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## Benemerenti – Well deserved

Sunday last was a special day in St. Patrick's. Archbishop Dermot Farrell celebrated the 12:00 noon Mass at which he presented the Papal Award 'Benemerenti' to Mrs. May Clifford.

The Benemerenti Medal (which translates as 'well deserved') is a medal awarded by the Pope to members of the clergy and laity for service to the Catholic Church.

May Clifford has been involved in the life of the church in Lucan since her childhood, and for the last 40 odd years has served as Sacristan at St. Patrick's.

Her memories of the

church predate the establishment of St. Patrick's, and include happy memories of her childhood and growing up in St. Mary's, the mother parish of Lucan. May recalls well the early days in the prefab that stood on the site of the present St. Patrick's Church, and she has been part of the developing parish through those many years.

In his words on Sunday, Archbishop Dermot acknowledged May's years of service to the parish and paid a fitting tribute to her. It was lovely to see May's proud family with her on Sunday, to see her celebrated in such a lovely way.

Thankfully the weather was kind to us last Sunday, and our tea and sandwiches were served on the lawn, by the hospitality group, who produced such a lovely spread. Thanks to all those who helped in providing the eats, which went down a treat.

Sunday's celebration, while personal to May, was also a powerful reminder of the importance of willing collaborators who are a vital part of our church. Congratulations to May, and thanks to the many people who bring life and vitality to our parishes.

*Philip Curran, St. Mary's & St. Patrick's 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

### Register of electors – updating your details

You can now update your details at any time during the year. The easiest way to do this is on [checktheregister.ie](http://checktheregister.ie)

You must change your details at least 15 days before polling day. Sundays, public holidays and Good Friday are not counted as days for this purpose.

If you are already registered, you should check your details.



### Tenants' rights in rented accommodation

Your landlord has a legal duty to make sure that rented accommodation meets specific minimum standards. These standards apply mainly to homes rented from private landlords, with exceptions for some types of tenancies.

#### What condition should the property be in?

Your landlord must maintain properties so they are free from damp, and structurally sound, internally and externally. Essential components such as roofs, windows, floors, heating systems and more, must be in good condition. Electricity and gas supplies should be safe and functional.

There must be adequate ventilation, lighting and heating controls in every room.

#### What appliances and facilities should my landlord provide?

*Your landlord must provide access to essential appliances including:*

A washing machine

A clothes-dryer if the property does not have a private garden or yard

A 4-ring hob with oven and grill

A cooker hood or extractor fan

A fridge and freezer, or a fridge-freezer

A microwave oven

*All landlords must also provide:*

Suitable and adequate storage cupboards for storing food and non-food items (for example, cleaning products).

Sink with mains water supply of cold drinking water, piped supply of hot water and draining area.

A separate room, for the exclusive use of each rented unit, with a toilet, a washbasin and a fixed bath or shower with hot and cold water. These facilities must be maintained in good working order and the room must be well ventilated.

A permanently fixed heater in each bathroom or shower room. These must be working well and be properly maintained.

A fixed heating appliance in each room, which provides enough heat for the room and can be controlled by the tenant.

A fire blanket and fire detection and alarm system.

Access to vermin-proof and pest-proof rubbish storage facilities. The landlord must also make efforts to prevent the infestation of pests and vermin at the property.

Safety restrictors on windows that are located above a certain height, to prevent falls.

Information on the property, building services, appliances and their maintenance requirements.

A carbon monoxide alarm which must be suitably located and maintained.

#### What can I do if these minimum standards are not met?

You should always report sub-standard conditions to your landlord first. If your landlord fails to meet minimum standards, you can contact your local authority. Local authorities can issue Improvement Notices and Prohibition Notices, outlining necessary repairs and prohibiting re-letting until compliance is achieved.

Read more about standards for rented accommodation on

<https://bit.ly/MinimumStandardsRentedAccommodation> or call us on 0818 07 4000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm)

We would like to thank all those who bought a few cakes at their recent cake sale. €1326 was raised which is a fantastic amount of money.



We would also sincerely like to thank one or two parishioners who want to remain anonymous for your donations to the group, you know who you are. We cannot thank you enough for your kindness and constant support to us as a group, we are so indebted to you. This will help us on our way towards the replacement of the groups uniforms which we hope to have in time for our RTE appearance on the 3rd November 2024. We may have to run another fundraiser after the summer break but we will keep you posted.

