

The background of Pope Leo XVI mirrors the values of Pope Leo XIII in terms of having a strong voice against Marxist values in Peru, speaking for the rights of workers with no fear of the leaders

of the day. His feet were on the ground with those whom he served as an Augustinian priest. His feet were on the ground with his confreres internationally in his service as Superior General of the Augustinian Orders. As Superior General he would have travelled to most, if not all, of the places of mission and ministry in 47 countries providing him with a wonderful international bird's eye view of the church in action.

What has Pope Leo XIV said in these early days? In his address to his brother cardinals, he declared that he wished to continue the journey of the Second Vatican Council, unfolded evermore by Pope Francis with dialogue and discernment opening new chapters through lived faith experience and ongoing reflection. He is alert to the new stage of industrial influence in artificial intelligence, and as with Pope Leo XIII in his time, requiring that the dignity of the person and justice regarding labour never be disregarded in the striving towards capitalist endeavours.

Pope Leo speaks of the church as the womb from which we were born and the field with which we are charged to give care so that fruits may grow from sowing the seed of the Gospel values and living the sacramental life together. The word which I heard and read most frequently, so far, is **TOGETHER!**

Every single person matters in the community of the church and in the community of the world. Leave one person behind and the integrity of all is questionable. This screams in a world where we watch many suffer each day and see capitalism gaining ground like never before.

We have a leader with relevant vision, so let us move forward **TOGETHER** in mission!

*Cathy Burke*

*Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

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

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

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



### Opening hours

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

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

#### Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

## Cross-Border Healthcare Directive

If you are entitled to public health services in Ireland, you may choose to access those services in another member state of the European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA), which also includes Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, and be repaid the cost if you meet the requirements. This is provided for by the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive (EU Directive 2011/24/EU, pdf).



You will be repaid the cost of the public healthcare treatment in Ireland, or the cost of your treatment abroad, if that is less. It does not include other costs such as travel.

Treatments that qualify for the Treatment Abroad Scheme are not covered under the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive. The Treatment Abroad Scheme covers treatments that are not available in Ireland while the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive only covers treatments that are publicly funded and available in Ireland.

### The rules for the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive include:

The treatment abroad can be in public or private healthcare.

Some types of treatment need to be authorised in advance.

You pay for the healthcare and then apply for a refund.

You need the same kind of referral for healthcare abroad as you would for healthcare in Ireland, for example, from a GP (family doctor) or hospital consultant.

Travel costs and living expenses abroad are not covered.

You can no longer use the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive to access healthcare in the UK.

The Northern Ireland Planned Healthcare Scheme is a temporary scheme that allows you to receive healthcare in Northern Ireland in a similar way to the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive. The healthcare must be publicly available in Ireland. You must pay for the healthcare and then claim the cost from the HSE.

The Scheme is available until a permanent statutory scheme is approved. Residents of Northern Ireland can access healthcare in Ireland under the Republic of Ireland Reimbursement Scheme.

If you have started your healthcare in the UK and began to receive that healthcare before 2021, you may still be able to apply for reimbursement under the Cross- Border Healthcare Directive.

In the case of some community-based services the appropriate referral could be by a Health Service Executive (HSE) professional such as a public health nurse, community dentist or HSE orthodontist.

The referral letter should specify the healthcare required, the health professional abroad you are being referred to and their clinic, hospital or other location. You, or the person referring you, should be satisfied that the healthcare provider abroad is qualified and suitable. If you wish to access information on services or service providers abroad please contact the National Contact Point for the other EU/EEA State.

Make sure that the service you are seeking to access abroad is covered by the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive. Your referring clinician can advise you about this but if you are in doubt you can contact the National Contact Point in Ireland to check.

### Where to apply

#### National Contact Point

Cross-Border Healthcare Directive Department, St Canice's Hospital, Dublin Road, Kilkenny  
Tel: (056) 778 4546

Email: [crossborderdirective@hse.ie](mailto:crossborderdirective@hse.ie)

## St Mary's Apostolic Workers

Here are some photos of the hats and scarves we have done for the Heart and Hand Foundation.

These will be sent out to the children of Northern Albania.



We would like to thank all the people who have provided us with their leftover wool. So if you are doing a clear out of your knitting bags etc. we would really appreciate you dropping any wool into St Mary's Parish Office and they will pass it onto us.


*Thank you again.*

*St Mary's Apostolic Workers*

**Join us online**  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**  
**7pm - 8.30pm**

**Guest Speaker: Diane Clabby**

**[Click here to register for this event](#)**



Diane, a Trauma Informed Psychotherapist has a special interest in working with trauma, complicated and prolonged grief. She has a special interest in working with trauma, loss and bereavement, suicide prevention, intervention and postvention.

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## Lucan Senior Citizens

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May:** Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, from 10.30am – 12.30pm.

We will be entertained by ***The Rams in Rhythm*** group from Newcastle, and are looking forward to a fantastic morning of musical entertainment.