We are travelling to Donegal again from the 19th – 21st July 2024 with a return to Creeslough. If any of you are on holidays at this time in Donegal drop in, we will be singing on the Saturday evening at the 7pm mass on the 20th July and the 11am mass on Sunday 21st July in St. Michael's in Creeslough.

*You are very much in our prayers*



### Podcast Training Course

We had our first session on Tuesday evening in the Adamstown Youth and Community Centre which

3 people attended - Margaret Tuffy, Mary Browne, Vinu Kaippilly Narayanan along with Neil Elworthy Course Co-ordinator.



## Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. No charge for your first meeting.

Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Coffee break at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad. Join us later this month on day trips to Kilkenny and Fairyhouse races.

## Lucan Comhaltas

### Traditional Irish Music classes

The Lucan branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann is to be re-established this September offering classes in traditional Irish music, sessions, performances, Fleadhanna cheoil and much more.

**A public meeting** and registration for everyone interested being involved either as a learner, player, organiser or helper, will be held in Coláiste Cois Life, Castle Road, Lucan, (Eircode K78 Y330) on **Tuesday 28th May at 7.30pm.**



## Lucan ICA

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May:** The **Craft Class** continues with teacher Breda Bohan teaching Blackwork. Our ladies enjoyed the first class last week.

Tea Hostesses: Patricia Harding and Mary Rudden.

**The I.C.A. National A.G.M.** takes place in The Arklow Bay Hotel on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 11 to 4pm. Lucan Guild will be represented.

**Congratulations** to Mary Curley on becoming a Granny again to a baby girl named Meabh.



## Lucan Senior Citizens

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30 – 12.30.  
*New members welcome!*



# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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

**Sunday Mass Times:** Vigil: 6.30pm  
Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

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

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



### *First Holy Communion*

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



*Hope you all have a lovely day.*

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

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

### **Christian Meditation:**

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

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

### **Bethany Bereavement Support Group:**

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

### **Divine Mercy Devotion:**

Every Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Parish Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This devotion, revealed to St Faustina by Our Lord, is necessary to defeat evil, for peace in the world and for our journey to eternal life.

### **Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:**

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

### **Scriptural Reading (Lectio Divina):**

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

### **Visits to the housebound:**

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

### **Baptisms in St. Mary's:**

Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony.

The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. This is a return to the practice we had before Covid restrictions. **Dates are bookable on line.**

If you need to cancel email:

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

### **Coffee Dock Open:**

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



### **Deepest Sympathy**

to the husband, family and friends of  
*Margaret Keller, Moyglas.*  
*May she rest in peace.*

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

Church collection at all Masses  
**NEXT Saturday/ Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> May**  
*Many thanks for your generosity.*

### **Rosary**

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

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

*All are Welcome*



**Quote** - Be grateful, and be positive.

Because life is too short to always be worried.  
Let go of the stress and realise you are blessed.  
*From Divine Word Missionaries Calendar*



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

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



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

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

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

### First Holy Communion

Best wishes to the girls and boys from **Scoil Mhuire, Airlie Heights, St John the Evangelist N.S., Esker Educate Together N.S.** and **Adamstown Educate Together N.S.** who make their First Holy Communion this Saturday.

*Hope you all have a lovely day*



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

## Parish Pilgrimage to Knock 2024

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

**Bus leaves**

St Joseph's Lay-by at **8.30am**

St Patrick's Church Esker:

**8.40am**

The Statue at Dodsboro: **9am**

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

**Marie T. Anderson 087 269 1786**

**Marie McBride 087 122 6766.**



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

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

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

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

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

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

### First Holy Communion

Best wishes to the boys and girls from **Divine Mercy Junior N.S.** who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday.