*New members always welcome!*



## Lucan ICA

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May:**

Craft teacher Breda Bohan will continue to teach us Tenerife embroidery, otherwise known as Chicken Scratching. All members are thoroughly enjoying this class.  
**Tea Hostesses are:** Nuala and Mary S.



We welcome a new lady to our group, hope she enjoys all our activities; Charlotte is her name.

## Hospice Sunflower Days

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

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



Our volunteers will be returning to shopping centres all over South Dublin on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

We are currently recruiting volunteers for South Dublin – a few hours can make all the difference!

Please contact 01 4911072 or [fundraising@olh.ie](mailto:fundraising@olh.ie)



## St Mary's, Lucan

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

### Sunday Mass Times:

Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

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

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



### First Holy Communion

Best wishes to the boys from *St Mary's B.N.S.* who make their First Holy Communion this Saturday.

*Please remember them in your prayers.*



### St. Vincent de Paul:

Church collection at all masses **next Saturday/Sunday 24th/25th May.**

Many thanks for your generosity.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

On Saturdays after the 10am Mass to 11.30am (funerals permitting)

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

### Christian Meditation:

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

*Sr Geraldine*

### Legion of Mary:

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

### Rosary

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

*All are welcome,*

*Legion of Mary*



### Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

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

### Visits to the housebound:

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

### Lectio Divina:

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

### Baptisms in St Mary's:

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

### St Mary's Parish Divine Mercy Devotion:

At every holy Mass, during the consecration we hear the words:

"Take this all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood,

which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of Me" Similarly, in the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy in praying to God the Father, we "offer the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world"

It is on the basis of Jesus' own sacrificial offering, made present at every Mass, that we ask God to pour out His mercy on us, and on the whole world.

Every Wednesday morning, during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in St. Mary's parish church after the 10am Mass and until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed.

### Mass for Students who are sitting examinations

All students who are sitting exams shortly are invited to

**12 noon Mass**

**on Sunday 1 June**

**in St Patrick's Parish Church**

**and in St Mary's Parish Church.**

We pray that you may know & feel God's presence with you during the exams and that God will guide you in decisions that you are making.

(There will be other intentions prayed for at this Mass also.)



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

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

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

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

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

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



### First Holy Communion

Best wishes to the pupils from **St Andrew's N.S.** and **the Educate Together N.S.'s** who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday.

*Please keep them in your prayers.*



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

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

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

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

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

### Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

On Saturday **24th May 2025**

**Bus leaves**

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

8.15am

**St Patrick's Church, Esker**

8.30am

**The Statue at Dodsboro** 8.45am

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

**Marie T. Anderson 087 269 1786**

**Marie McBride 087 122 6766.**



## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

**Sunday Mass Times:** Vigil: 6pm.

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

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



### First Holy Communion

Best Wishes to the pupils of **Griffeen Valley** and **Lucan East Educate Together National Schools** and **Lucan Community N.S.** who will make their

First Holy Communion this Saturday.

*Please remember them in your prayers.*

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

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

The Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm for private prayers.

### Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

**Mon:** 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

**Fri:** 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

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

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

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

**7.00pm:** Rosary and Confessions.

**7.30pm:** Holy Mass.

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

**8.15pm** Adoration and Confessions

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

**Vocations Society of St. Joseph:** (formerly St. Joseph's Young Priests Society)

**Important notice. Vocations Society of St. Joseph's change of day and time.**

**We will now be meeting on the last Monday of the month at 9.45 am in The Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South.**

The society contributes to the education of Seminarians in Ireland and Worldwide. We meet each month to pray for vocations to the priesthood which is so important at this time. It was set up in the Lucan area to cover St. Marys Parish, St. Patrick's Parish and Divine Mercy Parish. All are welcome to join us each month to pray for vocations.

## Anniversaries

**Maura Mulligan**

**7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Late of Meadow View Grove.  
Silent the tears that fall  
Living our lives without you  
Is the hardest part of all.  
You did so many things for us  
Your heart was kind and true  
And when we needed someone  
We could always count on you.  
The special years will not return  
When we were all together  
But the love within our hearts  
You will walk with us forever.

*Loved and dearly missed, Ted, Olive,  
Annmarie, Patricia, Siobhan and families.*



**Maura Mulligan**

May the winds of Heaven blow softly  
And whisper in your ear  
How much we love and miss you  
And wish that you were here.

*Your loving grandchildren.*

**Mary (Molly) Murray**

**16th May 8th Anniversary**

When we remember your smile  
It brightens up our day  
And thoughts of your warmth and love  
Always smooth the way  
Your gentle spirit is still with us, though you  
maybe gone  
Sunny days and cool breezes  
Always for you dear Mam

*Forever remembered and missed by you loving  
family*



**Mary Tobin**

**4th Anniversary – 20th May**

We carry your memory with us every day,  
feeling your presence in all that we do.  
Your admirable devotion to Padre Pio gave you  
strength and guided you throughout your life.  
Dearly missed by all the family, who cherish the  
love and wisdom you shared.  
You will remain forever in our hearts.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam*



## Our man in Lourdes.....



Above, Fr. Philip Curran in the procession for the International Mass in Lourdes, on Tuesday last. *He looks like he has the makings of a Cardinal in that vivid red!*

**Newsflash!** We have just learned that Fr. Philip will be the new Parish Priest of the Celbridge / Straffan Parish – the largest parish in the diocese. He takes up his new appointment in July, when we in Lucan / Esker / Doddsboro will get to meet our new Parish Priest, Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy, coming from Springfield, Tallaght.

*More anon.....*

**TALLAGHT CHORAL SOCIETY**  
presents

**Vivaldi - Gloria**  
**Schubert - Mass in G**  
**Selected Arias**

**Conductor**  
Brian Murphy

**Organist**  
Tristan Russcher

**Sopranos**  
Aisling Kenny  
Róisín O'Grady

**Mezzo Soprano**  
Sharon Carty

**SATURDAY 24TH MAY**  
4pm  
Terenure College Chapel

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







### **A week is a long time.....**

Just after we had put last week's issue to bed, the new pope was announced, to much excitement in the media. While Pope Leo XIV, was the star of the show, and many recounted their

previous acquaintances with him, Lucan's Eoin Gormley appeared on our screens!



A former pupil of Scoil Mhuire, Woodview, and Confey College, Leixlip, Eoin is studying at the Irish College in Rome, and he recalled having dinner with Cardinal Robert Prevost, not so long ago. He is pictured above with Fr. Paul Finnerty, head of the Irish College, and RTE presenter, Sharon Tobin.

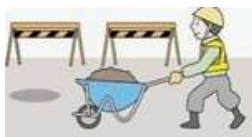
And then we had some more local interest, when Fr. Alan Hilliard, formerly of Divine Mercy Parish, and a regular caller to the Newsletter office back in the day, turned up on the news programme, and also on Prime Time that evening.

There's a good chance that Pope Leo will come to Ireland, as in the not-too-distant future, 2032, we will be celebrating 1600 years since St. Patrick returned to Ireland to put us all on the straight and narrow. No doubt there will be exciting plans ahead!

### **More head scratching in the village!**

Do you ever think you're seeing things? That's what happened Birdie this past week, when chalked markings were spotted at the entrance to Sarsfield Park (*the only entrance to Sarsfield Park!*), and it looks like the entrance is to be narrowed, similar to the entrance to Lucan

Heights / Esker Lawns. At least these latter two estates have other entrances.....



### **Darkness Into Light!**

One of our team headed off on the local Darkness Into Light walk, on Saturday morning last, capturing some photos as they weaved their way through St. Catherines Park.



*Well done to all those who took part!*

### **Use by dates on Milk!**

Has anyone noticed that the dates on milk on the supermarket shelves are not as long-life as they used to be. Time was when the shopper could purchase the milk for the entire week ahead – now it would appear to be only for three or four days at most.....

## Darkness Into Light Lucan 2025 – A Community United in Hope

Lucan once again shone brightly in the early hours of the morning as our community came together for the annual Darkness Into Light walk and what an incredible success it was!

We, the Darkness Into Light Lucan Committee want to extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to every single person who helped make this year's event so meaningful. From the dedicated volunteers who support us throughout the year to those who turned up on the morning to help or walk in solidarity your compassion, kindness, and energy made it all possible.

This year we were proud to welcome approximately 2,000 participants all walking from darkness into light in support of suicide prevention and mental health awareness in aid of Pieta the incredible organisation at the heart of this movement.

In the lead-up to the event the support we received from our community was nothing short of amazing. A wide variety of fundraisers and awareness events took place and many are still ongoing. Your continued involvement is making a real difference.

We are deeply grateful to all the local businesses and organisations who supported the walk whether it was by offering venues for meetings displaying posters donating supplies or helping spread the word.

Special thanks to Tesco Adamstown, Hillcrest, and Liffey Valley for stepping in at the last minute to provide water on the morning and to SuperValu Lucan Shopping Centre for hosting us so generously during our registration days. A kind thank you as well to The Artisan Pantry for their donation and warm welcome to early-morning walkers.

To the local Gardaí thank you for assisting with licences and ensuring everyone's safety on the day. To Fingal County Council Colm, Dave, and Elaine thank you for your consistent support.

A heartfelt thank you to the students and staff from Lucan schools including: Griffeen Community College, St. Joseph's College, Colaiste Phadraig CBS, Colaiste Cois Life, Adamstown Community College, Lucan Community College and Kishoge Community College - your energy and spirit did not go unnoticed. Thanks also to Lucan Tidy Towns, Esker Folk Group and our wonderful local clubs and community groups including Lucan

Sarsfields, Westmanstown GAA, and the amazing team at Marymount Care Centre.