*Hope you all have a great day.*



### Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje:

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

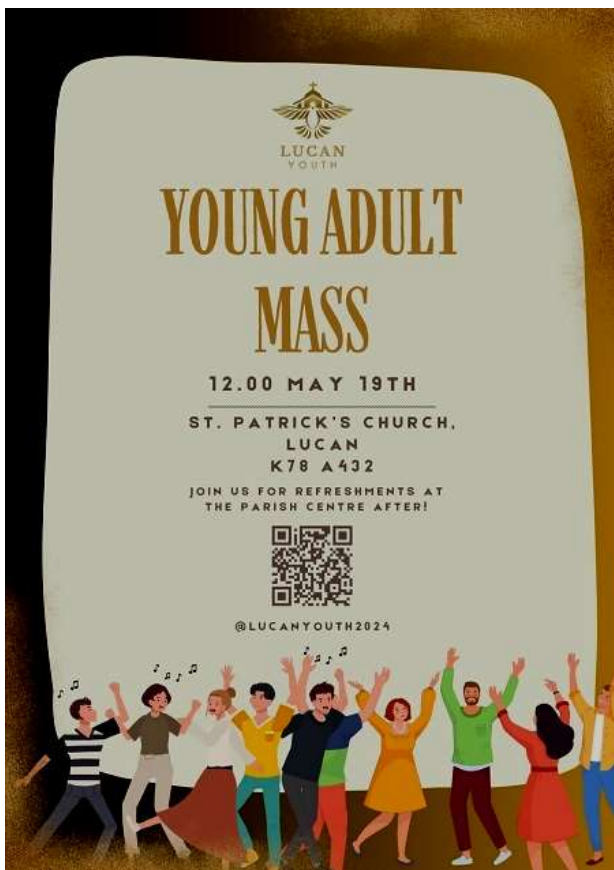
**7.00pm:** Rosary and Confessions.

**7.30pm:** Holy Mass.

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.



## Anniversaries

### MAURA MULLIGAN

6<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 with the love within our hearts  
You will walk with us forever.

*Loved and dearly missed, Ted, Olive, Annmarie,  
Patricia, Siobhain 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 Nathan, Cian,  
Caoimhe, Keelan, Conor, Dylan, James & Ryan*

### MARY TOBIN

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, 20<sup>th</sup> May

Three years have now passed  
Since you left us, not a day goes  
By without feeling the void of  
Your absence, your remarkable resilience  
And unwavering faith, especially in Padre Pio  
Have left a lasting mark on our hearts  
Rest peacefully, knowing you are  
Forever in our memories and prayers.  
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.



### MOLLY MURRAY

7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 16<sup>th</sup> May

Though your smile is gone forever  
And your hand we cannot touch  
Still, we have so many memories  
Of the mother we loved so much  
Your memory is our keepsake  
With which we'll never part  
God has you in His keeping  
And we have you in our hearts.

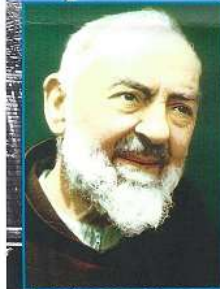
*Forever remembered and missed by your  
loving family*

## Padre Pio National Pilgrimage

at Holycross Abbey  
Thurles, Co. Tipperary E41PH01

Contact 0504-43124 or hbparishoffice@gmail.com

SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Ceremonies Begin at 1.30pm



Contact: BREGGE  
Phone: 086 2725875

## Lucan Lions Club

Spinathon in SuperValu on 10/11 May.

Many thanks to SuperValu for allowing us to organise a Spinathon in aid of Build for the Boys over last weekend. It was an outstanding success and the proceeds will be presented to Build for the Boys at our Annual Awards Night in the Spa Hotel on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Many thanks to the loyal SuperValu customers for their fantastic support. We are most grateful to all the cyclists and collectors from both organisations and others for helping to make the event a great success.



Mattie McCabe PRO  
087 9006999

## Minder & Toddler Group

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

All Welcome!







**What a lovely week** we've just had with plenty of sunshine! Hopefully it will be a pleasant weekend for all the First Holy Communion boys and girls – those *Darling Buds of May!*

**Congratulations** to May Clifford on receiving the Benemerenti Medal on Sunday last – the first woman in Lucan to receive the papal award.



May with Archbishop Dermot Farrell, surrounded by her family on the great day, and below with her husband - "Himself" is what she calls him!



**Work is beginning on the Columbarium Wall** in Esker Cemetery – situated in the area close to where the annual Mass takes place.



**Lucan Drama** certainly brought a few smiles to faces this past week, with their one-act plays, at their new venue. *Mary, Mary* introduced us to three Marys, and one fine thing! B. Guy Kelly, Marianne Bradley and Amy Dumpleton played the chaotic Marys, while Jeff Gibson tried to please everybody – great fun indeed!