There are too many people to name individually but please know that whether you volunteered, donated, participated, or supported in any way your contribution mattered. You were part of something powerful.

Special thanks also go to Dave from The Rug Collective our ever-reliable 'Man with a Van' Paul Butler for beautifully capturing the morning St. John Ambulance, Ian from Lucan Gospel Choir for setting up the stage and Toners for generously supplying the truck.

Darkness Into Light is more than a walk it's a symbol of hope a message that no one walks alone and a powerful reminder that together we can shine a light in the darkness.

Thank you, Lucan, for walking with us.

*With gratitude*

*The Darkness Into Light Lucan Committee 2025  
Liona O'Toole Michael O'Grady Emer Higgins  
Helen Madden Cora O'Toole Audrey Kane Kate  
Varley Veronica Doherty and Joe Brady.*



Many people have been expressing their delight at the newly planted beds beside the

layby of the Girls Secondary School (St. Joseph's). The area was planted with an eye to pollination and colour.

The funds for both beds came from Costello Construction (Developers of a new extension to St. Joseph's and the new layout of the layby (not everybody is pleased with the turning cycle to and from Lucan Heights).

Tidy Towns would like to thank Costello Construction for the much-needed funds and in particular Paschal England (Costello Construction Manager), who coordinated the release of the money from the company. We understand that his parents are involved in a Tidy Towns group elsewhere in Ireland. Thanks also, goes to SDCC for their abundant supply of manure.

More importantly, our thanks goes to the Tidy Town volunteers that worked on a very hot day to create the lovely planting scheme.







# SCHOOL NEWS



## St. Joseph's College

**Leinster Track & Field finals:** We are very proud to share the fantastic achievements of our students at the recent Leinster Track & Field finals. Their hard work and dedication truly shone through as you can see from the following results.

**Holly Whelan – 2nd** in U16 Shot Putt, **Lucy Cassidy – 3rd** in Minor 800m, **Ana Jones – 4th** in U16 Mile, **Anna Kilcullen – 5th** in Junior Hammer, **Ellen Kenny – 5th** in Intermediate 300m. A big shout out also to **Rachel Doyle, Izzy and Poppy Lyons Kennedy**, and **Kayleigh Tobin Rehill** for their fantastic performances – we're proud of each and every one of you. We're especially excited to announce that **Lucy Cassidy** and **Ana Jones** will go on to represent our school at the **All-Ireland Championships** in a few weeks' time. Best of luck, girls – we'll all be cheering you on!

### TY Mock Trial Final at Criminal Courts!

St. Joseph's College are, once again, through to the Public Access to Law (PAL) Mock Trial Competition Final in the Central Criminal Courts on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May. Our outstanding team of Barristers, Solicitors, Witnesses, Court Reporters, Jury Members and Artists competed in three cases on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, one of 24 schools taking part. Four schools now proceed to the Mock Trial Final – we wish you all the very



best!

**Visits to Leinster House:** Last week was a busy week for St. Joseph's in Leinster House with two groups visiting the Houses of the Oireachtas. On Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Politics classes with the TY Flag Day Committee met with Emer Higgins TD for a very interesting tour of Leinster House. We were delighted to have 6<sup>th</sup> Year, Hazel

Gogarty, along with us and to see where her Dad, Paul Gogarty TD, sits in Dáil Éireann for the important assemblies that take place there. On Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, the Flag Day Awards Lunch took place to acknowledge last year's award winners. Our former student & scholarship winner, Caoimhe Daffy, and three other award winners from St. Joseph's – Jasmine Edgerton, Aala Benfayed and Mia Rose Siju, were treated to a very enjoyable afternoon. The message of the Irish Flag of Peace, Respect, Pride & Inclusion was at the heart of the entries that all students were awarded for.

### Well done to Dublin Senior Ladies Football Team!

A massive well done to the Dublin ladies senior football team on their win in the Leinster LGFA final today and in particular out Joeys representatives, teacher Martina Farrell (selector) and Sophie McIntyre, past pupil. Congratulations to you both!



**Darkness Into Light:** Well done to all the staff and students who were up early on Saturday morning for the Darkness into Light in St. Catherine's Park, it was a great occasion and will raise valuable funds for Pieta House.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Year Trip to Redhills Adventure Centre

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Year students enjoyed a fantastic school trip to the Redhills Adventure Centre in Kildare on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May. Although the weather was not in the group's favour setting off, as soon as all arrived, the sun shone brightly for the day! It was a great day of bonding, fun and celebrating the closing of 1<sup>st</sup> Year for students, tutors, SNAs, Year Heads and Deputy Principal too. Memories are made of these days!

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Follow Us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucu

Find us on our Website: [www.stjosephslucan.com](http://www.stjosephslucan.com)

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**CPR Award:** We are delighted to announce that our school has been successful in the application for the prestigious CPR 4 Schools Heroes Award, recognising the exceptional efforts of seven of our TY students, under the supervision, guidance and support of Ms. Smith and Mr. McGill, in promoting CPR awareness and training. This national award, presented by the Irish Heart Foundation, acknowledges individual students and teachers who go above and beyond in advocating for lifesaving skills.

Under the expert guidance of Ms. Smith, who is certified in CPR training, the students, Cian Kelly, Thomas Connolly, Leo Jordan, Faran Iftikhar, Eoghan Burke, Andrew McNally and Adam Donoghue embarked on a year-long journey to develop their lifesaving skills. Through a structured and supportive training programme, they gradually built their confidence and competence in performing CPR, culminating in their ability to teach and inspire their peers.

The TY students set up four CPR dummies in the school library, providing hands-on demonstrations and allowing their peers to practice CPR in a controlled environment. Their commitment to this cause exemplifies the core values of the CPR 4 Schools programme, which aims to create a generation of lifesavers by equipping young people with the skills to respond effectively in cardiac emergencies.

**SciFest:** We are thrilled to announce that two of our dedicated third-year students, Daithí Reilly and Liam Barrett, have been honoured with the Communicator Award at the SciFest competition held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at Dublin City University. Their project, "*Say gambling, I heard you like em young*"," stood out for its clarity, relevance, and impactful message. The students embarked on this project with a clear mission: to educate their peers about the risks associated with gambling and to promote healthier lifestyle choices. Their ability to communicate complex information in an engaging and accessible manner impressed judges and peers alike.

We also extend our heartfelt congratulations to the remaining 19 students who participated in the competition. Each of them demonstrated remarkable dedication, conducting thorough research and presenting their findings with confidence and clarity. Their projects covered a diverse range of topics, such as the logistics of running a presidential campaign in Ireland and the USA, anti-gravity structure, the chemistry of



biodegradable plastic, the chemical depolymerisation of plastics, a number of Wellbeing topics, Chatbots, Markov Chains, Model Stochastic Process in queueing theory and the aerodynamics of an aeroplane, showcasing the enormous depth and breadth of scientific inquiry fostered within our school.

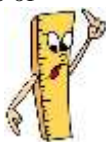
**Wellbeing:** We are delighted to announce that our school has been awarded the prestigious Pieta House Amber Flag in recognition of our continued efforts to promote positive mental health and well-being in Coláiste Phádraig.

The Amber Flag initiative, run by Pieta House, is a nationwide program that acknowledges the efforts of schools, clubs, and organisations that actively work to promote mental health.

A very special thank you must go to the teachers on the Amber Flag Committee; Ms. Deane, Ms. Shanahan, Ms. Cooney, Mr. Tarpey, Mr. Moran, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Casey, Ms. Woulfe, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Smith, and especially Ms. Farrell whose guidance, energy, and leadership have been instrumental in driving this initiative forward. The consistent efforts of the committee behind the scenes helped shape an environment where mental well-being is prioritised and celebrated.

We would also like to acknowledge the incredible work of our Student Committee, who played an active and enthusiastic role in every stage of the process. The students, Seán Finn Hennessy, Shaun Thomas, Cian Mills, George Mulavarickal, Max O' Neill, Anish Kodishola, Anish Iter, Dan Coseru, Sam Jacob, Aniruddh and Abhinav Sriram have been so generous with their time throughout the year. Together, our committees have ensured that our school is a place where students feel safe, supported, and understood — a place where mental health is talked about openly and positively. The Amber Flag serves not only as a recognition of the work we have done, but as a symbol of our ongoing commitment to nurturing well-being within our school.

Well done to group of dedicated students and teachers from our school who gathered in Phoenix Park on Saturday morning to take part in the annual Darkness into Light event. Setting off in the pre-dawn quiet, they joined thousands of others across the country walking together to raise awareness and funds for suicide prevention and mental health support, in partnership with Pieta House. Your efforts remind us all of the power of coming together in support of mental health and of the importance of showing kindness and hope — even in the darkest of times.



## Lucan Community College

**3rd year Trip to Mountjoy Prison:** The 3rd year CSPE class got the chance to visit Mountjoy prison and see the day to day lives of prisoners. This tour was eye opening to the students as they got to see firsthand what life in incarceration entails. They got to take a tour of the prison, see some of the historic parts and got to have a Q and A with some of the prison staff. An interesting day out for all!



**Leinsters Track & Field Competition:** A huge well done to all our athletes who competed at the Leinsters Track & Field Competition in Tullamore. A particular shoutout to Saoirse Fitzgerald, Maggie Jez & Aoife O'Regan who have represented our school superbly over the past 6 years.