Then we had Joe Brady and John Carabini in *Thick as Thieves* – a clever piece with more laughs, from this evergreen pair.

*Guess Who's coming for Coffee* was the third offering, with the well-known Noel Creaner, along with Ellen Downes, Conor Hillman and Sinead Comerford.

There were not too many familiar faces in the cast, which brought us a tranche of younger players – it augurs well for the future – great to see all the new faces, which we will no doubt become familiar with in time.

Well done to all involved!

St. Andrew's NS-PTA presents

# MUSIC

# BINGO NIGHT

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

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

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

## Enough is Enough

I think we humans have evolved into a life of soft, easy living. We are consumed by riches, especially those of us living in the free world, which leads to a lot of us being very greedy. We spend a life-time accumulating material treasures and the main culprit is money. Yes, it is good to put away a little nest egg for assurance's sake, and we all try to do it, but how much is enough? There are those who are totally obsessed with the idea of riches. We can never have enough, buying expensive cars, living in large houses, etc, and for what?

There is only one certainty in this life and that is that we are all going to die, and we will leave everything behind (hence the old saying there are no pockets in a habit). All our earthly treasures we accumulated are left behind, for our relations to argue over.

For instance, I know a very wealthy man who had a profound effect on me. He was the owner of an engineering company here in Dublin. The man worked every hour of his young life, setting up his very successful business, all while he raised his family. Until he fell sick with stomach cancer, from not eating properly, he was too busy making money. Through the grace of God, he made a good recovery, and, in many ways, it changed his attitude to life. One of the first changes he made, was to show respect for his hard-working employees, treating them more like equals. He had learned that without them, he would not be here today to enjoy his success.

He called to see me one day, he explained what he was doing. He told me having a lot of money only allows you to buy silly things you don't really want. He is still alive and doing great, and he is happy he was given the opportunity to turn his life around. His successful company is still going strong. Is enough not enough? Would it not be better that when we reached a certain level, that instead of hoarding things if we in fact started spending our extra cash on helping to build projects, just to give something back.

Think for a moment when we do leave this life, would it not be a great satisfaction to have a hospital or a school named after you? Your name would live on forever, meaning of course you would never really die.

There is plenty of money on this planet, yet millions and millions of our brothers and sisters are starving. There is plenty to go around, it is just that the wrong people have it all. Is it not time we stopped this madness?

Every day, all the dangers of global warming is on our television screens. We created global warming through our greed and to which we are adding to everyday. What are we doing to fight this? We are taking a back seat waiting for the government to step up to the mark. They can only do so much.

What about those horrific wars, which, to me are the results of out-of-date beliefs. Fanatical old men still believing in out-of-date ideologies, resulting in total disarray, sending their young men to die. If those people had to do the fighting themselves, I can assure you, wars would not exist.

Should we not take a leaf out of the way, the Amish community live? They live very simple lives. They have no electricity. They have only limited technology, including no cars, no mobile phones, or iPads. They use horsepower, in the real sense, yet they all appear to live in perfect harmony. No shortage of food. Is it because they know enough is enough?

*Joseph Anthony,  
Lucan Writers*



JOIN US FOR OUR

# Coffee Morning

Supporting Arc Cancer Support Centres



WHEN: FRIDAY 24TH MAY  
WHERE: KENNYS LUCAN VILLAGE  
TIME: 11:00AM

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





# SCHOOL NEWS



## Lucan Community College

**Students take to the stage in 'The Big Audition':** A huge congratulations to the Transition Year group who took to the stage in their TY performance of 'The Big Audition' last Wednesday and Thursday night. Each student shone brightly on stage, showcasing their amazing talents and leaving the audience in awe. The performers brought the house down with their passion and dedication. It was a true team effort, and the standing ovations they received were a credit to the hard work and dedication of the students and teachers involved. A huge thanks to Mr Murphy for music and organising the sound-tracks, to Ms Nolan for leading the Drama class and ensuring students were well prepared for stage, to Ms Geraghty for leading the dance class but also being a fabulous director and choreographer, to Ms Clarke the TY Year Head for her support and dedication to ensure the performance was a huge success, and to TY Coordinator Ms Higgins for her work with the Transition Year group over the past year. It was a community effort!