**1st and 2nd Year Sports Day:** Our PE Department hosted a wonderful sports day for 1st and 2nd year students in the school. The sun was shining, and the warm, sunny weather made it a

perfect day to be outdoors. Students took part in a range of activities including tag rugby, football, teamwork challenges, and frisbee. There was plenty of energy, laughter, and friendly competition throughout the day. A highlight for many was the visit from the ice cream van, which provided a refreshing treat in the sunshine.

## Ahmadiyya Muslim Association

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

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

### *Event Details:*

Date: Sunday, 18th May 2025

Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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



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



## Lucan Library – May Events

### A Year in the Woods with Paul Clements

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



Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm

Lucan Library

All Welcome

An event for Bio Diversity Week 19 – 23 May 2025

### My Open Library - self-service, unstaffed extended hours for Lucan Library

Lucan Library has introduced extended opening hours. With the My Open Library system, the library will be open from 8am to 10pm, 365 days a year, with some hours unstaffed and self-service. If you would like to be able to use the library during unstaffed hours, you will need to attend a mandatory induction session at the library and have access added to your library card. Please ask at desk for details.



### Table Quiz for Adults

Thursday 22nd May, 2pm

Register at the Desk to book your spot.



### Lucan Library Classic Film Club:

Tuesday 20th May, 5.30pm.

Register at Library Desk.

### South Dublin Volunteer Stand

Thursday May 22nd, 2pm - 4pm.

## Events for Younger Children

### Create a Poster for Ruaille Buaille Music Festival with Elena.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> – 3.30pm

For 8–12-year-olds. Booking essential via Eventbrite. Posters will be displayed at the Festival Marquee.



**Storytime** - Tuesdays at 3pm. All welcome!

### Library Crafts with Méabh for Under 6s:

Tuesday 27th May, 3.30pm. Booking essential from Tuesday 20th May at

3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/library-crafts-tickets-1328259141849>

### Musical Tots:

Saturday 31st May,  
10.30am.

Booking essential from  
Saturday 24th May at

10.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-with-karen-at-lucan-library-tickets-1328050096589>



### Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: Monday 26th May, 12noon

Wednesday Book  
Club: Wednesday  
28th May, 7pm

Junior Book Club: Wednesday 28th May 3pm



### Lucan Library Knitters Club



Every Monday 10am -  
12noon - new members  
welcome

**Lucan Library Creative  
Writers Group** - Thursday  
22nd May, 10am – 12noon.



**Exhibitions:** The Life and Works of Jane Austen



# LUCAN Festival

Getting near to this year's Festival and the programme is nearing completion. The week is from **Monday 1st to Sunday the 6th September**.

This year through the help of Fingal County Council we will have 2 visits to Shackleton's Mills just down the Low Road from Lucan. These visits will take place on 2 mornings, one on Tues and the other on Thurs of the Festival week.

The Mills probably on the Liffey bank since the late 1700s was bought by the Shackleton family in 1869 and was in their ownership until 1978. It was bought by Roma Foods and continued operating under the Management of Dick Shackleton producing Semolina until closed in 1998.

It is we believe the only one in Ireland with all its machinery still in the buildings. Fingal County Council bought the site in 2001 and have re roofed some of the buildings.

We will be restricted to about 25/30 visitors on each visit and nearer September we will announce how you can be included on a visit."

*Joe Byrne, Chairman*

## Esker Active Retirement Assoc.

Our club met up today following our very successful coach trip to Llandudno in Wales. A wonderful time was had by all, with day trips to various places if interest.



The weather was kind to us, which made it all so very enjoyable, and showed the beautiful Welsh scenery to best advantage.



We meet on Wednesdays at 1.30 to 4pm. New members always very welcome. St Andrew's Parish Hall, Main Street Lucan.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

**Who, what, where?**

**Riverdance**  
Volunteer collectors needed to shake buckets outside the Gaiety Theatre over the 12 hour Riverdanceathon. Shifts generally 4 hours.  
**Thursday 19th June 10am - 10pm**

**Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle**  
We need volunteers to support with water stations, marshalling & registrations, among other roles. The cycle starts and ends in Killarney, with volunteers stationed along the route and at pit stops at Cahersiveen and Kenmare.  
**Saturday 5th July - All Day**

**Barnardos Giving Day**  
Volunteer collectors needed to support in 3 collection locations - Liffey Valley Shopping Centre, Dublin; Crescent Shopping Centre, Dooradoyle, Limerick; and Mahon Point Shopping Centre, Cork. Shift generally 4 hours.  
**Friday 19th September 5pm - 9pm**



Scan to complete our volunteer form





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

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

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

Sunday 1st June  
and BH Monday 2nd June 2025

at Canon Despard Centre,  
Chapel Hill, Lucan.

Further Information at  
[peoplesartlucan@gmail.com](mailto:peoplesartlucan@gmail.com)





## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin

### 25 Card Drive

The final game of the Club's 25 Card Drive for the 2024/2025 season took place last Friday night 9th May 2025 with an accumulator of €500 on offer. Congratulations to the winner, John O'Mahony, with a total of 64 games and to the runner-up, John Kelly, with a total of 62 games. Congratulations to Bernard Egan who won a hamper and to the other raffle prize winners. Many thanks to all 25 players who competed over the season for their support of this Club event – we would love to see more players joining when play resumes on Friday 10th October 2025. New players will be very welcome. Contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery 087-7469143 for information.



### Annual Golf Classic

Our Annual Golf Classic is now booked out with 64 four balls entered on the day! We will be creating a waiting list, contact Maggie or Pat. If you would like to support the event by donating raffle prizes or sponsoring a tee box, please get in touch!

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

### Summer Camps

Our summer camps and campa samhraidh trí ghaeilge are open for registration, but spaces are filling up fast. Open to all boys and girls starting primary school in September or just finishing primary school this year. We welcome both members and non-members of all abilities. All our camps are dual football and camogie/hurling, hurls and helmets can be provided if needed. This year alongside our camp jersey each child attending will also receive a Lucan Sarsfields Camp sliotar! We would like to thank Keane Windows for their continued support of our camps. Bookings can be made via clubzap, the QR code in the poster or the following link;

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



### Lotto

There was no winner of our lotto jackpot of €2,600. The Numbers were **1, 7, 17 & 26.**

**Lucky dips** go to the Clandillon Family, Orla Crowley, Nikita Ryan, Christina O'Grady and Linda Murphy. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €3,000.

This draw is sponsored by Dual Printing LTD.



### County

Congratulations to Siobhán, Abby, Sophie & Paul on their Leinster Final win on Sunday. A proud day for the club to have four people involved. A huge well done to Sophie McIntyre who was named player of the match. A massive achievement for Sophie at only 20 years old in her debut year and first senior final. Hopefully the start of a successful career!



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



### Lucan Harriers AC - Memorial Mile

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

This is open to everyone in the community.  
23/05/2025 @ 6:30pm.



# POLITICAL NOTES

## Minister Emer Higgins TD

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[emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie](mailto:emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie)

### Pieta's Darkness Into Light 2025:

Well done to everyone who took part in this year's Darkness Into Light Walk in Lucan. I was proud to be part of the organising committee for the second year, alongside an incredible team led by Liona O'Toole and supported by dedicated volunteers. Over 2000 people walked together in support of suicide prevention and mental health awareness.

### Free Book Bag for children starting school:

It's great to see 'My Little Library' book bags now available in local libraries, including Lucan, for young children starting primary school in September. Drop in to collect a free bag, with books available in both English and Irish.

### Dáil Visit:

I was delighted to welcome St Joseph's Politics and Society classes and their teachers to the Dáil last week for an engaging visit and tour of Leinster House.

## Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

*"Not just at election time"*

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WhatsApp: 0892364871.

Website: [www.paulgogarty.com](http://www.paulgogarty.com)

### Dáil report:

This week my contributions included a further highlighting of driver test waiting times and a call for any new centre in South Dublin to be in the Lucan/Clondalkin area; highlighting the cost of postgraduate qualifications in areas of local need such as speech and language therapists; and focusing on areas of critical infrastructure needing investment.

### Village green works:

There has been some slippage on works at the green due to the need to allow trout spawn and some unforeseen additional works under the road. The timeline is now currently late September/early October.

### Other Local issues:

This week I highlighted the issue of illegal parking blocking footpaths at The Crossings in Adamstown. I again raised visibility issues for parents and children crossing between The Glebe and Esker Glebe.

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

(085)2551602. [CBrady@Cllrs.SDublinCoCo.ie](mailto:CBrady@Cllrs.SDublinCoCo.ie)

### Garda Kevin Flatley R.I.P.

I extend my deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to the family, friends, and Garda colleagues of **Garda Kevin Flatley**, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty last week. A **Book of Condolences** is open at **Lucan Garda Station** for those who wish to pay their respects. Go dtuga Dia suaimhneas sioraí dó.

### Shackleton to Bawnogue Cycle Route:

Cyclists raised concerns about a newly constructed entrance near the 12th Lock. Located opposite Lucan IWA and leading into new housing, this intersects the existing cycle lane. I highlighted that the surface level at this entrance is lower than expected, creating a noticeable drop. For reference, the nearby entrance at Lucan Pitch & Putt offers a smoother transition. I've reported this matter to the council and will keep you updated.

## Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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Tel: 087-2794936. Facebook: <http://bit.ly/4jHwriR>

### Current Issues:

I've submitted Member's Representations to SDCC about late-night construction in Clonburris, destruction of a community-planted mini-woodland during Greenway works, overgrown cycle paths, graffiti on the Woodies bike shelter, bin emptying at Griffeen dog-park, damaged public seating, and road-marking concerns.