CTYI SCAT exam. Conor is one of the twelve second-year students who finished this test. He is shown here attending the weekend's award presentation. To everyone who was involved, congratulations!



**Jack is selected for Leinster Rugby:** Jack Power, a TY student, has been selected for the Leinster Rugby U18 squad! Jack, who plays rugby for Barnhall Rugby Club, attributes his recent success to both his club and his skills that he gained from his TY program. We at Lucan Community College are all delighted for Jack and his accomplishments, and we hope he has many more successes in the future.

**Athletes have success at Santry:** Well done to all the athletes who recently competed in the West Leinster track & field championships in Morton Stadium, Santry. Thanks to Ms Collins and Mr Doyle for their hard work in coaching the Athletics Club.



**Art students enjoy a trip to Gallery:** Last Thursday the 9th May the 2nd Year Art Students travelled to the National Gallery of Ireland and the Hugh Lane Gallery. They saw works by Harry Clarke, Claude Monet, Jack Butler Yeats, Joseph Walsh,

**Second Year Students receive DCU award!** Conor McMorrow, a second-year student at DCU, deserves a hearty congratulations for passing the

William Leech, Francis Bacon, amongst others. Thanks to Ms Dowd's for organising a great trip for the Art students.

## St. Joseph's College

**Forensics workshop:** Last week the transition year students in the school took part in a forensics workshop. The TY's were given the opportunity to work on their critical thinking skills by analysing the forensics from the JFK assassination, including fingerprints, ballistics, facial recognition and more. Thank you to Alison from Forensic fun for coming into the school and giving the TY's a day they really enjoyed.

**Public access to law:** Well done to our students who recently competed in the Public Access to Law national trials. The PAL programme is a specially devised law programme giving students a distinctive insight into law as seen through the eyes of a practicing barrister or solicitor. It also gives students an Opportunity to enter into the PAL national mock trials competition which is the most popular transition year competition in the country. The versatile nature of the competition also appeals to other student skills and provides a platform for pupils to develop a wide range of talents including T.V. and newspaper legal reporting, acting, courtroom artistry and photography. Well done to Mr. Smyth and all the students for taking part in national trials.

**Darkness into light:** On Saturday morning a number of our students and staff had an early start as they were awake before dawn to take part in this year's Darkness into Light. The students and staff gathered at 4am in St. Catherine's Park with many other volunteers and participants for the 4km walk. It was a fantastic event that was all in aid of a great cause. In total St. Joseph's raised €1605 for Pieta House and suicide prevention. Well done everyone.



**Emerald Park:** On Friday, fifth years students were brought on their school trip to Emerald Park. It was a great day out. It helped and allowed the whole year to bond in the sun and enjoy the rollercoasters and other rides that the park has to offer. Thanks to year head, Mr. Doherty and all the tutors for organising the trip for the students.

**Sports day:** Last Thursday, the whole school travelled up to Lucan Harriers athletics club for our annual sports day. We were extremely lucky with the weather as the sun was shining all day long and had all students and staff in great spirits. It was a brilliant day with students taking part in events such as sprints, relays, handball, rounders, shot putt, egg and spoon race, obstacle course and the crowd favourite – tug of war. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the eagerly anticipated 6<sup>th</sup> years versus teachers tug of war, which was won in the end by the teachers in a close contest. Massive thank you to the P.E department for organising the event which ran so smoothly on the day.

### Transition year graduation



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



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Soccer:** Congratulations to our Transition Year soccer team who qualified for the Leinster Cup Final after a brilliant 3-1 victory against Gaelcholáiste Reachrann, Donaghmede last Friday. Daniel Power (2) and Emmet Kelleher scored the goals in an impressive team display to keep up the team's 100% winning record throughout then campaign.

They will now face either Blackrock College or Portmarnock CS in the Final next week.

Well done also to our u17 team who qualified for the Leinster Junior Shield Final on Wednesday after defeating De La Salle College, Dundalk 2-0 in their semi-final encounter. Emmet Kelleher and Ben Lawless scored the goals as the team deservedly won the game as they were the better team throughout.

They could potentially face Lucan CC in the Final next week, which would be a great occasion for the local area.

**Awards:** Well done to 5<sup>th</sup> yr **Tom Doran** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month* Award for April in recognition of his excellent manners, strong work-ethic and co-operation in all of his classes.

Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> yr **Adam Breen** who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award* in recognition of his outstanding performances for the 1<sup>st</sup> yr football team.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **Leon Joseph** ón dara bhiaín a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí Aibreán.

The three winners each received a 20euro voucher as well as a framed certificate to recognise their achievements.

Well done also to the class tutor student of the month winners who each received a 5euro voucher for the school canteen.

**Trips:** Our 6<sup>th</sup> yr students enjoyed an end-of-year outing to Special Ops Adventures in Wicklow on Monday for an action-packed day of adventure and fun. After a briefing from the staff, the students were split into two groups, red and green, for two games of Air-Soft, which is a realistic simulation team-based shooting game similar to paintball (but without the mess and the bruises!) where participants engage in simulated gun combat and eliminate opposing players out of play by shooting them with spherical plastic projectiles shot from the airsoft guns.

The students refused to let the poor weather dampen their fun as they took to the battles with relish and enthusiasm. It was honours even at the



end with one victory apiece so no-one had exclusive bragging rights on the bus journey home!

They then enjoyed a lovely pizza lunch on the open-air base camp surrounded by the beautiful woodlands and scenic surrounds of Wicklow. It was the perfect way for the students to unwind as a group one final time before their graduation next Thursday. A great day was had by all and they are to be commended on their excellent behaviour and co-operation throughout.

**Football marathon:** The highly anticipated 5-a-side Junior soccer marathon was held in the school last Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May.

The sponsored marathon, which raised 5,370e for the school, began at 5:30am effectively with some Transition Year students and teachers arriving to set up and prepare for the day. The marathon ran until 4pm and in total, over 160 games took place with almost 200 students taking part and approximately 1,250 goals scored!

The 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> yr final was held in the Sports Hall with a huge crowd of spectators at 10:45am. The final was a great game with both teams going all out for the win. After a thrilling 3-3 draw, the match went into a penalty shootout with 3<sup>rd</sup> yr Alex Kennedy scoring the winning penalty (and Callum Finn making the winning penalty save) for France so well done to the players on this team.

The 1<sup>st</sup> yr tournament started straight away and ran until 4pm. After many hard fought games, Liverpool won the final 4-1 thanks to goals from Conor Brennan, Rory Finney and Alex Nolan (2). The winning team also consisted of Daniel Mulryan, Oskar McGowan, Belal Abdelaal, Adam Breen and Andrew McGarry.

**Hurling:** Hard luck to our 2<sup>nd</sup> yr hurling team who were well beaten in their Dublin League semi-final match against Scoil Chaitríona on Tuesday. Cian Sullivan scored a nice goal for the team while Aaron Wall and Callum O' Neill both scored well-taken points. The team fought valiantly throughout but there was a noticeable gulf in class between the teams as a very talented Scoil Chaitríona ran out comfortable winners on a score-line of 7-27 to 1-02.



**Economics:** Well done to Tabib Haque, Cian Crar, Joel Emmanuel and Aidan Hamill who were awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 6th year category at the Young Economist of the Year Awards Ceremony which was held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May in the University of Limerick.



## Adult Education

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2024. These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours, 1 morning per week. This can lead to QQI qualification.

*The following subjects are available this term:*

[Spanish for Beginners](#)

[Introduction to Microsoft Word](#)

[Introduction to Microsoft Excel \(Spreadsheets\)](#)

[Intercultural Awareness](#)

[Business English](#)

[Improving English and Communication Skills](#)

[Digital Media](#)

[Reception & Frontline Office Skills](#)

[Advanced Spreadsheets \(Microsoft Excel\)](#)

[Payroll](#)

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Or call (01) 6283557.

## Esker Active Retirement Association

Our members had a fantastic holiday in Calella, Spain. They loved everything, the hotel, the food, fabulous trips to Barcelona and many more places of interest. They are already talking about where to go next year!!

Back at home, we had a lovely lady Geraldine leading us in chair yoga, last 2 weeks and next two weeks. It is sponsored



by SDCC as part of a successful ageing programme.

We are all really enjoying it, and it is a brilliant opportunity to try something new.

So please join us next Wednesday from 1.30 to 4pm in St Andrews Hall, Main Street, Lucan, and enjoy an afternoon with friends, and the all-important cuppa.

## Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

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Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

Follow us on Facebook (Ballyowen Castle Community Centre) or on Instagram ([ballyowen\\_community\\_centre](#))

### Golden Hour Retirement Club

Our Golden Hour Retirement in Club continues during the month of May as follows:

*May 23rd*

1pm - Meditation & Mindfulness

2pm - Social Coffee Hour



*May 30th*

2pm - Social Coffee Hour

**Bridge:** We are looking at starting up a Bridge Club in the centre. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact the centre at the details above.

**Photography course:** We have received some inquiries about providing a photography course. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact the centre at the details above.

**Chair yoga:** Chair yoga is an adapted yoga practice that allows you to stay seated while practicing yoga focused poses. It can be practiced by anyone who wants to enjoy the benefits of yoga and may (or may not) have mobility limitations. If this is something which interests you, please contact the centre at the details above.

### Summer Family Fun Day

We're planning to have our Family Fun Day on July 14th. Mark the date in your diary!





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Healthy Club

Lucan Sarsfields Healthy Club would like to thank our club members who helped with Lucan's first Darkness into Light Walk on Saturday morning in St Catherine's Park. We had help from Lucan Sarsfields members with the setting up and clear up on the morning, stewarding and leading the walk. As usual our club members were vital in stepping up to help a very worthwhile initiative in our local community. Also, thank you to everyone who joined us for the walk. Lucan village was buzzing after the walk as many businesses opened for teas and coffees to refresh the walkers. Thank you to our members for supporting Pieta House.

### June Bank Holiday Draw

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

1st Prize €1,000 cash

2nd Prize €500 cash

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

### Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €1,000. The Numbers were **3, 9, 19, 23.**

**The lucky dip prizes** go to Liam Mulhall, Maaie Quinn, Cormac Gordon, Paul Heneghan, Teresa Dunphy.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €1,400. The draw is sponsored by Dual Printing LTD and will be led by Diarmuid Dawson.



### 25 Card Drive

The final game of the Club's 25 Card Drive for the 2023/2014 season took place last Friday night 10th May 2024 with an accumulator of €300 on offer. Congratulations to the winner Tony

Rigney with a total of 61 games and to runner-up John Kelly with 55 games. Congratulations to John O'Mahony who won a hamper and to the other raffle prize winners.

Many thanks to all 23 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 11th October 2024.



### Summer Camps

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

**Contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 for information.**

### Juvenile

Well done to the U15A Hurlers who won the Féile Division 1 Shield Final over the weekend.

Unfortunately, it wasn't to be for our U15B Hurlers who lost out to Castleknock in the Féile Division 5 Cup Final. Hard luck lads.



### County

Congratulations to Abby Shiels & Paul Casey (Ladies football) and Daire Newcombe (football) on their respective Leinster Championships with the Dubs over the weekend.

Congratulations to Aoife Mckearney, Emma Flanagan, Amy Gorman, Laura Sharkey, Mia Farrell and the Dublin Senior Camogie team on their win over Offaly at the weekend. This win sees them into the Leinster Final this Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May against Kilkenny. Match details to follow.

It was great day for Lucan as we had so many players on the team including both the goalkeeper, Amy, and the sub keeper, Mia. A great opportunity for Mia to tog out for the Seniors while still a Minor and certainly a first for the club!

Well done to Meabh Maloney, Sofia Dowdall and Holly Whelan who represented the Dublin U14 camogie team over the weekend against Kildare.

Best of luck to Mark, Killian, Oscar, Senan and the Dublin Minor Hurlers who face Wexford this Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of May. The match is throwing in at 1pm in Parnell Park, all support welcome.

Good luck to Sam Curran who is representing the club on the Dublin Celtic Challenge team in their semi-final this weekend.

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

# SPORTS

## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

### Peil na mBan

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



### Buachaillí F9 - Peil

Maidin dheas le bheith amach ag imirt peile in aghaidh na Seanchille ag na Buachaillí F9 inné! Scileanna iontacha le feiceáil arís, agus an-deas na buachaillí a fheiceáil scaipthe amach ar an bpáirc agus ag imirt sna háiteanna i rith an chéad agus an dara leath den chluiche Roinnt iarrachtaí deasa ar an gcúl agus scóranna iontacha nuair a bhí an seans ann, maith sibh a bhuachaillí Agus buíochas lenár Maoir Uisce Oisín agus Jacob ar an taobhlíne.