### St. Joseph's College / Lucan Road Traffic Calming & Roadworks:

Thanks to all who've contacted me. I've tabled a motion for the Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin Area Committee to request the SDCC audit date for the junction, ensuring it's done during term time, at peak hours, and includes scenarios with large emergency/public vehicles. Updates here: <https://buff.ly/Kff3XIA>

### Ruaille Buaille Update– Lucan Children's Music Festival Jun 7:

Eight schools are taking part in performances/workshops. The new SDCC-commissioned music piece by Abigail Smith is being created with students from St Mary's GNS and St Andrew's NS.

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

*Political Notes continued over.....*

## Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner. Tel: 0858317982.

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### Lucan Swimming Pool Update:

In the most recent update provided to you on Lucan Leisure Campus, SDCC advised of an expected handover of the “dry” facilities to the operator during the Easter break. This was contingent upon the contractor assigning required resources and providing documentation to allow certification under Building Control Amendment Regulations (BCAR) which, as you will now be aware, did not happen. However, following further and more extensive resources being allocated by the council to this project, the contractor has now committed to this happening by close of business Tuesday 13th May. SDCC will then proceed with BCAR upload along with completion of some minor finishing works with the expectation that our partners Aura Leisure will be in possession of the “dry” side of the facility next week, after which they will finalise preparations for opening to the public.

## Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent PC

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*“Always working, always available”*

### Outdoor Seating:

Outdoor seating in Lucan Village is well used and appreciated by the community. I've asked Council management to consider installing additional seating to enhance the area. If there's a location you'd like considered, please get in touch.

### Mini Woodlands Griffeen Park:

Trees were recently uprooted in the mini woodlands at Griffeen Park upsetting those who helped plant them. This was a valued community project I proudly supported. I've requested the Chief Executive to investigate the matter urgently and will keep everyone updated.

### Thank You Darkness Into Light Lucan:

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the Darkness Into Light Lucan Walk such a special and meaningful event. Your support truly lit up the morning. Check out our social media pages for photos and highlights from the walk.

*Our prime purpose  
in life is to help others.  
and if can't help them,  
at least  
don't hurt them.  
Dalai Lama*



## Doddsboro Golfers 9th May 2025

### Results

Score	Position	Doddsboro
39pts	1st	Niall Rankin
39pts	2nd	Liam Kilfoyle
37pts	3rd	Brian Croke
39pts	4th	Michael Downes (Snr)
36pts	5th	Martin Curtis
36pts	6th	Jimmy Henry
35pts	7th	Fintan Dunne
35pts	8th	Martin Sullivan
35pts	9th	Mark Henry
34pts	10th	Shea Downes
34pts	11th	Niall McCabe
34pts	12th	Davy Byrne
34pts	13th	Alex Nisic
33pts	14th	Mick Rankin
32pts	15th	Sid Kavanagh
31pts	16th	Gerry Croke
31pts	17th	Anto O'Neill
30pts	18th	Pat Dunne

Visitor	Score	Position
Pat Flannery	44pts	1st
Keith Fitzmaurice	41pts	2nd
Cathal Light	38pts	3rd
Larry Downes	38pts	4th
Kevin Richmond	37pts	5th
Martin Coyne	37pts	6th
Martin Byrne	37pts	7th
Stuart Clarke	37pts	8th
Ted Moran	35pts	9th
Robbie Murray	34pts	10th
Jordan Dunne	34pts	11th
Alan Croke	33pts	12th
Sean Murray	33pts	13th
Kevin Fitzmaurice	33pts	14th
Mick Dunne	33pts	15th
Kevin Moran	33pts	16th
Tim Demsey	33pts	17th
Trevor Callaghan	30pts	18th

**Nearest the Pin** Shay Downes

**Sponsor:** Pat Flannery

**Longest Drive** Cathal Light

**Sponsor:** Stuart Clarke



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This week Donal was out west and sent us in photos of Connemara ponies asserting their authority over the local horses. The Connemara Breeders' Society runs an annual pony show and the Show in Clifden from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August will mark 100 years of the show. Irene was in Lourdes and found mushrooms inside trees there.



Brendan got a closeup shot of a bluetit taking grubs to the nestlings in his garden. The bluetit is one of Ireland's top 20 most widespread garden birds.

Brendan also submitted a beautiful still life photograph which I found very reminiscent still life painting from the golden age of Dutch painting in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century.



Michael was in Bettystown and submitted a photo of the magnificent beech there at low tide. There has been racing on this beach since 1868. Up until 1995, racing was run at distances between five furlongs and two miles with a U-shaped turn at Bettystown where the horses made a sweeping return before heading back to the Laytown finish. The next meeting is on 4<sup>th</sup> September.



He also came across a poster for a dance in Kells back in November 1946. The admission charge was 5 shillings equal to about €15 today. The dance was held on “Holentide Night”. As far as I can make out “Holentide” is a Manx version of Halloween/All Saint’s Day and marked the first day of winter and also the first day of the Celtic year. What it has to do with Kells I don’t know!

*Until next week stay safe!*