### Buachaillí - Peil

Lá crua do na leaids inné faoi sholas na gréine i mBré, agus roinnt imreoirí in easnamh nó gortaithe. Bhí foireann láidir Bhré druileáilte go maith agus pas siad an liathróid timpeall na páirce. Bhain Bré an chéad leath agus iad chun tosaigh 1-8 in aghaidh 1-2. Tháinig na leaids amach go láidir sa dara leath, agus rinne siad iarracht é a dhéanamh deacair, ach bhí foireann Bhré in ann

leanúint lena gcluiche pas gairid. Ba é an scór deiridh ná 2-13 go 1-4.

Buíochas ar leith do na himreoirí breise a thug tacaíocht inniu go háirithe Liam K'eogh agus Harry O Leary.

*A tough day for the lads yesterday in the sunshine in Bray, with several players missing or injured.*

*A strong Bray team were well drilled and passed the ball around the pitch.*

*The first half belonged to Bray with a 1-8 to 1-2 lead. The lads came out strong in the second half, and tried to make it difficult, but the Bray team were able to continue their short pass game. The final score was 2-13 to 1-4.*

*Special thanks to the extra players that supported today especially Liam K'eogh and Harry O Leary*



### Cailíní F9 - Camogie

Bhí maidin te agus grianmhar ag na cailíní F9 ar maidin inné. D'oibrigh siad go dian agus d'imir siad óna gcroí amach. Tá sé go hiontach an mhuinín a fheiceáil ag teacht amach agus iad ag baint triail as an sliotar a ardú agus é a bhualadh san aer. Bhíodar traochta leis an teas ach níor stop sé sin spiorad nó obair foirne ár gcailíní. Thug Daisy - madra Abbie an-chuid tacaíochta dúinn freisin. Fiú chuir sí a lapa isteach le haghaidh ár nGAEIL ÓGA ABÚ ag an deireadh





## Thrills and Spills at the Liffey Descent....



First across the Weir in Lucan were Cook Clinton and Simpkins Joshua, all the way from South Africa. In the Open K2 Class, they went on to finish the race in 1:54:16.

It was lovely to see so many people at Lucan Weir cheering on the canoeists.

While navigating the Weir they had to be mindful of a swan who at times didn't seem to be too happy.



## Music in the Library



**All welcome!**

THURS 16 MAY - 6.30PM	THURS 23 MAY - 7PM
Lucan Concert Band	Lucan Vocals Fun Choir

## Lucan Library – May Events



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




**Thursday 23rd May, 7pm**  
Nikki's Lucan Vocals Fun Choir. Come along and enjoy popular tunes from Nikki Hendy's local

casual choir. All welcome.

### Lucan Library Book Clubs:

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

# DODSBORO GOLFERS ANNUAL OUTING



Venue: Lucan Golf Club  
Date : Friday 2nd August  
Tee Time : 14:00 - 16:00  
Members & Visitors Welcome  
Contact Joe Curtis (089-425-4684)

### Events for Younger Children:

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



### Exhibitions:

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

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This Friday and next Friday there will be no meetings of the Camera Soiree in the Parish Centre. Weather permitting, some of the members will no doubt plan their first field trips of 2024 on these mornings with a view to assembling a portfolio of photographs from which they will select those for the next Annual Exhibition. In recent weeks members of the group have been engaged in making photographic albums comprising their favourite photos taken over the years and they have all turned out beautifully.



This week Frances submitted a photograph of a Peony Rose before the rain came.

This flower has a rich history. The Chinese cultivated these flowers for over 2,000 years for their medicinal properties, which were believed to alleviate pain, calm the mind and cure a variety of ailments. Peony roses were also seen as a symbol of wealth, honour and good fortune.

After his wonderful shot of swans in flight last week Conor submitted some photos of very spectacular butterflies including the Orange Tip Butterfly.

Paddy was up at the crack of dawn again and took some beautiful dawn photos in the grounds of Carton House. For two hundred years, the Carton Demesne was the finest example in Ireland of a Georgian-created parkland landscape.



Finally, Kay who was in Longford managed to get a photograph of the aurora borealis caused by the recent geomagnetic storm following the recent series of solar events. Unfortunately, cloud cover frustrated attempts to take more photographs on the second night of this event.

*Stay safe until next week!*